

Santa Claus coming to Scottsburg during Courtyard Christmas Saturday

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Both children and adults will enjoy the activities scheduled in downtown Scottsburg this Saturday, November 27, during the city's Courtyard Christmas.

Highlights include the annual lighted parade, new and improved decorations and lights in the downtown area, including a remodeled Santa's Castle.

Several downtown businesses will remain open on Saturday to greet visitors with refreshments, and vendors will be located on the square to make sure everyone treats themselves to seasonal delights.

Saturday's schedule will appeal to families on tight budgets as well. Many of the events are free to enjoy. The lineup includes:

?Listen while walking around Scottsburg's downtown for Christmas music provided through the Scott County Public Library's Verdin Chamber Carillon Chimes. Donated by Edith Murphy in memory of the late Roy Carter and Hugh Murphy, the chimes will add to the festive atmosphere throughout the season and on Saturday.

?Open house and refreshments at the Scott County Heritage Center and Museum, 1050 South Main Street, from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs, beverages and desserts on a donation basis only. Items offered in the Museum's holiday silent auction will be on display and ready for bids. Successful bidders will be notified at the end of the auction on December 18. Christmas trees, gift items and a special contribution from Bob McAdams' private art collection will be featured. Funds raised during this event will benefit the Museum.

?Santa and Mrs. Claus and a bevy of elves will greet youngsters and adults at the Scott County Public Library, located on the southwest corner of the downtown square, from 3 to 5 p.m. Children can have free photos taken with Santa, which can be framed before they leave, and hot chocolate and cookies will be served to all.

?At the renovated gazebo, located on the southeast side of the courtyard, several church groups will be performing starting at 4:30 p.m.

?Lighted parade participants must report to the staging area at Scottsburg Elementary School by 5:30 p.m. The parade will step off and go east on State Road 56 (West McClain Avenue) starting at 6 p.m.

As the parade nears Santa's Castle by the gazebo, it will stop so that Santa Claus can join Scottsburg Mayor Bill Graham, who will welcome everyone. After the Mayor's comments, Santa and Mayor Graham will hit the switch that will activate all of the downtown decorative lighting.

The parade itself will continue back to the staging area. Entries are competing for Best Car, Best Church/Civic Group, Best Fire Department, Best Business and Best Overall Entry. Anyone wishing information on how to enter the parade can still obtain forms at the Mayor's office at City Hall or e-mail administrative assistant Sue Amick at sueamick@c3bb.com.

?Another hour of free musical entertainment will be provided at the gazebo following the lighting ceremony.

Courtyard Christmas is being sponsored by the Scottsburg Beautification Committee, downtown businesses and the Scott County Visitors Commission.

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