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Holly Days Committee Welcomes You

The Marshall Hometown Holly Days event on Saturday, December 2 will be huge this year!

The Holly Days Committee has been planning for months to make it bigger and better and more fun for everyone.

If you are up for a brisk

walk or run, you can start off the day with the Santa Walk/Run at 8 a.m. at the First Christian Church on North 6th Street.

There will be a breakfast buffet at Lion's Den Pizzeria (7-10 a.m.) and hot drinks at the Gypsy Queen Coffee bar

and food trucks available all day!

Stock up on a wonderful selection of Christmas baked goodies at the Cookie Walk at St. Mary's Church 9-11 a.m.

You can have breakfast with Santa at the First United Methodist Church (9-11 a.m.)

and see LIVE reindeer!

To help with your Christmas list, there will be over 40 vendors at the Christmas Market at Harlan Hall 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Throughout the afternoon (noon to 5 p.m.), you can wander through the amazing "The

Bethlehem Experience." The churches of Marshall have come together to create nine scenes with a live nativity to walk through on the courthouse lawn starting at noon.

There will be three different places for kids to do a craft.

The Marshall Public Library is having a Teddy Bear Workshop 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., where you can stuff your own bear (requires registration). The Triple T 4-H Club will have two crafts at the 4-H Clubhouse (10 a.m.-noon), and Julie's Elf Workshop has a fun Christmas tree craft you can make at Fried Green Tomatoes (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)

There will be an Alpine Snow Tubing slide and two bounces available for the kids (noon - 5 p.m.).

There will be face painting at the Gaslight Art Colony (10 - noon) and be sure to look at their holiday premiere while you are there. It will offer special art creations for sale.

Moe's on Main will be offering specialty drinks, appetizers and soup, and Moe's Liquors - Bar & Package will have wine, liquor and spirit taste testing (1-3 p.m.)

The tree lighting will be held at 5:15 p.m. and the Parade of Lights Christmas parade will be held at 6 p.m.

There will be an ugly sweater dance at the American Legion post in the evening for elementary students (K-2 grades - 6:30-7:30, 3-6 grades - 7:30-9).

This year, there is even Hometown Holly Days merchandise. Call the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce for details. And for a full schedule of events, please like and follow the Hometown Holly Days Facebook page!

- Hometown Holly Days Committee members Nora Swalls, Nancee Snedeker, Alayna Atwood, Joel Sims, Megan Schofield, Alyson Thompson, Josh Beeman, Kim Beeman, Ginger McKillop, Cindy Ewing, Brad Burson, Denise Hoggatt.

Enjoy special holiday drinks at Gypsy Queen Coffee Shop

Gypsy Queen Coffee has been busy creating holiday drinks for the upcoming season! They are offering their traditional Peppermint Frappe, Peppermint Mocha and Gingerbread Latte.

New this year is a Cranberry Fizz Tiki Breeze, an Eggnog Latte and a Christmas Cookie Latte.

As always, they will have fresh pastries on hand, holiday cookies, stocking stuffers and their apparel will be on sale for Hometown Holly Days. And they just

might have a special recipe for Holly Days gelato!

Stop in and warm up after enjoying the outdoor activities, rest your feet, and fill up your tummy with holiday goodness!



Moe's on Main to offer holiday specials during Holly Days

Moe's on Main, located at 613 Archer Avenue in downtown Marshall will offer half-off appetizers from 12 to 8 p.m.

on December 2nd. There will also be chicken gnocchi and cheesy potato ham soups.

Moe's will also be serv-

ing Christmas specialty drinks sure to warm your spirits. Enjoy the Baileys chocolate mar-

tini is a dessert in a glass and the tangy and sweet Cosmopolitan. You won't find better cocktails!

Food Trucks at Holly Days

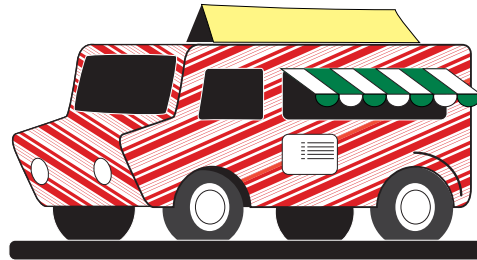
Stop by the courthouse square in downtown Marshall during Hometown Holly

Days and grab a quick bite. The food trucks will be set up on the east side of the courthouse from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

This year's food

trucks will be Sati Babi, Ben's Pretzels, Wetherell Concessions, Two Pigs Barbecue

and Dude's Donuts. Get ready to enjoy your food truck favorites.



Join us at Harlan Hall Saturday for Holly Days!

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Gaslight's Holiday Premiere features gifts of art for purchase; free face painting available

The Gaslight Art Colony's Holiday Premiere opened on Saturday, November 18, but the Gaslight gallery will be open through December 16, so you still have the opportunity to purchase items made by our local artisans. Art makes a great holiday gift!

Tis the Season to Shop!

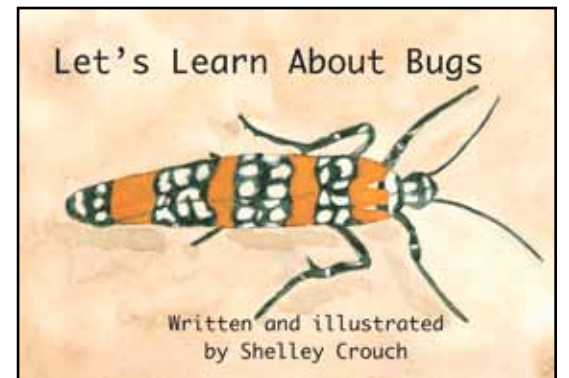
The Gaslight gallery is located at 516 Archer Avenue in downtown Marshall, Illinois.

Holiday Hours are Tuesday 9-12, Wednesdays, 10-1, Thursdays 10-5, Fridays 1-5 and Saturdays 10-1. During Hometown Holly Days on December 2, the Gaslight will have extended hours, 9-1.

There will also be free face painting for kids from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Gaslight Art Colony is a Not-for-Profit organization dedicated to broadening an appreciation of the Arts by providing opportunities that promote awareness, participation and understanding through

fine arts exhibitions, classes and workshops. Twenty-five percent of all sales from the Holiday Premiere will go to the Colony. Thank you in advance for your support.



Fried Green Tomatoes to offer Elf Workshop

Come visit the Elf's Workshop at Fried Green Tomatoes in downtown Marshall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 2. Once there, your child can make a 5" freestanding Christmas tree!

There is a fee of \$5 and no

appointment is necessary.

Fried Green Tomatoes is a local gem filled with unique and one of a kind items located at 116 N. 6th Street. Stop in and shop for pottery, furniture, house plants, decor and oddities.

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Hometown Holly Days Christmas Market vendors at Harlan Hall will include:

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The Shanty, Nicky's Kustom Creations, Sawdust Inspirations, K Krafts & Designs, Wild Wood Woodworking, Shane's Etched Glass, Handspun Junction, National Road Quilters, Happy Dawn, CW Woodworks &



Design, Thirty One by Kelly Livvix, Head Threads, Bougie B Design Co. and Lifewave.

The Christmas Market at

Harlan Hall will be open on December 2nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You will be sure to find something for everyone on your Christmas list!

Hometown Holly Days breakfast buffet

Hometown Holly Days will kick off at 7 a.m. with a breakfast buffet at the Lions Den Pizzeria until 10 a.m. Enjoy breakfast pizzas, french toast casserole, hash brown casserole and biscuits and gravy before setting out for a day of

Christmas fun!

Lions Den Pizzeria is located at 4032 Archer Avenue, Marshall. There is a cost for the buffet. Adults are \$11 and children \$9. The price includes drink.



Santa Fun Run/Walk

Hometown Holly Days will play host to a Santa Fun Walk/Run on December 2nd at 8 a.m. Registration will begin at 7:30 at the First Christian Church, located at 902 N. 6th Street.

Participants are encouraged to wear Santa suits, reindeer antlers or ugly sweaters to this fun two-mile event.

Come get your adrenaline flowing for a day of fun activities.



Christmas teddy bear stuffing workshop

Add sunshine to a cold winter day by signing up for Marshall Public Library's Christmas Teddy Bear Stuffing Workshop for children ages 2-12 years old.

Children are invited to enjoy a heartwarming experience that will include a one-of-a-kind teddy bear stuffing experience, along with a Christmas story and snack with hot cocoa.

Registration is required. The workshop will be held during Holly Days on December 2nd from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00

p.m. with each session lasting 30 minutes.

Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

The cost is a \$20 per child payable to the Marshall Public Library the day of the workshop with check or cash. There is a limit of one bear per child.

The library is located at 612 Archer Avenue, in Marshall, Illinois and is handicap accessible. Please call ahead if special accommodations are needed the day of the workshop.

Parade of Lights

If you would like to

The Parade of Lights is a long standing tradition in Marshall. This year's parade is expected to be bigger and better than ever before.

The parade is set for December 2nd starting at 6:00 p.m. Watch for the lion float in the Christmas Parade. This special float was sponsored by Stence Realty Team and Crumrin Whitetail Properties.

The parade starts at the corner of 7th and Archer and runs west along Archer. Parade watchers are encouraged to line up on either side of Archer Avenue.

enter a float in the parade, there are three categories, and each category has a 1st and 2nd place cash prize - \$75 for 1st place and \$50 for 2nd place. The categories are Family / Church; Business/Organization; Golf Cart/Side by Side (UTV). It is free to enter.

You can contact Denise Hoggatt at 217-251-2441 or email dksme6810@gmail.com or call Sara Tingley at 217-822-5755. Entries will sign in at the VFW parking lot (behind Lions Den) between 4:30 & 5:30 to get put in the line up. Judging starts at 5:30.

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Hometown Holly Days Window Decorating Contest

The Hometown Holly Days committee will be sponsoring a holiday window-decorating contest, and downtown businesses are encouraged to take part by creating festive window displays, incorporating holiday cheer and holly.

The Marshall Rotary Club will be serving as the window judges for the 2023 Holly Days celebration.

Windows need to be completed by Noon on Friday, December 1st – with judging happening later that afternoon.

Winners will be announced by close of business that day. The window judges will be

ranking windows based on general presentation, originality, creativity and effective use of color and most importantly - holly!

“I can’t wait to see the holiday spirit take over all over Marshall, especially around the courthouse square where the festival will be,” said Hometown Holly Days committee member Megan Schofield. “We are excited to make Marshall a sought-after spot for the holiday festivities and cheer!”

The Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce knows that window-decorating contests

are a labor of love for those participating in community events behind the scenes and appreciates the support they receive for all of their events throughout the year.

“I am excited our community comes together to celebrate our events!” said Nora Swalls, Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

Window decorating applications can be found at the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce office downtown Marshall, or you can give them a call 217-826-2034 to make sure your businesses

window isn’t missed. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, November 29th.

Breakfast with Santa

The Clark County Optimist Club with host Breakfast with Santa at the United Methodist Church, located at 702 Plum Street in Marshall from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday morning, December 2.

The kids can get into the

Christmas spirit and have breakfast with Santa, enjoy a craft and get their picture taken with Santa. Outside, Santa’s reindeer will be available to view and take pictures. This is a free breakfast for the kids.

American Legion to host Ugly Sweater Dance for Marshall K-6 students

The Clark County Post 90 of the American Legion will host a dance for students grades K-2 6:30-7:30 p.m. and students grades 3-6 7:30-9:00 p.m. on December 2nd.

Refreshments will be furnished by the American Le-

gion Auxiliary. Queen B Productions will be set up with a photo booth.

Trophies will be awarded to one girl and one boy in each age group for ugliest sweater.

This is a chaperoned event and is

FREE for Marshall School students.



Hometown Holly Days, Bethlehem Experience merchandise

The Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce will

have some wonderful Hometown Holly Days and Bethlehem Experience merchandise available.

Stop by the Chamber office at 708 Archer Avenue and check out their assortment of tumblers,

etched mugs, wine glasses, ornaments,



sweatshirt and T-shirts. You find something for everyone on your list.



St. Mary’s cookie walk

The annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be from 9 -11 a.m. at the St. Mary’s Parish Hall located at 414 South 6th Street in Marshall.

Walk through and pick out your own homemade holiday

candy, cookies and breads for \$5 per pound. Refreshments will be available.

Proceeds go to St. Mary’s United Teens and PSR Programs.

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Enjoy the Bethlehem Experience!

A new annual tradition is coming to Marshall during the

Hometown Holly Days event! The Bethlehem Experience

will feature nine live scenes presented by the churches of Marshall. The Hometown Holly Days Committee hopes to add new scenes every year.

Scene 1 Luke 1:26-38

Gabriel comes to Mary in her home. Mary is troubled, but Gabriel reassures her and tells her that she will give birth to Jesus. Mary questions how it can be. Gabriel explains and leaves her.

Scene 2 Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph is sleeping when an angel comes to him and tells him that Mary will give birth to Jesus.

Scene 3 Luke 2:1-5

Mary and Joseph walking with a donkey up and down a



bustling open-air market.

Scene 4 Luke 2:6-7

Jesus is born. In this scene,

Mary and Joseph are taking care of baby Jesus.

Scene 5 Luke 2:8-12

While shepherds keep watch over their sheep, an angel appears, and the shepherds are terrified. The angel reassures them and gives them the good news of Jesus' birth.

Scene 6 Luke 2:13-14

An angel choir made up of



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five separate choirs from local church praise teams.

Scene 7 2:15-16

The shepherds arrive to see baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Scene 8 Matthew 2:1-10

Herod calls a meeting with his royal court to discuss Jesus.

Scene 9 Matthew 2:11

This scene is of Mary and Jesus living life when the wise men come bow down and present gifts to Jesus.

Local churches that are participating this year: Armstrong United Methodist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Clarksville Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Emmanuel and

Zion UMC, Marshall Baptist Church, First Christian Church, the Grace Project, New Rivers Church, The Pentecostals of Marshall, First Congregational Church, and the Marshall Church of the Nazarene.



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Keep an eye out for photo opportunities

Keep a look out for your favorite Frozen characters, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer

and the Grinch during Hometown Holly Days! They will be wandering around from 12 to 5 p.m. for fun photo opportunities.

Thank you

The Hometown Holly Days Committee would like to give a big thank you to Lindsay's

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Community Christmas Tree Lighting

On December 2nd, at 5:15 p.m., you are invited to come and watch the lighting of a big Christmas tree in front of the

courthouse. This 21-foot tall tree is coming from Dahnke's Tree Farm.

A trailer will unload it on

November 29th. A special base is being built to hold up the tree next to the gazebo on the courthouse square.

Lights will be strung on the tree by City workers, so it can be lit at the official tree lighting at 5:15 p.m.

Alpine Snow Tubing, Santa and Castle bounce houses

Get ready to experience the thrill of the slopes without the need for snow or skis with the inflatable Alpine Snow Tubing attraction at Hometown Holly Days! Step into a winter wonderland and embark on

an exhilarating ride down our specially-designed inflatable tubing track.

In addition, there will be a Knight Castle Slide Combo. This bounce house will send your kids bouncing off the

goal!

There will also be a Santa Bounce House sponsored by Stence Realty Team. Santa Claus with his rosy cheeks, white beard and iconic red suit will instantly transport you into

the holiday spirit.

Be sure to enjoy all the inflatables that will be located on the west side of the courthouse from 12 noon - 5 p.m.

Wine, Liquor & Spirits Tasting

Stop in to Moe's Bar & Package and liven up your holiday season! Moe's, located at 117 S. 7th Street in Marshall will host a wine, liquor and spirits tasting on December 2nd from 1 to 3 p.m.

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