41st Annual Wake Up Santa Celebration

Ongoing Events

Letters to the North Pole — Pick up letters at the Fire Hall November 28th or at the Community Promotions Office. Drop off letters in Santa's Mailbox located in Centennial Square by December 14th

Memorial Trees — November 27th thru New Year's Day
KB Jewelers — Decorate your tree for display on Main Street. Contact Joey Erickson @ 206-0445 for a Memorial Sign

"Christmas in the Park" — November 27th thru New Year's Day
703 6th Ave N, Hettinger, ND — Dark-10:00pm every day. Stroll through the park to experience the displays. Or enjoy the lights from the comfort of your vehicle

Angel Trees — Pick up ornaments from Dacotah Bank, Kennedy's, or Grind Theory Coffeehouse
Hettinger Lions Club — Drop off gift & ornament at Dacotah Bank or Grind Theory Coffeehouse by December 11th

Hexed — November 27th-29th & December 4th-6th
Hettinger Theater — Friday & Saturday @ 7:30pm, Sunday @ 6:00pm

Hettinger Jaycees Bingo — Every Thursday in December
The Pastime — 6:00pm | 7 games plus blackout (The week of Christmas, will be on Wednesday)

"12 Days of Christmas Raffle" — Contact a Close Up Member for tickets
Hettinger Close Up — Drawings for prizes every day December 1st-12th

Monday, November 23rd

5:30pm — Rustic Orchid Floral Thanksgiving Centerpiece Workshop
Grind Theory Coffeehouse | $65 Pre-registration @ 567-7673

Wednesday, November 25th

6:00pm — Hettinger Jaycees Bingo
Hettinger Country Club | 7 games plus blackout

Thursday, November 26th

11:30am-1:00pm — Community Thanksgiving Meal
Holy Trinity Catholic Church | Free will donation
Hosted by the West River Ministerial Association | Dine-in or To-go

Friday, November 27th

9:00am-6:00pm — Open House at KB Jewelers
20% off storewide

10:00am-4:30pm — Rustic Orchid Black Friday FUN
Bring the kids in to make FUN & FREE Christmas Oranments

12:00pm-5:00pm — BetterLife Wake Up Santa Sleigh Rides
Pick ups & drop offs at Centennial Square | Free will donation

4:00pm — Hot Chocolate and Coffee at The Pastime
Drink Specials: Tom & Jerrys & Flaming Turkey Jello Shots

4:00pm-6:30pm — 28th Annual Hettinger Boy Scouts Troop 45 Chili & Knoephla Supper
Fire Hall | Free will offering | Dine-in or To-go

5:00pm-5:30pm — Parade participants line up North of Kennedy's on Main Street

5:30pm — Christmas Tree & Memorial Trees Lighting @ Centennial Square & KB Jewelers

5:30pm-5:45pm — Hettinger Jaycees Fireworks Show Main Street

5:45pm — 41st Annual Wake Up Santa Parade
Categories: Family/Individual, Student, Business, Organization
Winners in each category will win $25 in Chamber Bucks
Parade recording and commentary brought to you by the HPS Stream Team

Following Parade — Hot chocolate & pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus @the Fire Hall
Candy Sacks Sponsored by Dakota Western Bank
Hot chocolate sponsored by Rusty's Burgers & Ice Cream

7:30pm-9:30pm — A Magical Medora Christmas Show
Hettinger Public School Gymnasium | $40 | General Admission
Tickets Available: Ted Uecker @ 567-3666, KB Jewelers, and the Community Promotions Office

9:00pm — Hettinger Fire Department Annual Firemen's Ball
American Legion Post #115 | $20 per Couple plus Door Prize Entry
Live Music by "Colt 45 Entertainment" of Rapid City, SD

Saturday, November 28th

ALL DAY — Small Business Saturday
Check the Hettinger Chamber Facebook Page & poster for business specials

Saturday, December 5th

7:00am-7:00pm — Grind Theory Coffeehouse | Christmas Coffee Flights

3:00pm-5:30pm — Rustic Orchid Holiday Sip & Paint Porch Panels
Grind Theory Coffeehouse| includes winter drink

Monday, December 7th

6:00pm-8:00pm — Rustic Orchid Outdoor Porch Pot Workshop
Rusty's Burgers & Ice Cream | appetizers provided

Tuesday, December 8th

9:00am-9:00pm — 28th Annual Fantasy Day at KB Jewelers
20% off storewide | Refreshments & product samples will be served

10:00am-6:00pm — Open House at Morical Made Studio & Framing
Thank You Open House | Refreshments & Matting Specials
Bring a project with you or grab a voucher to use in 2027!

12:00pm-9:00pm — Open House at WhiskeyRoad Gallery
Special deals of 10% off or more on select items

11:00am-3:00pm — Open House at Dakota Prairie Helping Hands
Meal & Christmas Goodies will be served

Wednesday, December 9th

1:30pm — Elementary School Christmas Concert|Hettinger Public School

Saturday, December 12th

1:00pm-2:30pm — Grind Theory Coffeehouse
Gingerbread House Decorating Competition
Kits Provided|Youth: $15 (small hot chocolate) Adults: $25 (20oz drink)

3:00pm-5:30pm — Rustic Orchid Sip & Paint
Grind Theory Coffeehouse| includes winter drink

Monday, December 14th

6:30pm — JH & High School Christmas Concert|Hettinger Public School

6:00pm-8:00pm — Rustic Orchid Santa Porch Boot Workshop
Rusty's Burgers & Ice Cream | appetizers provided

Wednesday, December 16th

5:30pm-7:00pm — Santa on KNDC
Kids can call KNDC @ 567-2421 or 567-2889 to talk with Santa

Friday, December 18th

"Deck the Streets" — Have yards & storefronts ready for judging
Categories: Nativity, Santa/Reindeer, Best Overall, Business
Winners in each category will win $25 in Chamber Bucks

Saturday, December 19th

12:00pm-3:00pm — Santa Day at Rusty's Burgers & Ice Cream
Bring your camera for a picture with Santa,
Decorate Christmas Cookies and Enjoy a Christmas art project!

3:00pm-5:30pm — Rustic Orchid Winter Wonderland Ornament Making
Grind Theory Coffeehouse| includes winter drink

Monday, December 21st

6:00pm-8:00pm — Rustic Orchid Christmas Centerpiece Workshop
Rusty's Burgers & Ice Cream | appetizers provided

Wednesday, December 23rd

Evening — Pastime Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest
Keep an eye out for more details!

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