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Friday, December 7:

NEW THIS YEAR: Kid's *Christmas Rock Quest* begins – Kids, look all around the square and at each special venue described below for hidden painted rocks. When you find one, bring it to the special "Kids ROCK" building at 167 N Springfield (between Musso's and Monica's), for a prize. Inside, you'll also find the 5 beautiful Christmas trees decorated by the students from North Mac Elementary! The building will be open from 6 PM until 9 PM.



Virden Christmas Market opens at 4 PM until 9 PM – Located at the Virden Community Center and First Baptist Church's Pitman Hall, the market will house vendors of all kinds including unique crafts, specialty direct sales merchants, and even locally grown produce and honey! For more information or to register for booth space, go to virdenchamber.com



NEW THIS YEAR: *Nativity Walk* - Experience the true meaning of Christmas as you stroll through hundreds of Nativity Scenes on display at the United Methodist Church (corner of Green and Church) Open from 4 PM-9 PM.

Hall of Trees will be located at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church (722 N Springfield) - Open from 4 PM-9 PM, the Hall will have locally decorated trees, wreaths, and centerpieces that you can bid on to purchase, or just come to enjoy! To submit an entry for the Hall of Trees go to virdenchamber.com




Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:30 PM – on the square. Virden royalty Miss Virden Macy Wellhausen will participate



Story time at Sly Fox Bookstore starting just after the tree lighting around 6:45 PM

Pet adoption at the Community Center –Tentatively scheduled from 6:00-7:30 PM



The Polar Express Train  operated by the local Boy Scout organization will be giving free rides all around the "island" on the square both before and after the parade.

CHRISTMAS Parade

12th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade kicks off from the High School at 7:30 PM. The parade will follow the same route as the Homecoming parade, so pick your best spot anywhere along it, and get ready to enjoy! This year's parade will take on a Patriotic theme as December 7th is Pearl Harbor Day. Watch for all 4 branches of the service to be represented in the parade as well as veterans serving as our parade's Grand Marshals. Anyone is welcome to submit an entry into the parade. Go to virdenchamber.com to enter and for a complete set of rules.

Santa's arrival and House - Santa will arrive in Virden on the last float of the parade. As soon as the parade arrives, he'll be receiving visitors at his house on the square! So be sure to stop by and give him your wish list!



Saturday, December 8th:



Breakfast with Santa – **NEW THIS YEAR**—Breakfast will be held at the **Virden Firehouse** beginning at 9 AM until around 11 AM. Breakfast is on a donation basis, so bring the whole family to visit with Santa, get a free photo taken, and meet Miss Virden 2018. There will also be face painting and the Virden Police Department will have child ID kits available to help keep our kids safe! Don't forget to register for a giant stocking filled with fun stuff—one for a boy, and one for a girl!

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides – 9 AM – NOON. Load up in front of Virden Hardware for an old fashioned horse drawn Christmas Wagon ride around the square. It's all FREE – so make sure to not miss it!



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Virden Christmas Market opens at 9 AM and goes until 2 PM – Located at the Virden Community Center and First Baptist Church's Pitman Hall, the market will house vendors of all kinds including unique crafts, specialty direct sales merchants, and even locally grown produce and honey! Food will be served.



NEW THIS YEAR: *Nativity Walk* - Experience the true meaning of Christmas as you stroll through hundreds of Nativity Scenes on display at the United Methodist Church (corner of Green and Church) Open from 9 AM - 3 PM. Food will be served.

Hall of Trees will be located at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church (722 N Springfield) - Open from 9 AM - 3 PM, Bidding ends at 2 PM, so stop by the Hall and make sure you have your final bid in on any of the decorated trees, wreaths, and centerpieces. Food will be served.



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