

# WinterFest blows into town Friday

Annual downtown event kicks off Friday

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ANDERSON — There may not be snow on the ground yet, but snowmen will start popping up around downtown Anderson this week.

Winterfest blows into town Friday, with local business and organizations hosting special events and sales.

For the first time, the annual celebration will run in conjunction with the Anderson Christmas parade at 7:15 p.m. Friday.

Anderson Indiana Main Street (AIMS) president Nancy Moneyhun said she hopes the parade will attract people to downtown businesses during Winterfest. Participating businesses and organizations will have a snowman outside.

“You can see a lot of things in a short period of time,” Moneyhun said. “There are events that only occur during Winterfest that don’t occur any other time of year, like the cookie walk, the chili supper and the Winter Princess ...

“You can experience a lot of the things Anderson has to offer.”

Her store, Moneyhun’s Fine Gifts, will offer Christmas ideas, decorations and refreshments Friday and Saturday. Patrons will also receive a free gift when they spend \$50 on non-sale items.

Other activities include a chili dinner and craft bazaar at Christian Central Church; a Winter Wonderland and pictures with the Winter Princess at the Anderson Center for the Arts; crafts at Anderson Public Library; and tours, live music and a wine tasting at A Town Center.

## **Friday**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Christmas Extravaganza with Christmas items at Red Door Vintage and Thrift, 625 Meridian St. A free Christmas mug will be provided with each purchase.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Lowery Concert with Dyanne Awe at 1:30 p.m. at Lambert’s Music Center, 1325 Meridian St. Cookies and refreshments will follow the concert.

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Cookies, cakes and cupcakes will be available as part of the cookie walk from Soroptimist International of Anderson at the Union Building at the corner of 11th and Meridian streets.

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. — Christmas ideas, decorations, gift suggestions and refreshments will be available at Moneyhun's Fine Gifts, 115 W. Eighth St. Patrons will receive a free gift with a \$50 purchase on non-sale items.

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Make-and-take ornaments at Star Photo, 902 E. Main St.

2:15 to 5:15 p.m. — Winter-themed crafts in the children's department of the Anderson Public Library.

4 to 7 p.m. — Enjoy holiday refreshments while listening to music and children's stories at the Gruenewald Historic House, 626 Main St.

4 to 8 p.m. — Soak in the beautifully decorated rooms while visiting the Winter Princess in her Winter Wonderland at the Anderson Center for the Arts, 32 W. 10th St. There will be a make-and-take art project for kids and other activities.

4 to 8 p.m. — A craft bazaar and food will be at Central Christian Church, 923 Jackson St. The chili supper costs \$5 per person and ice cream sundaes will be available for \$3.

5 to 7 p.m. — Visit with artisan vendors, listen to live music, enjoy a wine tasting and take a tour at the new A Town Center, 1204 Meridian St.

5 to 8 p.m. — Enjoy refreshments, hot cocoa and nativity displays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1030 Brown-Delaware St. Free pictures with St. Nicholas will be available.

5:30 to 7 p.m. — Meet Santa Claus in the lobby of City Hall.

7 p.m. — Enjoy the tree lighting on the lawn of City Hall.

7:15 p.m. — Enjoy the Christmas parade throughout downtown.

7 to 9 p.m. — Enjoy canvas and sparkling cider with Beth Webb at ReDefined Salon, 1310 Meridian St.

## **Saturday**

9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. — Create winter-themed crafts in the children's department of the Anderson Public Library.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Christmas ideas, decorations, gift suggestions and refreshments will be available at Moneyhun's Fine Gifts. Patrons will receive a free gift with a \$50-purchase on non-sale items.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Christmas Extravaganza with Christmas items at Red Door Vintage and Thrift, 625 Meridian St. A free Christmas mug will be provided with each purchase.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Families can get portraits done by local photographers at Help Portrait Anderson at the Anderson Center for the Arts. Appointments are required at check-in.

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Make-and-take ornaments, enjoy refreshments and tour the facility during an open house at Star Photo.

Noon to 3 p.m. — Enjoy an open house, Christmas photos and vendors at ReDefined Salon.

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