

Fall has been so pretty with all the colors of the leaves. Fall in Nunda is a special time as the Nunda Chamber is planning for the fourth Christmas In Nunda. This year's theme will be "Hometown Country Fun". This year's Christmas in Nunda is Friday and Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The hours of operation will be Friday 3 PM until 7:30 PM and Saturday 10 AM until 7:30 PM. The Nunda Chamber encourages all local businesses to be open during these hours.

Christmas in Nunda will have many of the featured events. Once again Dan Hurlbert has donated to the Chamber a beautiful hand crafted rocking horse. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Vendors will be in the empty storefronts and small businesses that have space available. Christmas in Nunda has many new quality vendors who have signed up this year as well as many returning vendors. We will also have outside food vendors again this year.

If you are a vendor and want to participate please contact or stop by Journey Quilt (468-2320) for an application. A gentle reminder all vendors (inside and outside) must sign up with the Nunda Chamber. Our small vendor application fee helps defray the costs of this event.

Two new events will be : Decorated Christmas Trees at the Government Center. You may purchase a tree and decorate it as a memory tree of a deceased family member or in honor of a family member or someone you feel deserves this honor. Decorated trees are to be set up on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The trees will on display until January 12, 2010. Cost for the trees is \$25.00. There is a limited amount of trees available so please contact Journey Quilt 468-2320 for your application.

A Hometown Country Christmas Parade has been planned as well. We are hoping many of the local businesses will decorate their vehicles with lights and Christmas decorations. The parade will begin at 7PM on Saturday night. We have applications for you to complete and return or you may pick up one at Journey Quilt Co. Let your imaginations go wild with your decorations. Do a theme, advertise your business, play music, or better yet have a chorus singing. There is no fee to participate but we do need the application completed and returned so we can arrange the parade order.

A Friday night dinner of beef on weck is planned as well as a dinner on Saturday night of fried chicken. Many of the local restaurants will also have special hours of operation as well as special menus.

Saturday morning Breakfast with Santa will once again be at Bill's Restaurant from 8AM to 11AM. After breakfast Santa will be meeting the children at the Gazebo at 1PM. Horse-drawn wagons will be running from vendor spot to vendor spot during the afternoon hours on Saturday. Hours will be 2PM to 4PM and 4PM to 6PM.

The Dalton Assembly of God will once again have the drive through Nativity Scene on the weekend.

Christmas Caroling throughout the village will once again be a part of our Christmas celebration. If you are interested in joining in with a group please contact the committee for further information.

Also during the weekend there will be concerts at Sight and Sound featuring many nice selections of Holiday music from the talented proprietors and family. Plan to stop by, come in and enjoy the sight and sound of Christmas.

This year we encourage all visitors who come to Nunda, for Christmas in Nunda, and stop by all the local businesses and see what they have to offer in the way of gifts. Keeping our local businesses viable will keep our community strong. Bring an unwrapped gift or a non-perishable food item for the collection food and gift boxes for the Community Christmas Project of Nunda Kiwanis and Nunda Rotary and leave the item with a participating business. With a donation you will be eligible to a discount coupon from the cooperating businesses. As you go to many of the businesses there will be boxes on your sheet to mark off your coupons and be eligible for a grand prize which will be selected prior to Christmas eve. This grand prize will be a gift basket with many nice gifts for your pleasure. The value of the basket should be well over \$100.00

After the parade on Saturday a country dance is in the planned. The Starlight Ramblers will be providing the music. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Dance to start at 7:30 PM. This is a time for all ages to come to the high school to enjoy an evening of dancing with your favorite partner. What a great way to complete our Christmas Holiday celebration!

Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors who may be outside the Nunda area about our Christmas festival. Also, a reminder to decorate all your homes and businesses so we can all glow with the Holiday feeling.

The Nunda Chamber of Commerce wishes you a wonderful holiday season.