ALPHA—The Porter School Market Place will be holding its December Christmas Craft Shows this Saturday, Dec. 8, in conjunction with the annual Justin Elson Scholarship Fundraiser.

The event will take place at the historic Porter School. The craft show and fundraiser will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will be at the Market Place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to hear the children's Christmas wishes. __PUBLIC__

For the scholarship fundraiser, Maureen Elson will have items to purchase including Belgian Lukken cookies. There will be a Pampered Chef demonstration by Ginger Davis, with part of the proceeds going to the fund. She will have soup, chili and more to sample. With a donation of two non-perishable food items for the local food pantry, shoppers can receive a Season's Best recipe book.

Local author Lee Schultz will be at the Porter School Library doing a book signing. A portion of her sales goes to the Porter School Library and Resource Center. Donations from the library's Back Room Used Books Store helps support the area's resource center.

Handcrafted items include quilts and afghans, holiday cards, notes and treasures, ribbon jewelry, hand-woven rugs, soaps and lotions, pet clothing, dolls and clothing, birdhouses, Mary Kay products, fabric crafts, stone jewelry, wool candle mats, handcrafted knives, baked goods, jams and jellies, holiday decor and much more.

Sign up for holiday door prizes, get locally made holiday gifts and meet with friends at the Porter School Market Place's Christmas Craft Show.