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Those Darn Tangled Holiday Lights
Simple tricks to untangle holiday lights

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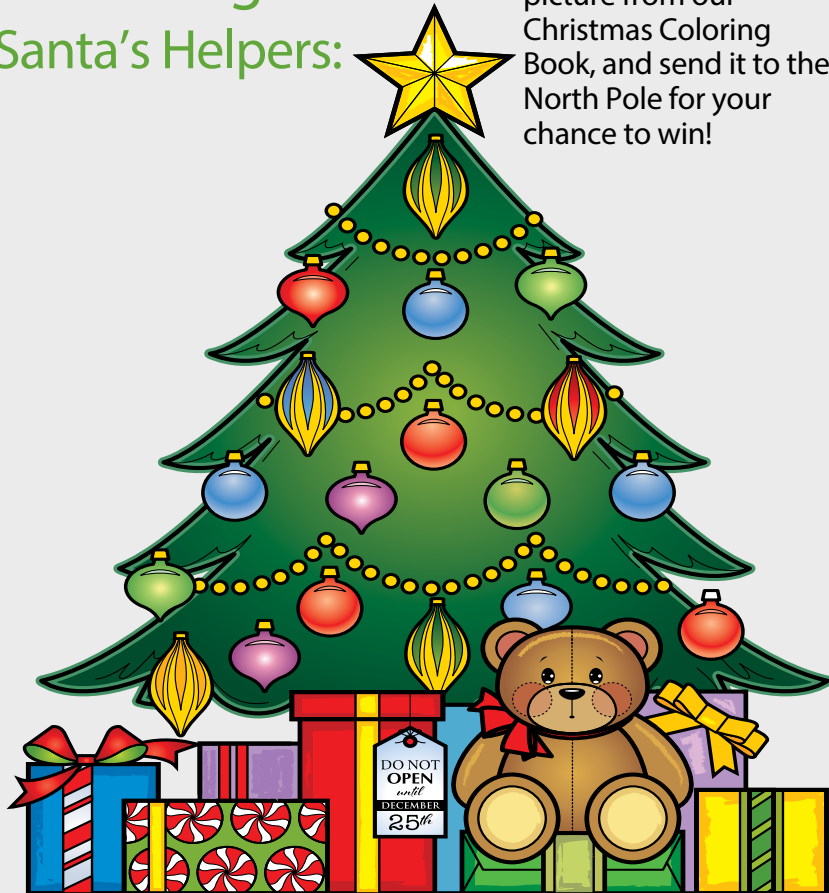


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Contest open to contestants ages 3-99. Pictures will not be returned and will become property of the Phelan Chamber of Commerce, and may be used for display or promotion purposes. Contestant's must go to school or live within the Snowline JUSD District. Decision of judges is final. Winners will be notified and posted on the Phelan Chamber website on 12/13/23 and will be featured in the January issue of NewsPlus.

Deadline: December 8, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.

HOME for the Holidays

As we approach the most wonderful time of the year, it brings me great joy to introduce the annual "Home For The Holidays" community shopping guide, proudly presented by the Phelan Chamber of Commerce. It is my hope that this guide helps bring the holiday spirit to our community and inspires you to think local this holiday season. It will be available both on the Phelan Chambers website and in the November Issue of Tri-Community NewsPlus.

Within its pages, you will find holiday-related articles, engaging games and a delightful coloring contest. It's bound to add an extra sprinkle of magic to your holiday season. Moreover, our focus remains steadfast in promoting local shopping during this special time of year. By supporting our community's businesses, we not only spread joy but also strengthen the bonds that tie us all together as a community.

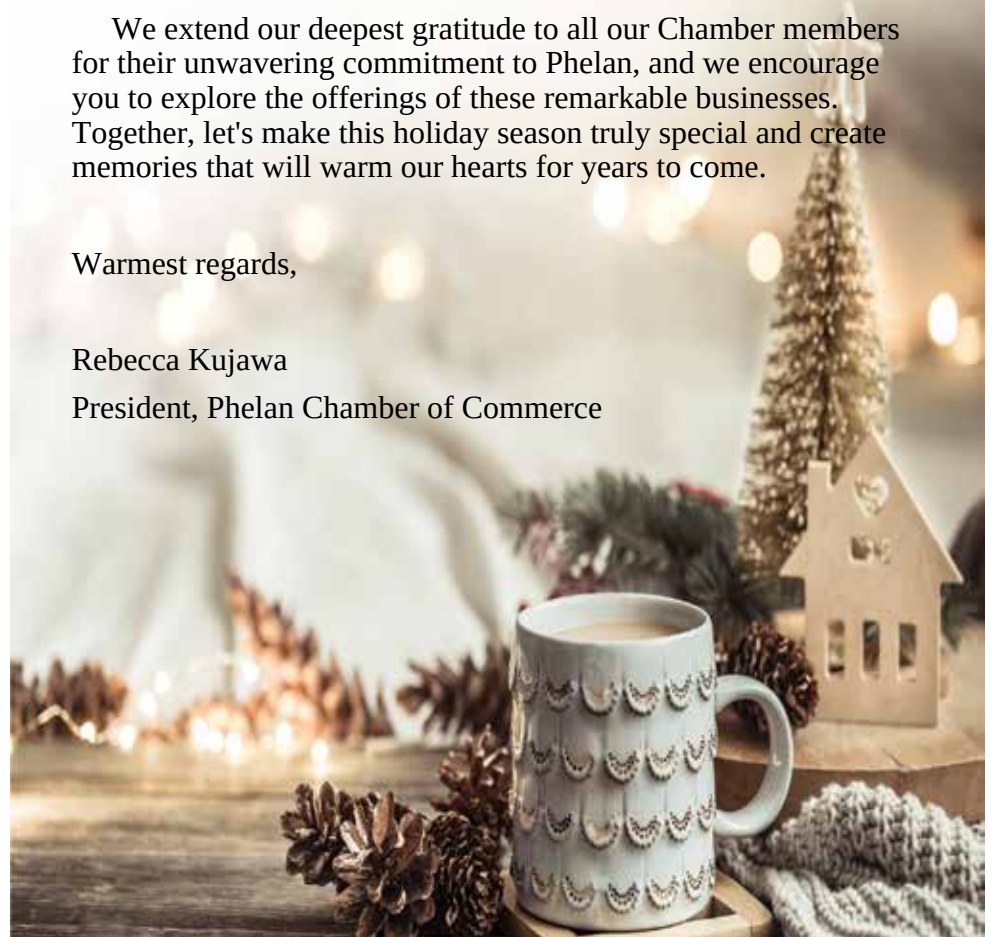
This guide is a testament to the diverse range of businesses that make up our wonderful community. It showcases the talent, dedication, and passion that Phelan entrepreneurs pour into their work. By choosing to shop locally, you're not only finding unique, high-quality products, but you're also investing in the heart of our town.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our Chamber members for their unwavering commitment to Phelan, and we encourage you to explore the offerings of these remarkable businesses. Together, let's make this holiday season truly special and create memories that will warm our hearts for years to come.

Warmest regards,

Rebecca Kujawa

President, Phelan Chamber of Commerce



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Simple tricks to untangle holiday lights



The joyous holiday season is enhanced by the beautiful and festive decorations that adorn homes and businesses during this special time of year. Twinkling lights are part of the holiday decorating equation. However, tangled lights in storage bins and boxes can sap anyone’s holiday spirit.

Christmas lights can turn into a tangled mess no matter how hard people work to avoid such an outcome. Christmas lights get tangled partly because of their design. There is a metal wire inside the cord to help with the packaging of the lights, which gives the cord a natural curve. Furthermore, most light cords are made from twisted or braided wires that have spaces throughout. The lights themselves can get snagged in these pockets between the wires.

Although it can be frustrating to deal with tangled lights that look like balls of yarn in a knitting basket, there are ways to untangle them with relative ease — and then pack them in a way that can reduce further tangles.

Begin by plugging all lights into the outlet to see if they work. If most of the bulbs are burnt out or the lights do not go on at all, discard the strand. There’s no point untangling lights only to learn they don’t work.

Start slowly, beginning on the plug end, when untangling the lights. Keep the strand you’re working on separate from the other lights so they do not inadvertently become entangled. Tackle this job in a space with a lot of room. Lay the lights out on a large table or sit on the floor to

do the untangling. Utilize a pen or pencil to fish out more stubborn snags. This can help you loosen any knots and make it easier to pull snags through.

Lay the untangled strands out in a safe area away from your working space as you work through each strand.

One of the ways to avoid the hassle of tangled lights is to remember to store the lights in ways that will reduce their propensity for tangling in the first place.

- Rather than wrap lights around your hand or arm to condense the strand, use something else. A piece of cardboard, a hanger and some PVC tubing can keep lights from becoming tangled.
- Store lights in a zip-top bag to keep them from tangling with other strands stored together.
- Save the original boxes and return the lights to them after each use.
- Icicle lights have hanging strands of lights on longer strands, which can compound tangling issues. Use a rubber band to gather the hanging “icicles” together, or use some plastic wrap for the same purpose.
- Invest in a cord reel, similar to what you might use for a garden hose. Longer light strands or wires are stored on such reels, and they can be used with Christmas lights.

Patience and care can prevent holiday lights from becoming tangled.

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1. Recollections
- 4. Accesses
- 7. Voyages

DOWN

- 1. Fireplace shelves
- 2. Type of grain
- 3. Enjoys
- 5. Writing sheet
- 6. A person who helps the sick

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Christmas trees.

A L E N G

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Crossword Puzzle Answers:

Word Scramble Answer:
Angel

Across:
1. Memories 4. Taps into 7. Travels
Down
1. Mantels 2. Oats 3. Savors 5. Paper 6. Nurse

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Snap a great Christmas card photo

Greeting cards are among the first signs that the holiday season has arrived. Mailboxes are filled with cards and email inboxes have new messages popping up each day wishing others well. Many of these greetings feature family photos. A Shutterfly poll conducted by Ipsos in 2021 discovered that, while traditional holiday messages are by far the most popular missives at 63 percent, younger age groups show more interest in other types of cards, such as photo cards (between 34 and 38 percent depending on age group). Forty-one percent of people polled prefer to receive photo cards. That means holiday well-

wishers may want to brush up on their photography skills.

- **Keep cards in the back of your mind.** While the Norman Rockwell-esque family tableau or a wintry Christmas scene is a go-to holiday card, any photo-worthy moment throughout the year can suffice. Keep a lookout for ideas while vacationing or enjoying time together as a family.
- **Avoid busy prints.** Stick to solid colors when posing for holiday photos; otherwise, recipients' eyes may not know where to look when viewing the photo. Photo subjects should coordinate, but wardrobes that completely match can seem contrived.

- **Plan around nap times.** If photos involve young children, schedule the photo shoot to occur when children are well-rested and fed. Now may be the time to offer kids treats they don't normally get in an effort to reward patience and happy smiles.
 - **Avoid red eye.** Proper lighting can help avoid the occurrence of "red eye" in photographs, which happens when the flash bounces off a wide pupil. Asking subjects to look into bright light before the photo, or utilizing a camera that snaps a small burst of flash before the actual flash, can help alleviate this problem.
 - **Embrace candid shots or mixups.** Some of the funniest and most memorable photos are when things didn't go according to plan. A crying infant or a parent looking away from the lens may not be magazine worthy, but don't be so quick to discard those less-than-perfect snaps.
 - **Zoom in tight and cropped.** Card recipients want to look at you and not the surroundings. Avoid landscape shots on holiday cards, and be sure to focus on the subjects' faces as much as possible.
 - **Angle correctly for flattering photos.** Adjust your body posture to look your best. Turn the lower half of your body to the side and then adjust the upper half to move slightly toward the camera to appear more svelte. Position the camera lens at eye level or above to avoid double chins in photos.
 - **Show off your sense of humor.** You can show friends and family you like to laugh by posing in funny ways or by mimicking pop culture references in your photo cards. Recreate childhood photos of yore, or imitate photos from album covers or movie posters.
- Relax and have fun with holiday greeting cards. Plan outfits, watch lighting and catch kids at the right time to create memorable cards.

Santa's Word Search

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

- BEARD
- BELIEVE
- BOOTS
- CHIMNEY
- CHRISTMAS
- CLAUS
- ELVES
- FLYING
- GIFTS
- JOLLY
- MIDNIGHT
- NAUGHTY
- NICE
- NORTH POLE
- REINDEER
- RUDOLPH
- SANTA
- SLEIGH
- SNOWFLAKE
- STOCKINGS
- TOYS
- TREE
- WINTER
- WORKSHOP

Santa's Word Search Answer Key
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