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Two of Chase County's biggest holiday events each year arrive this weekend when the FFVF Christmas House on Dec. 3 and Champion's Vision of Trees event, Dec. 3-4, are held.

Both are major fundraisers for the sponsoring organizations, the Freedoms Foundation at the Chase County Valley Forge (FFVF) chapter and the Champion Junior Women's Club.

The FFVF Christmas House is being held on a different day of the week this year-—Saturday. It's been held during the week, most often Fridays, in the past.

This year's FFVF fundraiser will be at the home of Owen and Claudette Swanson, 600 Max Drive, in Imperial from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

FFVF members will be filling the home with baked goods, casseroles, soups, theme baskets, crafts and Christmas-giving gifts for sale.

A raffle is also underway for the winner's choice of gift certificates from Imperial Country Ford, Harchelroad Motors, Brickstone Grille & Sports Bar or a photo package from Heidi Anderson Photography.

The Christmas House profits provide the major funding for the chapter's sponsorship of trips for

Chase County area students to the FFVF campus in Valley Forge, Pa., and tour of Washington D.C. each spring.

This Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, marks the seventh year for the Vision of Trees in Champion at the Community Center, sponsored by the Champion Junior Women's Club.

Food and gift purchases, entertainment, raffle and silent auction items will be offered both days.

The focal point of the weekend are the many decorated Christmas trees designed by residents of the area. Event Chairman Jean Farrer said there were more than 30 trees expected as of Tuesday, with possibly more by the weekend.

An added feature again this year will be a display of Nativity scenes brought to the event by a number of people from the area.

Hours Saturday are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a potato bake starting at 11 a.m. and a performance by the 9th St. Singers at 1 p.m.

On Sunday, doors open at 11 a.m. for a soup luncheon, with a variety show and performance by the Chase County Schools' kindergarten classes set for 1 p.m. The event closes at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Raffle tickets will also be available both days for two quilts, a quilt rack, a wooden chair and quilted wall hanging. Proceeds from the Vision of Trees will go to a family in need in the Champion community.