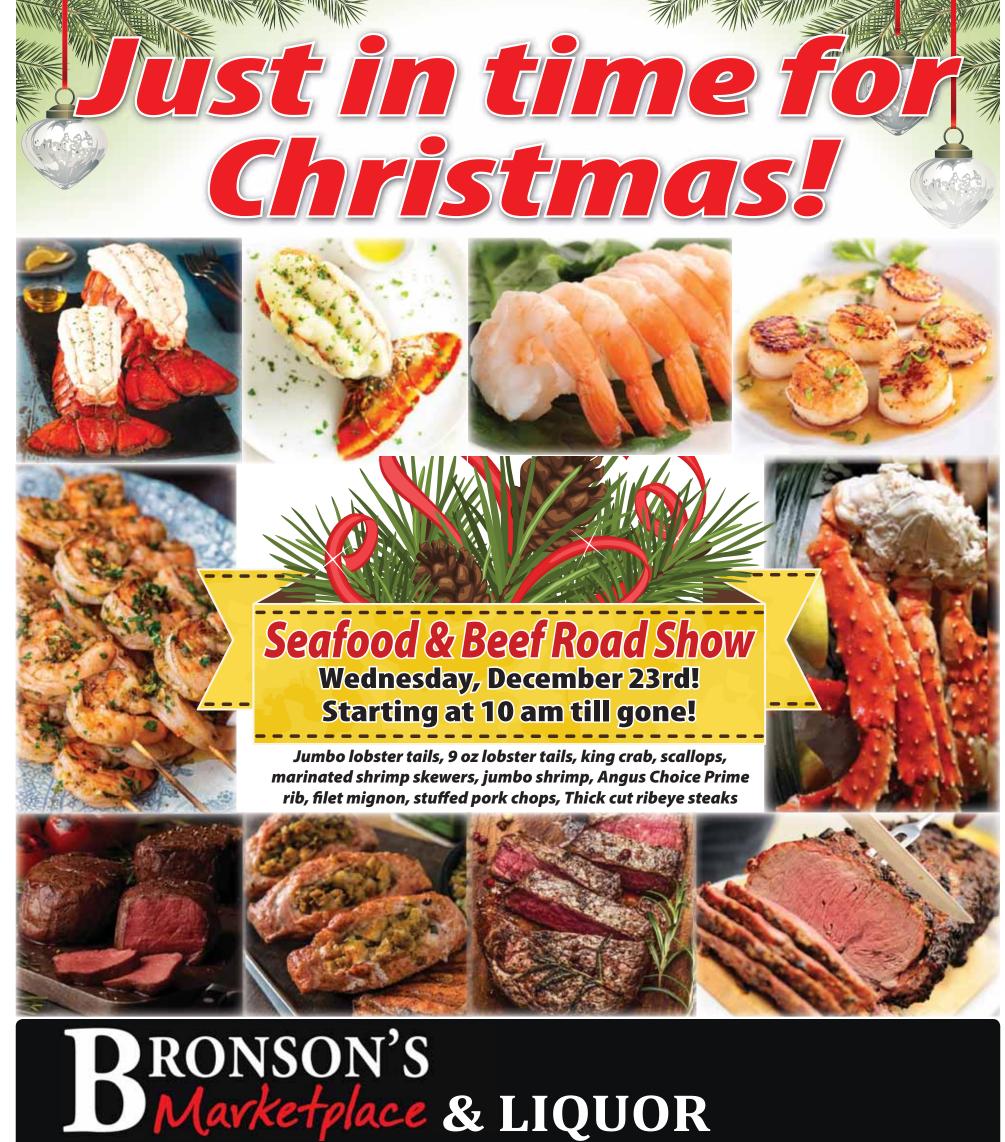
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# Lets make 2021 a year of generous living

They kicked me out of the nursing home Saturday. Yup, I should have known better than to think I could stand outside my fathers' window in the cold and visit with him.

It was his suggestion that we meet in the lobby. OF course, I didn't have an appointment. But, I didn't have a fever either and my neither did my dad.

So, we have less than five minutes to try and have a conversation through masks. He cannot hear very well and it was difficult to communicate. Even I had a tough time understanding people in my class Saturday morning at the Jamestown Arts Center. There's something about seeing a human face that we all need in order to communicate.

This COVID thing is getting old. My dad has been in his assisted living prison since March. Yes, for a very short time they allowed him to go across the street to visit my brother. And the second wave hit, and he is on lock-down again.

Christmas is going to be very lonely for him this year. Maybe for all of us. I sat across the table from my masked brother and his wife on Saturday and thought to myself, "can this get any weirder?"

If you consider some of the stories I have overheard when my parents spoke in whispers or in German, their native tongue, they may have thought the very same thing about the events they survived

My mother hated the wind, she was a young girl during the Depression years,









about three-years-old during the worst years 1933-34. During an interview with her, she told me that she and her sister, Alma, would crouch below the window in the house when the gigantic clouds of dust rolled over the fields sparing nothing in its path. They spent a lot of time cleaning the dust from windowsills and herding animals to safety in the barn.

Until the day she died, my mom would say, "I hate the wind." She also hated fish. She said, "Oh, and another thing. In the wintertime, we had a lot of fish for supper because we lived by a creek. Grandpa had a basket where the fish could swim in and they couldn't swim out and that's how we caught them, and that's why I don't like fish."

My mother couldn't really put into words how they survived those Dust Bowl years on the North Dakota

plains. But they did.

Here we are at Christmas, tucked away in out COVID pods, waiting out the storm. But, we have to remember there are people who are working hard to keep us healthy and there are many young men and women who wouldn't have been able to come home for Christmas anyway. The soldiers overseas will be spending Christmas without their families.

Which brings me to this

My dad was in the Korean "Conflict" and the only photo of him beside his official Army mug shot is this one. It is a photo of some of the guys having Christmas in Seoul, Korea, 1946. That

ago, doesn't it?
I see my brothers in my dad's face, all of whom served in the military. Do I really have anything to

seems like such a long time

complain about being safe at home with food and a nice warm bed to sleep in? Of course not. Just like the young men in this photo, we all have to make do with what we have at this moment in time. While I know some of the people who died from COVID in the past month or two, I am thanking

God every day for the littlest things in my life. Sometimes as little as a nice pen to write a note to someone. Or finding a photo that reminds me of where I came from. My New Year's resolution is simply this – I want to try and live generously. And from that comes the greatest gift of all

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### **CCCHC Holiday Hours**

Coal Country Community Health Center—Beulah, Hazen, Center and Killdeer will close early on Thursday, Dec 24 at 12 p.m. and will be closed on Friday, Dec 25. CCCHC Clinics will also close early on Thursday, Dec 31 at 3 p.m. and will be closed on Friday, Jan 1. We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





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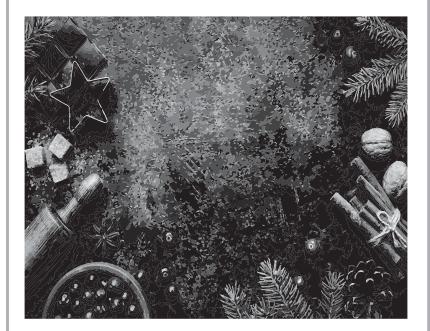
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**ANSWER: SANTA CLAUS** 

### What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?





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Answers: I. Extra allspice 2. Pine bough is larger 3. Missing cranberry 4. Extra chocolate block



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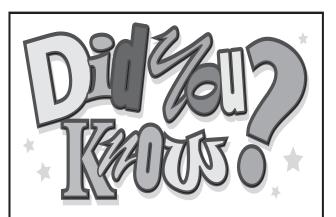
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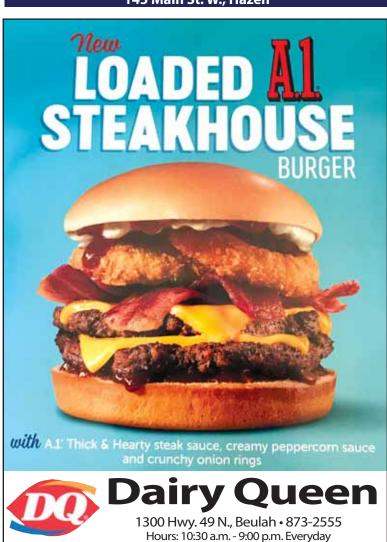
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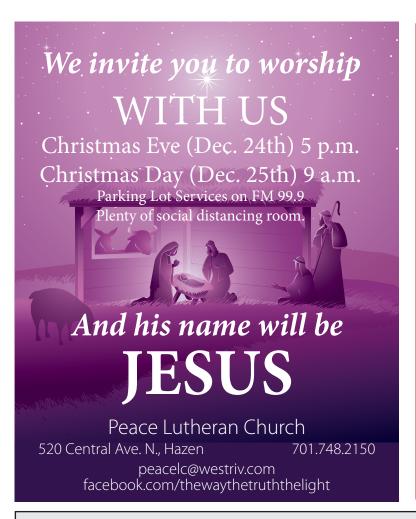


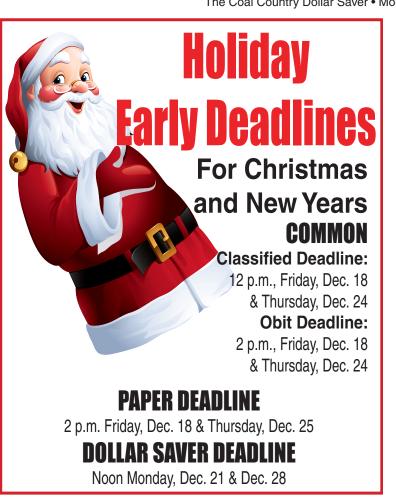






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On-ice sonar has changed hardwater angling for the better and helped increase success each winter. No matter the model, being able to see what's happening below the surface helps anglers find fish and move to more productive areas. Simonson Photo.

# The ten greatest ice fishing innovations: Part 2

By Nick Simonson

In the first installment of this two-part series celebrating the start of the ice season, it was pointed out that the last half century has been an amazing ice age for hardwater anglers. From tackle to tech and the advanced tactics both allow for on the ice, these options have opened a world of better fishing to those who have followed along. As a result, considerably more fish are caught each winter than the season before, ice fishing has become its own booming industry, and the pastime has seen increasing participation. Building on the first five revolutionary items, this second half caps off the analysis of all things awesome on the ice that have made the sport

5. Custom Ice Rods & Reels. I can recall as a young boy standing over a hole watching a float hover and then disappear down into the black depths of the bluewhite cylinder cut into the surface of Lake Ashtabula. My babysitter's husband would shout "Run!" and I'd scamper off away from the group with the homemade wood-and-metal jiggle rod in hand and about 15 feet of thick line trailing behind me. In turn, the striped form of a yellow perch would rocket up onto the frozen surface and slide across the ice. It was my first hardwater experience, and since then, I've watched the evolution of ice fishing rods change the way we catch fish.

From the first downsized models that allowed for the attachment of microspin reels to the creation of specialized sticks for jigging, dead sticking, and integration of sensitive spring bobbers among many other options, the modern ice rod market is as developed and revolutionary as those offerings for openwater. The recent addition of round, fly-style reels to eliminate line twist and present baits with more precision has changed the way anglers offer up their baits and lures and makes the combos available to modern ice anglers all the more amazing.

4. The Spring Bobber. For

those fishing perch, crappies, bluegills and other species with a subtle bite, no tool has proven more effective at detecting the slightest inhale than the spring bobber. Crafted of a small wire shaft and highlighted bead connected to a sensitive spring, these end-of-rod options add a final eye that picks up the tiniest bump when a fish hits a small lure. Whether a clipon version to help increase bite detection on a favorite ice rod, or one that is built into standard model now showcased by many rod manufacturers, the spring bobber has increased ice anglers' success exponentially, especially on the panfish front.

3. Modern Ice Suits. I can recall my first set of ice fishing coveralls spending most every winter weekend night hanging over the vent in my childhood home drying out from the knees down. Depending on how fast the fishing was that day, from the elbows too. The brown jumpsuit with the red liner and the hard metal zipper was a hand-me-down from my dad when he upgraded for a new suit to help with winter work in our family's long driveway. Since then, I, along with many other anglers have invested in waterproof and windproof suits with padded knees designed to soften the blow of hole-hopping, more eer's backpack, and plenty of pockets and patches to stash tackle packs and loose lures. Today's ice wear offered from all major companies can be tailored to fit the exposure level and the exploratory nature of those ice anglers on the move and has helped to keep us out there longer at a greater comfort level, even on the chilliest days.

2. The Power Auger. The Jiffy Model 30 was the first commercial power auger to hit the ice en masse, and the model left hand-drilling options in its slush and shavings as the Tecumseh engine powered the chipper blade down, making short work of even three-foot ice. Since its inception heralded the dawn of modern ice fishing and the ability to make many holes and explore them all, many other companies

have tweaked and improved on the power auger. From units powered by propane and four-stroke engines to electric options run by lithium-ion batteries capable of producing three dozen holes on a charge, the power auger has been one of the most amazing technological accomplishments on ice, especially in the last decade where more and more options have become available to anglers. The proliferation has rendered hand models to the back corners of garages each winter, and oftentimes as sale item antiques on the front driveway in summer.

1. On-Ice Sonar. If there is one thing that means the difference between catching fish and staring at a column full of cold water, it is on-ice sonar. No other development has been as revolutionary as fishfinders tailored specifically for winter angling. From Vexilar leading the charge in the 1980s and 90s to the expansion of offerings from industry leaders like Marcum, Humminbird and Lowrance in the last two decades, these hardy units designed to display what lurks below the ice even in the toughest of conditions take much of the guesswork out of winter fishing. I've turned around and went home two hours into a drive to an ice fishing destination simply because I forgot my sonar, it's that important. I've recommended to many that it's best that they have a sonar even before they buy a power auger, it is so key to finding, understanding, and catching fish. Nothing else has changed the way we angle in winter more than onice sonar units.

If you've kept up with the changes throughout your lifetime on the ice, you've likely incorporated these five items – and likely all ten on this list – along with others. If there are any you think are equally or even more important to your hardwater success, let us know in the comments below or on social media. With good ice settling over the region's water bodies, take stock of these developing technologies and get set for the greatest win**Dollar Saver** 

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