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2021 holiday activities
guide for the Enid area.



Main Street's ladder to success for downtown's Enid Lights Up the Plains

By Alexander Ewald
Enid News & Eagle

ENID, Okla. — Haylee Weedn spent a recent Saturday afternoon dealing with an unexpected hurdle while trying to hang up Christmas lights in downtown Enid.

The Main Street Enid volunteer stood atop a 10-foot ladder, wrapping strand after strand of blue-colored lights around the branches of the oak tree on the courthouse lawn. This year, though, more leaves and branches were in the way from reaching any higher up on the tree.

Last year — Weedn's first time helping the organization prepare for the holiday season — October's early ice storm had frozen off all the leaves on trees around downtown.

"So we didn't have half the foliage," she said. "It just requires twice the creativity, is the positive way to see it, right?"

Every year, Main Street has amassed more lights to its collection stored at its downtown Enid office. This time around, Executive Director Natalie Beurlot said there are enough lights to wrap higher around the trees.

Today was Beurlot's most anxious day, she said, preparing for the annual downtown lighting event Enid Lights Up the Plains.

"It takes a lot of hands, a lot of people," she said. "But we've worked with much less."

Around the Garfield County Court House Lawn's flag pole, the regular "Tree of Lights" would be raised this afternoon.

Volunteers would stand in a circle around the pole while holding one strand of blue lights and one strand of white, which would then be hooked with carabiners to a 2-foot wheel at first held underneath the pole by Assistant Director Charlet Ringwald.

Klemme Signs would then take the wheel, with the lights now attached, up to the top of the flag pole, unscrew the ball at the peak and screw on the wheel underneath with a star topper of Christmas lights, similar to a stocking holder stand.

"It's a weird way of doing it," Beurlot said, "but it's been the easiest way for us."

In all, 1,000 lights are raised to make the tree alone, with a total 3,500 to 4,000 decorating downtown Enid during the holiday season.

A jam-packed Friday

The organization has been adding more than just lights each year to Enid Lights Up the Plains, which kicks off the holiday season in Enid on Friday, Nov.

26.

Live Christmas music, food trucks, horse-drawn wagon rides, market stall photo ops and a parade of Christmas lights are part of the lineup for the evening in the courthouse lawn and the Double Square of downtown Enid.

With 32 entries, the parade begins at 5 p.m. at Maine and Grand. The evening will end with a fireworks finale at 7:30 p.m.

The lighting ceremony for the highly anticipated Christ Tree — an actual, freshly cut fir tree — will be held the same night, immediately before the fireworks begin.

The ceremony will begin 42 days of free community events celebrating the Christmas season and honoring the Christian faith in the Park Avenue space between Grand and Independence.

Main Street is also bringing back last year's successful ice rink, Holidays on Ice, title-sponsored by Williams Media Group. Jiffy Trip is leading sponsorship of the 140-foot tree, touted the largest freshly cut Christmas tree in the world. Both are owned by Enid entrepreneur Kyle Williams.

The rink, which opened last Saturday in the parking lot south of the Stride Bank Center, has been expanded 10 feet longer and 7 feet wider this year. Beurlot said this doubled costs because of the recent spikes in material costs.

With special hours the first week, the rink area will be open every day until Jan. 2, 2022, including on Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, but will be closed Christmas Day.

Two holiday markets with local vendors will be held Dec. 4 and Dec. 11.

New Year's Eve will see the rink ring in the new year, staying open past midnight until 1 a.m. Jan. 1.

Last year, about 10,000 people, including season ticket-holders, bought tickets to skate.

Beurlot has been out at the site ahead of the opening, as dirt has been poured and tubing installed. Like her volunteers, she'd already wrapped lights around the trees, as well as around the new archways that will span the sidewalk along Independence next to the lot.

"I'm usually out here until like 8 o'clock at night, plugging stuff in and making sure it works. But it's worth it," she said. "You get to see the lights on the courthouse lawn and say, 'I helped with that. I wrapped that tree or I held up that string of lights.'"

The event has always had food ven-



Main Street Enid volunteer Haylee Weedn holds strands of lights being pulled up to the top of the flag pole at the Garfield County Court House lawn on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. The lights form the Tree of Lights as part of Main Street's Enid Lights Up the Plains celebration. (Alexander Ewald / Enid News & Eagle)

dors, wagon/carriage rides, entertainment, fireworks and a guest appearance from Santa Claus, former executive director Kelly Tompkins said.

One year, Mr. Kringle came down off the roof with the fire truck off the street.

In the early-2000s, Enid Lights Up the Plains won the Premiere Special Event award at the state Main Street award ceremony.

In 2012, Tompkins' first ELUP as director, the organization added Pat the giant snowman, made out of a propane tank ends, and a small snow globe.

The next year saw the return of the

Christmas lights parade and the new Tree of Lights, the latter inspired by the red Christmas tree that people used to drive under in the middle of Broadway.

Later additions included the 12 Days of Christmas displays, as well as a giant snow globe and sales of light-up toys.

"I think the event continues to grow because it's such a classic, hometown Christmas event that kicks off the holiday season, with new activities throughout the years that add to the excitement," Tompkins said.

Next year, Beurlot again wants more lights — ones that would stay up year...
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round on the perimeters of the buildings around the square.

Once Enid gets to Christmas, they could then turn green and red, or other colors during different awareness months, she said.

"Hopefully next year, that'll be our next addition," Beurlot said.

Women leading the charge

For the last several decades, a group of women have been climbing ladders to make Enid Lights Up the Plains a resounding success year after year.

Former Main Street board president Roxanna Costello staid this year, three of the four committee chairs are men — including the committee planning ELUP — but the organization has had a history of women in leadership positions.

All five of Main Street Enid's executive directors have been women — the latest being Beurlot, who took the helm in August 2019 after having joined as an assistant director before Tompkins stepped down.

Costello was quick to point out, though, that legalities precluded gender from having anything to do with hiring Beurlot.

"Natalie was just the best candidate for the job when the board decided to hire her for the position," she said. "That's really cool, though, I didn't realize that. ... We have a lot of really cool, strong women in this community."

Shortly after Tompkins' own predecessor, Lindy Chambers, joined the organization as a volunteer in 1994, Main Street's events committee decided to make a



Main Street Enid volunteer Haylee Weedn strings Christmas lights around a tree on the Garfield County Court House lawn Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. (Alexander Ewald / Enid News & Eagle)

downtown Christmas event. Then, she said, much of the organization was made up of women.

The biggest challenge, Chambers said, was figuring out how to string the lights around the courthouse lawn.

"There were like eight women climbing ladders around the square trying to hang up the lights," she said.

Now, though, she said she's comfortable back down on the ground.

"I will offer my expertise of standing below a ladder and pointing to where to put the lights," Chambers said. "And I think that's what it takes, passing it from one generation to another."



Main Street Enid Executive Director Natalie Beurlot (from left), former director Kelly Tompkins and Assistant Director Charlet Ringwald clip strands of lights to a wheel that will be pulled to the top of the flag pole at the Garfield County Court House lawn on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. (Alexander Ewald / Enid News & Eagle)



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The One to bring holiday cheer to Enid

By Kat Jeanne
Enid News & Eagle

ENID, Okla. — The One, the multi-event holiday experience opening Friday in downtown Enid, is meant to reignite the Christian meaning of the holidays, while bonds with one another are strengthened and celebrated.

The 140-foot Christmas tree is at the crux of the experience, towering south of downtown Enid, soon to be decorated with holiday cheer at the annual Lights Up The Plains event Friday.

"We wanted to bring the community together during the holidays, and stir up that classic, heart-warming Christmas spirit feeling," according to The One organizers.

The "passion project" began in Enid with the Williams family, which is the main sponsor of the giant fir tree. Kyle Williams' passion for the community is what made him choose to place the tree in downtown Enid.

"Having The One where it now sits allows visitors to experience our incredible downtown atmosphere and have shopping, dining and lodging all within walking distance," said Nicole Winfield, project manager for The One.

"I can't imagine a better setting for a magical Christmas experience than in the heart of our downtown."

Setting out to create an unforgettable holiday experience, The One tree is taller

than New York's Rockefeller Christmas tree. The New York live-cut Christmas tree is around 77 feet tall, while Enid's is 140 feet tall.

"But this isn't about who's got the biggest tree. The tree is a marker for the true One, the immeasurable One, God," according to The One's website.

"When you're gathered with your family, surrounded by our beautiful Christmas tree, partaking in the fun events planned, we hope you remember: Soli Deo Gloria — All glory be to God," according to The One's website.

Beyond bringing spiritual meanings and connections to downtown holiday celebrations, The One Gives is partnering with RSVP Enid, Forgotten Ministries and Catholic Charities of Enid to provide 100 6-foot artificial trees to local families.

"Today, Christmas trees come in all different shapes and sizes from the traditional fir tree — like the one we brought to downtown Enid — to an artificial tree," according to The One's website. "The tradition of decorating a tree is embraced by millions of people worldwide of different faiths and cultures."

The \$225 artificial trees, complete with lights and decorations, will be donated to 100 families in need of extra cheer.

"Let's continue to bless others in our Enid community this Christmas season," according to The One's website. "Our hearts for The One is to gift our community with an event that instills joy, hope and peace."



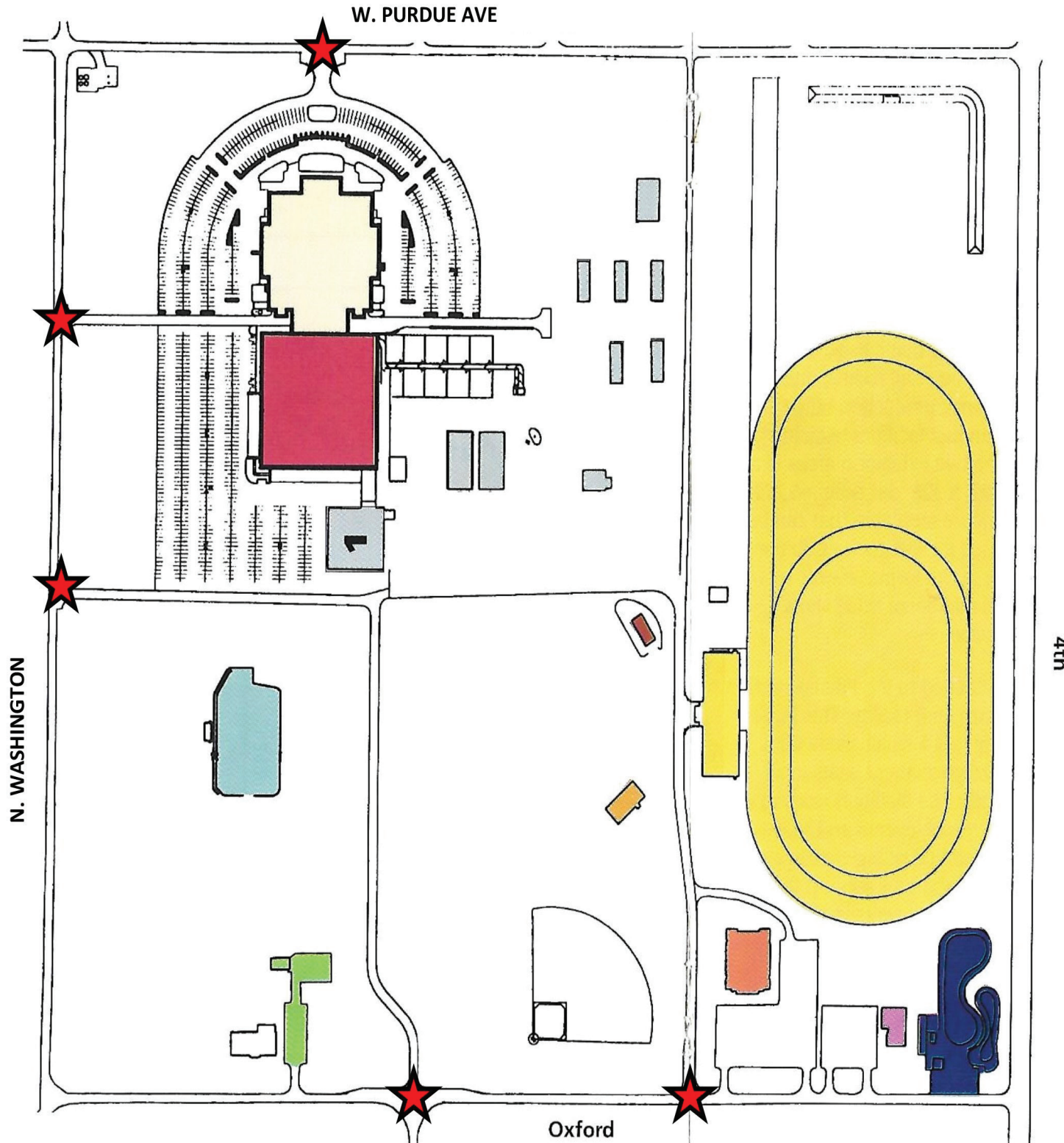
Carol and Kyle applaud the work of volunteers during the announcement of "The One" Monday, July 26, 2021 in downtown Enid. "The One" is a planned 140 foot Christmas tree that will be installed in downtown for the holidays. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)



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Warm up with a rich, chocolate beverage

Nothing beats sipping a hot, soothing beverage after a day of choosing the perfect Christmas tree or lobbing snowballs in the backyard. Teas, hot toddies, coffees, and mulled ciders certainly can fit the bill, but a mug of rich hot chocolate is a holiday season staple.

Hot chocolate can be whipped up quickly from premade packets, but many such packets are loaded with sugar. Chocolate lovers should have a reliable hot chocolate recipe to lean on when the moment is right. This recipe for "Real Hot Chocolate" from "Chocolate" (Parragon) by the editors of Love Food is sure to please.

Real Hot Chocolate

Serves 1 to 2

1 1/2 ounces semisweet chocolate, broken into pieces

1 1/4 cups milk

Chocolate curls to decorate

Place the chocolate in a large, heatproof pitcher. Place the milk in a heavy-bottom saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour about one-quarter of the milk onto the chocolate and leave until the chocolate has softened.

Whisk the milk and chocolate mixture until smooth. Return the remaining milk to the heat and return to a boil, then pour onto the chocolate, whisking constantly.

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Drawing at 7 p.m.



Enid's 18th Annual Candy Cane Cash event will be held at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center. Plenty of parking is available, and the Chisholm Trail Expo Center is a large venue with plenty of space. Stadium seating is also available.

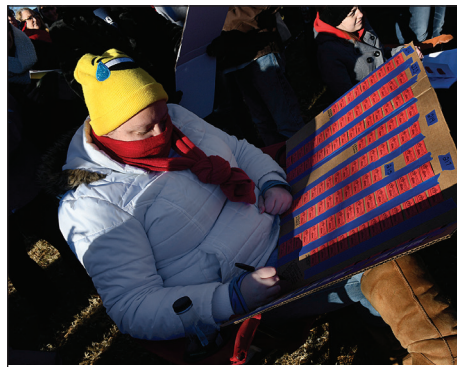
How to participate in Candy Cane Cash

Since Oct. 25, more than 40 Candy Cane Cash merchants in Enid have been handing out Candy Cane Cash tickets for every \$10 in purchases. Candy Cane Cash tickets will be handed out until noon on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Thursday's are double-ticket days.

Our merchants are doing a great job of handing out tickets, but don't hesitate to ask for your tickets when you make your purchases at Candy Cane Cash businesses. A free ticket can also be obtained at Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce, 210 Kenwood Blvd. and at the Enid News & Eagle, 227 W. Broadway.



On the evening of Dec. 7, come out to the Chisholm Trail Expo Center to participate in the drawing. You must be present to win. Doors open at 5 p.m. The drawing will take place at 7 p.m.



Organize your tickets

When the drawings start, you will have just a few minutes to claim your prize. That is why it is imperative that you organize your tickets by color and number.

Tickets can be blue, red, green or white. They will all have seven numbers on them. By organizing your tickets by color and numerically, you will be able to reference them quickly when the numbers are called.

When the tickets are pulled from the hopper, the announcer will announce the color of the ticket and the numbers, and people on stage will display the large numbers. Participants have

a minute to determine if they have the winning number, and they have another minute to get to the stage to present their winning ticket. Once the ticket is verified, we will move on to the next drawing.

Drawings will be for two \$500 prizes, two \$1,000 prizes, one \$2,000 prize, one \$2,500 prize and the \$7,500 grand prize for a total of \$15,000 in cash prizes.



What else is happening at the event?

This year's event includes vendor booths from some of our participating merchants as well as non-profit organizations. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for photos with the family. Kids can provide Santa their Christmas list. See the Enid Police Dept. S.W.A.T. tactical vehicle and fire trucks up close. Miss NOC Mia-Claire Jones will also be available to help



with the drawing.

You'll have time to visit the booths and grab a snack or refreshment from the concession stand. The stage for the drawing will be in the center of the Expo Center, a decorated for the season by Plants A Plenty.

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'It's a blessing': Past Candy Cane Cash winners use money to help with expenses, pay it forward

By Kelci McKendrick
Enid News & Eagle

ENID, Okla. — When Monte Brotherson won \$500, other people benefitted.

Brotherson, who won the money during last year's Candy Cane Cash virtual drawing, decided to give most of his winnings away to others, using only enough on himself to buy a full tank of gas.

Candy Cane Cash, he said, has been a "blessing" for him and for many others who have won or have been helped by winners.

"It's a nice little extra, and you're helping all these merchants, and it's just a nice way to pay it forward. It means a lot," he said. "Now, if you don't win, then you don't win, but you always have that chance. It's so nice that everybody involved is doing this and trying to help people, especially at this time of year. ... You just don't know what people are going through."

Now in its 18th year, Candy Cane Cash gives out \$15,000 in total cash prizes to people who have shopped locally in Enid during the holiday season.

Brotherson was one of seven who won Candy Cane Cash last year, with the highest amount of \$7,500 going to Anita Chance, who had been out of work for several months and taking care of her 90-year-old father.



Frank Baker, April Danahy and Miss NOC Enid Emily Hall during a virtual Candy Cane Cash drawing Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at Enid High School. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)

Now in its 18th year, Candy Cane Cash gives out \$15,000 in total cash prizes to people who have shopped locally in Enid during the holiday season.

"I was just jumping for joy, screaming and yelling," Chance said of her reaction to winning. "I asked my sister-in-law, 'Didn't you hear me from the other side of town?'"

Chance's father died in December 2020, but she said the winnings helped her out tremendously with Christmas gifts, helping her son pay off his student loans and covering bills and day-to-day expenses.

Like Brotherson, Chance said that as a previous winner, Candy

Cane Cash has a bigger meaning, and she hopes to see even more people benefit from the winnings.

"I liked the \$7,500, but I wish they could spread it out a little bit more," she said.

Brotherson and Chance will both be participating in Candy Cane Cash again this year, hoping that lightning will strike in the same place twice, but they both said they'll be OK if others take home the winnings.

"It's a blessing, and if (I win)

again, more people are going to be happy. I can just keep paying it forward because it comes back to you. I really believe that," Brotherson said. "I got the chance, and if somebody else wins, somebody else's life will be happier, even if it is just for a little bit."

Candy Cane Cash kicked off Oct. 25 and will run through Dec. 7, with participating merchants providing customers one Candy Cane Cash ticket for every \$10 in purchases at their location.

Customers can then organize their tickets for the big holiday event and drawing, which will be from 5-7 p.m. at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center on Dec. 7.



Gingerbread goodness



Gingerbread is a broad term that can describe anything from a firm and crispy cookie to a moist, soft cake. Traditionally, gingerbread is seasoned with ginger, cloves, nutmeg, and other aromatic spices. Molasses and brown sugar counteract the spice with sweetness. North Americans have been baking gingerbread in various shapes or forms for more than 200 years, and the recipes even pre-date the American revolution. However, gingerbread dates back even further to the Shakespearean era, with The Bard having mentioned it in one of his plays. Gingerbread's name can be traced to medieval England and once referred to any kind of preserved ginger. The term went on to reference ginger-flavored cakes in the 15th century, and gingerbread eventually became popular throughout the world. Even though gingerbread cakes and cookies have been made for centuries, Germans are often credited with creating gingerbread houses, according to Smithsonian. They were probably modeled after the witch's candy cottage in the German fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel." Even though gingerbread can be made any time of year, it is particularly associated with the Christmas season, with gingerbread men and other fanciful shapes turning up on cookie platters.

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4 tips to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season



Families big and small typically celebrate the holiday season together. For some, celebrating the holidays with family requires traveling, while others stay put and welcome family and friends into their homes.

At some point during the holiday season, celebrants who host family and friends will no doubt prepare a home-cooked meal for their loved ones. Cooking for a crowd can seem like a daunting task, especially for first-time hosts. However, there are various ways for hosts to simplify cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

1. Prepare a familiar dish.

Hosts may agonize over their holiday menus, and some may feel compelled to prepare a family specialty or the same dishes their parents or grandparents prepared for holiday dinners when they were children. But holiday hosts can make things easy on themselves by choosing dishes they've made in the past, regardless of their place in family history. Chances are the ingredients for hosts' own specialties are already in the pantry, saving a potentially time-consuming trip to the grocery store. And thanks to the familiarity factor, hosts' own specialties likely won't require as much time to prepare.

2. Share some cooking duties.

Another way to simplify cooking for a crowd is to invite guests to bring along

a side dish or dessert. Guests who live nearby can make something in advance of the big meal, while hosts can hand over their kitchens to overnight guests who express a willingness to contribute their own homecooked dish to the party. Sharing the cooking duties gives hosts more time to connect with friends and family and serves as a great way to plan the menu in advance.

3. Only make what guests are likely to eat.

Hosts also should not feel pressured to cook more food than is necessary. Holiday meals have a tendency to be lavish, but hosts don't have to spend all day in the kitchen preparing food that will likely end up as leftovers or trash. Get a final headcount in the days before everyone comes over and adjust your recipes accordingly.

4. Start early.

If the big is on Christmas Day, that does not mean hosts have to start cooking while everyone unwraps their presents. Hosts who are uncertain about what to cook can look for meals that can be prepared in advance so come the big day all they need to do is turn on the oven and let meals cook while the family spends time together.

Hosts can employ various strategies to simplify the process of cooking for a crowd this holiday season.

Did you know?

Lights on a Christmas tree may seem like a relatively recent phenomenon, but people who can't wait to deck the halls each December may be surprised to learn that this beloved tradition dates all the way back to the late nineteenth century. Edward Johnson, a friend and colleague of Thomas Edison, introduced holiday light bulbs in 1882. Prior to that, candles were lit on trees and families would briefly gaze at this awe-inspiring bit of holiday decor before the candles were quickly extinguished. Johnson is credited with being the first to suggest light bulbs, which were invented by his friend Edison, be used to light trees in place of candles. While many were impressed by Johnson's eight-bulb holiday display, it remained a novelty until the 1920s, when preassembled lights became more accessible. Since then, Christmas tree lights have taken hold as a must-have piece of holiday decor in households across the globe.

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Having a fast and easy breakfast at the ready on Christmas morning allows families to jump right into the festivities rather than spending too much time in the kitchen.

This recipe for "Spiced Yogurt Muffins," courtesy of the National Dairy Council, Dannon and McCormick, can be made in advance and then enjoyed while peeking into Christmas stockings or watching holiday parades on television. This big-batch recipe is ideal for feeding a houseful of overnight holiday guests. Or it can be prepared in advance and doled out as needed throughout the week. The muffins also can be made as a treat for holiday office luncheons. Cut the recipe in half for smaller yields.

Spiced Yogurt Muffins

(Yield: 50 servings)

6 1/2 cups Dannon plain fat-free Greek yogurt
4 cups water, room temperature
1 box (5 lbs) Gold Medal® Muffin Mix, Whole Grain Variety
3 tablespoons McCormick pumpkin pie spice
2 tablespoons McCormick Chipotle cinnamon

Combine yogurt and water in mixing bowl. Whisk until blended. Set aside.

Add spices to dry muffin mix in a large bowl. Add yogurt and water mixture to the muffin mixture. Mix until just blended. Don't overmix.

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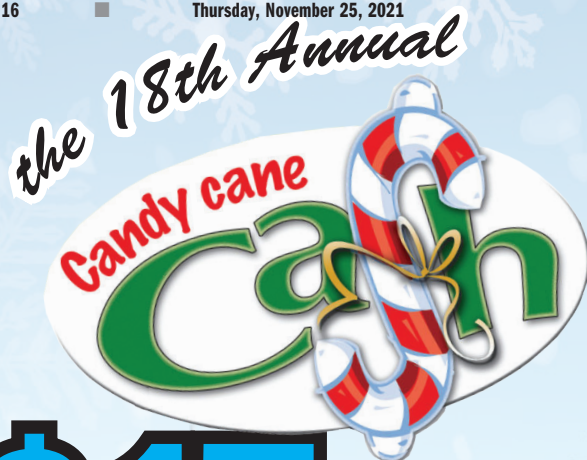
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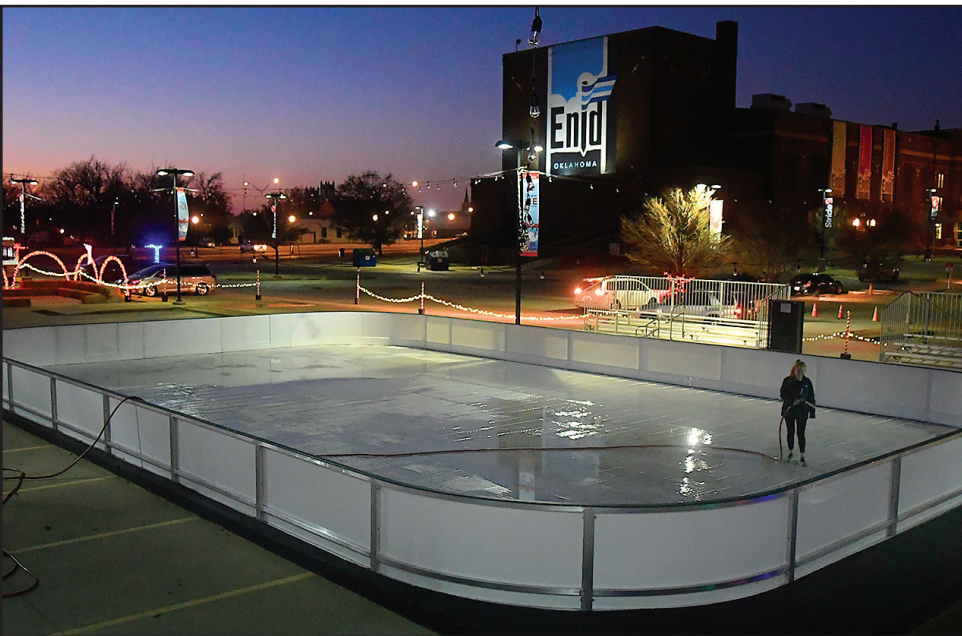
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Alexandra Logoutine sprays water to build the ice for the downtown ice rink Thursday, November 19, 2020. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)



Christmas lights reflect off the water of Willow Lake Tuesday, December 22, 2020. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)

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Holiday events in Enid



The One Enid – World's Largest Fresh-Cut Christmas Tree Nov. 26, 2021 – Jan. 6, 2022 theoneenid.com

The One Enid, which features the world's largest fresh-cut Christmas tree on display just south of the Stride Bank Event Center and will feature 42-days of holiday experiences. The tree itself, is 140-feet tall and is being brought to Enid at The Christ Tree by the Kyle Williams family. The tree arrived in October and will be on full lighted display Nov. 26 through Jan. 6. The display will include several other events, including concerts, sing-alongs, worship services and other presentations.



Holidays on Ice Skating Rink 400 S. Independence 855.TIX.Enid SkateInEnid.com



Holidays on Ice in Downtown Enid is open now and into its second year with an expanded ice skating rink and a beautiful Christmas tree backdrop.

Presented by Williams Media Group, the rink is located in the parking lot between the Stride Bank Center and the art installation Under Her Wings was the Universe. The rink opens Nov. 19 and includes skating times on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Season passes and group and party rates are available.



Enid Lights Up the Plains Nov. 26; 5 to 7:30 p.m. Downtown Enid mainstreetenid.org/enid-lights-up-the-plains



Enid Lights Up the Plains has been the community's premier event for nearly 30 years. Always the day after Thanksgiving, Enid's downtown Christmas lights are turned on during this annual holiday festival. The annual free event includes Santa Claus, food trucks, horse-drawn wagon rides, Tree of Lights, Christmas Lights parade, a grand finale fireworks show that coincides with the lighting of the Christ Tree. Several events will continue through the holiday season. Enid residents should not miss the opportunity to take in each and every one. Here is a listing of holiday events, but be sure to check out VisitEnid.org for a complete list of holiday activities and events.



The Market Neighborhood Shops **Christmas Craft Show** Nov. 27; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Dozens of local and regional vendors will provide fall decor, wood decor, boutique items, bows and other handmade crafts. Admission is free.



Christmas at the Farm Weekends Nov. 26 through Dec. 12 Redbird Farm redbirdfarmerenid.com



Take a step back in time, and enjoy a family friendly working Christmas tree and blackberry farm in Enid, Oklahoma. Cut down your own Christmas tree from our field, or choose one of our pre-cut varieties. The barn is stocked with fun Christmas gifts and finds.



Enid Symphony Orchestra Presents Handel's Messiah November 27; 7:30 p.m. Enid Symphony Center

Enjoy a classic performance of the Watkins-Shaw edition of Handel's Messiah performed in the Joan Allen Symphony Hall.



Christmas in the Park Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 19 | 6-8 p.m. Meadowlake Park, 1200 W Rupe

Christmas in the Park will make its return to Meadowlake Park on select evenings in late November and early December. A drive-through event, each vehicle of participants will be handed a "bag of goodies" as they cruise through the park, 1200 W. Rupe, to view the lights and characters on both the north and south sides of the park. The city of Enid also will host a toy drive for Toys for Tots and will have a drop-off section for collecting new, unwrapped toys.



Gaslight Theatre presents Mary Poppins Dec. 3-5; Dec. 10-11 GaslightTheatre.org



Attend Sunday, Dec. 5 special performance with proceeds to benefit the 2021 Enid United Way campaign. (Provided by the Enid News & Eagle)

Everyone's favorite practically perfect nanny takes the stage in this Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious musical adventure. The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again.



Candy Cane Cash Drawing and Event Dec. 7; Chisholm Trail Expo Center 5-8 p.m.

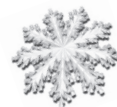


Keep visiting Candy Cane Cash merchants and collecting your Candy Cane Cash tickets, then come to the drawing event to see if you're a winner of one of the \$15,000 cash prizes. Vendors will have booths available, and lots of holiday activities will be going on. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Enid News & Eagle, Enid Chamber of Commerce, Security National Bank, City of Enid and Enid Regional Development Authority.

NOC Mackie Planetarium presents Star of Bethlehem Dec. 8: NOC campus planetarium at Randolph and Hedges



The show is titled: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God: Psalm 19:1." Visitors will see what the sky over Babylon looked like to the Wise Men 2,000 years ago. We will show how planetary orbits and some complex mathematics combined with the alignments of the stars alerted the Persians in Babylon to events that had been prophesized by Daniel 500 years before. The planetarium will show how events in the night sky guided the Wise Men to Bethlehem. We will show how the sky and the Star appeared over Bethlehem as seen from Jerusalem on that first Christmas morning. There is no admission charge but we will accept donations of food for Our Daily Bread. Additional shows may be scheduled for groups by calling Fritz Osell at 580.548.2314.



Christmas in the Village Dec. 10 5-9 p.m. Cherokee Strip Regional Heritage Center



Escape to a simpler time and experience Christmas in the Cherokee Outlet as it was over 100 years ago, with the sights, smells and sounds of the holiday season. Four historic buildings in Humphrey Heritage Village are decorated for Christmas circa 1900, including the Glidewell House, where every room is filled with the Christmas spirit. Step from the Glidewell's living room where the Christmas tree awaits presents for young and old into the dining room, set pristinely in anticipation of a mouth-watering Christmas dinner.

Holiday events in Enid

**Leo's Night of Lights
AdventureQuest
Dec. 10
5-7 p.m.**

Stop by Santa's workshop for some activities, get a pick with Santa and play with some elves. Admission is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members.

**Living Drive-Through Nativity
Dec. 10-12
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

First Church of the Nazarene | 324 N. Cleveland

The living nativity is a simple, visual reenactment of the truth of Christmas; the story of how God entered our world in the form of a baby. Guests will drive through a pathway of lights and witness first-hand the story of the first Christmas as portrayed in ten different scenes. The story comes alive through beautiful music, Scripture and live animals.

**Trolley Bob Christmas Lights Tour
Dec. 13-17
6-8 p.m.
Stride Bank Center
580.233.3643**

See the best Christmas light displays in Enid and Lahoma from the comfort of the Chisholm Trail Trolley, known as Trolley Bob, the week of December 13-17. Tickets will be sold beginning with the tour on Monday, December 13. Once that is filled, tickets will go on sale for Tuesday, December 14, and will follow that pattern until the final night of tours on Friday, December 17. Tickets are \$18 each and are limited to the first 22 who sign up. Payment for tickets is cash or check only.

**It's a Wonderful Life Radio Play
Dec. 18 1:15 to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5:15 p.m.
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This beloved American holiday classic comes to captivating life as a live 1940s radio broadcast. With the help of an ensemble that brings a few dozen characters to the stage, the story of idealistic George Bailey unfolds as he considers ending his life one fateful Christmas Eve.

**Community Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24 at 2 p.m.; 4 p.m.; 6 p.m.; 8 p.m.
The One Enid**

A series of services will be available near The Christ Tree.

**Cirque Musica Holiday Spectacular
Dec. 30
7 p.m.**

**Stride Bank Center
Tickets: <https://www.stridebankcenter.com/>**

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**Leo's Rockin' Noon New Year's Eve
Dec. 31
10 a.m. to noon**

Enjoy lunch and activities and a dance for the kids. Admission is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members.

**Gaslight Theatre's Steampunk New Year's Eve Gala
Dec. 31
9 p.m.
Stride Bank Center**

Gaslight Theatre is thrilled to announce we're bring back the New Year's Eve Gala with Steampunk New Year's Eve, an evening of dancing, champagne, and more! Where the PAST meets the FUTURE! Tickets are available at GaslightTheatre.org.

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A Christmas ornament hangs from a tree on west Maine Friday, December 6, 2019. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)



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Graciela A la Torre (left) pumps her fist as April Danahy confirms the winning ticket for the grand prize of \$7500 in the Candy Cane Cash drawing Saturday December 9, 2017 on the Garfield County Courthouse lawn in downtown Enid. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)



Lights line the driveway of a house on east Wood Road Thursday, December 17, 2020. (Billy Hefton / Enid News & Eagle)



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Who can resist the magic of the holiday season? Especially when that magic brings a normally inanimate snowman to life! That's the concept behind "Frosty the Snowman," a song both children and adults enjoy each holiday season. Musicians Jack Rollins and Steve Nelson co-wrote the song in 1950, when it quickly caught on as a catchy and memorable tune. Just a year earlier, Rollins and Nelson penned "Here Comes Peter Cottontail" for an Easter special, so they were no strangers to kid-friendly holiday songs. The "Frosty" song led to a children's book soon after, and later was brought to the television screen in 1969 for a holiday special that has become a must-watch in many households.

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul,
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
And two eyes made out of coal.
Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale, they say,
He was made of snow but the children
Know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that
Old silk hat they found.
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around.
O, Frosty the snowman
Was alive as he could be,
And the children say he could laugh
And play just the same as you and me.

(Chorus)
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpetty thump thump,

Look at Frosty go.
Thumpetty thump thump,
Thumpetty thump thump,
Over the hills of snow.

Frosty the snowman knew
The sun was hot that day,
So he said, "Let's run and
We'll have some fun
Now before I melt away."
Down to the village,
With a broomstick in his hand,
Running here and there all
Around the square saying,
Catch me if you can.

He led them down the streets of town
Right to the traffic cop.
And he only paused a moment when
He heard him holler "Stop!"
For Frosty the snow man
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But he waved goodbye saying,
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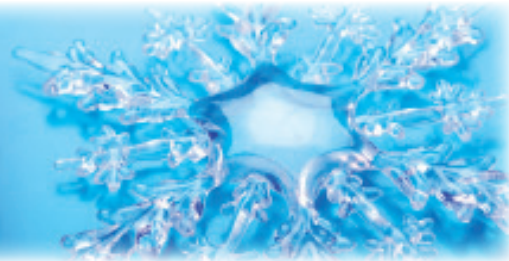


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Letters to Santa

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According to Smithsonian, the practice of writing to St. Nick dates back more than 150 years. Early depictions of Santa show him as a disciplinarian. The first Christmastime Santa letters were actually sent by Santa, rather than the other way around. Such letters encouraged children to be good boys and girls. Eventually, an illustration by Thomas Nast depicted "Santaclausville, N.P." as Santa's address, providing children with a place where they could send their correspondences to the big guy in red.

This year Santa has gone Digital! Please type and send your children's response by EMAIL to:

santa@enidnews.com.

All Santa Letters must be in Santa's inbox no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2021.

Letters will be accepted from children 5th Grade and younger. Letters will appear in a special keepsake edition on Sunday, December 19, 2021.



Community Christmas Card

Did you know there are children in Enid identified as chronically hungry? Their only meal each day may be the meal they receive at school!

Through Oklahoma's Food for Kids program, these kids in Enid can receive a backpack on the weekends that is filled with non-perishable food items. It takes about \$250 to provide food for one child for an entire school year.

The Enid News & Eagle is asking our readers to join us in raising enough money to feed at least **75 children** with this year's Community Christmas Card. All funds raised through this project will go toward the Food for Kids Enid project.

With a donation of at least \$1 per name, you can list names on the Community Christmas Card, which will be published in the Christmas Greetings section of the Enid News & Eagle.

Organizations, schools or church classes, businesses and individuals may sign the card. Come by the Enid News & Eagle office during weekday business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

or mail names and contributions to:

Community Christmas Card
c/o **Enid News & Eagle**
P.O. Box 1192
Enid, OK 73702

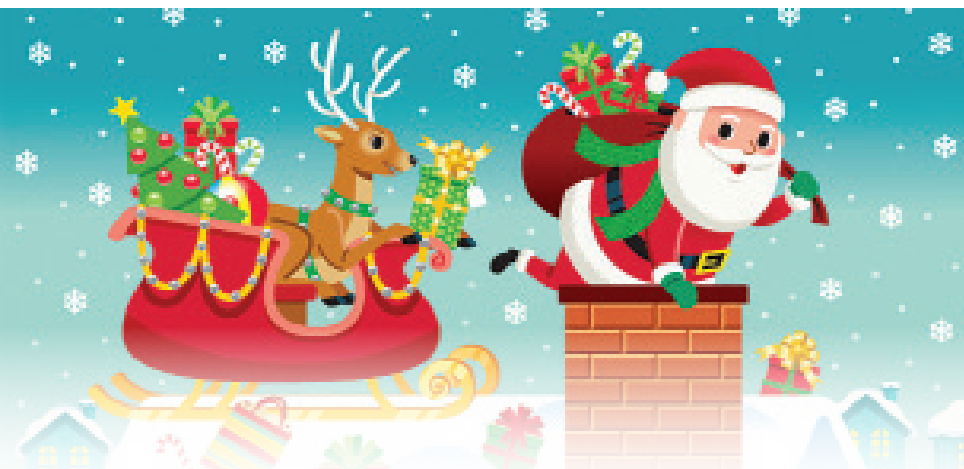


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To Participate Please have names in by Friday, December 17th, 2021.



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Images of Santa Claus excite children across the globe each holiday season. Some such images appear on television, in stores or in the front yards of homes decked out for the holidays, while others are elicited through songs like "Up on the Housetop." Hollywood legend Gene Autry's mid-20th century version of "Up on the Housetop" might be the most widely recognized version of the song, but the tune actually dates back to 1864, making it the second oldest secular Christmas song ("Jingle Bells" was written in 1857).

Up on the Housetop

Up on the housetop reindeer paws,
out jumps good old Santa Claus
Down through the chimney with lots of
toys

All for the little ones, Christmas joys
Ho, ho ho! Who wouldn't go? Ho, ho
ho! Who wouldn't go?

Up on the housetop, click, click, click
Down through the chimney with old
Saint Nick

First comes the stocking of little Nell
Oh, dear Santa fill it well
Give her a dolly that laughs and cries
One that can open and shut her eyes
Ho, ho, ho! Who wouldn't go? Ho, ho,
ho! Who wouldn't go?

Up on the housetop, click, click, click
Down through the chimney with good
Saint Nick

Look in the stocking of little Bill
Oh, just see what a glorious fill
Here's a hammer and lots of tacks
Whistling ball and a whip that cracks

Ho, ho ho! Who wouldn't go? Ho, ho,
ho! Who wouldn't go?

Up on the housetop, click, click, click
Down through the chimney with good
Saint Nick

Lyrics written by Benjamin Hanby
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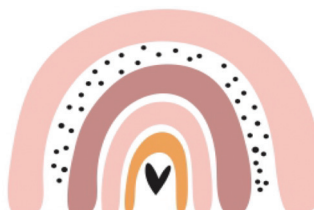
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