Holyoke Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Country Christmas is scheduled for Monday night, Dec. 5 with numerous events running from 4-8 p.m.

The night dubbed "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" will be full of fun, food and more fun.

"One Magic Christmas" will be shown from 4-6 p.m. at the Peerless Theatre. The kids' movie is free and rated G. Kids will also receive candy bags from the Holyoke Volunteer Fire Department.

At 6 p.m. Santa Claus will lead the kids to the stoplight corner to turn on the Christmas lights.

Shortly after, at 6:30 p.m., the public is invited to grab a space along Interocean Avenue, cuddle under a blanket and watch the annual Parade of Lights.

Santa Claus will be at his village at the Veteran's Hall from 4-8 p.m. and kids are welcome to get their photo taken by Brittany Krueger of Prairie Photography.

Jolly Dozen FCE Club will hold its candy guessing game from 5-7 p.m. at the Veteran's Hall.

When the photos are taken and a guess has been made, get in line for the HVFD soup supper. Freewill donations will benefit the annual 4th of July firework show.

There will also be numerous special attractions around town for everyone to enjoy.

Home-based businesses at the Peerless include Baked Goods by Beth Britton; Kellie's Jams

and Jellies, Kellie Race; Pampered Chef, Melissa Goldenstein; Scentsy, Misti Redman; Watkins Products, Kathy Cook; and Peerless Theatre gift certificates.

Viaero Wireless will also host home-based businesses.

Holyoke Lions Club will serve hot cider at the mini park. Other hot beverages will be served by Holyoke Centennial 4-H Club. Hot chocolate and burritos will be served by Phillips County Education Services in front of Don Francisco.

Cookbooks from Zion Lutheran Church and Select A Book by Early Childhood Council will be in front of The Oak Tree.

Dig out the coats, hats and gloves, grab the kids and head downtown for the annual Country Christmas and Parade of Lights on Monday!

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