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'CHRISTMAS IN LOVE'

Synopsis

It's Christmastime in the small rural town of White Deer, Missouri. Ellie Hartman (Brooke D'Orsay) is an aspiring and talented crafter who works as an industrial baker alongside her family making famous Kringle pastries for Carlingson Bakery. With the CEO announcing his retirement, his son Nick Carlingson (Daniel Lissing) is poised to take over the San Francisco-based company, but not before being sent to White Deer to spend some time on the main bakery floor to "get the full picture."

Filled with modernization ideas and despite protests, Nick reluctantly lands in White Deer, keeping his true identity and business plans to himself. Standing out like a sore thumb in his suit and tie and Italian loafers, Nick walks towards the bakery but not before slipping on ice and hitting his head on Ellie's car door as she parks. Changed into more protective clothing (and shoes), Nick is escorted around the factory floor by Ellie who is there to teach him not only how to make a Kringle, but show him it's the *people* who make Carlingson Bakery a success, not machines. After meeting several employees and visiting a food bank, Nick begins to see the kindness people share with each other in this town, but not convinced automation isn't better.

In downtown White Deer, Ellie is persuaded to sell her very popular wreaths at the local Christmas festival, despite being scared no one will buy them and short on time to make them. Nick volunteers to help, pointing out she's very reluctant to step out of her comfort zone and afraid to chase her dreams. Ellie explains she chased her dream once – a job she didn't get in San Francisco – and now she sticks to what's safe. Nick later shows her sales research and statistics of seasonal decorations (and even offers to design a website) telling her "no more excuses." Her wreaths sell out and she is inspired and motivated to make even more for day two – this time with more help from friends, her whole family, and Nick again.

At Ellie's parents' house, Nick gets to see firsthand how the people of White Deer celebrate family and Christmas: festive holiday music, dancing, warm cookies and hot apple cider. Nick is softening, saying there's something about this town that makes him want do things for others – and the connection between Ellie and him intensifies. As Nick is becoming more and more welcomed in town – but with his true identity still a secret — a spark begins to form with Ellie.

Feeling more confident about creating her own crafting business, Ellie drives to the Lodge where Nick is staying to proudly give him a San Francisco wreath she made just for him. The door is unlocked and the room is empty, except for Nick's laptop opened to the report showing how automation and machines can improve the bottom line. When Ellie sees this, she feels horribly betrayed and later at her parents' house when Nick tries to explain, Ellie sends him away. The next day, Nick's dad arrives unexpectedly to White Deer as he watches his son make a surprising speech about the bakery's future, reaches a decision about passing the reigns. It's only then that Ellie must decide if she should trust Nick, but more importantly, whether to take a leap of faith in making her own dreams come true.