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Head-to-head competition

Fifth- to 12th-graders got the chance to play Super Smash Bros. video games when the Freeport Memorial Library and Mid-Summit Tier Gaming held their first teen video-gaming tournament in Freeport on Dec. 15. More photos, Page 9.

Spreading the holiday spirit

Freeport police officers give toys to families in need

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Freeporter Elizabeth Young, a 30-something mother of one, stood waiting in line in the cold at the Freeport Revolver and Rifle Association, behind BJs, on Dec. 19. She was one of roughly 50 people who had come to this parking lot that morning to receive toys from the Freeport Police Benevolent Association, which has given out toys to those in need at the holidays for 25 years.

Each person who came received one large Toys 'R' Us bag full of goodies.

"This is great," Young gushed. "I think it helps people who actually need the help, and there's quite a bit of people in Freeport who need a little more assistance. It's been a rough year for us, but more or less, I'm here for my daughter."

PBA volunteers spent all of Tuesday giving away toys for children and families in need in the Freeport School District and for members of the Greater Second Baptist Church in Freeport. The effort is known as Toys for Freeport Tots. Baby dolls, superhero figures, basketballs, board games and even a few bicycles were given out in the shooting range's lounge.



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FREEPORT POLICE BENEVOLENT Association volunteer Maren Hendersen browsed through the rows of toys to fulfill a holiday wish list for a Freeport child during the 25th annual Toys for Freeport Tots event at the Freeport Revolver and Rifle Association Shooting Range on Dec. 19.

While families were greeted to a light breakfast, volunteers filled large purple and orange bags with goodies.

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Mulé stepping down as village trustee to take legislator seat Freeport board trustee seat open

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Initially she thought she would be able to do both. In the Nov. 30-Dec. 6 edition of the Freeport Herald Leader, 5th District County Legislator-elect Debra Mulé said she would continue her work as village trustee until further

notice. Recently, however, she came to learn that she would be unable to continue in her role as village trustee once she took office as a legislator on Jan. 1.

"I will not be doing both," she said. "I'll be taking my position [as legislator] and resigning from the village."

An attorney who read the

Herald's story tipped Mulé off to the County Charter's prohibition against holding more than one elective office at a time.

Mulé was part of a Democratic slate of candidates who made history on Election Day. Laura Curran, a Democrat from Baldwin, the current 5th

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