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(MONTGOMERY, Ohio) – **Montgomery Announces Holiday in the Village Contests.**

Get your creative juices flowing! Montgomery calls all kids and those young at heart to enter in one of three holiday contests sure to usher in holiday cheer as a part of the Holiday in the Village annual event.

The Montgomery Coloring Contest for Ages 2-14. Categories in the Montgomery coloring contest include Most Creative, Best Use of Color and Overall Skill. Winners will be chosen in the following age groups: 2-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-14. Prize winners in each of the age groups will be announced before the tree lighting ceremony during Holiday in the Village and top winner in each category will receive a prize. Winners from each age category will also be entered into a raffle where one name will be randomly drawn to flip the switch to light the tree at the tree lighting ceremony at 5pm on December 3. Pick up entry forms at City Hall or download the flyer (available Nov 7) on the city's website. **Forms are available online at www.montgomeryohio.org on Friday, November 7. Please return the forms to Montgomery City Hall by Saturday, November 22 at 4pm.**

Festival of Trees Contest seeks contenders.
You are invited to decorate an artificial 3-4 foot tree in this fun holiday contest. Many of the trees in the past have exploded with creative twists on this traditional holiday icon. In the past, entries went for beauty with the contrast of a white tree full of red birds, lit winter wonderland houses skirting the bottom of a tree and opulent ribbons and picks of glitter adding sparkle and brilliance. Others were themed with potting plants and gloves, a Grinch towering over a tree, and even the Eiffel Tower glittered on a French themed tree. All of the entries were wildly creative and brought joy to all of the festival attendees. Enter as a group, family, business or as an individual. It's not too early to start thinking of your creative theme and decorations! Your tree will be displayed at one of three locations during our Holiday in the Village event on December 3. New this year is a prize of $100. More details are available online at www.montgomeryohio.org. **Entry forms are due by Saturday, November 8 to Montgomery City Hall.**

Gingerbread Decorating Contest
Get your fun sugary, confection juices flowing and enter into our Gingerbread Decorating Contest. Your entry will be judged on Friday, December 2. Entries will be displayed at Twin Lakes and viewed by many during our Holiday in the Village event on December 3. Many thanks go to Haute Chocolate for their assistance with this contest. **Entry forms are due Tuesday, November 15 to Montgomery City Hall.**

The Festival of Trees and Gingerbread Contest are sponsored by the City of Montgomery, Ohio National Financial Services, Twin Lakes Life Enriching Communities and Bethesda North Hospital.

Visit the City's website, www.montgomeryohio.org, or call 891-2424 for more information.

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