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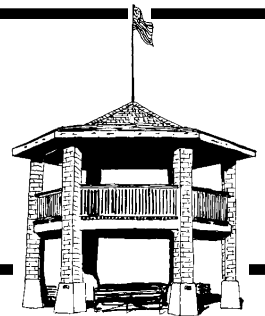
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Milo Newsletter



DECEMBER, 2023

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Milo's 31st Annual Small Town Country Christmas

Saturday, December 2

City-Wide Craft Show * Country Store * Vendor Fair
Breakfast with Santa * Book Fair * Great Food
Lighted Parade * Wreath Workshop * Horse-Drawn Rides

Always the first Saturday in December!

For additional information, visit our Facebook page
[@MilosSmallTownCountryChristmas](https://www.facebook.com/MilosSmallTownCountryChristmas).

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING

**MILO CITY HALL, 100 MAIN ST, MILO, IOWA –
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

Milo City Council was called to order by Mayor Hall at 7:01 p.m. City Council answering the Clerk's roll call: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Kinser and Rasmussen were absent. Mayor Hall administered the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wadle and second by Mason to approve the agenda. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Motion by Wadle and second by Mason to approve the consent agenda to include all Council meeting minutes of September 11, 2023 and accounts payable from September 12 – October 2, 2023 in the amount of \$180,036.49. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

Under old business, Council reviewed all items resulting in the following actions: Motion by Wadle and second by Mason to accept the Progress Meeting Notes of September 25, 2023. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, motion Mason and second by Wadle to approve Change Order No. 11. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Afterward, motion by Mason and second by Wadle to approve Construction Monitoring Report No. 6. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, motion by Mason second by Uttley to approve Payment 6 to Blue Ribbon Builders in the amount of \$107,569.48. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, motion by Mason and second by Wadle to approve the contract payment to Hall Engineering the amount of \$10,230.25. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, motion by Mason and second by Wadle to approve the contract payment to Terracon in the amount of \$3,038.75. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, motion by Wadle and second by Mason to approve the contract payment of \$12,500.00 to Ahler's & Cooney PC for legal representation while obtaining the \$3,787,000 2023B Sewer SRF Loan. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. After that, motion by Uttley and second by Mason to approve the contract

with McClure Engineering for engineering services for the Milo Multi-Use Path. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Doug shared that he is waiting for electrical bid's to finish the siren installation so that the morning, noon and evening whistle can start again. Mayor Hall asked that the banners and poles be table to the next meeting.

Council departmental reports: Kinser-public safety: absent - no report/questions. Rasmussen- utilities: absent - no report/questions. Wadle-streets: asked Doug to look at the roadway drop off near Chestnut and 1st Streets. Doug said he was aware of it. Uttley-parks: shared that there is a dead private property tree hanging over the parking area of Centennial Park. Doug said the property owner has already been notified. Uttley also said that the Lions Club will be tilling and seeding the East area of the Centennial Park playground this fall. Uttley then asked about the large chunks of concrete in the city dump and Hembry said Smith Fertilizer & Grain dumped them and that he will contact Warren County to see when they have a use for the chunks of concrete. Mason-General: no report/questions. Doug Hembry, Operations Director, said that Rohrich Tree Service had been overhanging street trees throughout Milo. Also, MidAmerican Energy is in town working on the updated electrical for the Wastewater Facility Project.

Under new business, Council reviewed all items and Mayor Hall completed the second reading of Ordinance 2023-04 changing water discontinue fees and water hook-up fees, which resulted in the following actions: Motion by Wadle and second by Mason to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2023-04. Roll call vote: Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, motion by Mason second by Wadle Mason to approve waiving the third reading of Ordinance 2023-04 and directed the City Clerk to publish the ordinance. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Next, motion by Mason and second by Uttley to approve the Warren Water District water service request for 17478 Polk Street, Milo, Iowa. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Then, motion by Mason and second by Wadle to approve the Warren Water District water service request for 17340 Polk Street, Milo, Iowa. Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved. Afterward, motion by Mason second by Wadle to approve the deck permit for 208 5th Street, Milo, Iowa.

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MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL MEETING

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Ayes: Wadle, Uttley and Mason. Nays: none. Absent: Kinser and Rasmussen. Motion approved.

There were no public comments. Council remarks included Mayor Hall sharing information from the Milo City Council work session regarding the north electronic sign demonstration by Parker Signs. Wadle shared that Wine Down to Milo had it's most successful year yet and she thanked all of the community volunteers who helped with setup, tear down and everything in between. Then, Council reviewed the health, safety and information handout titled Keep Fire Extinguishers in Working Order.

Motion by Wadle and second by Mason to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

— By Order of the Milo City Council

SEW Food Pantry Donations

The Southeast Warren Food Pantry is in need of donations. We have seen our numbers continue to increase, helping approximately 40 families/100 individuals every month. Cash or check donations should be directed to the Southeast Warren Food Pantry. They may be dropped off at any school building or mailed to Southeast Warren Schools, 16331 Tyler Street, Liberty Center, IA 50145.

The Food Pantry needs - cans of soup, Spaghetti-Os, Beefaroni; packs of animal crackers; pudding packs; snack cracker packs; fruit cups; apple sauce cups; Jell-O snack packs; granola or breakfast bars; small boxes of raisins; Easy Mac; fruit snacks or any other shelf-stable kid-friendly food. Popular items include microwave or pre-popped popcorn; pancake mix and syrup; canned fruit, veggies and soup; jam or jelly; salad dressing, boxes of cereal, trail mix, toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, paper towels, kleenex and personal care items.

Donations may be brought to any of the Southeast Warren School Buildings. Questions should be directed to Dianne Chambers at the High School, 641-466-3331, ext. 225 or Patty Harrington at the Southeast Warren High School at 641-466-3510.

MINUTES of the CITY OF MILO COUNCIL WORK SESSION

707 4th STREET, MILO, IOWA –
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

Milo City Council work session was called to order by Mayor Hall at 6:00 p.m. City Council present were Erica Wadle, Randy Uttley and Tangela Mason. Doug Hembry, Maintenance Director was also present as well as members of Milo Hometown Pride including Mike Rourke and Tammy Dykstra. Scott Kane from Watchfire presented information for the LED signs.

Kane demonstrated 6 different resolutions for the LED signs and discussion centered around placement, size and resolution. Kane informed the group that two comparable signs can be viewed at Carlisle High School 3'x7', 8mm, and Indianola City Hall 3'x8' 10mm. Pricing includes a lifetime data plan and 5 year parts warranty. The labor warranty is through the company. The sign will be purchased and installed through Parker Signs of Indianola, Iowa. The timeline for production of the sign is 5 – 6 weeks. Hall noted that Milo Hometown Pride will meet to discuss the options and then present at a future date to Milo City Council for approval.

Mayor Hall adjourned the work session at 6:45 p.m.

— By Order of the Milo City Council

Milo Mobile Food Pantry

2023 Milo Mobile Food Pantry is open at the Milo Community Center from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm on the following date: **December 14, 2023**

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Food Bank of Iowa OR Connie Frazier at 515-491-1364. Please bring reusable bags or boxes if you have them. The mobile pantry is delivered on these dates and is available from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

The Blessing House Necessity Pantry

The Blessing House will be open from 4:00 – 5:15 pm every Thursday, weather permitting.

It will also be open on the dates of the Milo Mobile Food Pantry: December 14, 2023. Diapers, soap, shampoo, toilet paper and other essential items available there. There is NO FOOD. The Blessing House is located at the Milo United Methodist Church, 300 Spruce Street, Milo. Please come to the elevator on the north side of the Church.

EMERGENCY WEATHER ALERTS

Sign up for this FREE service

Warren County Emergency Management and Alert Iowa have created the Warren County Public Notification System. Warren County residents are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts regarding inclement weather. Emergency messages can be issued via landline, or wireless phone, text messaging, email, TDD/TTY, and social media.

To sign up for alerts visit the webpage: <https://www.warrencountyiowa.org/emergencymanagement> and click on the Alert Iowa - Public Notification System link at the top left of the page. If you need help signing up for this service, stop by City Hall.

Chick Fil A will be at Milo City Hall

Thursday, December 21, 2023
11 am – 2 pm



Holiday Retiree Luncheon

Tuesday, December 12th

The SEW National Honor Society invites local retirees to the annual Christmas luncheon, to be held Tuesday, December 12th at Liberty Center. Doors open at 11 AM, lunch will be served at 11:40. To make your reservation, call Mrs. Weeks at the high school, 641-466-3331, ext 221. Transportation will be available from the Milo Manors & Community Center (10:30) and the Lacona Community Hall (11:00). Please let Mrs. Weeks know if you need transportation.



Medicare's Open Enrollment is Oct 15th–Dec 7th

Do You Have Questions? SHIP/SMP Can Help

Every year between Oct 15th–Dec 7th, persons with Medicare Part D have the opportunity to review their drug plan coverage. SHIP/SMP volunteer counselors are available for a free, confidential and unbiased review of cost and coverage. Call 515-962-5375 to schedule your appointment at the Indianola Activity Center. Phone appointments also available. This is a service of the State of Iowa. They do not sell or promote insurance companies, policies or agents.

Southeast Warren Food Pantry

The next Food Pantry dates are:

Wednesday, December 13

Wednesday, January 24

The pantry is open from 4:30-6:30 PM, but is accessible for a food emergency. Please contact Dianne Chambers, dianne.chambers@se-warren.k12.ia.us or Patty Harrington at 641-466-3510 or patty.harrington@se-warren.k12.ia.us with questions or message our Facebook page.

Please enter via the far west front door of the high school in Liberty Center. Please check in with our volunteer outside. Due to space limitations, we are only allowing about seven people in at a time. There is normally no waiting after 5:30 PM. A small amount of paperwork is required for first time visits and once a year. Regular visits just require that you live in the boundaries of the Southeast Warren School District and that you sign in.

Milo City Hall Holiday Hours

Christmas

Closed: Monday, December 25, 2023

Closed: Tuesday, December 26, 2023

New Year's

Closed: Monday, January 1, 2023

Closed: Tuesday, January 2, 2023

Newsletter Submissions

Please contact Patty Harrington, 641-942-6232, or Misti Kosman at the Milo City Hall, 641-942-6241, to submit items for the newsletter. Items can also be emailed to city hall or directly to Patty at milonews@iowatelecom.net. Submissions to the Milo Newsletter are due by the 20th of the preceding month.

Submissions should be limited to recognition events, community events, announcements, new business or business anniversary information. The City of Milo reserves the right to edit articles submitted for the Milo Newsletter. All submissions must be approved by the city of Milo before publishing. No political submissions of any kind are accepted.

Questions regarding new advertising should be directed to Misti Kosman at the Milo City Hall. Contact City Hall at 641-942-6241 with questions.

Legion Post 263 Biscuits & Gravy



Biscuits and Gravy will be served Sunday December 3rd from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. For only \$7.00, you can get a great hot breakfast. If you have never attended a biscuits and gravy breakfast, you don't know what you are missing!

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NO PARKING ON CITY STREETS DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES

Milo Ordinance 69.11

When the National Weather Service predicts that two or more inches of snow or ice will fall or has fallen within the Milo area, street parking is not allowed.

The parking ban shall be in effect for a period of 24 hours after the snow ceases and the blowing stops or when the snow has been cleared from the city streets. Any car found in violation of this ordinance will be towed at the owner's expense.

City of Milo Ordinance 69.11 is available online at cityofmilo.com or by contacting City Hall at 641-942-6241

Southeast Warren Little League

Hard to believe it's that time of the year to start thinking about the 2024 SEW Little League Season!

With the Holidays quickly approaching we wanted to notify our players, families, and coaches in advance of our upcoming SEW LL sign up dates.

Below you will find important dates regarding registration and the coaches meeting. Please reach out with any questions or concerns, as always, we would like to see each kiddo have the opportunity to play ball. Looking forward to a great 2024 season!

Sign up Dates for SEW LL

- Sunday, Jan. 7th (3-5pm) - Milo City Hall
- Wednesday, Jan. 10th (5-8pm) - Milo City Hall
- Sunday, Jan. 14th (3-5pm) - Milo City Hall

Any signup request after Sunday, Jan. 21st will include a late fee of \$25.

Registration closes Sunday, Jan. 28th (no exceptions)

We will have a coaches meeting on Sunday, February 11th (3pm) at Milo City Hall.

Toys for Tots Collection

Southeast Warren 11th Grader, Olivia Harrington is collecting new, unwrapped toys again this year for Toys for Tots. She is collecting toys until December 12th. This is her 9th annual toy drive for Toys for Tots. There are collection boxes set up in at the Milo Catholic Church and at People's Bank in Lacona. New this year, Toys for Tots has started a new literacy program. Olivia is collecting coloring books, crayons and new or like new children's books. If you would prefer to shop online, Olivia has a Toys for Tots Amazon wish list. Email her mom and she will send you the link – mpharrington@iowatelecom.net or text 515-238-5821. If you prefer to have Olivia shop, she would be happy to do that for you. If you would like to make a donation to Toys for Tots, please address your check to them. Please join Olivia in helping kids receive a little Christmas!

Biscuits and Gravy

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Milo Lions News

I am pleased to announce that we have a new Lion. We welcome Aaron Mason of Milo to the club.

There are those we call protectors: emergency medical personnel, firefighters, military folk, and members of law enforcement. In our worst moments, these people brave all manner of scary stuff to help us. Their service is noble. A number of protectors choose to be Lions. I imagine serving with us is satisfying and kind of restful, a chance to interact with neighbors in happy ways. The Milo Lions Club marks with sadness the passing of our friend Lion Ken Keeney. Many years Ken worked in the Warren County Sheriff's Department. I don't know which star he's polishing today, or the territory to which he's assigned. And I certainly don't know what he's driving, except that it has horsepower. But, as it was when Ken patrolled closer to home, I know a protector is watching. He continues with the best back-up I can imagine, a Partner loved, trusted, and of long acquaintance. God bless him.

Our Christmas dinner meeting will be at 6 PM Thursday December 14 at the Community Center in Milo. I'm sure we will have Renee Hembry and the Milo Public Library Board to thank for another fine meal.

— President Alan S. Gardner, Milo Lions Club

Recycle Ink Cartridges & Cel Phones

The Southeast Athletic Department is recycling used inkjet cartridges and old cell phones. Planet Green Recycling makes a donation to the Athletic Department for every item that is sent in for recycling. Taking part is easy - simply drop off your used inkjet cartridges at any Southeast Warren School. Let's work together, one cartridge and cell phone at a time, to clean up the planet and raise money for a worthwhile cause!

We Are Still Collecting Indianola Hy-Vee Receipts!!!

Keep those Hy-vee receipts coming! They really make a difference. Hy-Vee is continuing their donations as we continue to collect the receipts. They appreciate our business and give back to the Milo Community! If you need to drop off your receipts stop by a local business or contact a Community Projects, Inc committee member.

Pioneer Christmas in Lacona

**Christmas in Lacona is
Saturday, December 9th.**

9:00 AM to Noon

Santa will be at the cabin.

Cookie Walk at the Library.

Hot Chocolate, coffee, and cider at the Fire Station.

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Vendor Fair at the Community Hall.

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Soup Luncheon at the Christian Church.

5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Bingo and Chili Supper at the Community Hall by the Beautification Committee.



Your Message Could Be on Our Electronic Reader Board!

Did you know that you can have a message posted on our electronic reader board at the west entrance into Milo? Messages related to birthdays, anniversaries or other celebratory messages are \$10 for 1 day. Local businesses and organizations can advertise an event or specials for 3 days for \$10. Non-profit organizations can have their message displayed at no charge. It is estimated that up to 2,000 people view the messages daily. Contact City Hall with your message, display date(s) and arrange to make payment in advance. First come, first serve. Let's utilize this powerful communication tool in our community!

BURNING PROHIBITED

Milo Ordinance 105 & 135

City of Milo Ordinance 135.08 BURNING PROHIBITED. "No person shall burn any trash, leaves, rubbish or other combustible material....". City of Milo Ordinance 105.05 OPEN BURNING RESTRICTED. "No person shall allow, cause or permit open burning of combustible materials...". The complete ordinance is available at www.cityofmilo.com/government.

The Milo City Dump, located at the south edge of Milo, is open for citizens to use. Note that the only items allowed in the City Dump are concrete, dirt and yard vegetation (including trees) – please be sure to follow the posted guidelines! **Absolutely no treated lumber, building materials, or trash!**

Milo's 31st Annual Small Town Country Christmas



Country Christmas Book Fair

In addition to the Cookie Walk, Basket Raffle and product vendors, the Milo Primary School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from 9 am - 2 pm on December 2. Proceeds from the Book Fair and the Cookie Walk go to the Milo and Lacona schools to purchase needed items.



Take advantage of the Book Fair to buy presents for your little reader. There are a wide variety of books available for several age groups, toddler up to teen. Often times there are cookbooks or novels available for the grownups on your list. The fun pens and pencils make great stocking stuffers. The assortment of items usually includes games, art kits and more. So stop by, get some goodies, and get some shopping done!

31st Annual Country Christmas

Milo is hosting it's 31st annual Country Christmas. Join us in celebrating a Charlie Brown Christmas in Milo on Saturday, December 2, 2023.

Country Christmas Light Contest

Get out the twinkling lights and tinsel!! It's time to decorate your home for the annual Country Christmas Lighting Contest! Please have your outdoor displays and holiday lights turned on by 5 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2023 for judging. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The winners will be listed in the January issue of the Milo Newsletter!



Breakfast with Santa

Have breakfast with Santa during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas from 7:30 am to 10 am on Saturday, December 2. Santa will be here early, so make plans to bring the whole family for breakfast at the Milo Legion Hall at 210 Main Street. Kids craft with Santa sponsored by Peoples Bank. Free will donation for breakfast.



Cookie Walk

Stop by the Cookie Walk at the Primary school on Saturday, December 2 and save time this holiday season by picking out a selection of holiday cookies. The Cookie Walk is from 9 am to 2 pm during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas. Proceeds from the Cookie Walk go to the Milo and Lacona schools to help build better playgrounds and purchase needed items for the schools. They will make a great care package to the hungry college student, be the hit of the office, or look great on your serving tray - we won't tell if you don't!



Country Christmas Craft Show Holiday Market

It's getting closer and closer!!! Our committee is excited for the plans we have in store for Milo's Annual Small Town Country Christmas this year. Country Christmas is always held the first Saturday in December. This year that will be December 2 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Crafters will be located at both the Milo Community Center and the Milo City Hall.

Thank you to all the crafters that have sent in their applications. We will have a full show this year. Here are a few of those you can expect to see: Katie Dun It, Nearwood Winery & Vineyards, Milk & Honey Orchard and Apiary, LLC, Mary Jo's Creations, Triple Moon Farm, Kinnick's Paint Pouring, A Berry Crafty Design, Crafts the Wright Way, Little Dog Creations, Embroidery Treasures, Ed's Woodcrafts, Sierra Designs Embroidery, Crazy White Cate Creations, Wayward Saints Farm LLC and many more.



Country Christmas Raffle and Tshirts

Raffle Items and Tickets
T-shirt Sales
Planter Decorating Contest Voting
Dec 2, 2023 9AM - 3PM
Milo Community Center



Milo's 31st Annual Small Town Country Christmas



Country Store

During Milo's Small Town Country Christmas, the Milo United Methodist Church will be operating their Country Store. The store will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come shop for candy, gifts, nuts, poinsettias, tree ornaments, and something for everyone.



Ham Ball Dinner

The Milo Public Library will be serving the evening meal at Country Christmas this year from 5 pm to 6:30 PM at the Milo Community Center. We will once again be serving ham balls, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert. The meal is Free Will Donation.



Planter Decorating Contest

Milo's Small Town Country Christmas with Charlie Brown - Adopt a Planter Decorating Contest!

The planters can be decorated the week of November 20th, and should be ready Tuesday November 28, 2023.

You will supply your own Christmas decorations. You are limited only by the planter space and your imagination.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Use of Theme, Most Creative, and Best Overall.

Decorations should remain up until January 1st.

If you, your family, your group, or your organization would like to adopt a planter, please email MiloSTCC@outlook.com or send a Facebook message to Milo's Small Town Country Christmas



Holiday Gift Basket Raffle

Stop by the Milo Primary School during Country Christmas to buy a raffle ticket for a Holiday Gift Basket. Each class at the Milo and Lacona Elementary Schools is preparing a themed basket of goodies to be raffled off after the Primary Winter Program in December. The baskets along with an itemized list of its contents will be on display during the Primary building during Country Christmas on December 2 and the children's winter program on December 4 at the high school in Liberty Center.

You may purchase a ticket for each individual basket and each basket will have its own ticket drop box. The winner of each basket will be chosen from the tickets purchased for that specific basket. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The raffle is sponsored by Partners in Education (P.I.E.) and the items in each basket are donated by the individual classrooms. The baskets are large and average a \$100 in value. The proceeds of the raffle go to P.I.E. and will be used to pay the admission costs and buses needed for this year's field trips. You do not need to be present to win.



Milo Catholic Church Bazaar

The Holy Trinity Altar & Rosary Society will be holding a traditional church Bazaar during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas on December 2nd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The bazaar will feature homemade items, baked goods, food and craft items. You will have your choice of many different baked good and crafts, including homemade bread, rag rugs an assortment of other handmade items. Visit the St. Augustine Catholic Church on east Belmont Street and get some goodies or presents for others or yourself!



Milo Memories Museum

Local Vendors

Mary Jo's Marvelous Creations

Mary Jo's Marvelous Creations will be selling canned pickles, jellies, and jams, homemade quilts, bookmarks, ornaments, tags, and more available at the Milo Memories Museum on Saturday, Dec 2 during Milo Small Town Country Christmas

Milo's 31st Annual Small Town Country Christmas



Pictures with Santa

Santa is anxiously waiting to make his trip to Milo on December 2! Stop by the Milo Bandstand on Main Street at 2 pm and have your photo taken with Santa during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas.



Live Nativity

Live Nativity
Dec 2, 2023, 6-7:30 PM
Milo United Methodist Church



Vendors Around Town

Set up along Main Street there will be some stand-alone vendors - Summerset Winery will located at City Hall during Country Christmas.

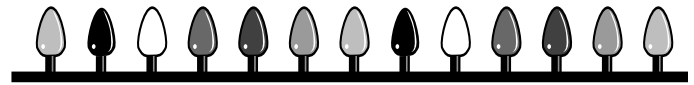
M & D Sales Kettle Korn will be back this year and located on Main Street by the Milo Library. Stop by and purchase fresh Kettle Korn from 9 AM - 3 PM.

Be sure to stop by the Milo Community Center Saturday, Dec 2nd, from 9AM-3PM to meet Michael Williams the writer of *The Boys of Milo*. He will have copies of his book available for purchase.

Max's Coffee - Drink all the coffee, save all the dogs! Mobile coffee with a mission! Excited to have a new vendor this year. Max's Coffee will be in the lot on Main Street this year. Please come out and enjoy a coffee, hot chocolate, or other drink while you are in town for the day.

Country Christmas Events at the Primary School

There is a lot going on at the Milo Primary Building for Country Christmas! There will be a vendor fair, cookie walk, book fair, and basket raffle at the Milo Elementary School on Saturday, December 2nd. Some of our past vendors include: Pampered Chef, Papparazi, Norwex, LuLaRoe, Monat, Tupperware, Thirty-One, Pruvit, Young Living Essential Oils and a toy tractor vendor.



Lighted Parade

Line Up starts at 6:30 PM at Smith Fertilizer and Grain (Milo CO-OP) for the Parade to begin at 7 PM. Come to Main Street at 7:00 pm during Milo's Annual Small Town Country Christmas to watch our annual lighted parade.

LIGHTED PARADE RULES

1. The parade will be held on December 2, 2023. Starting time is at 7:00 pm. Parade line up begins at 6:30 pm. All entries must be lined up and ready to go by 7:00 pm.
2. The parade line-up & route will begin at Smith Fertilizer & Grain at the east end of Main Street. The parade will head west on Main Street, turn north on 2nd Street, turn west on Walnut Street, turn south on 3rd St, and finally east on Main Street returning to Smith Fertilizer & Grain.
3. All entries must be lighted and decorated with Holiday Spirit themes. This includes all walkers and animals. This is a holiday-oriented parade, but we encourage commercial entries to use banners or signs to help the crowd identify your business.
4. Absolutely no Santa Claus is permitted on any entry! The Milo Development Corp. is providing the Santa that will be greeting the children and we do not want to cause confusion.
5. The Milo Small Town Country Christmas Parade is a family friendly event. Any obscene signage, intimidating actions or themes, gestures or floats will not be tolerated and will result in being prohibited from participating in the parade and any future parades.
6. As a matter of safety and courtesy, participants are expected to drive safely at all times and remain in the vehicle at all times, it is also important that the parade keep moving at a steady pace.
7. The organizers of this parade reserve the right to accept or reject any parade applicant.

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the day with a horse drawn carriage ride. The ride starts on the SW corner of the bandstand weather permitting. The rides run from 9 am to 2 pm.

Milo's 31st Annual Small Town Country Christmas



Country Christmas Volunteers Needed

The committee for Milo's Small Town Country Christmas has been planning for the 31st annual event that will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023. We are always looking for volunteers to join the committee to help with planning and executing this year's holiday event. Monthly meetings are at 6 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Milo Public Library. If you are looking for an opportunity to get involved and want to help continue this community event please send us a message with your contact information, interests, and availability.

Here are just a few opportunities we will have -

Event Set Up: Setting up trees, lights, signage, and tables and chairs. Painting backdrops, wrapping presents, and assembling goodie bags. Work is done in the two weeks leading up to the event on December 2nd.

Raffle and T-shirt Sales and Information Booth: Sell raffle tickets and event t-shirts. Also be available to questions from visitors and vendors. Saturday, December 2nd, from 9 AM - 7 PM.

Floater/Back-Up: Extra to step in if someone needs a break or we have a job that wasn't accounted

for. Saturday December 2nd, from 9 AM - 7 PM.

Clean Up: Pick up trash, take down tables and chairs, and general cleaning. Saturday December 2nd, from 3 PM - 9 PM.

Take Down: Take down trees, lights, and decorations around town. Usually a week after Christmas.

Methodist Lunch - Beef & Noodles

Be sure to stop by the Milo Methodist Church during Country Christmas for homemade beef and noodle lunch and so much more. Their Country Store will be open and they always have a large selection of homemade items. The United Methodist Church at 300 Spruce Street will be serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:00 pm during Small Town Country Christmas. Plate lunches include beef and noodles (home-made), mashed potatoes, roll, green beans, salad and pie. Drink included. Carryouts available - 515.979.7264 or 641.942.7739 to order, call before 9:00 a.m. Our church is handicap accessible with an elevator located on the northwest corner of the building. Come join us Saturday, December 2nd.

Milo Small Town Country Christmas Tree of Lights

This will be our 14th year for the Tree of Lights. Remember each year is a new year for Tree of Lights and your entry must be renewed. Each recipient will have an ornament in honor of a loved one to be placed on a tree that will be in the lobby of City Hall throughout the holiday season.

If you would like to be a part of this event please fill out the form below, enclose a check of \$5.00 per honoree and mail to **The Milo Development Group, P.O. Box 73, Milo, Iowa 50166**. Please contact MiloSTCC@outlook.com with questions.



Tree of Lights - Please print carefully

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8AM-2PM COUNTRY STORE @ MILO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9AM-2PM HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES @ SW CORNER OF BANDSTAND

-COOKIE WALK, VENDORS , SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR & BASKET RAFFLE @ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

9AM-3PM CRAFT SHOW @ COMMUNITY CENTER & CITY HALL

-RAFFLE ITEMS, TICKETS, T-SHIRTS & PLANTER VOTING @ COMMUNITY CENTER

-S AND S ACRES WITH GOURMET HOT CHOCOLATE & CINNAMON ROLLS, NEARWOOD WINERY & CHARCUTERIE BOARDS @ CITY HALL

-KETTLE CORN @ WEST SIDE OF LIBRARY

-ST. AUGUSTINE BAZAAR @ MILO CATHOLIC CHURCH

11AM-1PM LUNCH @ MILO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11AM- 2PM FACE PAINTING @ COMMUNITY CENTER

11AM-3PM COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP BY SWEET TREAT DEN @ MILO LEGION HALL REGISTER BY 11/24 @ [HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/MJGEZEL](https://linktr.ee/MJGezel)

2PM PICTURES WITH SANTA @ BANDSTAND

5-6:30PM HAM BALL DINNER (FREE WILL DONATION) SERVED BY MILO PUBLIC LIBRARY @ COMMUNITY CENTER

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6-7:30PM LIVE NATIVITY @ MILO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6:30PM PARADE LINE UP @ CO-OP

7PM LIGHTED PARADE



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