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Beloved holiday feed returns to Fairgrounds

The lights are twinkling and sleigh bells are ringing, ushering in the 99th annual “Cakes for Kids” event at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Presented by Bozeman Kiwanis, the morning feast will be held Saturday, December 2nd from 7am–1pm. Join the festivities and enjoy pancakes, ham, fixings, beverages and more holiday fun including a visit with Santa and Trixie.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and the same for every two children. This family event directly benefits area youth programs with 100% of the profits supporting the community. Tickets are available from Bozeman Kiwanis members or at the door. So, round up the family and don’t miss the fun at this anticipated community gathering.

Emerson hosts two days of merriment & cheer

It’s the most wonderful time of the year as local venues transform their spaces into festive wonderlands full of activities and cheer. On Friday and Saturday, December 1st and 2nd, the Emerson Center of Arts & Culture opens its doors for “Holidays with the Emerson,” two full days of holiday celebration.

The Emerson will host regional vendors as part of their famed “Holiday Bazaar” featuring handmade art, goods and handicrafts. The two-day event will meet all your shopping needs in one incredible location with event hours from 4–8pm on Friday and 10am–4pm on Saturday. The Crawford theater will be buzzing with the highly anticipated return of *’Tis the Season*, a fabulous assortment of local youth performance groups. The show will be held on Saturday from noon–3pm. Galleries will be open with their work for sale and fun activities for

You’ll leave with full bellies and heightened spirits! Made possible with the generous support of local businesses and sponsors, the event continues to grow in popularity as it works toward its landmark 100 years serving Gallatin Valley families during the holiday season.

The “Cakes for Kids” event supports Bozeman Kiwanis’ many local outreach initiatives, including the summer Sandbox Project and Eliminate, which through Kiwanis International has made great strides to eliminate maternal neonatal tetanus. For more information about the Bozeman Kiwanis Club please go to www.BozemanKiwanis.com or find them on social media. •

the kids.

But the event is also a seasonal escape for the grown-ups, with a saucy and seductive variety show topping off Saturday’s festivities. Get ready for the jingles, jangles and all the giggles, because this year’s event will make even Rudolph’s nose blush! Bozeman’s favorite naughty and spirited performance, *Holiday Noir*, will feature an assortment of legendary local performers at 8pm. This premier comedic, burlesque, holiday-themed show is just for adults 18+. Book your sitters early and join for an evening you won’t forget! This is a ticketed event.

Find a complete list of the day’s activities and further event details at www.thememerson.org. Located at 111 S Grand Ave., the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture serves as a primary resource for the arts, arts education, and cultural activities in Southwest Montana. •

Hop aboard for animated North Pole adventure

The Livingston Film Series is delighted to present a special free holiday screening of *The Polar Express* on Saturday, December 23rd. The film begins at 7pm at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts.

Directed by Robert Zemeckis and based on children’s author Chris Van Allsburg’s modern holiday classic of the same name, *The Polar Express* follows Billy (Hayden McFarland), who longs to believe in Santa Claus but finds it quite difficult to do so in the face of his family’s dogged insistence that all of it, from the North Pole, to the elves, to the man himself – is just a myth. Everything changes on Christmas Eve, when a mysterious train visits Billy in the middle of the night,

promising to take him and a group of other children to the North Pole for a visit with Santa. The train’s conductor (Tom Hanks) and passengers help turn Billy’s crisis of faith into a journey of self-discovery.

Now in its seventh season of screening independent features, documentaries, local films and vintage classics, doors open at 6:30pm with screenings to follow at 7pm. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Concessions available. For more information, please visit www.theshanecenter.org.

The Livingston Film Series is generously sponsored by Marilyn Clotz & Mary Ann Bearden and Donald B. Gimbel. •

BFS screens winter break dramedy, adventure doc

Bozeman Film Society continues to present independent film under the Big Sky with a pair of upcoming titles. Next up, *The Holdovers* lights up the Ellen screen at 7pm on Wednesday, December 27th.

From acclaimed director Alexander Payne, the film follows a curmudgeonly instructor (Paul Giamatti) at a New England prep school who is forced to remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. Eventually he forms an unlikely bond with one of them – a damaged, brainy troublemaker (newcomer Dominic Sessa) – and with the school’s head cook, who has just lost a son in Vietnam (Da’Vine Joy Randolph). The film is Rated R with a runtime of 133 min.

“Paul Giamatti is absolute perfec-

tion as a Grinchy teacher who learns a hard lesson in empathy over a winter school break.” – Peter Travers, *ABC News*

Following on Wednesday, January 17th, catch adventure film *Full Circle*. The screening will be held at the Ellen and begins at 7pm.

Winner of the Grand Prize Award at Banff Film Festival, the documentary follows Trevor Kennison on a path towards post-traumatic growth with Barry Corbett, 50 years later. Their stories mirror each other, connected through time and space by common locations and motifs; injuries in the Colorado backcountry, rehab at Craig Hospital, fame in Jackson Hole; but also through their shared resiliency and refusal to let their zeal for life be limited by their injuries.

Stroll downtown for trademark holiday event

Back with its 43rd annual event and Downtown Bozeman’s greatest tradition, the Christmas Stroll will take place Saturday evening, December 2nd from 4:30–7:30pm. Join for festive activities, great food and tons of fun! Bring the whole family to get your picture taken with Santa Claus, watch the lighting ceremony of the downtown decorations, check out the gingerbread house contest display, sing Christmas carols, grab a bite to eat from a local food vendor, visit with representatives from non-profits, or do some gift shopping. The Christmas Stroll is the place to find it all!

The Christmas Stroll is a community event 100% supported by

business sponsors and the sales of the Stroll’s timeless button souvenirs. These buttons grant access to additional Stroll happenings, including pictures with Santa, kids’ activities and more. You can support this great event by purchasing an official button for only \$4, allowing the Bozeman tradition to continue for many holiday seasons to come. Purchase of a button also enters its owners in a drawing for Bridger Bowl lift tickets, an Endeavor Ballooning Flight for 2, Downtown Dollar prize packages and more.

Find a complete schedule of events, list of where to purchase buttons, and further information at www.downtownbozeman.org.

Finally, a big congratulations to Sam Fry, whose artwork was selected for this year’s official event poster!



Doc Series explores human existence within nature

On Sunday, December 3rd, at the Museum of the Rockies, the Bozeman Doc Series continues its ninth season with the Montana premiere of the critically acclaimed new documentary, *Songs of Earth*. The screening begins at 7pm.

It does not get much bigger than *Songs of Earth*. Margreth Olin has created a stunning, cinematic work about life, death, nature and about simply being present in the world. With her native Norway’s dizzyingly beautiful mountain landscapes as its monumental backdrop, Olin embarks on an existential journey with her own aging parents as the human yardstick out in the vast expanses. Here, their family has always lived side by side with nature. Even when the earth’s pri-

mordial forces have shown their most merciless side.

Her parents’ love and lifelong loyalty bear quiet witness to how surroundings and inner space resonate with each other. But not even the most rock-solid mountain is unchanging – and certainly not in times like ours. The level of detail in Olin’s lyrical and visionary poem to her homeland is almost beyond anything seen on the big screen. And that is most definitely where *Songs of Earth* should be experienced.

“A remarkable, poetic meditation, *Songs of Earth* weaves the smallness of human lifespan into the grandness of the earth’s history, and does it all with unspeakable beauty.” – *Vox*

MSU invites community to annual Montana Hall lighting

From MSU News Service
Montana State University invites the campus community and the public to celebrate the 8th annual lighting of Montana Hall at 5:30pm on Wednesday, December 6th, on the south side of the building at the Malone Centennial Mall Plaza. Holiday treats and drinks will be provided.

The event will begin with remarks from MSU President Waded Cruzado and continue with a variety of music groups from campus. Champ’s Children’s Choir, a group featuring children from the Child Development Center and the ASMSU daycare, will sing holiday

carols. Other performers include the Montanans, the Spirit of the West drumline, the Bobcat Brass Trio, the Spirit Squad and the student body president and vice president from ASMSU.

Since the inaugural lighting of Montana Hall in 2015, the annual tradition has brought the campus and greater Bozeman communities together during the holidays, according to James Tobin, events manager in the president’s office.

“Montana State University is delighted to again host this tradition that brings together our campus community with the Bozeman community and beyond,” Cruzado said.



Barry Corbett shows that growth after spinal cord injury is possible for everyone, not just adaptive athletes. And yet his legacy paves the way for Trevor’s super-human feats. Six years after his accident, Trevor returns to the site of his accident in the Colorado backcountry with the goal of landing the world’s first

double backflip on a sit-ski – the culmination of his own personal growth and reinvention.

“*Full Circle* is a storytelling feat – a must-see movie that will push your understanding of what it means to be an athlete.” – Sofia Jaramillo, *National Geographic*

The Holdovers and *Full Circle* both screen at 7pm on Dec. 27th and Jan. 17th, respectively, at the Ellen. Reserved tickets are \$13.50 for adults, with discounted admission available for seniors and students. Wine, beer and concessions will be available prior to the screenings.

Find ticketing access and learn more about the current season at www.bozemanfilmsociety.org – and Keep ‘Em Flickering! •

Take brisk, art-filled walk with winter affair downtown

‘Tis the season for celebratory gatherings, gifting and holiday cheer! Returning for its annual snowy season event, the Winter Art Walk takes over the streets of Downtown Bozeman on Friday, December 8th from

6–8pm. Many galleries will feature artists’ openings and receptions and often provide hors d’oeuvres and complimentary refreshments. It’s also a wonderful chance to meander downtown, take in some art and cul-

ture, and do some holiday shopping.

The seasonal Art Walk follows the hugely popular Christmas Stroll, but local shoppers are encouraged to mark their calendars for this art-centered evening of culture, community and holiday gift giving. With gallery hosts aplenty, you’re sure to find something for that friend or family member with an artful eye. Log on to www.downtownbozeman.org for information on participating galleries and further event details. The evening gathering is FREE and open to the public. This is the final Art Walk event until next summer, so don’t miss out!

A member of the Downtown Bozeman Partnership, the purpose of the DBA is to promote Downtown Bozeman as a center of business, culture and entertainment; to conduct and promote activities and events that build a strong local economy; and to contribute to the well-being, growth and vitality of Downtown Bozeman. •



December 1 - 10 foot Tall & 80 Proof

December 2 - Quenby and the WOW Trio

December 8/9 - BlackWater Band

December 15/16 - Jackson Holte and the Highway Patrol

December 22/23 - Band of Drifters

December 29-31 - Brickhouse Band

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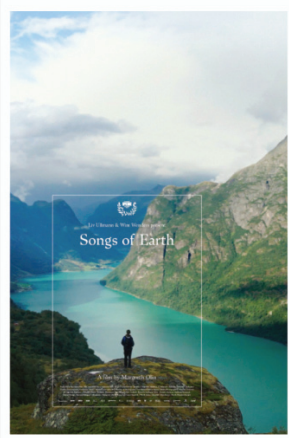
SONGS OF EARTH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

7pm at the Museum of the Rockies

In this unique cinematic experience, filmmaker Margreth Olin takes viewers on a journey through the dizzyingly beautiful landscape near her hometown in Norway, guided by her 84-year-old father, Jørgen, a lifelong explorer of the natural world and a man possessing a unique wisdom gained over his many years walking in the wilds. *Songs of Earth* is a stunning work about life, death, nature and about simply being present in the world.

tickets and more info at www.bozemandocseries.org



YBC gifts Nutcracker shows with Argentinian flair

Lucas Segovia stars in Yellowstone Ballet Co.'s 32nd annual production of Tchaikovsky's holiday classic *The Nutcracker* on Sunday, December 10th. He will perform the roles of the Nutcracker Prince and the Cavalier. Performances will be held at 1pm and 4:30pm at the Willson Auditorium in Bozeman.

Originally from Buenos Aires, Segovia joined Ballet Argentina as a soloist under Julio Bocca's direction. He was promoted to Principal Dancer shortly after and was the only dancer performing a solo piece in Bocca's farewell performance for over 300,000 people and broadcasted on national TV.

As for knowing when he wanted to dance, Segovia said, "It caught me by surprise. It was a matter of luck. I didn't start dancing until I was 16 after a female friend (who was a jazz dancer) convinced me to watch some dancing." Watching the dancing, Segovia realized something. "It wasn't a girly thing. There were a lot of guys taking classes, and the teacher was a man. I thought, 'Why not? I'll give it a try.' In countries where cultures are not so stimulated it's hard to say, 'I want to be a dancer' and make a living doing it. But I was able to do it."

When asked what dance means to him, Segovia said, "Passion. The reason that I'm in this country and far away from my family is passion.



It's a way for me to express myself; it's the best way to say what I want to say." This passion has taken Segovia to major theaters in the United States, Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Russia and Cuba, among other places.

Segovia has been a part of The Washington Ballet and of Morphoses/The Wheeldon Company, directed by Christopher Wheeldon. He has also danced with The Joffrey Ballet for six seasons, performing in virtually the entire repertoire of the company as a soloist or principal dancer. Lucas has danced works by choreographers like Balanchine, Robbins, Twyla Tharp, Mark Morris, Christopher Wheeldon, Wayne McGregor, Alexei Ratmansky, William Forstye and Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, among many others.

Throughout his career Segovia has danced in more than 400 cities around the globe, performing in some of the most important venues for dance in the world and has been awarded

with the Premio Clarin, the most prestigious recognition for the Arts in Argentina.

Joining Segovia is Bozeman native Molly Groeschl. She trained with Main Street Dance Theater under the direction of Dana Sorg. Molly went on to train at Pacific Northwest Ballet, American Ballet

Theater NYC, Orlando Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and Ballet West. She has performed professionally with Ballet Tucson, Ballet West, Milwaukee Ballet, Colorado Ballet and Madison Ballet. She holds a BFA in Ballet Performance from the University of Utah.

Enhancing the production will be members of the School of Classical Ballet Company, Billings, Bridger View Ballet Center and Circus Center of Bozeman/406CIRQUE.

Encouraging families to attend, every adult ticket purchase qualifies for a free child's ticket. Children can also attend as a *Nutcracker* character and compete for one of three gift certificates from the Rocky Mountain Toy Company. The costume contest will occur during intermission and every participant will receive a small gift.

YBC is under the artistic direction of founder Kathleen Rakela, a recipient of the Montana Arts Council Fellowship for the Performing Arts. The innovative company has been featuring local, national, and international dance talent in the Park, Sweet Grass, and Gallatin counties since 1990. Rakela also runs the Yellowstone Ballet Academy. Her students have received scholarships to world-class ballet training centers and have danced professionally around the world.

Reserved tickets for YBC's *The Nutcracker* are available at www.yellowstoneballet.info or with cash or check at the door. Advance purchase is advised as last year's shows sold out. For additional inquiries, contact event organizers at YellowstoneBalletCo@gmail.com, (406) 222-0430 or by texting (406) 219-6915. •

MBC delights with 40th Nutcracker, added events

Celebrating 40 years in Bozeman, the one and only original MBC's *Nutcracker* returns to the Willson Auditorium on December 2nd and 3rd. Performances will be held at 2pm and 7pm on Saturday, with additional shows on Sunday at noon and 4pm.

In tradition, MBC is thrilled to welcome exceptional guest artists to its cast of more than 100 community dancers. This year from the renowned New York City Ballet, Indiana Woodward and Sebastian Villarini-Velez will perform both the Snow and Sugar Plum pas de deux. Also joining the cast is Bozeman favorite Soren Kiesel in the role of Drosselmeyer. The part of Clara will be danced by MBC Company Dancers Dulcinéa Johnston and Ruby Weinberg.

MBC will once again collaborate with the Bozeman Symphony Orchestra playing Tchaikovsky's beloved score. Maestro Lee Mills, internationally acclaimed conductor and five-time winner of the Solti Foundation U.S. Career Assistance Award, will conduct.

MBC is also delighted to partner with the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter to promote animal adoptions. HOV's mission is to compassionately shelter the lost and surrendered pets of Gallatin and Madison Valleys, and to enhance the lives of people and companion animals through pet adoption and education. As a special treat, Worf, our four-legged furry friend will join the cast during MBC's *Nutcracker* performances!

First performed in the lobby of



First Security Bank in 1983, MBC's *Nutcracker* is held the first weekend in December and has become synonymous with the Bozeman Christmas

Stroll. This production is a cherished holiday tradition for countless performers and their families and friends, as well as the thousands of audience members who share in the experience year after year. MBC's *Nutcracker* is a treat for the entire family.

Also this month, *Tea with Clara* returns! The event will feature two seatings at 11am and 2pm on Saturday, Dec. 9th at the Baxter. This special affair is a must for families and children – the perfect opportunity to get dressed up and create lifetime memories in a magical setting. Following at 7pm, the inaugural *Nutcracker* Ball will be held. This exclusive event will include live performances by MBC and select Bozeman Symphony Orchestra musicians, as well as fine drink and dining, all in a beautifully festive atmosphere. All events will be held in the Baxter Ballroom. See host website for additional details and ticketing access.

All *Nutcracker* performances sold out in 2021 and 2022. Purchase tickets early to join the celebration at www.montanaballet.org or by calling (406) 582-8702. All seating is reserved. Ticket prices range from \$28 to \$78. •

Shane unveils spirited annual variety show

One of the Shane Lalani Center for the Art's most popular productions, the *Holiday Vaudeville*, returns for its 15th annual presentation with performances set for December 8th–17th in Livingston.

This high-energy variety show is a rollicking romp through the cherished chestnuts of the season. Show producers have assembled yet another intrepid squad of community performers ranging from the sublime to the spastic who will amaze, amuse and mystify with songs, skits and vigorous acts of vaudevillian



virtuosity – all served up with a heaping helping of heart. It's fun for

place in the Dulcie Theatre. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 3pm. Tickets are \$23 for adults, \$17 for seniors/students/veterans, and \$11 for youth 17 & under. Make reservations now at www.theshanecenter.org or call the box office at (406) 222-1420.

Seating is strictly limited for this show; early reservations are recommended. The Dulcie Theatre and lobby are equipped with a UV air filtration system.

Holiday Vaudeville 2023 is generously sponsored by Conley's Books & Music, Kirk Michels Architects, First Interstate Bank, and Yellowstone Valley Lodge & Grill. •

MOR shines light on history of winter festivities

Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies is once again offering its educational and visually stunning *Season of Light* in the Taylor Planetarium as 2023 draws to a close.

From Yule logs to Christmas trees and luminaries to Santa Claus, the winter solstice is a time for celebrating the light. Take part in a journey through the many holiday traditions that have been passed down through the centuries and learn how they've helped to make the winter season more festive.

Season of Light shows daily at 1pm and 3pm, with an additional showing at 11am on Saturdays and Sundays, through December 31st. These screenings are included with Museum admission or membership. *Please note: the Museum will close at 3pm on Dec. 24th and will be closed on Christmas Day.*

New this year, MOR will host the inaugural "Victorian Holiday" in enhancement of limited, after hours *Season of Light* viewings on Friday and Saturday, December 8th–9th and 15th–16th. All will begin at

6pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages 5-17 and free for younger children.

Transport yourself back to the holiday season of 1890s Montana with the *Season of Light* experience in the Taylor Planetarium. Following the show, join the 1890s carolers as they lead you to the Tinsley House, which will be decorated in Victorian holiday style. Discover the unique ways Montana's French Canadian and Irish communities celebrated the season, and join in on authentic caroling from the period. Make paper ornaments and holiday cards, and indulge in hot chocolate and holiday treats. Perfect for the whole family!

Also on display at MOR are exhibits *Unbridled Spirit: The Photography of Barbara Van Cleve* and *Zoo in You: The Human Microbiome*. Both are included with Museum admission or membership. The exhibits will be on view through Jan. 7th. And coming in the new year –



Conserving America's Wildlands: The Vision of Ted Turner opens Jan. 27th with *Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids: Mythic Creatures* to follow in

the spring. Stay tuned for details.

Give the gift of membership this holiday season! Share all that you love about MOR with friends and family. Members have the opportunity to experience diverse changing exhibits, the famous Siebel Dinosaur Complex, absorbing planetarium shows, as well as various programs and classes throughout the year.

MOR is now open from 9am–5pm daily. For more information about these exhibits, 'Victorian Holiday' tickets and gift membership opportunities, visit www.museumoftherockies.org. •

Make it a Christmas to remember with Dickens classic

Downtown Bozeman's Ellen Theatre invites audiences to return for its much-loved holiday production of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Performances will begin

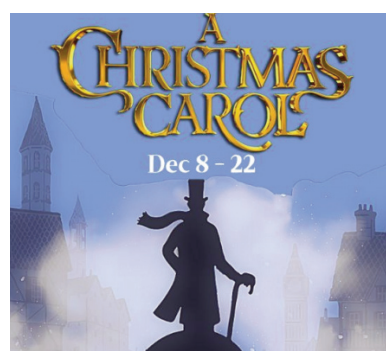
December 8th and run through Dec. 22nd. Tickets are on sale now.

Warm up the winter chill with this Ellen tradition as we meet Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and that irascible misguided miser Ebenezer Scrooge, played by veteran actor and local favorite John Hosking. Witness firsthand as Scrooge is haunted by Jacob Marley, and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. But will seeing these visions be enough to change his ways? Take a trip to 19th Century London to find out. You're sure to chase away the holiday humbug with this Montana TheatreWorks production, a timeless tale magically brought to life on the storied downtown stage.

First performed at The Ellen in 2008, this family friendly, whimsical take on the Dickens tale is sure to put all in the holiday spirit. There's nothing quite like live theatre, and it's sure to be a Christmas to remem-

ber with this Charles Dickens classic. It's the perfect way to celebrate the spirit of the season and a great present for the entire family.

Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*



is presented by Montana TheatreWorks, producers of *Oklahoma!*, *Annie*, *Damn Yankees*, *White Christmas*, *The Sound of Music*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and most recently, *You Can't Take It with You*.

A note to parents: This is a faithful adaptation

of the book, which includes visits from four ghosts. Although it is all make-believe, some young children may be frightened by the darker, spooky and supernatural aspects of this play.

Numerous performances of *A Christmas Carol* will be held Dec. 8th–22nd with evening shows and weekend matinees. Tickets to this holiday production range \$19 to \$35 (plus fees).

Wine, beer and concessions will be sold in the lobby one hour before each event. Ticketing and further information about these performances and upcoming events is available at www.theellentheatre.org. For additional inquiries, call the box office at (406) 585-5885. •

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December 10th 6-8 PM Pilgrim Church 2118 S 3rd Ave, Bozeman

Band: Megan Makeever/Amy Leach/Rick Winking/Chris Cunningham/Chris Narro/Jake Fleming

SUNDAY

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THURSDAY

December 31st

Hyalite Tour 10am	Hyalite Pavilion
BSF Hyalite Tour 10am	Hyalite Pavilion
Noon Year's Eve Party 11:30am	Montana Science Center
LBP Gameday 12:30pm	Last Best Place Brewing Co.
DJ Tanner 3pm	Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky
Celtic Music Sundays 3:15pm	Valhalla Meadery
Winter Wonderland Sleigh Ride 4pm	Gallatin River Lodge
Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm	Eagles Bar
Moonlight Moonlight 7pm	Vista Hall – Big Sky
New Year's Eve Mash Up w/ DJ Salt Lick & Sleepless Elite 8pm	The Attic – Livingston
Paige & the People's Band 9pm	The Elm
Peter King & The Dead Yellers 9pm	Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Brickhouse Band 9pm	Chico Hot Springs Saloon
NYE – Ian Thomas & The Band of Drifters Trio 9pm	Old Saloon – Emigrant
New Year's Eve Fireworks 9pm	Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky
Doublewide Dreams 9pm	Murray Bar – Livingston
Tsunami Funk 9:30pm	Montana Jack – Big Sky
New Queers Eve 10pm	The Rialtoà



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LBP Gameday 12:30pm Last Best Place Brewing Co. Audi of Bozeman Holiday Mixer 1pm Audi Bozeman	
Après with Santa 2pm The Waypoint – Big Sky	
Celtic Music Sundays 3:15pm Valhalla Meadery	
Stumpy 3:30pm Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky	
Bending Towards the Light – A Jazz Nativity 4pm Hope Lutheran Church	
MBC's The Nutcracker Ballet 4pm Willson Auditorium	
Paint & Sip – Winter River 4pm Audrey's Pizza & Freefall Brewery	
MSU's 59th Annual Madrigal Dinners! 6:30pm SUB Ballroom – MSU	
The Bozeman Doc Series presents Songs of Earth 7pm Hager Auditorium – Museum of the Rockies	
Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pmEagles Bar	
Her Gift/Her Creation – Community Showcase 7pm Warren Miller Performing Arts Center – Big Sky	
Desperate Electric 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs	
Bush with Special Guest Bad Wolves 7:30pm MetraPark – Billings	

4	Preschool Science 10am Montana Science Center
Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Motors	
Ice Rink – GCF Fairgrounds	
Pints with Purpose 12pm Bridger Brewing	
26th Annual Madrigal Dinner 5pm Missouri Ballroom – Big Sky Resort	
Holiday Lentil Table 6pm Eagle Mount	
Fencing Club 6pm Eagles Ballroom	
Wild Trivia 6pm Wildrye Distilling	
Board Game Night 6pm Bozeman Public Library	
Brendan Nolan 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza	
Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub	
Open Mic Bleat 8pm Fainting Goat Pub – Livingston	
Legion Monday Karaoke 9pm American Legion – Bozeman	

5	Yoga For All 12pm Bozeman Public Library
Cribbage League 2pm Bunkhouse Brewery – Four Corners	
Cribbage League – BZN 2pm Bunkhouse Brewery	
Newcomer Orientation 5pm Bozeman Dharma Center	
DJango Jazz 6pm Valhalla Meadery	
Bozeman City Commission Meeting 6pm Bozeman City Hall	
FREE Financial Skill Building Class 6pm Virtual Event	
GNL Trivia at Colombo's Pizza 6pm Colombo's Pizza	
Last Best Place Trivia 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.	
Family Karaoke 7pm 49Er Diner – Livingston	
Bone Dry Comedy Hour Open Mic 8pm Last Best Comedy	
Bingo at The Molly 8pm Molly Brown	
Karaoke @ IX 9pm Bar IX	

6	Public Skate 11:15amFairgrounds Gyrokinesis 12pmBozeman Libry Fiber Arts 4pm Bozeman Library Dance with Us! 5pm
Traffic Circle at College and 11th Bozeman	
8th annual Montana Hall Lighting 5:30pm MSU Centennial Mall	
Cole Thorne 6pm Sidewall Pizza Company	
Bozeman Poetry Collective Open Mic 6pm Valhalla Meadery	
FREE Financial Skill Building Class 6pm Virtual Event	
Trivia 6pm Bridger Brewing – 3 Forks	
Open Mic Wednesdays 6pmBunkhouse 4C	
Tom Kirwan 6pm MAP Brewing	
Shiny Trivia 6pm SHINE Beer Sanctuary	
Heather White Author Talk 6:30pm Bozeman Library	
Gold Rush Cornhole 6:30pmEagles Ballroom	
Family Karaoke 7pm49Er Diner – Livingston	
Waypoint Trivia 7pmThe Waypoint – Big Sky	
Jasmine Pickner Bell – FREE EVENT 7:30pm Warren Miller Performing Arts Center – Big Sky	
Rigby Summer 8pm Eagles Bar	
Jazz Night hosted by Eddie T 8pm Tune Up Basement Bar	
Rob + Loli 8pm Bozeman Taproom	
Missy's Holiday Mixtape 8pm Last Best Comedy	
Trivia at the Molly 8pm Molly Brown	
Silver Dollar Open Mic 9pm Silver Dollar Saloon – Butte	

7	Business Before Hours 7:30am Career Concepts
Winter Wonderland Sleigh Ride 3pm Gallatin River Lodge	
Tom Marino 3:30pmScissorbills Saloon – BS	
MOR's Presenting Prehistory: Strangest Marine Reptiles with Eric Metz 5:30pm Hager Auditorium – Museum of the Rockies	
Katie Hall 6pm Bridger Brewing – 3 Forks	
Thursday Trivia 6pm Bunkhouse Brew– 4C	
Drink and Draw with Artbywolves 6pm Valhalla Meadery	
Financial Skill Building 6pm Virtual Event	
Singo (song bingo) 6pm LBPlace Brewing	
Overtime Sprts Cornhole 6pmEagles Ballroom	
Open Mic Thursday – hosted by Dick McCumber 6pm Pine Creek Lodge – LV	
Thursday Night Out! 7pm Last Best Comedy	
Bozeman Ice Climbing Festival: Jirishanca 7pm Emerson Crawford Theater	
Dan Henry 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs	
Vintage Swing Dancing 7pm Blend – Wine Bar & Gallery	
Marcedes Carroll 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant	
Therapy Thursday – Queer Bozeman Dance Party 8pm The Rialto	
Jess Atkins 8pm Tune Up Basement Bar	
Ella Cole 9pm Bozeman Taproom	
Eagle's Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar	
Legion Thursday Karaoke 9:30pm American Legion – Bozeman	

10	LBP Gameday 12:30pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.
Yellowstone Ballet Company's 32nd Annual Nutcracker 1pm Willson Auditorium	
Anaconda Ensemble Theatre presents 'Old -Fashioned Winter Holiday' 2pmCopper Village Museum – Anaconda	
A Christmas Carol 3pm The Ellen Theatre	
Northern Writes – a collection of six original short plays 3pm Blue Slipper Theatre – Livingston	
Holiday Vaudeville 3pm Shane Lalani Center for the Arts – Livingston	
Celtic Music Sundays 3:15pm Valhalla Meadery	
Stumpy 3:30pmScissorbills Saloon – Big Sky	
Yellowstone Ballet Company's 32nd Annual Nutcracker 4:30pm Willson Auditorium	
FREE *Life Heads West* Album Release Show 6pm Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC	
Bozeman Ice Climbing Festival: Local Legends Dinner & Wrap Party 6pm Emerson Center for the Arts	
Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm Eagles Bar	
Apollo Suns 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs	
'Cowgirls' FREE Film Screening w/ Special Guests 8pmGallatin Labor Temple	

11	Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Motors Ice Rink – GCF Fairgrounds
Pints with Purpose 12pm Bridger Brewing	
SCORE Monthly Meeting 12pm Bozeman Chamber of Commerce BACC	
Paint-Your-Pet with LeeAnn Ramey 2:30pm LeeAnn's Studio at the Emerson	
Board Game Night 6pm Bozeman Public Library	
Fencing Club 6pm Eagles Ballroom	
Wild Trivia 6pm Wildrye Distilling	
Jeff Zelkin 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza	
Think Like a Raven: with John Marzluff 7pm The Ellen Theatre	
Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub	
Open Mic Bleat 8pm Fainting Goat Pub – Livingston	

WE HAVE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING!



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12	Cribbage League 2pm Bunkhouse Brewery – Four Corners
Cribbage League – BZN 2pm Bunkhouse Brewery	
DJango Jazz 6pm Valhalla Meadery	
Bozeman City Commission Meeting 6pm Bozeman City Hall	
GNL Trivia at Colombo's Pizza 6pm Colombo's Pizza	
Last Best Place Trivia 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.	
Recipe Test Kitchen 6:30pm Bozeman Public Library	
40 Years of Grizzly Bear Conservation 7pm Hager Auditorium	
Family Karaoke 7pm49Er Diner – Livingston	
Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub	
Bingo at The Molly 8pm Molly Brown	
Bone Dry Comedy Hour Open Mic 8pm Last Best Comedy	
Karaoke @ IX 9pm Bar IX	

13	Public Skate 11:15am – GCF Fairgrounds Gyrokinesis 12pm Bozeman Public Library
Fiber Arts Meet Up 4pm Bozeman Public Library	
Dance with Us! 5pm Soroptomist Park	
Gage Sowell 6pm Sidewall Pizza Company	
Bozeman Poetry Collective Open Mic 6pm Valhalla Meadery	
Trivia @ BB-3Forks 6pm Bridger Brewing – 3 Forks	
Open Mic Wednesdays 6pm Bunkhouse Brewery – Four Corners	
Lazy Owl Stringband 6pm MAP Brewing	
Shiny Trivia 6pm SHINE Beer Sanctuary	
Tobacco Prevention Class 6:30pm Bozeman Public Library	
Gold Rush Cornhole 6:30pm Eagles Ballroom	
Family Karaoke 7pm 49Er Diner – Livingston	
Waypoint Trivia 7pm The Waypoint – Big Sky	
Hannah Jo Lally 8pm Eagles Bar	
Jazz Night hosted by Eddie T 8pm Tune Up Basement Bar	
The Rub of Bennet Drozic 8pm Last Best Comedy	
Cole Thorn 8pm Bozeman Taproom	
Trivia at the Molly 8pm Molly Brown	
Silver Dollar Open Mic 9pm Silver Dollar Saloon – Butte	

14	Hanna Powell & Robby Hutto 3:30pm Scissorbills Saloon – B S
Sip-N-Paint with LeeAnn Ramey 5:30pm Residence Inn – Downtown Bozeman	
4C Bunkhouse Thursday Trivia 6pm Bunkhouse Brewery – Four Corners	
www.twang 6pm Bridger Brewing – 3 Forks	
Last Best Singo (song bingo) 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.	
Overtime Sports Cornhole 6pm Eagles Ballroom	
Open Mic Thursday – hosted by Dick McCumber 6pm Pine Creek Lodge – LV	
Christmas Caroling with the Bozeman Folklore Society 6:30pm Treeline Coffee Roasters – Wallace	
Road Agents 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs	
Author Allen Jones 7pmElk River Bks – Lvngrstn	
Livingston Stand Up with Bo Johnson 7pm Blue Slipper Theatre – Livingston	
White Christmas – High School Holiday Musical 7pmWarren Miller Center Big Sky	
Vintage Swing Dancing 7pm Blend – Wine Bar & Gallery	
A Christmas Carol 7:30pmThe Ellen Theatre	
Chandler Huntley 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant	
Taylor Burlage 8pm Bozeman Taproom	
Jerry Joeseeph 8pm The Attic – Livingston	
Jess Atkins 8pm Tune Up Basement Bar	
Eagle's Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar	
Legion Thursday Karaoke 9:30pm American Legion – Bozeman	

17	Winter Wonderland 10am Montana Science Center
Public Skate 11:15am – GCF Fairgrounds	
Pints with Purpose 12pm Bridger Brewing	
Damn Duo 4pm Montana Jack – Big Sky	
Board Game Night 6pm Bozeman Public Library	
Fencing Club 6pm Eagles Ballroom	
Wild Trivia 6pm Wildrye Distilling	
Aaron Banfield 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza	
Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub	
Open Mic Bleat 8pm Fainting Goat Pub – Livingston	
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18	Winter Wonderland 10am Montana Science Center
Public Skate 11:15am – GCF Fairgrounds	
Pints with Purpose 12pm Bridger Brewing	
Damn Duo 4pm Montana Jack – Big Sky	
Board Game Night 6pm Bozeman Public Library	
Fencing Club 6pm Eagles Ballroom	
Wild Trivia 6pm Wildrye Distilling	
Aaron Banfield 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza	
Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub	
Open Mic Bleat 8pm Fainting Goat Pub – Livingston	

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19	Damn Duo 7am Montana Jack – Big Sky
Winter Wonderland 10amMontana Science Center	
Cribbage League 2pmBunkhouse Brewery – Four Corners	
Cribbage League – BZN 2pm Bunkhouse Brewery	
Eddie Tsuru Jazz Duo 4pm Summit Hotel – Big Sky	
DJango Jazz 6pm Valhalla Meadery	
Bozeman City Commission Meeting 6pm Bozeman City Hall	
GNL Trivia at Colombo's Pizza 6pm Colombo's Pizza	
Last Best Place Trivia 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.	
Family Karaoke 7pm 49Er Diner – Livingston	
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre	
Bingo at The Molly 8pm Molly Brown	
Karaoke @ IX 9pm Bar IX	

20	Snowflake Science Creations 9am Montana Science Center
Winter Wonderland 10am Montana Science Center	
Public Skate 11:15am Fairgrounds	
Gyrokinesis 12pm Bozeman Public Library	
Kayley Smith 4pm Montana Jack – Big Sky	
Fiber Arts Meet Up 4pm Bozeman Library	
Dance with Us! 5pm Soroptomist Park	
Tiny Paycheck 5:30pm MAP Brewing	
West Dakota Stutter 6pm Sidewall Pizza	
Bozeman Poetry Collective Open Mic 6pm Valhalla Meadery	
An Evening in Spain 6pm Gallatin River Lodge	
Trivia 6pm Bridger Brewing – 3 Forks	
Open Mic Wednesdays 6pm Bunkhouse Brewery – Four Corners	
Shiny Trivia 6pm SHINE Beer Sanctuary	
Gold Rush Cornhole 6:30pm Eagles Ballroom	
Family Karaoke 7pm49Er Diner – Livingston	
Waypoint Trivia 7pm The Waypoint – Big Sky	
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre	
Mario Miner Jr. 8pm Eagles Bar	
Jazz Night hosted by Eddie T 8pm Tune Up Basement Bar	
Mark Hayoak 8pm Bozeman Taproom	
Trivia at the Molly 8pm Molly Brown	
Silver Dollar Open Mic 9pm Silver Dollar Saloon – Butte	

21	Winter Wonderland 10am Montana Science Center
DJ Ka5 3pm Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky	
Tom Marino 3:30pm Scissorbills – Big Sky	
Kent Johnson 4pmMontana Jack – Big Sky	
Bridger Creek Boys 6pm Bridger Brewing – 3 Forks	
4C Bunkhouse Thursday Trivia 6pm Bunkhouse Brewery – Four Corners	
Homeless Persons' Memorial: The Longest Night Candle Light Vigil 6pm Bozeman Public Library	
Last Best Singo (song bingo) 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.	
Overtime Sports Cornhole 6pm Eagles Ballroom	
Open Mic Thursday – hosted by Dick McCumber 6pm Pine Creek Lodge – LV	
Jesse the Ocelot 7pmBozeman Hot Springs	
Vintage Swing Dancing 7pm Blend – Wine Bar & Gallery	
Thursday Night Out! 7pm Last Best Comedy	
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre	
Brendan Nolan 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant	
Cole Thorn 8pm Bozeman Taproom	
Jess Atkins 8pm Tune Up Basement Bar	
Eagle's Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar	
Legion Thursday Karaoke 9:30pm American Legion – Bozeman	

24	LBP Gameday 12:30pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.
DJ Ka5 3pm Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky	
Celtic Music Sundays 3:15pm Valhalla Meadery	
Christmas Eve Dinner 4pm Gallatin River Lodge	
Christmas Eve Dinner 6pm Gallatin River Lodge	
Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm Eagles Bar	
Christmas Eve fireworks 8pm Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky	
Christmas Eve Dinner 8pm Gallatin River Lodge	

25	Public Skate 11:15am – GCF Fairgrounds
DJ Ka5 3pm Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky	
Damn Duo 4pm Montana Jack – Big Sky	
Fencing Club 6pm Eagles Ballroom	

26	Winter Wonderland 10am Montana Science Center
Damn Duo 4pm Montana Jack – Big Sky	
Eddie Tsuru Jazz Duo 4pm Summit Hotel – Big Sky	
DJango Jazz 6pm Valhalla Meadery	
GNL Trivia at Colombo's Pizza 6pm Colombo's Pizza	
Last Best Place Trivia 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.	
Family Karaoke 7pm 49Er Diner – Livingston	
Bingo at The Molly 8pm Molly Brown	
Karaoke @ IX 9pm Bar IX	

27	Frosty Frivolous Food (1st-5th grade) 9amMontana Science Cntr
Kayley Smith 4pmMontana Jack	
Jazz bassist Bob Bowman, Kellan Moore on piano and Josh Poole on drums 5pm Wilson Hotel – Big Sky	
Bozeman Poetry Open Mic 6pm Valhalla	
Trivia 6pm Bridger Brewing – 3 Forks	
Eric Leadbetter 6pm MAP Brewing	
Shiny Trivia 6pm SHINE Beer Sanctuary	
Gold Rush Cornhole 6:30pm Eagles Ballroom	
Family Karaoke 7pm49Er Diner – Livingston	
"The Holdovers" 7pm The Ellen Theatre	
Trivia 7pm The Waypoint – Big Sky	
Cirque-tacular – Acrobatic Reverie 7:30pm Warren Miller Arts Center – Big Sky	
Mathias 8pm Eagles Bar	
Jazz Night hosted by Eddie T 8pm Tune Up Basement Bar	
Jack Ooster 8pm Bozeman Taproom	
Trivia at the Molly 8pm Molly Brown	
Open Mic 9pm Silver Dollar Saloon – Butte	

28	Winter Wonderland 10am Montana Science Center
DJ Tanner 3pm Plaza – Big Sky	
Kent Johnson 4pmMontana Jack	
Marcedes Carrol 6pm Bridger Brewing – 3 Forks	
Trivia 6pm Bunkhouse Brewery – 4C	
Singo (song bingo) 6pm LBP Brewing Co.	
Overtime Sports Cornhole 6pm Eagles Ball	
Open Mic Thursday – hosted by Dick McCumber 6pm Pine Creek Lodge – LV	
Josh Moore 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs	
Vintage Swing Dancing 7pm Blend – Wine Bar & Gallery	
Brandon Hale Duo 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant	
Taylor Burlage 8pm Bozeman Taproom	
Jess Atkins 8pm Tune Up Basement Bar	
Eagle's Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar	
Legion Thursday Karaoke 9:30pm American Legion – Bozeman	

FRIDAY

1	Winter Sleigh Ride 3pm	Gallatin River Lodge
	Mark Davidson 3:30pm	Scissorbills Saloon – BS
Live Music w/ Left For Dead 5:30pm	Holiday Bazaar 4pm	Emerson Center/Livingston
	Christmas Stroll 4pm	Downtown Livingston
Noël! 5:30pm		Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Fresh 5 Friday 5:30pm		Last Best Comedy
Painting With Pastries 6pm		Daily Coffee – Northside
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm		Bar IX
Celtic Music 6pm		Valhalla Meadery
Science Nights In 6pm		Montana Science Center
Bluegrass Jam Friday 6pm		Pine Creek Lodge – LV
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm		Red Tractor Pizza
Great Falls Americans vs IceDogs 7pm		Haynes Pavilion – GCF
Outriders presents Zella Day with Jesse Woods as Chaparelle 7pm		The Rialto
Stand Up with Dave Hill 7pm		Last Best Comedy
Noël! 7:30pm		Holy Rosary Catholic Church
The Hellroaring + Matt Wallin & His NB 8pm		Filling Station
Tuesday Night Rodeo Club featuring Amanda Stewart 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Dirty Shame Trio 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Holiday Noir for 18+ 8pm		Emerson Center
Western Skies 8pm		The Jump
Cole Thorn 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Quenby & The West Wayland Band w/ The Blake		
Brightman Band 8pm		The Attic – Livingston
Karaoke (Yes Way!) 9pm		The Waypoint – Big Sky
10 Foot Tall and 80 Proof 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon
The Dead Yellers 9pm		Eagles Bar
Adult Karaoke 9pm		49Er Diner – Livingston
Karaoke 9pm		Plaza Bar – Three Forks
Friday Night Stand Up with Dave Hill 9pm		Last Best Comedy
RAVEN ROSHI 9pm		Tune Up Basement Bar

8	Virtual Fossil Fridays 9am	Virtual Event
	Bridger Bowl Projected Opening Day 9am	
Public Skate 11:15am		GCF Fairgrounds
	New Directions: County and City Leaders	
Look Forward to 2024 1:30pm		Virtual Event
	John Parvin 3:30pm	Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky
26th Big Sky Christmas Stroll 5pm		Big Sky Town Center
Fresh 5 Friday 5:30pm		Last Best Comedy
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm		Bar IX
Celtic Music 6pm		Valhalla Meadery
Winter Art Walk 6pm		Downtown Bozeman
Victorian Holiday at MOR 6pm		Museum of the Rockies
Bluegrass Jam Friday 6pm		Pine Creek Lodge – LV
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm		Red Tractor Pizza
Armory Western Dance 6:30pm		Armory Music Hall
Stand-Up - Carmen Christopher 7&9pm		Last Best Comedy
Ice Climbing Festival: Finding Balance 7pm		Emerson
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm		The Ellen Theatre
MSU Jazz Concert 7:30pm		MSU Reynolds Recital Hall
Brandon Hale Trio 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Jodi and Marcus Engstrom 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Reuban Sinnemon 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Storyteller w/ Steve Cannon 8pm		Live From The Divide
Northern Writes – six short plays 8pm		Blue Slipper Theatre Lvstn
Holiday Vaudeville 8pm		Shane Lalani Center – Livingston
The Dead Yellers 8pm		The Jump
Beatbox Nate and Friends 8pm		The Filling Station
Laney Lou & the Bird Dogs 8pm		The Elm
Love Darts at Nadir tiny iota 9pm		Gallatin Labor Temple
Karaoke (Yes Way!) 9pm		The Waypoint – Big Sky
BlackWater Band 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon
The Disruptors 9pm		Eagles Bar
Sunrise Karaoke 3 Forks 9pm		Sacajawea Bar – Three Forks
Adult Karaoke 9pm		49Er Diner – Livingston
Matt Wallin&Nervous Breakdown 9pm		Murray – Livingston
Resonance Quartet with Alex Platt, Jake Fleming, Alex Robilotta, and Rob Kohler 9pm		Tune Up Basement Bar

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Virtual Fossil Fridays 9am		Virtual Event
	Mark Davidson 3:30pm	Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky
Fresh 5 Friday 5:30pm		Last Best Comedy
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm		Bar IX
Celtic Music 6pm		Valhalla Meadery
Victorian Holiday at MOR 6pm		Museum of the Rockies
Bluegrass Jam Friday 6pm		Pine Creek Lodge – LV
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm		Red Tractor Pizza
White Christmas – High School Holiday Musical 7pm		Warren Miller Performing Arts Center – Big Sky
Bozeman Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Choir's Annual Holiday Spectacular! 7:30pm		Willson Auditorium
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm		The Ellen Theatre
Roots in the Sky and Baroque Music Montana Present:		
The Waking Sun 7:30pm		Hope Lutheran Church
Tanner Laws 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Hannah Jo Lally 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Band of Drifters 8pm		The Jump
Mike Kirkwood 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Holiday Vaudeville 8pm		Shane Lalani Center – Livingston
The Dead & Down: 8pm		The Filling Station
Karaoke (Yes Way!) 9pm		The Waypoint – Big Sky
The Lovedarts 9pm		Eagles Bar
Jackson Holte and the Highway Patrol 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Adult Karaoke 9pm		49Er Diner – Livingston
Karaoke 9pm		Plaza Bar – Three Forks
Walcrik 9pm		Tune Up Basement Bar

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Winter Wonderland 10am		Montana Science Center
	Public Skate 11:15am	– GCF Fairgrounds
DJ Ka5 3pm		Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky
Pete Manka 3:30pm		Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky
BSF Winterfest & FUNski 4pm		Lindley Center
Tom Marino 4pm		Montana Jack – Big Sky
Kevin Fabozzi Solo 4pm		Summit Hotel – Big Sky
Bridger Ski Foundation Winterfest 4pm		Lindley Center
Fresh 5 Friday 5:30pm		Last Best Comedy
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm		Bar IX
Celtic Music 6pm		Valhalla Meadery
Bluegrass Jam Friday 6pm		Pine Creek Lodge – LV
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm		Red Tractor Pizza
Stand-Up with Lucas Zelnick 7pm		Last Best Comedy
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm		The Ellen Theatre
Rob Wolf 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Tessy Lou & Kenny Williams 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Jeremiah Gray 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Band Roulette Benefitting Toys for Tots 8pm		The Filling Station
Karaoke (Yes Way!) 9pm		The Waypoint – Big Sky
Sunrise Karaoke 3 Forks 9pm		Sacajawea Bar – Three Forks
Dilly Dilly Band 9pm		Eagles Bar
Ian Thomas & The Band of Drifters 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Adult Karaoke 9pm		49Er Diner – Livingston
The Dirty Shame Trio 9pm		Murray Bar – Livingston
Stand-Up with Lucas Zelnick 9pm		Last Best Comedy
The Alex Platt Trio 9pm		Tune Up Basement Bar

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Winter Wonderland 10am		Montana Science Center
	Public Skate 11:15am	– GCF Fairgrounds
DJ Tanner 3pm		Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky
Tom Marino 4pm		Montana Jack – Big Sky
Kevin Fabozzi Solo 4pm		Summit Hotel – Big Sky
Fresh 5 Friday 5:30pm		Last Best Comedy
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm		Bar IX
Celtic Music 6pm		Valhalla Meadery
Bluegrass Jam Friday 6pm		Pine Creek Lodge – LV
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm		Red Tractor Pizza
Treasure State Comedy Showcase: 7pm		Last Best Comedy
Chandler Huntley 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Rob Wolf 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Jacob Rountree 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
The Max 8pm		The Attic – Livingston
Cactus Cuts 8pm		The Jump
Karaoke (Yes Way!) 9pm		The Waypoint – Big Sky
The Disruptors 9pm		Eagles Bar
Brickhouse Band 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Adult Karaoke 9pm		49Er Diner – Livingston
Treasure State Comedy Showcase: 9pm		Last Best Comedy
Dead Yellers 9pm		Tune Up Basement Bar

SATURDAY

2	Cakes for Kids – 7am	Gallatin County Fairgrounds – GCF
	Winter Farmers' Market 9am	Gallatin County Fairgrounds
9th Annual Santa Run for Education 9am		Willson School
	Holiday Market 9am	Livingston Civic Center
Community Christmas Fair 9am		Park County Fairgrounds – LV
Used Book Sale 10am		Bozeman Public Library
STEAM Saturdays 10am		Montana Science Center
Holiday Bazaar 10am		Emerson Center for Arts and Culture
North Dakota State Bison vs Montana State Bobcats Football 1pm		
Live Acoustic Music w/Craig Hall 2pm		Bobcat Stadium – MSU
MBC's The Nutcracker Ballet 2pm		Bozeman Public Library
Winter Wonderland Sleigh Ride 3pm		Willson Auditorium
Kelsey Rice 3:30pm		Gallatin River Lodge
Annual Christmas Stroll 4:30pm		Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky
Victorian Holiday Market 4:30pm		Downtown Bozeman
Holiday Stroll Book Signing 5pm		The Extreme History Project
Dane Thompson 6pm		Wheatgrass Books
MSU's 59th Annual Madrigal Dinners! 6:30pm		Valhalla Meadery
MBC's The Nutcracker Ballet 7pm		SUB Ballroom – MSU
Twitich with Open Door Theater 7pm		Willson Auditorium
Brandon Hale Duo 7pm		Last Best Comedy
Western Roots Country Dancing 8pm		The Jump
Lee Calvin & Brian Wetzstein 8pm		Bourbon
Matt Miller 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Holiday Noir for 18+ 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Taylor Burlage 8pm		Emerson Center for Arts and Culture
Will Clarke 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Notorious BOZ with Erich Hannan: tech guy, mountain enthusiast, and Mr. Molly 8pm		The Rialto
Mojo Risin with Pony Express 8pm		Last Best Comedy
Quenby and the WoW Trio 9pm		The Filling Station
Winter Kick-Off Party 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon
The Dead Yellers 9pm		The Waypoint – Big Sky
Cole & The Thornes 9pm		Eagles Bar
Whiz BANG! Intoxicating Comedy 9:30pm		Tune Up Basement Bar

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Magic Monster Show: Boomer's Arctic Adventure 10am		Gallatin High School – GHS
	MBC's Tea with Clara Returns 11am	Baxter Hotel
KGVM 95.9 FM Market 12pm		Gallatin Labor Temple
Public Skate 12pm		GCF Fairgrounds
Live Acoustic Music w/Craig Hall 2pm		Bozeman Public Library
MBC's Tea with Clara Returns 2pm		Baxter Hotel
Spirit of Christmas Stroll 3pm		Downtown Ennis
The 26th Annual Big Sky Christmas Stroll 3pm		Big Sky Town Center
Taylor Burlage 3:30pm		Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky
Distillery Dancing 5pm		Willie's Distillery – Ennis
Cajun Moon 6pm		Valhalla Meadery
Victorian Holiday at MOR 6pm		Museum of the Rockies
Winter Wonderland Watch Party 6pm		Belgrade Community Library
Sexual Liberation and Libations: 6:30pm		The Extreme History Project
MBC's Inaugural Nutcracker Ball 7pm		Baxter Hotel
Ballroom Dance Party 7pm		Tamarack Ballroom – Bozeman Senior Ctr
Bozeman Ice Climbing Festival: Jannu Ascent 7pm		Emerson
West of Wayland Duo 7pm		The Jump
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm		The Ellen Theatre
North Fork Crossing 8pm		The Waypoint – Big Sky
Stevie Stone VIP Party with Filth and Foul 8pm		The Filling Station
The Shootouts 8pm		Live From The Divide – LFTD
Hannah Jo Lally Duo 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Rob Lethert & Loli 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Portland Cello Project 8pm		The Elm
Mike Kirkwood 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Northern Writes – six original short plays 8pm		Blue Slipper – Lvngstn
Holiday Vaudeville 8pm		Shane Lalani Center for the Arts – Livingston
Western Roots Country Dancing 8pm		Bourbon
The Nightmare Before Christmas 8:30pm		Gallatin Labor Temple
West Dakota Stutter 9pm		Haufbrau
The Disruptors 9pm		Eagles Bar
BlackWater Band 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Abby Webster 9pm		Tune Up Basement Bar

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Bozeman Winter Farmers' Market 9am		Gallatin Fairgrounds
	Winter Wonderland 10am	Montana Science Center
STEAM Saturdays 10am		Montana Science Center
Live Acoustic Music w/Craig Hall 2pm		Bozeman Library
A Christmas Carol 2pm		The Ellen Theatre
Bozeman Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Choir's annual Holiday Spectacular! 2:30pm		Willson Auditorium
Kailey Smith 3:30pm		Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky
Rocky Mountain Sonic 6pm		Valhalla Meadery
Foundation Entertainment presents Sleeveless Takeover 6pm		Fairgrounds
Victorian Holiday at MOR 6pm		Museum of the Rockies
Winging It! A Very Special Holiday Musical 7pm		Last Best Comedy
StormGrass Duo 7pm		The Jump
Bozeman Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Choir's annual Holiday Spectacular! 7:30pm		Willson Auditorium
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm		The Ellen Theatre
The Walking Sun Performed by Roots in the Sky & Baroque Music Montana 7:30pm		Big Sky Chapel – Big Sky
TJ Miller 8pm		The Elm
Katherine Taylor w/ Jon DeGroot 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Tanner Laws 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Notorious BOZ with Jake Hastings: Veteran, Comedian, Speaker, and Birthday Boy! 8pm		Last Best Comedy
Suffer Out Loud 8pm		Owl Lounge – Livingston
Ella Cole 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Suffer Out Loud 8pm		Mint Bar & Grill – Livingston
Suffer Out Loud 8pm		The Attic – Livingston
Western Roots Country Dancing 8pm		Bourbon
Holiday Vaudeville 8pm		Shane Lalani Center for the Arts – Livingston
El Wencho with Mathias 8pm		The Filling Station
The Lovedarts 9pm		Eagles Bar
Jackson Holte and the Highway Patrol 9pm		Chico Saloon
SNDR Saturday DJ Dance Party 9pm		The Rialto
Songwriters Night 9pm		Tune Up Basement Bar
Whiz BANG! Intoxicating Comedy 9:30pm		Last Best Comedy

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Winter Wonderland 10am		Montana Science Center
	STEAM Saturdays 10am	Montana Science Center
Public Skate 12pm		Ressler Motors Ice Rink – GCF Fairgrounds
Live Acoustic Music w/Craig Hall 2pm		Bozeman Public Library
DJ Ka5 3pm		Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky
Kent 3:30pm		Scissorbills Saloon – Big Sky
Bridget O'Brien 4pm		Montana Jack – Big Sky
Brad 6pm		Valhalla Meadery
Polar Express 7pm		Shane Lalani Center for the Arts – Livingston
Winging It! A Very Special Holiday Musical 7pm		Last Best Comedy
Deco & The Dusters 7pm		The Jump
West Dakota Stutter 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Quenby & The West of Wayland Band 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Katherine Taylor & Jon DeGroot 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Neil Fio 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
Western Roots Country Dancing 8pm		Bourbon
Dilly Dilly Band 9pm		Eagles Bar
Ian Thomas & The Band of Drifters 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Elana Hayden 9pm		Tune Up Basement Bar
STILGONE B.O.L.O. Album Release Party 9pm		The Filling Station
Whiz BANG! Intoxicating Comedy 9:30pm		Last Best Comedy

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Winter Wonderland 10am		Montana Science Center
	Live Acoustic Music w/Craig Hall 2pm	Bozeman Public Library
DJ Tanner 3pm		Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky
Bridget O'Brien 4pm		Montana Jack – Big Sky
Family Contra Dance 5:30pm		Tamarack Ballroom – Bozeman Senior Center
Bits and Beats: A Night of Jazz and Comedy 7pm		Last Best Comedy
Jody & The Woodflowers 7pm		The Jump
Contra Dance beginners lesson 7:30pm		Tamarack Ballroom – Bozeman Senior Center
New Year's Eve Eve Contra Dance 8pm		Tamarack Ballroom – Bozeman Senior Center
Ian Thomas & Chelsea Hunt 8pm		Stacey's Old Faithful Bar
Eve Eve w/ Joyce from the Future and Tiny Iota 8pm		The Rialto
Lee Calvin & Brian Wetzstein 8pm		Old Saloon – Emigrant
Mike Kirkwood 8pm		Bozeman Taproom
The Disruptors 9pm		Eagles Bar
Brickhouse Band 9pm		Chico Hot Springs Saloon

- DEC. MUSIC -
WED. @ 8pm
6th- Rigby Summer
13th- Hannah Jo Lally
20th- Mario Miner Jr.
27th- Mathias

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Montana State brings jazzy holiday special to Bozeman

From MSU News Service

A jazzy holiday performance is coming to town featuring Montana State University students and local musicians. “Bending Towards the Light ... A Jazz Nativity,” a Christmas story told through jazz, will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, located at 2152 Graf St., at 4pm on Sunday, December 3rd. The costumed performance will include elements of a jazz musical and stage play, according to Ryan Matzinger, assistant professor and director of jazz in MSU’s School of

Music in the College of Arts and Architecture. MSU’s One O’Clock Jazz Ensemble, led by Matzinger, and local musicians will provide the music and entertainment. “Bending Towards the Light” premiered in 1985 and is performed annually in New York City and in other cities across the country. “The Montana State University School of Music is thrilled and excited to co-host this one-of-a-kind, community-based holiday musical extravaganza, bringing healing, cul-

ture and jazz music to Bozeman,” Matzinger said. “This unique and special event is bringing the city of New York and the long-storied tradition of the jazz narrative in America directly to the School of Music’s top jazz scholar-performers. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of jazz history in Montana.” Tickets cost \$22 to \$50 and can be purchased online through www.eventbrite.com (search “Jazz Nativity”). •

Party in the pool with Hot Springs’ twice-weekly concerts

The outdoor performance space at Bozeman Hot Springs has become a go-to for live music lovers, whether the sun is shining or the flurries are flying. The venue features a poolside stage with weekly showcases of regional and traveling acts every Thursday and Sunday at 7pm. Enjoy the area’s best musicians this month. Opening another month of performances is Desperate Electric on December 3rd. The Butte-based progressive electro-soul duo consists of Kayti Korte (bass/vocals) and Ben Morris (guitar/keys/vocals) who blend soulful rock music with an electronic sound to create something completely unique. The band boasts an impressive, vocal-centric sound paired with a wildly energetic performance. Their latest release, *What Do You Want*, is available now. One-man-band Dan Henry follows with a Dec. 7th show. He blends guitar with a blues-fueled sound of harmonica and vocals. Combining these, Henry covers a

wide variety of genres from reggae to blues, rock, country and folk music, while also providing a hefty stock of original music spanning the genres. Check out Apollo Suns on Dec. 10th. Born from the fusing of nine Winnipeg-based musicians, the nine-piece collective has created a refreshing and innovative sound combining instrumental, jazz, rock and psychedelic music. The ensemble has independently released three EPs and were awarded “Instrumental Artist of the Year” at the Western Canadian Music Awards. The Road Agents take the stage with a Dec. 14th performance of their Montana-infused rock n’ roll. The guitar and mandolin duo comprised of Jeff Peterson and Justin Ringsak covers a wide range of topics, from songs about firewood to those about robbing banks. One Leaf entertain the poolside crowd on Dec. 17th. The local funk-rock power trio loves to get the audi-

ence moving and grooving. The band totes original funk-based jams with funky covers sprinkled through the set. Get in one last outing before family function overload with Jesse the Ocelot on Dec. 21st. A veteran of the Missoula music scene, he’s developed his atmospheric loop-based music to take listeners on a journey that they didn’t know they needed. He blends color and emotion in creation of layered music with lush harmonies and intense lyrics, paired with atmospheric guitar and sound effect. Bird Dog Josh Moore brings a one-man show on Dec. 28th. His solo sets are marked by “feel-good” covers and originals of the folk and bluegrass variety. He’s a seasoned singing veteran of the Bozeman area. Bozeman Hot Springs is located just south of Four Corners. Visit www.bozemanhotsprings.com for operating hours and further event details. •

Regional bands rock n’ roll year away at Chico Saloon

The familiar bone-chilling cold of a Montana winter is best remedied with a soak in the natural waters at Chico Hot Springs. The local resort offers accommodations for overnight visitors and features regular entertainment in the Saloon. Check out the upcoming live music schedule. Kicking things off, Ten Foot Tall & 80 Proof return to the Saloon on December 1st for one night only. One of the Valley’s best country dance bands performs cuts steeped in rich western tradition. A four piece ensemble, each member brings a unique flavor to the group. All are highly inspired, youthful, life-long musicians that combine their collective musical influences into a contagious love of country, jazz, classical, bluegrass, southern rock, blues and funk. Following on Dec. 2nd is Matt Wallin & His Nervous Breakdown. The frontman tells stories about the trials and hardships of farm life and oil boomtowns, to starting a family and following your own path. His debut album, *Ravens*, paints musical pictures with writing that reflects the character of Corb Lund, Waylon Jennings and Vic Chestnutt. Wallin’s music hits on ethereal parts of human life: love, connections and

regret, all interwoven into the fabric of his artistry. Black Water Band follow with back-to-back shows on Dec. 8th and 9th. The rock n’ roll variety group will have you off your feet and on the dance floor in no time, so take a swig of your preferred flavor and get that liquid motivation flowing. Performing mid-month are Jackson Holte & the Highway Patrol on Dec. 15th and 16th. The Missoula-based rock n’ roll band is fronted by Holte, whose blend of earthy narrative songwriting and soaring blues guitar playing is complemented by Marko “The Midnight Shadow” Capoferri on bass, Tyson Gerhardt on guitar, Eric Rudnick on pedal steel, and Aaron Chiazza on drums. With a firm grounding in America’s folk traditions, the band is able to bound across genres in an authentic and emotive re-imagining of what a working rock n’ roll band can be. Their latest release, *Last Rain of Summer*, is out now.



Ian Thomas & Band of Drifters are back Dec. 22nd and 23rd. The group plays modern American roots music and

encourage audiences to dance. Based mostly in Montana and Tennessee, the band also includes players from all over the country, keeping the music varied in arrangement, instrumentation and regional influences. The Drifters’ sets draw from country, folk and blues traditions with an emphasis on original songs, done in the old style. Brickhouse Band close out the year with their seasoned talents on Dec. 29th and 30th, with a special New Year’s Eve show on Dec. 31st. The Billings-based performers will be sure to pack the dance floor with rockin’ crowd favorites and other jams. Grab a drink from the bar and boogie down! Live Saloon music begins at 9pm. Chico Hot Springs is located in Pray, 20 miles south of Livingston. For more information, visit www.chico-hotspots.com. •

Emerging Americana band fronts album release show

Southwest Montana is known for producing some of the best independent talent music has to offer, with an expansive roster of solo and ensemble projects from every genre. New to the scene, Life Heads West celebrates the release of their debut album – *Miles and Miles* – with a complimentary show at Pilgrim Church in Bozeman. The rock-skewing Americana alt-folk group will unveil their collection of work on Sunday, December 10th. The show begins at 6pm and is open to the public. The 17-track album of original songs were written and developed as a reflection on loss, love, regret and the beauty of life. Produced as an alternate adult indie rock album, the music possesses transcendent qualities using open chords and alternate tunings. The participating musicians found unique expression for each instrument used in creation of the

project: piano, flute, violin, guitar and percussion. “Chris Cunningham of Basecamp Recording connected all of us after I presented a series of song ideas to him, generally classified as Americana,” says frontman Keith Anderson. “We began work on the album two years ago and this is our debut performance.” “A certain magic happens when we begin work on a new song and we feel compelled to share that with you. Every new song is a chance to chase something beautiful. We hope you find a bit of beauty in our work.” *Miles and Miles* is available to stream in advance at www.band-camp.com where listeners can connect with the burgeoning group. Please join for this free album release show on Dec. 10th. Pilgrim Church is located at 2118 S 3rd in Bozeman. •

Attic hosts shows by Jerry Joseph, The MAX & more

Downtown Livingston’s favorite live music spot brings in acts to suit every palate – and plenty of cocktails to go with ‘em! Here’s a look at some of the upcoming artists heading up to The Attic. First up this month is a duo show featuring Quenby & the West of Wayland and the Blake Brightman Band on Friday, December 1st. The music begins at 8pm. Writing and performing since the early aughts, Quenby Iandiorio is a classic country and roots musician from Paradise Valley. Attendees are in for a night of groovy Americana courtesy of one of the area’s most lauded veteran musicians and her band of talented players. Five-piece Blake Brightman Band follows the frontwoman’s lead with an energetic set of hits and originals. The singer/songwriter’s stylings fall somewhere between country western and Mississippi blues, with her own modern spin. Road warrior Jerry Joseph follows on Thursday, December 14th, with a solo acoustic performance. Local tunesmith Matt Wallin will open the 8pm show. Joseph is prolific and accomplished songwriter who’s written hits for Widespread Panic and has released dozens of albums in his decade-spanning career as a solo artist and member of numerous groups. He comes to Livingston in support of his new album, *Baby You’re the Man Who Would Be King*. Local nonprofit Suffer Out Loud presents a special night of live music as part of its “End the Silence” campaign on Saturday, December 16th. Music begins at 8pm. The evening will feature performances by local groups Bedlam Mimicks, Bubba Fett, Death Trophy, Terald Wood, Gallatin Ghost Train, Palanter and Scavenger. Event proceeds will directly benefit host organization Suffer Out Loud, whose work endeavors to reduce suicide rates in Montana. Two additional venues, The Owl and The Mint, will host benefit shows featur-



ing alternate performers. Celebrate the “Eve-Eve-Eveapalooza” with The MAX on Friday, December 29th. Music starts at 8pm. The MAX is a three-piece band from the Livingston area that has entertained and delighted audiences across the country for decades. Featuring Kyle Brenner on guitar and vocals, Bobb Clanton on bass guitar and vocals, and Ethan Decker on drums, this “power pop party rock” trio from the Rockies puts out a massive sound for just three guys and has an incredible knack for pulling off spot-on covers of tunes young and old. The MAX has two independent album releases, *Shadows in the Shade* and *Vinyl Valentine*. Closing out the month on Sunday, December 31st is the “New Year’s Eve Mashup” with DJ Saltlick and support from the Sleepless Elite. The party starts at 8pm. Ryan Green, the man also known as DJ Saltlick, provides a sound that moves and grooves his audiences with sets featuring house, synth-pop and electronic body music. The Sleepless Elite has inspiration rooted in musical theater, and the sound of artists like Paramore and Blondie, Blink-182 and the Strokes. Their unique sound can be heard on their latest release, *Still Dreaming*. Advanced ticketing information for other upcoming Attic shows is available at www.theatticmontana.com. The Attic is located at 110 N Main in Livingston, just above Whiskey Creek Saloon. •

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Local chamber ensembles team for splendid showcase

In collaboration with Baroque Music Montana, chamber choir Roots in the Sky will present a trio of upcoming concerts in celebration of the holiday season. Performances of *The Walking Sun* will take place December 15th–17th. It will pre-

miere at Bozeman’s Hope Lutheran Church on Friday at 7:30pm, followed by a Saturday show at Big Sky Chapel at 7:30pm, then closing with a 2pm Sunday matinee at Holy Rosary Church in Bozeman. The holiday program will draw

relationships between 21st century music and that of the German Baroque. Beginning with a set of Lutheran Advent cantatas and culminating with a contemporary cantata based on plays by the Greek philosopher Seneca, performers will welcome the holiday season in style and bring together two of Montana’s most exciting performing arts organizations. The program will include: *O sußer Jesu Christ*, SWV 405 by Heinrich Schütz; *Das neugebornen Kindelein*, BuxWV 13 by Dieterich Buxtehude; *Nun komm der heiden Heiland*, BWV 61 by J.S. Bach; *Cradle Song*, *The New-Teres Gift* and *Heigh Ho Holiday* by Anthony Holborne; and *The Waking Sun* by Kile Smith. Advance tickets for *The Walking Sun* are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students at www.rootsinthesky.org. Visit the host website to learn more about the project and for details about future performances. Roots in the Sky works to unite the best vocal artists, from a multitude of backgrounds, through the presentation of historical and contemporary choral music in the greater Gallatin Valley of Montana. The use of historical instruments and referencing original manuscripts, iconography, and historical writing fuels Baroque Music Montana’s commitment to the music and inspires fresh interpretation. •

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Ring in the holidays with Bozeman Symphony

The tradition continues with the return of Bozeman Symphony’s annual *Holiday Spectacular* during this final month of the year. Performances will be held December 15th–17th. The opening show will be held on Friday at 7:30pm, followed by two presentations on Saturday at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, as well as a closing matinee on Sunday at 2:30pm. All will be held at the Willson Auditorium in Downtown Bozeman.

This concert includes favorite festive classics like ‘Sleigh Ride,’ the ‘Christmas Carol Sing-Along’ and more. The performance features guest vocalist Jimmie Herrod, an *America’s Got Talent* finalist, and the Bozeman Symphonic Choir. Bring the whole family to this must-

attend holiday concert celebrating the spirit and joy of the season.

“*Holiday Spectacular* enters its third year of building a new tradition, and by popular demand, we have added a fourth performance,” says Music Director Norman Huynh. “Each year, we aim to make this concert more ‘spectacular’ with gorgeous decorations, dazzling lighting, and of course, music that will bring you joy and uplift your spirit to ring in the holiday season.”

With “a voice like a beacon of hope” (*Seattle Times*), vocalist Jimmie Herrod brings singular power and expressivity to his globe-trotting career as a singer, songwriter and entertainer. He first came to worldwide prominence as

a finalist on the NBC nationally broadcast television show *America’s Got Talent*, earning the rare ‘Golden Buzzer’ recognition from actress Sofia Vergara and returning the following year on the *AGT All-Stars* series. As a solo artist, Herrod has appeared to critical and audience acclaim with the National Symphony Orchestra at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and with the San Francisco Symphony and Oregon Symphony, including as a featured soloist for the globally televised PBS “Joni Mitchell Songbook” concert at The Kennedy Center, where he shared the stage with musical luminaries like Renee Fleming, Lalah Hathaway, Raul Midon and Aoife O’Donovan.

Traversing many musical styles and genres in many languages, including jazz, pop, funk, and his original songs, Herrod has headlined concerts at The Luxor Theater (Las Vegas), New Jersey’s South Orange Performing Arts Center and Portland’s Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, and has since 2017 toured with world-pop band Pink Martini as a featured vocalist. With two extended plays under his belt – his debut *Falling in Love and Learning* and 2022’s *Elated* – Herrod’s singular style and unique voice is poised to make an even larger impact in the world of music and entertainment. An alum of the Cornish College of the Arts and Portland State University, Herrod is thrilled to make his

Bozeman Symphony debut with these performances.

Holiday Spectacular performances will be held Dec. 15th–17th at the Willson Auditorium in Downtown Bozeman. Individual tickets are available for purchase online at www.bozemansymphony.org or by phone at (406) 585-9774. Tickets at the door based on availability. Adult tickets begin at \$30 with student-discounted tickets available.

Performances would not be possible without strong community support and sponsorship. Bozeman Symphony wishes to recognize Cal & Tricia DeSouza, Paul & Jillian Bertelli, Delaney & Co., Donald B. Gimbel, the Sheehy Family Foundation and Zsa-Zsa’s. •

Filler delivers spirited grab-bag of upcoming shows

Venture down to the Filling Station where live music lives, a local venue that brings in locally celebrated musicians and traveling acts of every genre. The concerts showcase a variety of artists, welcoming diverse audiences to the north Bozeman space with performances held throughout the week.

Opening the month on December 1st is a duo show co-headlined by The Hellroaring and Matt Wallin & His Nervous Breakdown. The music begins at 8pm.

Visiting from Billings, The Hellroaring pursues the classic honky tonk sound that connects with all country music fans. With a reputation as a high-energy live act with a stunning array of branded local musicians, the band follows in the footsteps of classic country artists such as Merle Haggard, Buck Owens and Dwight Yoakam. The band also blends a more modern sound of red dirt and Americana, with their recently released self-titled debut EP available now.

Frontman of His Nervous Breakdown tells stories about the trials and hardships of farm life and

oil boomtowns, to starting a family and following your own path. His debut album, *Ravens*, paints musical pictures with writing that reflects the character of Corb Lund, Waylon Jennings and Vic Chestnutt. Wallin’s music hits on ethereal parts of human life: love, connections and regret, all interwoven into the fabric of his artistry.

Skilled tribute group Mojo Risin comes to the Filler on Dec. 2nd. Pony Express will open the 8pm show.

Formed with the goal of honoring and celebrating the music of The Doors, the Bozeman-based band is comprised of professional and passionate musicians and a frontman who embodies the soulful and mystic nature of Jim Morrison. From “Light My Fire” to “LA Woman” and everything in between, Mojo Risin’s live shows aim to recreate one of the most influential and controversial rock acts of the 1960s.

Take in an evening with Beatbox Nate & Friends on Dec. 8th. The event begins at 8pm.

The show presents a post-modern, anti-art inclusive organic

thought experience with the Dry Nephew Consortium. Other participating acts will include Violent Stench, Twink Floyd and Gheimreidh.

Filthy Family Presents hip-hop artist Stevie Stone on Dec. 9th. Filth & Foul will open the 8pm show.

The man behind the name, Stephen Williams is a Billboard-charting rapper from Colombia, MO. A onetime artist under Tech N9ne’s Strange Music label, Stone is currently an independent artist and label head for his own Ahdasee Records. The lyrical beast released his latest full-length, *Raising the Bar*, last year as well as numerous follow-up singles.

Taylor Burlage entertains with a Dec. 15th performance.

His songwriting takes on a texture reflective of the mountains he grew up in, using their power and imagery to craft songs that navigate life, loss, joys and heartbreak of the human condition. His debut album *I Might Be Gone* released in the spring.

Enjoy the talents of El Wencho on Dec. 16th. Local singer/songwriter Mathias will be on hand to

open the 8pm show.

The powerhouse duo delivers big sound that relates the Montana lifestyle through immersive lyrics, catchy melodies and driving rhythms. Their authentic music is an eclectic fusion of genres that draws on sonic elements from red dirt rock, blues, country, Americana and polyrhythmic Latin percussion. Live shows are an experiential combination of their dynamic Montana sound, engaging storytelling and comedic flair.

Following on Dec. 17th, Jerry Joseph delivers a solo acoustic performance. Local artist Matt Wallin will open the 8pm show.

Joseph is prolific and accomplished songwriter who’s written hits for Widespread Panic and has released dozens of albums in his decade-spanning career as a solo artist and member of numerous groups. He comes to Bozeman in support of his new album, *Baby You’re the Man Who Would Be King*.

Go for the Throat Presents a “Holiday Band Roulette” in benefit of Toys for Tots on Dec. 22nd. The music-filled fundraiser begins at 8pm.

The event will see 14 area musicians thrown together at random, tasked with producing a full-band set with a single month to prepare. Entry admission is one toy valued at at least \$10, to be donated to the national nonprofit.

StiLGONE bring down the house on Dec. 23rd. The show will serve as the infamous local group’s official *B.O.L.O.* album release.

The band’s roots are heavily steeped in soul and funk, with a dose of hip-hop. The latest iteration – influenced by frontman Symon Palmer’s evolving listening tastes and metal, rock and jam band leanings from bassist Carl Hansen and guitarist Chris Cowan – is heavier. The band also features the talents of Cal Treadway (keys), Matt Sloan (sax) and Ezra Bowman (drums). Official singles “Doo Wop” and “Paridose” are available now.

Advance ticketing information for these and other shows are available at www.fillertickets.com. Log on to the website for additional details and a full calendar of upcoming concerts. Follow the Filler on social media for event updates and other venue announcements. •

Local artists, youth & NYC acrobats grace WMPAC stage

The Warren Miller Performing Arts Center is delivering Southwest Montana audiences plenty of opportunities to experience live stage entertainment in Big Sky this snowy season.

Next up is the illustrated theater showcase Her Gift/Her Creation on Sunday, December 3rd. The event begins at 6pm. Run time is 90 minutes. All-ages tickets range \$15–\$25.

An evening of art and performance by the talented local women of Big Sky, produced and curated by

local art dynamos Klaudia Kosiak, Elizabeth McRae and Jill Bough. Come celebrate the artistic achievements of the women who call this community home, featuring paintings, mixed media and musical performance. This year’s theme is “Timeless.”

Following on Thursday and Friday, December 14th–15th, enjoy local youth perform holiday musical *White Christmas*. Show time is 7pm both nights. Run time is 120 minutes. All-ages tickets range \$15–\$25.

Get ready for the holidays, folks! Local high school thespians of Big Sky dance, sing and dazzle to your delight in this snowy classic. In the play, veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil’s former army commander. With a dazzling score featuring well-known

standards including “Blue Skies,” “I Love a Piano,” “How Deep Is the Ocean” and the perennial title song, *White Christmas* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages.

Late this month, experience the acrobatic reverie of Cirque-tacular on Wednesday, December 27th. The performance begins at 7:30pm. All-ages early bird tickets range \$22–\$39.

Journey into a glittering wonderland with a spectacle of acro-

batics, athleticism and just a little bit of whimsical winter magic. Cirque-tacular is a New York City based performing arts group that features the nation’s most elite talent in acrobatics, aerialists and specialty acts. They bring their dazzling family-friendly spectacle to Big Sky to kick off the winter season.

For further information or to purchase tickets for these performances and other upcoming events, visit www.warrenmillerpac.org. •

Shake your groove thing with Eagles live music

Though our minimal accumulation may suggest otherwise, it’s already year’s end with plenty of reasons to celebrate with a night at Downtown Bozeman’s Eagles Bar. The local watering hole remains home to a steady schedule of Wednesday acoustics and weekend jamming. Here’s who’s helping FOE close out 2023.

Enjoy the original country rock of Dead Yellers on December 1st and 2nd. Founded by frontman Peter King, the music follows a theme of courage in the face of adversity, delivered in an upbeat, western roots format, ultimately leaving the audience feeling hopeful and happy. Sometimes joined by fiddle, pedal steel, bass and harmonica, this group always brings something unique to their performances.

Rigby Summer returns to FOE on Dec. 6th for a stripped solo performance. The Oklahoma artist weaves an Americana soundscape spanning the genres of jazz, beach pop and what you might hear on the red dirt roads of the Sooner State. Her influences range from Mary Chapin Carpenter to the Frames, Sia to Johnny Cash, with her sound drawing comparisons to Brandi Carlile and Lucinda Williams.

The Disruptors take the stage with back-to-back performances on Dec. 8th and 9th. The high energy band does their darndest to get audiences singing along with their wide selection of rock n’ roll tunes from the ‘60s to now.

Singer/songwriter Hannah Jo Lally shows off her talents on Dec. 13th. From the back roads of Eastern Washington, enjoy an evening of country cuts and distinctive originals. She draws influence from the likes of Suzy Bogguss and Charley Pride, Waylon Jennings and Mary Chapin Carpenter, among others.

Next up are The Love Darts on Dec. 15th and 16th. The hard rock punk band got its start playing venues like the Haufbrau, having since grown into a fine-tuned project fea-

turing some of Bozeman’s most energetic guitarists.

Mario Miner Jr. of two-piece rock n’ roll project Gallatin Ghost Train performs on Dec. 20th. Expect an evening of blues-skewing tunes and some original songs.

The following weekend sees the return of Dilly Dilly on Dec. 22nd and 23rd. The lively shows will feature a selection of your favorite rockin’ hits and plenty of room to dance.

Take in the acoustic stylings of local favorite Mathias on Dec. 27th. With powerful vocals and a percussive guitar style, he’s known for his dynamic live performances full of acoustic folk, rock, and funk tunes.

Returning to the stage following their shows earlier in the month, The Disruptors will be on hand to perform during New Year’s weekend with additional performances on Dec. 29th and 30th. Let your hair down before following through

with any planned resolutions with these energetic local rock n’ rollers.

Exercise your pipes with Karaoke Night sponsored by Bozeman’s Best Entertainment Group, setting up at FOE every Thursday. Sing your heart out and cheer on your friends! Sign-ups start at 9pm.

Make sure to check out Bridger Mountain Big Band on Sunday nights. The ensemble performs at 7pm. The 17-piece jazz orchestra celebrates the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie and more, with original arrangements and music of all genres from the 1900s to today. Check them out on social media for performance announcements.

Acoustic Wednesdays start at 8pm and weekend bands are on at 9pm. Head downtown for some great live music or stop in to support your local Eagles any night of the week. •



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MSU announces ‘Can the Griz’ collection of food & funds

by Anne Cantrell, MSU News Service
Montana State University and Gallatin Valley communities donated the equivalent of 1,467,069 pounds of food this holiday season to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and MSU’s Bounty of the Bridgers food pantry as part of the 24th annual Can the Griz food drive.
Can the Griz – and the corresponding Can the Cats food drive in Missoula – is an off-field competition between MSU and the University of Montana to see which school can collect the most donations for its local food bank. This year, UM and the Missoula community won the contest. MSU and the Bozeman community donated 219,696 pounds of food

and \$370,412 according to Kim Cleary in the MSU Office of Student Engagement, which coordinates Can the Griz. Each dollar donated is counted as one pound of food for the contest, resulting in a total this year of 596,877 pounds for the Bozeman community. The Can the Cats food drive in Missoula brought in the equivalent of 870,192 pounds of food for the Missoula Food Bank, Cleary said.
“While we hoped to secure our 20th victory this year for the Can the Griz food drive, it is difficult to be upset with the support both communities received for their food banks,” Cleary said. “Above all, we are so grateful for the support our communi-

ty has shown the Gallatin Valley Food Bank as well as MSU’s Bounty of the Bridgers food pantry. Go, ‘Cats!”
The donations from Can the Griz will help the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and Bounty of the Bridgers food pantry provide food for families through the spring and summer. The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is one of the HRDC Food and Nutrition Programs’ Initiatives. The Bounty of the Bridgers, housed in MSU’s Office of Health Advancement, is a student initiative to combat food waste and insecurity on campus for students, faculty and staff.
Donations to the food bank may still be made. Donation information is available at www.canthegriz.org.

Sac Audubon examines Yellowstone wildlife ecosystem

For its special holiday program, Sacajawea Audubon Society will host corvid expert and author John Marzluff for a presentation entitled “Think Like a Raven”. The event will take place on Monday, December 11th at Downtown Bozeman’s Ellen Theatre. The evening begins at 7pm. “Think Like a Raven” is a culmination of his collaborative work detailing the intertwined lives of ravens, wolves, pumas and the people that visit and live around Yellowstone. Following the seasons of Yellowstone and the scientific journey, Marzluff undertook to decode the mysteries of raven life.
Marzluff and his colleagues

tagged 60 birds with state-of-the-art transmitters. The birds shared their secrets as they flew a hundred miles directly to new kills, commandeered territory, found mates and reared young. What emerges is a picture of the tenuous and evolving relationship between humans, wolves and ravens, and the challenges animals face when they wander beyond the protection a national park provides.
Dr. John Marzluff has written six books and edited several others. His *Welcome to Subirdia* (2014 àYale) discovers that moderately settled lands host a splendid array of biological diversity and suggests ways in which people can steward these riches to benefit

birds and themselves. His most recent *In Search of Meadowlarks* (2020 Yale) connects our agriculture and diets to the conservation of birds and other wildlife. His current research focuses on the interactions of ravens and wolves in Yellowstone.
This event is free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$5. Find additional information at www.sacajaweaaudubon.org.
Sacajawea Audubon Society programs are free and open to the public. The organization’s mission is to build on an interest in birds to promote the conservation of our natural environment through enjoyment, education and action. •

Forum discusses vision to manage greater Bozeman growth

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Montana State University will host a presentation, “New Directions: County and City Leaders Look Forward to 2024,” during its monthly Friday Forum on December 8th, via Zoom. The event will take place from noon to 1:30pm and is free and open to the public.
U.S. census data shows that Bozeman and Gallatin County are rapidly growing communities. Bozeman’s deputy mayor, deputy mayor-elect and one county commissioner will discuss their vision for the community in 2024 and beyond. The speakers will be:
Terry Cunningham, who currently serves as the deputy mayor of Bozeman and will become mayor in January. He owns the marketing agency Cottonwood Enterprises Inc. and is executive director of Run Dog Run, a nonprofit that builds dog parks. He is a writer whose works have appeared in *Montana Quarterly*, *CARVE*, the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, *The Tributary* and *Explore*.
Joey Morrison, Bozeman’s deputy mayor-elect who will take over the mayoral seat in 2026. Morrison is a Montana native with a background

in social work and has served on Bozeman’s Economic Vitality Board. He is a founding member of Bozeman Tenants United, which was formed in 2022.
Jennifer Boyer, one of three members of the Gallatin County Commission. She has a background in water resources, community planning and public land management. She has served on numerous boards and community initiatives, including HRDC Streamline, Gallatin Watershed, CASA, Seat at the Table and Montana Freshwater Partners.
OLLI at MSU Friday Forums occur monthly from September through May. Participants must register before 11am on Friday, Dec. 8th. For more information or to register, visit montana.edu/olli/offers or call (406) 994-6550. Participants will receive an email from Zoom with a link and instructions.
OLLI at MSU is a program of Academic Technology and Outreach. ATO works across the university to support and advance its land-grant mission through unique and innovative opportunities for outreach and engagement. •



Ice Fest features film premieres, alpinist discussion & more

All hail the return! The *Bozeman Ice Festival* returns to Southwest Montana for its 27th annual event, Wednesday through Sunday, December 6th–10th. Events will include local premieres of adventure film, presentations by famed alpinists, Après Climb featuring Bridger Brewing’s exclusive release, as well as outdoor clinics and so much more! Nightly events will be held at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture. Here’s a look at a few of the highlights.
Broad Beta’s live storytelling night, The BROADCAST!, will be held at Uphill Pursuits on Dec. 6th at 6:30pm, prior to the main events at the Emerson. Join for a night of inspiring short stories of women’s climbing adventures, from the ordinary to the heroic, comic to tragic, all with heartfelt honest challenges. Presenters will be Priti Wright, Christina Lusti, Mo Beck and Darcy Chenowith. For women and gender queer folks. Event hosts will offer a raffle, along with beer and pizza from LaFoley Kitchen. Free admission.
The first adventure film will premiere on Dec. 7th in the Emerson Crawford Theater. *Jirishanca* will screen alongside commentary by its stars, Vince Anderson and Josh Wharton, at 7:30pm. Wharton is the most accomplished alpinist you’ve never heard of. But while he’s been quietly crushing ambitious objectives to little or no fanfare, fatherhood and warming weather have begun to reshape the world he knew. When he and his climbing partner (Anderson) attempt to take the 2003 Italian Route to the summit of Jirishanca in Peru, they’re forced to account for risk as never before.
The evening will also include panel discussion “The Bold Future of Alpinism” highlighting the current state and future of alpine endeavors with Jack Tackle, Anne Gilbert Chase, Whit Magro, Molly Kawahata, Matt Cornell and Andres Marin.
The following night brings the story of alpinist and businessman Aaron Mulkey to the Emerson. The Dec. 8th events include a presentation, *Hall of Fame* film screening, and live entertainment by Bear Canyon Singers & Dancers at 7:30pm.
The odds that the term “pioneer” finds its way into any description of Aaron Mulkey are better than even. After all, his nearly 30-year quest to discover unclimbed ice – both in his Wyoming backyard and across the globe – has yielded no shortage of exploratory adventure. The presentation will highlight Mulkey’s ability to balance his callings as both an avid winter outdoorsman and American executive.
‘Hall of Fame’ – high above

Kandersteg in the Swiss Alps, is widely seen as probably the most difficult mixed-route in the world. Ice climbing pioneer Ron Koller discovered and developed the route some 8 years ago. Earlier this month, young Swiss mountain guide and professional alpinist Yannick Glatthard succeeded in making a first ever free ascent.
Dec. 9th will include a screening of adventure film *Jannu Ascent* with Q&A, a climbing presentation by Tim Emmett and the Full Circle Everest panel. Events begin at 7:30pm.
Over the last three years, Matt Cornell, Jackson Marvell and Alan Rousseau have spent the fall trying to climb the north face of Jannu in alpine style. In October the stars aligned, and over seven days they completed the first alpine style ascent of the feature by their new route, ‘Round Trip Ticket’ (M7, AI5+, 3000 meters).
Tim Emmett is one of the world’s most well-rounded climbers – his pursuits have proven that. In February 2016 he climbed “Interstellar Spice,” the first Ice Climb in the world graded WI 12 at Helmcken Falls, Canada. He has also established some of the hardest rock climbs in Cuba, Mongolia, and Wales; and achieved podium position four times at the World Ice Climbing Championships. Most recently, he completed the first ascent of “Mission to Mars” (WI 13) at Helmcken Falls – estimated to be the world’s hardest ice climb. He’ll share his story and perspectives on the sport after 25 years of climbing.
Join in welcoming Phil Henderson, Eddie Taylor, Manoh Ainnu and Adina Scott from the Full Circle Everest Expedition as they share details of their experience before, during and after the 2022 expedition.
And of course, Après Climb will be held in the Emerson Ballroom from 5–7:30pm every night of the festival. Meet with sponsors and athletes, troll for belay partners, and enjoy dinner with food available from local food suppliers. Don’t miss out on a pint of the special signature brew from Bridger Brewing. And don’t forget your tickets for the legendary Black Diamond Stoke Package for all the gear and apparel needed to be an ice climber!
The festival closes with the Local Legends Dinner and Wrap Party featuring a film screening and presentation by *Scale of Hope* star Molly Kawahata on Dec. 10th. See host website for additional details.
Ice Fest tickets are on sale now at www.bozemanicefest.com, where you can find further event information and clinic registration. •

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