

SOAR! to sell calendars at Friday Night on the Square

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In the spring, Washington County SOAR! asked community residents to submit photos from days gone by, landscape, historical sites, or anything that represented Washington County. All photos submitted had to be taken in Washington County. The SOAR! board of directors never expected the tremendous turn-out in submissions.

“After careful and long deliberation ,the fundraising committee selected the photos they felt best captured Washington County and the month each photo would represent,” SOAR! Director Erica Schmidt stated.

The yearly calendar will start January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. SOAR! will have the calendars for sale at Friday Night on the Square for \$15, with all proceeds going to SOAR!”

Calendars will also be for sale at the SOAR! office located at 1707 N. Shelby St., Suite 107 and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce Office and Salem True Value after Friday Night on the Square.

Alice Nevels, SOAR! board member and fundraising committee member, said, “This is a fun, unique fundraiser, and we are excited to have the support of the community in helping create the calendar. I think it has turned out nicely.”

Eric Mitchell won the best photo submission overall with his wintery photo of Beck’s Mill. Mitchell will receive a Canon PowerShot A2300 and his photo is displayed on the front cover of the calendar.

Although there was only one winner, the SOAR! staff thanked everyone who submitted photos for the contest.

“It was tough choosing which photos to put in the calendar,” said Schmidt. “We really had some amazing photos and so many entries. We had over 100 photos submitted. The turn-out was great. We are excited to share the work of the talented folks of Washington County and raise

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For more information about SOAR! or to purchase a SOAR! calendar, call 812-896-1515 or email info@washingtoncountysoar.org.