

## **Snow Welcomed for Country Event**

Last year's blizzard snowfall was but a memory, as the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Rudolph Country Christmas attracted hundreds of families and visitors to this rural community event. Snow-covered ground and cool temperatures greeted holiday crowds on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. It was just enough snow for "wintery" activities.

Attendees started their day enjoying pancakes/sausage with Santa, followed by Old-fashioned Horse-Drawn wagon rides, or a miniature train ride, animal petting, games, dog sled racing, crafts, and a Live Nativity stage area. Rosco, the Rafters mascot, and Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer posed for many family photos.

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Gingerbread houses, crafts, holiday goodies, and treats filled the village hall, the fire station and elementary school. Churches and the American Legion Post offered soup, sandwiches, and bakery. Special thanks to Bob Bradach for spectacular fireworks to start off the lighted parade, complete with fire trucks, floats, and horses.

Twenty six gift baskets courtesy of local individuals and businesses drew hundreds of entries. Donors included: the One Stop, Hen House, Badger 4-H, Heywood Studios, Lil Ol' Winemaker, SOS Day Spa, Dairy State Cheese, Ace Hardware, Cub Scout Pack 114, Friends of St. Philip Youth Group, RVFD Auxiliary, St. Philip PCCW, Main Street Hair Styles, Rudolph Post Office, Fey Publishing, Master Gardeners, Marv & Barb Ziebell, Sue Ziebell, Al Polum, and Rafters Baseball. In addition, a hand-stitched cardinal quilt was donated by Cotton Thimble and sewn by Louise Hartjes. Unclaimed baskets are at the One Stop for pickup.

Committee members include: Becky Trzebiatowski, Tricia Wiskerchen, Kris Willfahrt, Ruth Holtz, Susan Ziebell, Nellie Larsen, Cindy Meyer, Jessica Adamski, Christy Steinle, and Kathy Hartjes.

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