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Fort Wayne greets holidays with a whirlwind of festivals

Fort Wayne, Indiana-

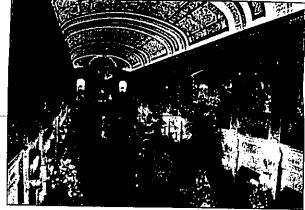
Hollday Fest, a six-week whirlwind of activities that runs the gamut from a Festival of Trees to Christmas at the Zoo, begins here Thanksgiving Eve and runs through New Year's Eve.

Highlights include the Gingerbread Festival in the Old City Hall Historical Museum, which delights thousands of visitors to this whimsical display of edible abodes. There are several different entry levels for competition, from very young children up to professional bakers, with more than 100 unique gingerbread houses on display each year.

The walls the Old City Hall Historical Museum are "papered" with coloring contest entries. Literally thousands of school age kids compete, giving color to their vision of the perfect gingerbread house. The Museum is located downtown at 302 E. Berry St.

The Fort Wayne Children's Zoo re-opens for its famous Christmas at the Zoo. As Zoo Director Earl Wells warns guests, "Be careful not to stand still or my staff will load you up with lights!"

The Zoo changes its time format and is open at night, so everyone can



FESTIVAL OF TREES— Fort Wayne's historic Embassy Theatre is packed with trees, trimmed by professional decorators, running the gamut of styles from Victorian to space age imagery.

"ooh" and "aah" over a myriad of twinkling lights. It's such a spectacular sight, most visitors forget that it's cold outside. The Children's Zoo is located at 3411 Sherman Blyd.

The Festival of Trees is another "illuminating" event. Literally hundreds of trees at the historic Embassy Theatre are trimmed by professional decorators. Creativity is the name of the game as visitors view amazing decorating concepts from Victorian to space age imagery.

Trees are everywhere throughout the theatre building, gracing the lobby, the expansive staircase, the mezzanine, down the aisles and across the stage. The Embassy Theatre location is 121 W. Jefferson.

Visitors will enjoy other unique Holiday Fest offerings such as the Festival of Dollhouses displayed in the Lincoln National Corporation Headquarters building at 1300 S. Clinton St. The craft of making dollhouses has intrigued many throughout the world. The intricacy and creativity of these judged masterpieces will be on display for a third season.

Browse through the Festival of Wreaths at the Botanical Conservatory. Sit back and be caught up in the fantasy of Tchaikovsky's incomparable Nuteracker ballet. Take a romantic carriage ride through downtown Fort Wayne and be dazzled by the lights—from huge historic displays mounted to building sides to the delicate shimmer of lights woven through urban park flora. Holiday Fest runs from

Thanksgiving Eve (Nov. 27) through Dec. 31. Many of the activities do not run the entire length of the festival.

To get complete information on times, dates and places, please call the Fort Wayne Visitor Information Center at 800–767–7752.

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Northville Christmas Walk will benefit historic village

Northville, Michigan-

Northville's historic Mill Race Village will be decorated for the third annual Christmas Walk the weekend of Nov. 16-17, noon to 5 p.m. each day. Village homes, school, church, blacksmith shop and general store will be trimmed for a Victorian holiday.

Created in 1972 by the Northville Historical Society, Mill Race Village serves as a focal point for the northwest Wayne County community while preserving architectural styles common to the area prior to 1900. Admission to the Christmas Walk is \$1 per person. All proceeds are earmarked for the maintenance and further restoration of the village.

A variety of crafts will be available for sale, including ornaments, weaving and stocking stuffers. Antisans will also be demonstrating their crafts.

Mill Race Village is located on Griswold, just north of Main-Street in-Northville. Call 313-348-1845 for more information.

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