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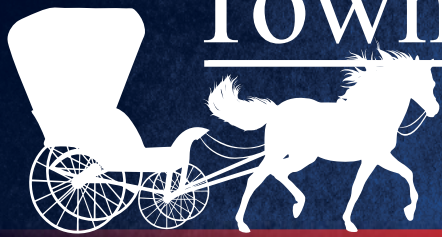
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FEATURES

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- 1 Bathrooms
- 2411 total Sq Ft
- Attached carport
- 6 acres
- 3 outbuildings
- 2 road access
- Close to town
- Zoned for animals

REDUCED TO
\$479,900

2990 SE AIRPORT RD.
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS#A4592888

NEW ARRIVAL

1833 NE FLORIDIAN CIR.
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS#A4624475



FEATURES

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 1,300 sqft
- .25-acre lot
- Concrete Block (2019 build)
- Stainless steel appliances
- Island with power
- Fenced in Yard
- Shed & fire pit
- Water softener
- Seller motivated!

LISTED AT
\$282,000



RARE OPPORTUNITY
RIVER-FRONT RETREAT ON ACREAGE



FEATURES

- Main Home- 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- 1st Guest house- 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- 2nd Guest house- 1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- 5 acre river front property.
- Additional outbuildings
- Unique opportunity!
- Perfect investment!

REDUCED TO
\$430,000

5045
NW HIDDEN LAKE CIR.
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS# A4612618

NEW ARRIVAL

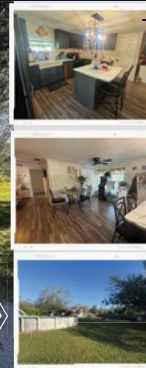
2596 NW LITTLE AVE.
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS#A4632799



FEATURES

- 3 bedrooms
- 1 Bathroom
- .53 acre lot
- complete remodel
- New appliances
- Jet tub in bathroom
- Large above ground pool
- RV hook up and pad
- Storage shed
- Tankless water heater

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\$225,000



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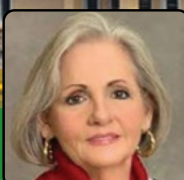
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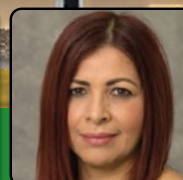
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DeSoto County's Weekly Publication

DECEMBER 24, 2024

The Arcadia Community Local Distribution Locations

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Anna's Restaurant	Ft. Ogden Post Office
Arcadia Discount Liquor	Habitat for Humanity
Arcadia Do-It-Best Hardware	K & J Homegrown Produce
Arcadia Municipal Airport	Marathon
Arcadia Municipal Golf Course	MyShelly's Kitchen
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Arcadia Village	Oak Street Deli
Before & After Hair Salon	Publix
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Circle K (Nocatee)	Rattlers
Circle K (North)	RMZRealty
City of Arcadia	Speedway
Collins Realty	Terra Fried Chicken
Country Café	Toby's RV Resort
Crews Bank & Trust	Walgreens
DaVita Dialysis Center	Wheeler's
DeSoto County Annex	Winn Dixie
DeSoto County Library	Winn Dixie Liquor
DeSoto County Property Appraiser	Wood Park Pointe
DeSoto County Tax Office	Yellow Deli
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Standard weekly cutoff times for ads apply to the week prior to each issue's release day.

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- Camera-ready ads: Fridays, 4pm
- Copy and graphics for ads requiring design: Wednesdays, 5pm
- Classified Ads: Thursdays, 5pm

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Merry Christmas

The "Reason for the Season" is here again. There is plenty of fun times for the presents to be wrapped and the cookies to be baked and the anticipations to get exciting with people gathering and Christmas Carols being sung. It IS the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year" after all !! Wishing everyone

**A very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
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*(And then...its back to work !!! LOL
--or maybe HO HO HO for good measure.)*



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BROOME, LAZAYVIA

CORRIELLE:

Drugs-Misbranded - Sell In Lieu Of
Sched I li lii lv Control Subs

CAMPBELL, FELICIA TWANA:

Drugs-Sell - Sell Controlled
Substance Schedule li, Drug
Equip-Possess - Drug Equip-
Possess: And Or Use

CARTER, BRIDGETTE LYNN:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation, Veh
Theft - Grand Theft Of Motor
Vehicle

**CASTELLANO-MALDONADO,
RAFAEL:**

Moving Traffic Viol - Dwlsr
Revocation Equiv Status 2Nd Subs
Off

CRIDER, JOSHUA SHANE:

Prob Violation

DENEUS, HENDER FRANK:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

GARCIA, EDUARDO ELIAS:

Moving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor
Vehicle W/O Valid Lic 1St Conv

GOMEZ, ALBERTO:

Battery - Battery On Specified
Personnel, Resist Officer - Resist
Officer With Violence, Battery - On
Person 65 Years Of Age Or Older,
Battery - On Person 65 Years Of
Age Or Older

HAMPTON, JACOB DANIEL:

Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - Dui Influence
Of Alcohol Or Drugs

HARRIS, ADRIAN MICHELE:

Failure To Appear - Written
Promise To Appear (X2)

HAYNES, VERNA LEE:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

**HERNANDEZ CARIAS, YENIER
JASIEL:**

Failure To Appear - Written
Promise To Appear

JARAMILLO-LUNA, MONICA:

Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - Dui Damage
To Property Or Person Of Another

JOHNSON, MARVIN PETE:

Failure To Appear - Written
Promise To Appear (X2), Battery
- On Officer Firefighter Emt Etc

JONES, SIERRA LYNN:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

KIRKLAND, MONIQUE A:

Drugs-Possess - Possess
Controlled Substance W/O
Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess
- Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use,
Smuggle Contraband - Other Drug
951.22(1)(H) Co Detention Facility

LOPEZ JR., JESUS:

Drugs-Possess - Possess
Controlled Substance W/O
Prescription, Marijuana-Possess
- Possess Less Than 20 Grams
Cannabis, Drug Equip-Possess
- Drug Equip-Possess: And Or Use

MARTINEZ, JUAN:

Aggrav Battery - Aggrav Battery
Cause Bodily Harm Or Disability,
Fraud-Imperson - False Id Given To
Leo, Obstructing Justice - Tamper
W Evidence In Criminal Proceeding

MASSEY, CODY WYATT:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

ORTIZ, JORGE ALBERTO:

Larc - Contractor Pymt 1K Lt 20K
Dol Viol Permit Work

RECALL, THOMAS LEQUAN:

Synth Narcotic-Possess - Wit Sell
Mfg Or Deliver Schedule I Or li,
Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use,
Resist Officer - Obstruct Wo
Violence

SHINE, TYRONDA SHIMIA:

Prob Violation - Prob Violation (X4)

**SMITH, ANDREA SOPHIA
CAROLYN:**

Prob Violation - Prob Violation

THOMPkins, JOHN PETER:

Out-Of-County Warrant - Out-Of-
County Warrant (X2)

**TOLENTINO-HERNENDEZ,
CARLOS:**

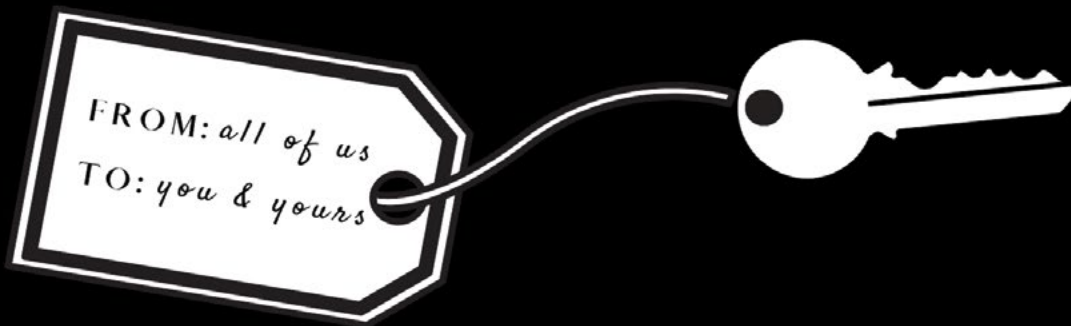
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Possess: And Or Use



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for the holidays



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ATVs
Bikes
Boats
Cars
Golf Carts
Motorcycles
Motorhomes
Campers/RV
Scooter
SUV
Travel Trailers
Trailers
Trucks
Vans
Parts & Accessories

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2. MERCHANDISE

Antiques & Collectibles
Appliances
Computers & Electronics
Clothing-Adult
Clothing-Children
Exercise Equipment
Guns & Ammo
Farm Equipment
Furniture
Hunting & Fishing
Lawn & Garden
Medical Equipment
Miscellaneous
Music Items
Produce
Sewing & Crafts
Sports Equipment
Tools & Building Materials

20

3. FARM & LIVESTOCK

Livestock for Sale
Feed & Supplies
FREE Livestock

20

4. PETS

Pets for Sale
Free Pets
Lost and Found
Pet Supplies

22

5. JOBS

Employment
Help Wanted
Looking for Job

22

6. REAL ESTATE

Commercial
Home for Sale
Land for Sale
Mobile Homes for Sale

26

7. RENTALS

Apt & Condo Rentals
Home Rental
Mobile Home Rentals
Office Space
Rooms for Rent
Vacation Rentals
Lots for Rent

28

8. SERVICES

Business Services
Boat Repair & Maint.
Caregiving
Cleaning
Lessons
Transportation
Wrecker Service

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9. WANTED

Cars & Vehicles
Merchandise
Livestock
Pets
Real Estate
Rentals
Services

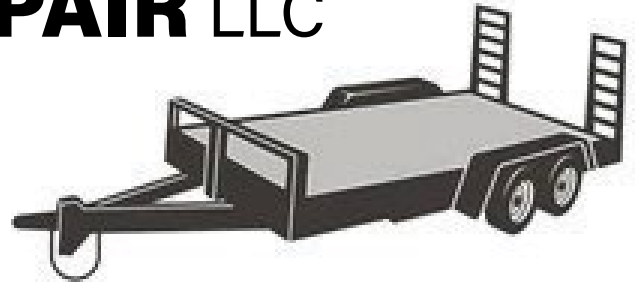
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10. COMMUNITY

Auctions
Meetings
Lost & Found
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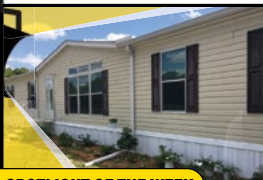


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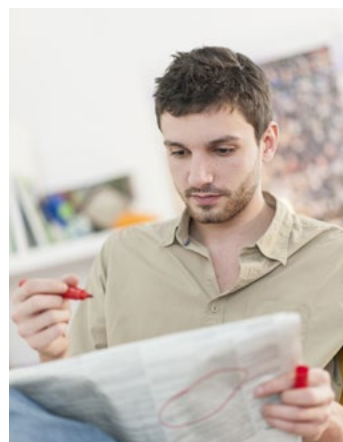
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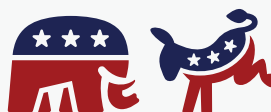
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3	8	4	7	1	6	2	5	9
6	5	9	3	2	8	4	1	7
1	7	2	5	4	9	6	3	8
4	3	7	6	5	2	8	9	1
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OBITUARIES

Russ Grice



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the untimely passing of Russ Grice, aged 47, who was tragically taken from us in an auto accident on December 14th, 2024. Russ's untimely death has left a profound void in the hearts of all who knew him, and he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and community.

An incredibly devoted father, a hard worker and a huge support to his friends and family, Russ always put others before himself. He was the person people turned to for guidance and comfort, as he was always there to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. His caring nature and commitment to his loved ones made him an irreplaceable presence in their lives.

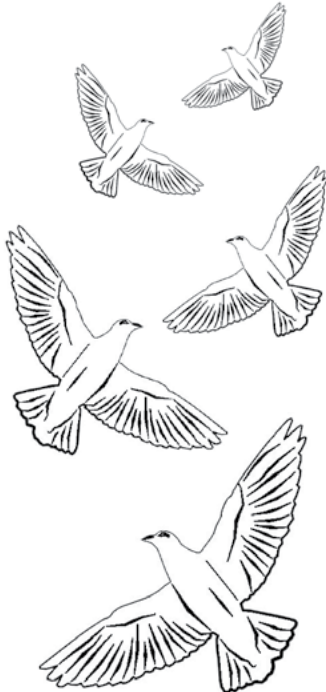
Russ is survived by his children, Alanna, Sean, and Andrew; his parents, Chuck and Misshell; and his fiancée, Carrie, and siblings John, Gary

and Sonya. His passing leaves a deep and painful emptiness, but his legacy of love, generosity, and hard work will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew him.

In respect to the deceased wishes there will be no funeral here in Florida. A celebration of life will be held at a later date with his family in Connecticut. The family appreciates your understanding and in allowing them to grieve.

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who art in heaven,
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For thine is the kingdom,
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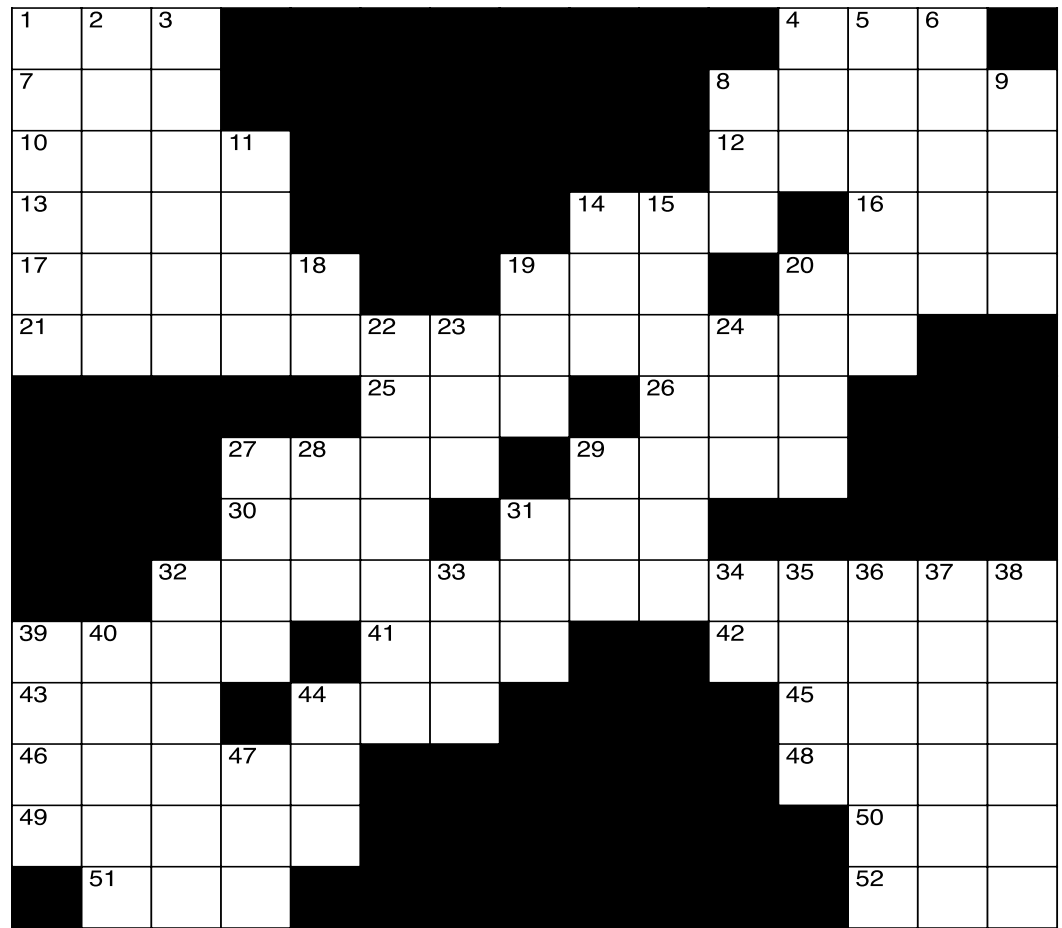
CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram
4. After B
7. Everything
8. An unfortunate development
10. Coat with sticky substance
12. Cylinder of tobacco for smoking
13. Minimum interval take off
14. Yuck!
16. NBA sensation Jeremy
17. Where some rockers work
19. Midway between northeast and east
20. Snake-like fishes
21. Groups of homes
25. Swiss river
26. Useful towel
27. OThe WireO character OMorelandO
29. Oafish creature
30. A major division of geological time
31. Bird-like Chinese dinosaur
32. Sporting events
39. Body part
41. Clerical vestment
42. Shows data
43. Some are OspecialO
44. Expression of disappointment
45. StudentsO rights document (abbr.)
46. Vacation locale Costa

48. Pop singer
49. Distract outside a city
50. Mark Wahlberg comedy
51. Coniferous tree
52. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

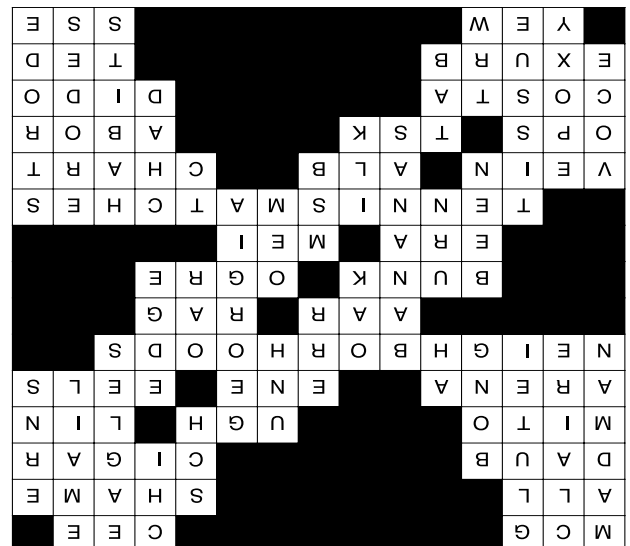
1. Lunatic
2. Actress Danes
3. Buttock muscles
4. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet



5. Popular 70s rockers
6. Electronic communication
8. Trigraph
9. Sea eagles
11. Low-pitched, resonant sound
14. Northeastern US university (abbr.)
15. Home of the Bulldogs
18. Exclamation of surprise
19. Make a mistake
20. Advantage
22. Monkeys love them
23. Wood
24. Paddle
27. Past participle of be
28. Tall, rounded vase
29. Device manufacturers (abbr.)
31. Financial institution
32. Paper product
33. A type

34. Atomic #43
35. Red Hot Chili PeppersO drummer
36. Behaviors
37. Decays
38. Walked confidently

39. Voice (Italian)
40. Class of adhesives
44. Bar bill
47. One-time aerospace firm



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WHY DO PEOPLE FEAR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY?

Just what is fear? The world dictionary tells us fear is a feeling of anxiety caused by the nearness of danger, evil or pain. To feel fear is to be afraid. People throughout history have faced fear or some form of it. In war torn nations many people fear for their lives. In biblical days when Christ was born, Mary and Joseph were in fear of where they were going to spend the night. Zechariah, husband of Elizabeth; a temple priest at this time & father of John the Baptist was also gripped with fear when an angel of God told him Elizabeth was also going to bear a son.

Gabriel, one of God's trusted arc angels, spoke to both Elizabeth & Mary and said to them do not be afraid for you are with child. Even Herod the King at this time was afraid and feared someone may take his throne away. Different books of the Bible tell us to fear the Lord our God and worship & serve him only. The book of Psalms tells us do not be like the horse or the mule which have no understanding of God and must be controlled by a it and bridle or they will not come to you.

Mankind will never change their ways and will not fear God. The book of Proverbs in the Bible tells us the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the Holy One Jesus Christ is understanding. Folks, people don't want the strict regulations Jesus provided wit the 10 Commandments to live by. Jesus calls for people to commit their lives to an invisible kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven; a kingdom more important and more valuable than anything in our visible world.

Status in this world does not guarantee a place in God's Kingdom. Not everyone wants Jesus' kind of kingdom. In summary, his kingdom of Heaven consists of the rule of God in our world. It comprises people of all races from all nations who loyally follow God's will. Jesus stresses this new kingdom will be a major step in God's plan.. So this holiday season folks should be a joyful and happy event. People should not fear this holiday. There was a reason God came to earth to be born a human being. Folks, God loves us and wants to give us a second chance.

Adam and Eve along side us born to them still have a free moral choice to receive eternal life and that is through Jesus Christ. Just think folks, our sins we have had since we were born can be totally forgive and not just covered up like it was in the Old Testament in the Bible. The way our world is going this event is very close.

WAKE UP AMERICA
Bob Ferguson



THE Tree

CHAPTER 39

This sand is falling in around me now and it's making a hole. I am going down and something is coming up. In the middle of the falling sand, I see a large head starting to come up. The sand is falling in all around this thing and it is taking me with it. First the head, then great big brown eyes. They are as big as plates. Then a large stench comes up and it blows hot air out of its nostrils. The opening on those nostrils were bigger than its eyes. On up it comes. Slowly at first, then as more of it gets out, the faster it comes. Uncle Doyle throws his big tail over and catches me as I am about to go under. He pulls me up and we look at each other and go after this thing. We don't seem to be doing much good, but soon the twins finish up their monster and come over and give us a hand. Still, I think this thing is going to whip us all when dad and grandfather jump in to help. Now there is dad, grandfather, Uncle Doyle, and the twins, along with me and we are still getting our butts kicked. We could get him down alright, but every time we had him where we wanted him, he would manage to break loose. Let's do it again shouts Uncle Doyle, so we all jump together and try one last time. Just as we get him where we could kill him, he starts to break loose again. But this time Hanson jumps in and finishes him. In his hands is a large sword of some kind. Right through the top of his head goes the sword. As it hits bottom, Hanson gives it a twist. I guess the twist must have worked because then Hanson says, that should do it. That should be the last of them. We all stopped and looked around at each other to make sure all of our parts were still there. After a close look we started looking around at what we had done. The twins were jumping around from monster to monster making sure they were dead. Uncle Doyle and Hanson were

giving each other a hug and patting each other on the shoulder and stuff. Dad and grandfather were checking out the big hole the big monster had left. They were looking over the edge when they shouted for us to come over there and look. We all went over. There was no bottom, or at least not one you could see, just darkness. Hanson took a rock and threw it in, but we never heard a sound. How far down to the bottom do you think it is, asked grandfather? Uncle Doyle shrugged his shoulders and said, maybe there isn't one and laughed. Dad speaks up and says, why don't we throw these monsters in there? Uncle Doyle shakes his head and says, why not? So, we gather up all the monsters and throw them down this hole. The twins find a big rock and try to roll it over but they are having a hard time because of how big it is. We all laugh at each other and go over and give them a hand. The big rock fits just right and now we have buried these things. No one seems to know what to say. Should we say we have won, or are there more of these things? I guess only time will tell. We gather up our things and take an inventory of the fertilizer that we see. Everybody grabs up a bunch of the fertilizer and we all start home. For now, all is good. Things are again in place and life goes on. Getting back home will be great, says grandfather. We all just smile and shake our heads. I turn to grandfather and ask, are the trees safe now? He smiles and nods his head. Then he says, everything will go back as it was, until our planet decides they need the fertilizer more than we do. Then we will see grandson, then we will see...

The End.



MERRY Christmas

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Santa's List

Ho Ho Ho, Merry Christmas to the students of Desoto County! We are so proud of the hard work you've done during the 1st semester of school!. Here's a list of ways to stay engaged during the Christmas Break!

- READING
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- EXPLORE NATURE
- WATCH EDUCATIONAL TV
- SET GOALS
- COOKING ACTIVITIES
- FAMILY GAME NIGHTS

Remember to have fun, limit screen time, and be good for goodness sake!

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A photograph of an older man with a grey beard and a young girl with dark curly hair, both smiling and focused on baking. The man is holding a metal sifter, pouring white powder into a large glass bowl. The girl is holding a whisk and stirring the contents of the bowl. On the counter, there are various baking ingredients and tools, including a small blue cup, a whole orange, a small white bowl, and a bag of flour. The background shows a modern kitchen with white cabinets and a stainless steel range hood.

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