

Jasper O'Tannenbaum Days



Lights strung from the Dubois County Courthouse to the tops of surrounding buildings and a huge, live lit Christmas tree adorning the center of downtown Jasper.

What does this mean?

Jasper O'Tannenbaum Days of course!

November 30 through December 2, Jasper businesses will celebrate O'Tannenbaum Days. City stores will be awash with extra lights and window displays filled with decorations as an invitation to shoppers. Potpourri, treats, carriage rides and Santa Claus will be featured downtown. A variety of artists will greet shoppers in stores with demonstrations of their special skills. Note all times EST.

Members of Actors Community Theatre will carol in the downtown area on Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. Santa Claus will be in his special house on the courthouse square throughout the entire weekend. Visit him and bring a camera on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. Take advantage of the beautiful community Christmas tree next to Santa's house to take photos of children, friends or relatives.

Horse-drawn carriage rides will please all ages during this special weekend. At a starting point in front of City Hall, the carriage will travel north and south for several blocks. One carriage will take passengers on a free historic tour of downtown Jasper. Donations will be accepted. The carriage rides will run Friday evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and on Saturday afternoon from noon until 4 p.m.

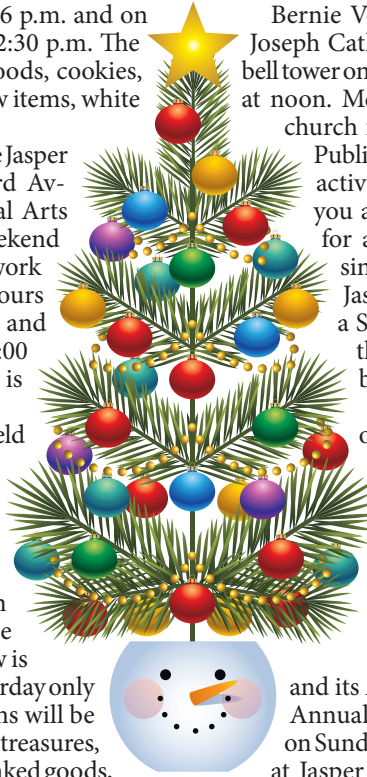
Begin Saturday morning by stopping at three local churches for a variety of delicious treats! Trinity United Church of Christ's Cookie Walk and bake sale will be held from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Precious Blood Church will host their St. Nick Bazaar on Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m.-noon. Find a plethora of crafts, gifts and home-baked goodies, along with a Cookie Walk. St. Joseph Church will also host a Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Center

on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The bazaar will feature baked goods, cookies, crafts, dolls, turnip slaw, new items, white elephant items and jellies.

Krempp Gallery, inside the Jasper Arts Center on South Third Avenue will feature the "Visual Arts Committee" display all weekend comprised of beautiful artwork from local artists. Gallery hours are Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 3:00 p.m. The Krempp Gallery is closed on Saturday.

A Holiday Bazaar will be held Saturday only from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cabby O'Neil Gym on 6th Street. Over 35 local vendors (crafter and direct sales) will showcase their wares. Register to win a \$20 cash give-away. The Jasper Christmas Craft Show is at Jasper High School on Saturday only from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All items will be handmade including unique treasures, arts and crafts, homemade baked goods, crafts for kids, etc. In addition, expect balloons and photo opportunities. Concessions will be available at both venues.

The Dubois County Museum will be open Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Learn about the history of Dubois County. Have breakfast with Santa on Saturday at 9 a.m. Call 812-630-9891 for reservations. See the Festival of Trees and numerous Santa figurines from the museum's collections. Strings will perform violin music at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Lisa Hoppenjans will provide violin music on Sunday on the porch of the log cabin. Delight in the doll houses, model trains, and enjoy some Christmas shopping in the well-stocked gift shop.



Bernie Vogler will guide a tour of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the church bell tower on Saturday afternoon beginning at noon. Meet at the main doors of the church for the historical tour. Jasper Public Library will join the weekend activities on Sunday at 2 p.m. where you and your children can gather for a special time of stories and singing with Santa Claus. The Jasper Library is also providing a Story-Walk in the windows of the stores in downtown Jasper, beginning November 30.

The Jasper City Mill will be open throughout the weekend. View the water wheel and grinding of corn into meal. Buy milled corn or other gift items at the mill, too. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m.

American Legion Post 147 and its Auxiliary are hosting the 81st Annual Community Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon in the Black Gym at Jasper Middle School. Doors open

at 12:30 p.m. and Santa arrives at 1 p.m. Children will be given a bag of treats when leaving the gym. Santa and several cartoon characters will be available for pictures for a short time afterwards. Music will be provided by the Jasper Middle School band, under the direction of John Collier.

Each of the 40+ participating stores and locations as well as the Chamber will have guides available, showing where the artists and crafters or special treats will be located and what products they will demonstrate and sell. Those guides are also available at the Jasper Chamber of Commerce office, 302 West 6th Street or call 812-482-6866 for more information about any of the events taking place during O'Tannenbaum Days weekend.

Most of the hotels in Jasper and Dubois County are offering Olde World Christmas lodging packages. Call the Jasper Chamber of Commerce, the Dubois County Visitors Center at 812-482-9115 or 1-800/968-4578 for information or visit: www.visitdubois-county.com. O'Tannenbaum Days is funded through a cooperative effort of the Greater Downtown Jasper Business Association, Jasper Chamber of Commerce and the Dubois County Visitors Center.

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