

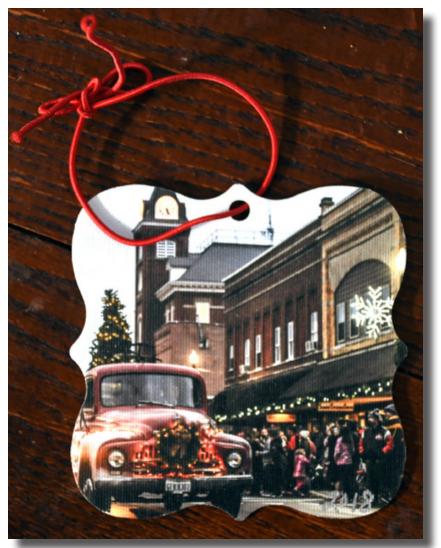




Merry Christmas Bluffton 2018

On the 12th day of Bluffton Christmas, the Bluffton Icon printed photos of the holiday window winners on Main Street and in Bluffton front lawns.

We also offered some photos of new traditions starting this year. Including this tree ornament-greeting from Jamie Nygaard, which carries a special Bluffton touch.



Jamie Nygaard Bluffton Christmas tree ornament

**ON THE COVER** -Beverly Amstutz of Precious Resources created a Blaze of Lights holiday greeting card for many years. She shared a copy of this year's card with the Icon. It carries the Blaze theme of "12 days of Christmas." A special print run was created for the village to use as Christmas cards this year.



Bluffton University decorated its Welcome Center on Spring Street with Christmas lights for the first time ever this year. The display, intended to be an annual tradition, showcases the Houshower House on campus.



Twisted Whisk Cafe, 101 S. Main St., is first place winner in the downtown window decorating contest. This is a view from inside the front window.



Boutique 415/Polished, at 415 N. Main St., has the second place window in the Bluffton chamber's retail holiday window decorating contest. Here's a side view focusing on the 12 days of Christmas.



Scoreboard, Sportswear, 111 N. Main St., is the third place winner in the downtown Bluffton holiday window decorating contest.



This is the new look of the Ream holiday folk art display. This year nearly 1 and one-half miles of additional lights are on these trees.



That's Santa in the window of the Rosengartner's 187 Garmatter Street resident. The family won first place in Bluffton's residential holiday decorating contest.



Bob and Patty Geiger, 169 Susan Dr., received the second place prize for the 2018 residential holiday light contest.



Third place in Bluffton's residential holiday lighting contest went to the Owsley residence, 9860 North Dixie Highway. The award was made by the Bluffton Area Chamber of Commerce.



Roman Shank gives Santa a grin. Mr. Claus was busy Tuesday evening at the Bluffton Public Library. He arrived on the 1923 Studebaker truck and talked with youth of all ages





Ike, the Icon mascot, a miniature schnauzer, along with the Icon staff, wish you each a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.