



A GIANT WOODEN hand-drawn postcard (above) has a spotlight on it in front of Sue and Kelly Glodt's house west of the hospital. A large white polar bear (below), dressed in a blue sweater and hat, sat next to a large green tree in the Kevin Ketterl backyard on West Coldren Street.

City lights up for holidays

Driving in Oberlin this season viewers are able to see a little of every kind of Christmas decoration, from the simple-but-elegant lighted tree in the bay window to colored strands of lights hanging from anything that isn't moving in front of a house to giant trees, Santas and polar bears.

Each year, the decorations in yards change a little. Residents add more or buy a little something new.

One of the newest items this year are the giant blow-up polar bears dressed in a blue stocking hat and sweater, Santas and green

trees. There is only a handful of these decorations up so far.

Among new items this year are deer with white lights whose heads move. There are several of the three-member families.

Some houses have nativity scenes, some made all of lights, while others are made of wood and plastic.

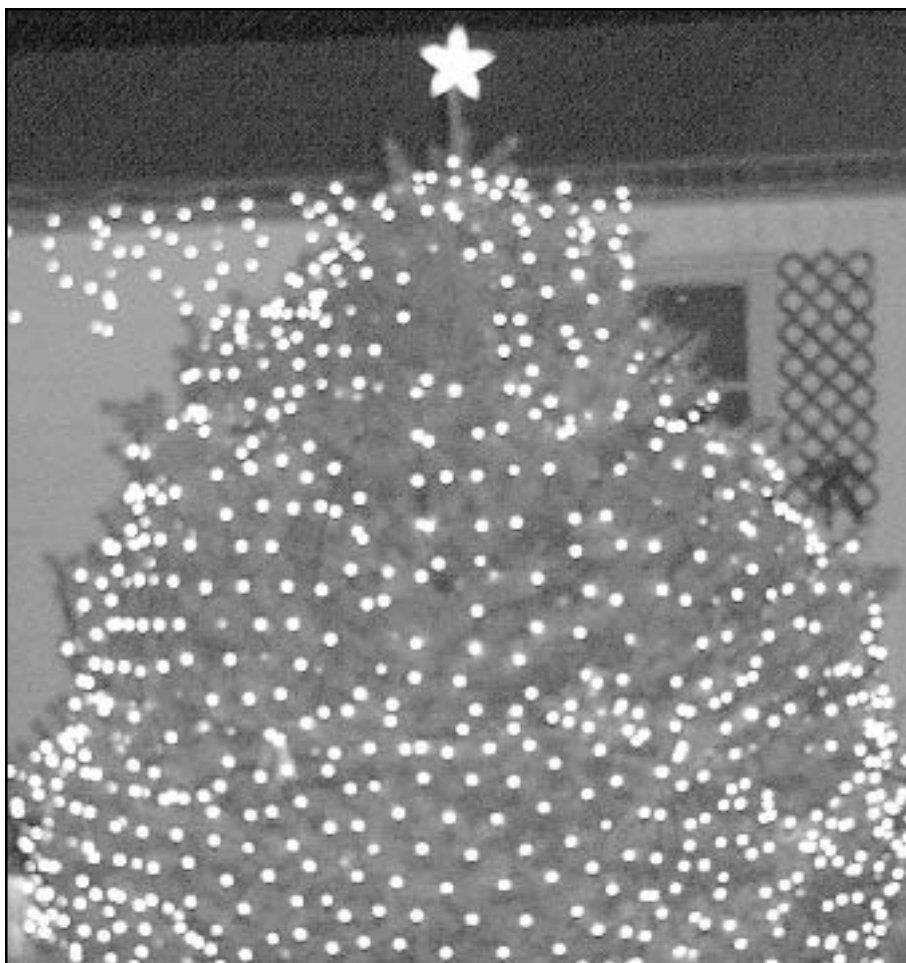
There is a wide variety of lights this year, from icicles to white swags to all red, all blue and colored ones. There are tiny bulbs and then the larger ones which some people associate with the olden days when their grandparents used

to decorate their homes.

Probably the most original type of lights this year isn't any strand of lights, but one light which has been made to look like snowflakes falling on a house on Commercial Avenue across from the high school.

Other lights in the shape of stars can be seen on the roof, along with one giant one in a front yard.

It takes a little over an hour to see all the lights in town, so pack up the kids, grab the hot chocolate and hit the road. With only eight more nights until Christmas, there isn't much time left.



ON WEST COMMERCIAL STREET, a large tree (above) is covered in tiny white lights. At the Murry Pavlicek house (right) on West Adams Street, lights were hung on just about everything that doesn't move.

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