

# 8th Annual Rudolph Country Christmas

**December 12, 2009 • 10am - 5:45pm**

***We invite everyone to join us for a truly Country Christmas.***

Visit our website for locations and times [www.visitrudolphwi.com](http://www.visitrudolphwi.com)



- Reindeer, Camel, Donkeys, Lambs
- Live Nativity
- Crafts & Re-Sale Treasures
- Belgian Horse & Wagon Rides
- Train Rides
- Fireworks

- Food Vendors
- Dutch Oven Breakfast & Demo
- One Day Pictorial Cancellation
- Postcard & Ornament Sales
- Cookie Decorating
- 60th Anniv. Rudolph Song  
by Gene Autry

- Gingerbread House Competition
- Ice Sculpting
- Ornament Making for Children
- Children & Toddler Games
- Lumberjack Show
- Antique Snowmobile Display

**————— Lighted Christmas Parade Begins at 5:15 pm —————**  
**Shuttle Service to and from events will be provided compliments of Safeway.**

## *60 Years of Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer by Gene Autry*

The story of *Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer* was written in 1939 by Robert L. May, for the Chicago-based Montgomery Ward stores, as a customer promotional gift. Montgomery Ward distributed 2.4 million copies of the Rudolph booklet in 1939. The story reflects May's own childhood difficulties as the smallest boy in his class. Other names considered were Rollo and Reginald.

Rudolph's story was made into a song by Johnny Marks, who developed the lyrics and melody for it. **Marks' musical version was first recorded by Gene Autry in 1949**, selling 2 million copies that year. It went on to become the 2nd biggest-selling Christmas song of all time, next to Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" This Song was the basis for the children's TV special in 1964. It was narrated by Burl Ives and became a Christmas Classic. The Chipmunks did a version that was a hit in 1960.



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