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**Garden Plain to host annual Christmas Kickoff event Nov. 30**

**GARDEN PLAIN, Kan. (Nov. 25, 2024)**

Garden Plain will host the community's annual Christmas Kickoff event on Saturday, Nov. 30 beginning at 4:30 PM on the 600 block of N. Main Street

The events are a collaboration between the Council of Hope, Inc., the Garden Plain Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Garden Plain.

A chili and cinnamon roll feed sponsored by the City begins at 4:30 PM at Saint Anthony's Parish Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Free-will donations are accepted and benefit the Council of Hope to help fund the cost of the annual lighting display.

Music and a visit from Santa Claus begin at 5:30 PM with an opportunity for pictures with Santa and his sleigh. The Christmas Lighting Display is scheduled for 6:30 PM at Beck Field. The event will have outdoor music on the night of the kickoff. After that, viewers can enjoy the display from the comfort of their vehicles by tuning into a posted radio station. The display typically runs every night from dusk to 11 PM through the new year's holiday.

"The Christmas Kickoff event in Garden Plain has turned into a family-friendly, fun, annual event. The Council of Hope and their volunteers do an amazing job with the lighting display. It takes many, many hours of hard work to design, program, and install the display at Beck Field. We know our citizens and visitors love the events" stated Mayor Kevin Hammond.

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Based in Garden Plain, the Council of Hope is a non-profit with a mission of enriching the lives of rural and suburban communities within south central Kansas, strengthening the area through citizenship while sustaining and embracing family and community values. To learn more, or to donate to the organization, visit their website at [councilofhope.com](http://councilofhope.com).

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