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“Jessamine County Fiscal Court kicks off 2008 holiday season with a blend of traditional and new events”

Friday, Nov. 30 will mark the beginning of Jessamine County’s 2008 holiday season, with a day that includes two brand-new holiday events as well as several of the familiar, not-to-be-missed traditions that county residents have come to know and love.

From 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., local bakers and candy makers of several Jessamine County non-profits will offer peanut brittle, gingerbread men, cookies and other holiday goodies for sale at the Clark Building on Main Street during the county’s first-ever Gingerbread Bakery Sale. The event, hosted by the Jessamine Historical Society and Jessamine County Fiscal Court, is designed to give local non-profit organizations the opportunity to raise funds during the holiday season. Participating non-profits include Nicholasville Christian Church, St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, Church of the Resurrection, Crosswoods Baptist, Cornerstone Baptist, Edgewood Baptist, and the International Order of Rainbow Girls. “There is no set up fee,” said organizer Ernestine Hamm. “Each church or non-profit will keep their profits. And if it goes well, we hope to have even more non-profits at next year’s sale.”

At 6 p.m. on Nov. 30, everyone is welcome to visit the Jessamine County Courthouse lawn to enjoy the county’s traditional Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #33 will lead the crowd in a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance; other activities include a reading of the Christmas story by the Jessamine County Ministerial Association, free photos with Santa, and free hot chocolate, cookies, and other refreshments.

Other Nov. 30 festivities include the culmination of the Jessamine County Fiscal Court’s Annual Circle of Giving Christmas Wreath Auction at 8 p.m., with plenty of lively bidding expected for wreaths decorated and donated by dozens of Jessamine County politicians, government employees, business persons and residents. The wreaths are displayed in the Jessamine County Courthouse hallways; they are then sold in a silent auction to raise funds for two Jessamine County charities designed to help make the holiday season brighter for local families in need: Helping Hands and Holiday Central.

“We’ve done Circle of Giving for years,” said Jessamine County Judge/Executive Wm. Neal Cassity. “It’s a Jessamine County Fiscal Court tradition that I’m proud to be a part of.”

For information about the Gingerbread Bakery Sale, contact Ernestine Hamm at (859) 885-6240. For information about Jessamine County Fiscal Court’s Circle of Giving Wreath Display and Auction and Tree Lighting Ceremony, call (859) 885-4500.