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Tinworks opens new artistic space downtown

Tinworks Art is thrilled to announce the opening of a new Downtown Bozeman site at the historic Rialto Theater, expanding the organization's footprint and deepening its commitment to bringing contemporary art to the American West.

The new space, **Tinworks at Rialto**, is now open with Matthew Barney's *Redoubt* on view through January. The presentation of *Redoubt* coincides with the 30th anniversary of the return of gray wolves to Yellowstone National Park, one of the most successful conservation efforts in modern history.

The addition of Tinworks at Rialto establishes a dynamic, year-round presence for contemporary art in Downtown Bozeman. The space offers a flexible venue for installations, artist talks, film screenings, and performances, inviting visitors to engage with new ideas and creative experimentation at the center of the city.

This complements Tinworks' existing two-acre site on N Ida Ave comprised of a former metal manufacturing warehouse and mix of former agricultural buildings, which continue to support large-scale art projects, exhibitions, artist residencies and experimental work.

"Bringing Tinworks into the heart of downtown strengthens our connection with the community and ensures that ground-breaking contemporary art is part of Bozeman's daily life," said Jenny Moore, Director of Tinworks Art. "The Rialto is a beloved local landmark and we're thrilled to see it become a hub for new ideas and creative dialogue. It feels especially fitting to open with Matthew Barney's *Redoubt*, a film that captures the magnificence and complexity of the American West and reflects Tinworks' ongoing engagement with place, myth, history, and experimentation."

Barney's *Redoubt* was filmed in Idaho's Sawtooth Mountain range and layers classical, cosmological, and American myths about humanity's place in the natural world. When it premiered in 2019, the *New York Times* called it "breathtakingly beautiful... a western that reaches for the cosmic." Continuing the artist's long-standing interest in landscape as both setting and subject, *Redoubt* loosely adapts the myth of Diana, goddess of the hunt, and Actaeon, a hunter who trespasses on her and is punished.

Like much of Barney's work, the film contains no dialogue. The narrative is conveyed through an original score composed and orchestrated by Jonathan Bepler, the modern-dance movements of Eleanor Bauer and Laura Stokes, and the hoop dancing of Sandra Lamouche, a member of the Bigstone Cree Nation. These elements echo and foreshadow the characters' encounter with the wildlife and terrain of the West.

Since joining Tinworks in 2023 as its inaugural director, Moore has guided the organization through a significant period of growth. Tinworks commissions and presents work by diverse artists that reflects the distinctive context of the contemporary West. Under Moore's leadership, the organization has expanded its programming, formalized its operations, and launched major capital projects, including the addition of Tinworks at Rialto and the renovation of its mill building on N Ida Ave, set to open for the summer 2026 season. These initiatives advance Tinworks' vision of continuous, year-round, dynamic engagement with audiences and community.

The opening of Tinworks at Rialto is a key component of this broader initiative, linking Bozeman's historic downtown with Tinworks' evolving campus on the edge of the city in the creative and industrial Northeast Neighborhood.

In addition to Tinworks' own programs, the Rialto space will also serve as a community resource, available for use by other local non-profits and partnering organizations for cultural and educational programming, and also offering venue rentals that provide essential support for Tinworks' commitment to fostering a vibrant cultural ecosystem in the Gallatin Valley region.

More information can be found at **www.tinworksart.org**. •

Doc Series profiles unlikely Macedonian friendship

On Sunday, December 7th, at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, the Bozeman Doc Series continues with the Montana premiere of the critically acclaimed new documentary, ***The Tale of Silyan***.

From the Oscar-nominated director of *Honeyland* comes a poignant and visually arresting story set in the heart of rural Macedonia. Nikola, a farmer grappling with the harsh realities of new government policies, finds himself unable to sell his land or crops. When his family leaves in search of a better life abroad, Nikola takes a job as a landfill attendant, where he encounters the injured white stork Silyan. As he nurses the bird back to health, an unlikely bond forms between man and animal. The result is a deeply moving film that touches on climate change, economic migration, resilience and the quiet power of connection.

The Tale of Silyan world-premiered at this year's Venice International Film Festival to widespread critical acclaim and has gone on to screen at prestigious festivals around the world.

"A triumph... achingly beautiful... an excellent documentary that also happens to be a ravishing work of poetry." – *Indiewire*

"A masterclass in documentary filmmaking. Shot with breathtaking clarity... A ravishing, deeply human work that serves as both a poetic journey through Macedonian life and a universal meditation on endurance, belonging, and change" – *Next Best Picture*

"Captivating... Earthbound, airborne and magical." – *The Hollywood Reporter*

Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are available at the door or before the show online at **www.bozemandocseries.org**, where you can also buy Season Passes and 7-film punch cards, learn more about the series, and view trailers for upcoming films. The series will continue every other Thursday through April. •

MSU hosts annual lighting of Montana Hall

From MSU News Service

Montana State University invites the MSU and Bozeman communities to join in the annual **Lights on Montana Hall** celebration Wednesday, December 3rd, at 5:30pm.

The event will be held outside on the Michael P. Malone Centennial Mall on the south side of Montana Hall. It will feature free refreshments and entertainment as attendees view the traditional holiday light display projected on Montana Hall.

MSU President Brock Tessman and his family will welcome guests before performances of holiday music from an array of groups, including the Bobcat Brass Trio, Spirit of the West drumline, Montanans, and Champ's Children's Choir, a group featuring children from the MSU Child Development Center and ASMSU daycare on campus.

Each year's event is promoted with a festive illustration created by an MSU student. This year's poster was designed by Izzi Rukavina, a junior studying graphic design.

The tradition of lighting Montana Hall began in 2015 and aims to bring together people from the MSU and wider Gallatin Valley communities, according to Tessman. People of all ages are encouraged to attend.

"I cannot wait to share the warmth of the Montana State University family with community members and future Bobcats from around the Gallatin Valley," said Tessman. "It is an honor to be part of this community and celebrate the amazing artists and musicians on our campus. I'm excited to share this special event with both my family and yours."

Free parking will be available on campus in all non-reserved spaces after 4:30pm, including the top level of the parking garage. A map of parking lots is online at **www.montana.edu/campusmap/#!/**. •

BFS gifts specialty box office trio to close year

Bozeman Film Society continues its latest season with a screening of the critically acclaimed indie, ***The Mastermind***. The event will be held at Downtown Bozeman's Rialto Theater on Friday, December 5th. Directed by Kelly Reichardt, the film will screen at 7pm.

Against a Nixon-era backdrop of alienation and disillusionment, a taciturn family man (Josh O'Connor) makes the rash, largely inscrutable decision to orchestrate a heist at the local art museum in this restrained and often funny anti-thriller. Rated R, the film runs 110 minutes.

"Very possibly her most accessible and enjoyable film to date, still it remains an unmistakably Reichardtian investigation into the fabric of ordinariness and what happens when it frays." – *Variety*

Following on Wednesday, December 17th, is a showing of documentary profile ***Wisdom of Happiness*** from co-directors Barbara Miller and Philip Delaquis. The film screens at 7pm at the Rialto.

The film shows a timeless truth: happiness is still possible, even in the midst of chaos and uncertainty. This powerful message of hope is delivered as a personal audience with one of the greatest living thinkers, Nobel Peace Prize winner Tenzin Gyatso, known to billions around the world as the Dalai Lama. Not Rated, the film runs 90 minutes.

Speaking as a member of our single global community, he shares practical wisdom for finding peace, compassion, and hope in the midst of chaos. With disarming clarity and deep humanity, he invites us to imagine – and help create – a world where compassion is activated as our strongest force for change, and happiness is within reach for everyone.

Late this month, historical comedy ***Blue Moon*** screens at the Ellen Theatre on Saturday, December 27th. Directed by Richard Linklater, the film begins at 7pm.

On the evening of March 31, 1943, legendary lyricist Lorenz Hart (Ethan Hawke) confronts his shattered self-confidence in Sardi's bar as his former collaborator Richard Rodgers (Andrew Scott) celebrates the opening night of his ground-breaking hit musical "Oklahoma!" Rated R, the film runs 100 minutes.

"Despite the wistful tone, it's a bitingly funny viewing experience. Shrunken to Hart's height and given his balding pate, Hawke is transfixing in the role." – *The Atlantic*

The Mastermind and *Wisdom of Happiness* screen on Dec. 5th and Dec. 17th, respectively, at the Rialto, before *Blue Moon* at the Ellen on Dec. 27th. 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! •

Naughty noir: holiday alternative for grown ups

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 5th and 6th, the Emerson Center of Arts & Culture opens its doors for two full days of holiday celebration.

A seasonal escape for the grown-ups, the saucy and seductive variety show ***Holiday Noir*** returns with performances at 7:30pm each night. Ready to jingle jangle? In a season saturated with nostalgia, the event is a daring shake-up that invites the community to embrace a more unexpected option.

With a cast of over 50 local artists, the show thrives on individuality and creative expression from all types of performers. It's part comedy, part cabaret, and all heart. A fully immersive experience designed to entertain and electrify in equal measure.

Every moment is produced with the intention to surprise, provoke, and most of all, celebrate incredible local talent. 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!

Saturday will also feature a Club Noir after party at 10pm in the ballroom with DJ, food, drinks, photo ops, *Holiday Noir* performers and a few other saucy surprises. Tickets sold separately so Friday attendees can join the fun as well. Main event tickets begin at $36 with after party tickets available for an additional $20.

Find additional event details and ticketing access at **www.theemerson.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. •

Willson host to MBC's collaborative Nutcracker

Montana Ballet Company will unveil a fresh, new *Nutcracker* this year, and for the first time in its 42-year history, they will be collaborating with both the Bozeman Symphony and Opera Montana.

One of the largest artistic collaborations in the region, MBC's ***The Nutcracker*** with the Bozeman Symphony and Opera Montana's Youth Chorus, will be held during Christmas Stroll weekend at the Willson Auditorium. Performances are set for December 6th and 7th. The Saturday shows will be held at 2pm and 7pm, with Sunday shows to follow at 11:30am and 4:30pm.

MBC Artistic Director, Melissa Bowman, notes that while staying true to everything audiences cherish, this year's production will introduce all-new choreography, stunning sets and costumes, and exciting theatrical elements.

"I couldn't be more excited about this collaboration," says Ms. Bowman. "Bringing together the dancers of MBC, the musicians of the Bozeman Symphony, and the voices of Opera Montana's Youth Chorus reflects the true heart of our community – artists working side by side to create something magical for audiences of all ages."

MBC is thrilled to welcome world-renowned guest artists, Lyrica Woodruff and Benjamin Freemantle, performing the celebrated role of Sugar Plum and her Cavalier. They will share the stage with Soren Kisiel, co-director of *Broad Comedy*, MBC's own company dancers, and more than 100 dancers from the community.

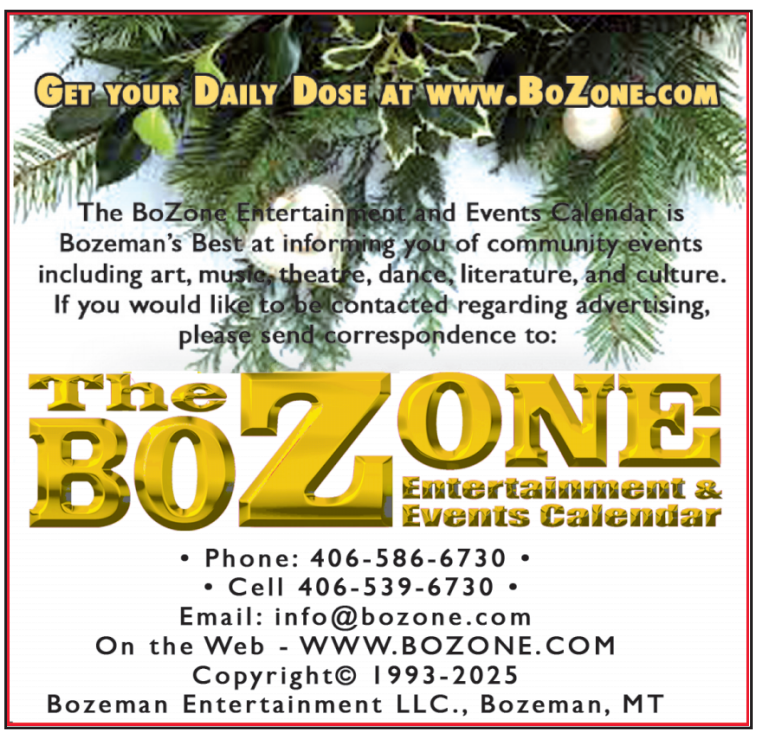
Another highlight of this charming production is the Bozeman Symphony, conducted by Dr. Matthew Makeever, Concert Manager and Librarian for the Bozeman Symphony, and Artistic Director and Conductor for Second-String Orchestra in Bozeman.

"I am so excited to be returning to conduct the Montana Ballet Company's production of *The Nutcracker* with the Bozeman Symphony," says Dr. Makeever. "*The Nutcracker* is one of my favorite works, and was such a joy to perform last year. My involvement with this production has spanned probably 25 years: From being on stage as a tumbling bear, to playing trumpet in the pit alongside my father, and now leading the orchestra and collaborating with the dancers, I am so honored and fortunate to have this opportunity to be involved in a production and community I feel like I have known my whole life. This production is a treasure, and I am thankful to be here!"

Alongside the Bozeman Symphony, MBC is delighted to welcome Opera Montana's Youth Chorus.

Emerald Hart-Ullman, Opera Montana Director of Community Engagement says, "We are excited to be joining MBC and the Bozeman Symphony, for the first time, in such a wonderful Bozeman tradition. Our choristers are looking forward to being a part of the magic!"

Celebrating 42 years in Bozeman, MBC's production of *The Nutcracker* is a treat for the entire family. Purchase tickets early to join the celebration at **www.montanaballet.org** or by calling (406) 582-8702. All seating is reserved. •



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 5th and run through Dec. 21st. 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 remember 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 this summer's hit musical *Cabaret* as well as last season's *Annie* and *Mary Poppins*, among many others.

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. 5th–21st with evening shows and weekend matinees. Tickets to this holiday production range $21 to $44 (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. •

Support local youth with holiday 'Cakes'

The days of caroling, cookies and twinkling lights are upon us. Help spread some early holiday cheer with the 102nd anniversary of **"Cakes for Kids"** event at Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Presented by Bozeman Kiwanis, the morning feast will be held Saturday, December 6th from 7am–1pm. Join the festivities and enjoy pancakes, ham, fixings, beverages and more holiday fun including a visit with Santa.

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. 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 celebrates more than 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. •

MOR celebrates year-end festivities

Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies is once again offering its educational and visually stunning ***Season of Light*** in the Taylor Planetarium as 2025 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 Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 1pm and 3pm through December 31st. These screenings are included with Museum admission or membership.

Again this year, MOR will host special **"Homestead Holiday"** events in enhancement of limited, after hours *Season of Light* viewings on Friday and Saturday, December 12th and 13th. Both begin at 6pm. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for youth ages 5-17 and free for younger children.

Celebrate the winter holiday season at the enchanting Tinsley House. Immerse yourself in the festive spirit with a dazzling seasonal show in the Taylor Planetarium, craft your own Victorian-inspired holiday card, and revel in the joyous melodies of classic Christmas carolers. Warm up with delectable seasonal treats and embrace the magic of the holidays in this beautifully historic setting.

Also on display at MOR is exhibit *Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall*. Included with Museum admission or membership. The exhibit will be on view through Jan. 18th. And coming in the new year – *FROGS: A Chorus of Colors* opens Feb. 6th. 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 open from 9am–5pm daily, with an early closure on Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day. For more information about these exhibits, 'Homestead Holiday' tickets and gift membership opportunities, visit **www.museumoftherockies.org**. •

Stroll downtown with festive community fun

Happy ho-ho-holidays! Returning with its 45th annual event and Downtown Bozeman's greatest tradition, the **Christmas Stroll** will take place Saturday evening, December 6th 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, engage with local 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**. •

Unwrap spirited variety with Shane Center players

One of the Shane Lalani Center for the Art's most popular productions, ***Holiday Vaudeville***, returns for its 17th annual presentation with performances set for December 12th–21st in Livingston. Just in time for the most festive part of the year.

This high-energy variety show takes 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 the whole family, and virtually guaranteed to get you in the spirit!

This year's *Holiday Vaudeville* runs for two weeks only – from Dec. 12th through 21st. Performances take place in the Dulcie Theatre. Show times are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sunday afternoons at 3pm. A special Thursday night show is set for Dec. 18th at 7:30pm. Tickets are $25 for adults, $19 for seniors/students/veterans, and $13 for youth 17 & under. Make reservations at **www.theshanecenter.org** or call the box office at (406) 222-1420.

Holiday Vaudeville 2025 is generously sponsored by Colin & Seabring Davis, Kirk Michels, A Silent Feather Massage and Conley's Books & Music. •

Snowy season art waltz returns to 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 12th 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 culture, 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. •

Magic abounds with Livingston film screening

The Livingston Film Series is delighted to present a special free holiday screening of ***The Polar Express*** on Tuesday, 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.

Continuing its latest 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. •

Find perfect tree with backcountry excursion

As the holiday season quickly approaches, locating the family tree is a great opportunity to enhance the communal spirit. **Christmas tree permits** are available for purchase for those who neglect to erect theirs the day after Thanksgiving.

Those with a permit may cut a Christmas tree anywhere on the Custer Gallatin National Forest except at cabins, campgrounds, picnic areas, trailheads, wilderness or riparian areas, natural landmarks, timber sales and areas where trees have been planted for reforestation purposes.

General guidelines for cutting a tree include:

– Stump height: 6 inches maximum (lower the better)

– Do not remove the top of the tree; cut down the entire tree

– No cutting of five-needle pines (i.e. 5 needles in one cluster)

– Limber Pine and White Bark Pine trees are NOT permitted; If unsure, please check with your local ranger district about tree species identification and restrictions

– If snow is on the ground, remove it from around the stump so you can accurately measure the stump and tree height

– Be Alert! There are many dead and dying trees that could fall at the slightest disturbance

– Trees help protect watersheds, provide habitat for wildlife, and contribute to beautiful scenery; keep these values in mind when selecting a tree

– After cutting your tree, attach the purchased permit to a lower limb near the trunk for transporting home

– A permit can also be purchased for gathering personal-use boughs, but no cutting from Hemlock or Cedars. Permits, maps, forest road access updates and more are available through the website

– When preparing for the day, dress in layers for changing weather conditions, grab a snack and water, always let another know where you are headed and enjoy spending time outdoors with friends and family

Purchase your permit online at **www.recreation.gov/tree-permits** (search 'Custer Gallatin' or 'Montana'). Limit of three. Please contact any Custer Gallatin National Forest office with additional questions or inquiries. For general forest information, visit **www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin**. •

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" 9am *Bozeman Senior Center*
Fundraiser for Heart of the Valley Shelter by Murder in the Crazy Mountains 10am *Gallatin Crossing (Gallatin Valley Mall)*
Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Exhibition Opening for Decoding the Howl at Yellowstone Gateway Museum 5:30pm *Yellowstone Gateway Mus – Livingston*
Wildrye Trivia 6pm *WildRye Distilling*
Bacchus Trivia 7pm *Bacchus Pub*
Eagles Comedy Open Mic Night 8pm *Eagles Bar*
American Monday Karaoke 9pm *American Legion – Bozeman*

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" *Bozeman Senior Center*
Music Seminar: Student Performance and Composition Recital 11am *MSU Reynolds Recital Hall*
Newcomer Orientation 5pm *Bozeman Dharma Center*
Nonfiction Writers Group 5:30pm *Bozeman Public Library*
Last Best Trivia! 6pm *Last Best Place Brewing Co.*
Valhalla Open Mic 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Colombo's Trivia 6pm *Colombo's Pizza*
Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm *Gute Laune Wurstbar above The Rialto*
406 Trivia 6pm *406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan*
Always Trivia 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
Second String Orchestra FREE Community Concert 7pm *Warren Miller Performing Arts Center – Big Sky*
One O'Clock Jazz Ensemble Concert 7:30pm *MSU Reynolds Hall*
Mannheim Steamroller Christmas 7:30pm *Brick Breeden Fieldhouse – MSU*
Molly Bingo 8pm *Molly Brown*

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" 9am *Senior Center*
Public Skate 11:15am *GCF*
Bozeman Health's Healthcare-Connections 'Mobile HealthCare' 1pm *Bozeman Public Library*
Provecho pop up dinner 5pm *Izakaya Three Fish*
Santa Claws Pictures 5pm *1889 Barn*
December Book Club: The Left Hand of Darkness 5:30pm *Country Bookshelf*
Drink and Draw 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Boomerangs 6pm *MAP Brewing*
Drew McDowell 6pm *AC Hotel*
WhiSKI Wednesdays 6pm *WildRye Distill*
Golden Goose StreetEats Ramen Pop Up 6pm *Roly Poly Coffee Co.*
Always Rockin Bingo 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
College Street Rockin Bingo 6:30pm *College Street Taproom*
Provecho pop up Prix Fix dinner 7pm *Izakaya Three Fish*
Waypoint Trivia 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Men's Basketball vs U of St. Thomas 7pm *Brick Breeden Fieldhouse – MSU*
Saxophone Studio Recital 7:30pm *MSU Reynolds Recital Hall*
Molly Trivia 8pm *Molly Brown*
Open Jam 8pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
Brian Kassay 8pm *Eagles Bar*

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" 9am *Senior Center*
Madrigal Dinner 5pm *Buck's T-4 Lodge*
Taste of Korea – a 'Windhorse Equine Learning' Fundraiser 5pm *I-Ho's Korean*
Wreath Decorating 5:30pm *Phoenix Garden Center*
Provecho Pop up 5:30pm *Izakaya Three Fish*
MOR's Presenting Prehistory Lecture Series | Ashley Hall 5:30pm *Museum of the Rockies*
Tessy Lou 6pm *Bridger Pub – 3 Forks*
Bending Towards the Light…a Jazz Nativity 7pm *Hope Lutheran Church*
Katie Hall 7pm *Bozeman Hot Springs*
John Lowell Duo 7pm *Sweet Grass Arts Theater – Big Timber*
Downbeat Vintage Swing 7:30pm *La Brasserie*
Provecho pop up dinner 7:30pm *Izakaya Three Fish*
Line Dancing with Western Roots 8pm *Bourbon*
Ryan LittleEagle 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Open Mic 8pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Stilgone and Street Milk 9pm *Haufbrau*
Eagles Karaoke 9pm *Eagles Bar*
American Thursday Karaoke 9:30pm *American Legion – Bozeman*

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Breakfast with Santa 10am *Field and Stream Lodge – BZN*
Museum Store Member Appreciation Days 10am *Museum of the Rockies*
Queer Bozeman Book Club 11am *Country Bookshelf*
Ryan Acker 11am *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
MBC's 42 Annual Nutcracker 11:30am *Willson Auditorium*
"Sip & Stacker" Ring-making Class 12pm *Last Best Place Brewing Co.*
Sunday FUNDay for Bozeman Hawkers Speech and Debate 2pm *Bozeman Brewing*
A Christmas Carol 3pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Public Skate 3pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Celtic Jam 3:15pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Xmas Ornament Painting 4pm *Bar 3 BBQ*
Bending Towards the Light…a Jazz Nativity 4pm *Hope Lutheran Church*
MBC's 42 Annual Nutcracker 4:30pm *Willson Auditorium*
Benchmark Trivia 5:30pm *AC Hotel*
The Tale of Silyan – presented by the Bozeman Doc Series 7pm *Emerson Center*
Second String Orchestra Chamber Strings Fall Concert 7pm *Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC*
Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm *Eagles Bar*
Icarus 7pm *Bozeman Hot Springs*
Jack Ooster 7pm *Norris Hot Springs*

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" 9am *Bozeman Senior Center*
Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Singing Souls Senior Sing-Along 3:30pm *Bozeman Public Library*
Gallatin Valley Food Bank's Pop-Up Pantry 4pm *Peace Lutheran Church – Belgrade*
Paint & Sip – "Up To Gnome Good" 5:45pm *Last Best Brewing Co.*
Bird Woman's Legacy 6pm *Emerson Center for Arts and Culture*
Wildrye Trivia 6pm *WildRye Distilling*
Scuffed Realtor: LIVE- with Nick Rochefort and Alex Schultz 6pm *Engineworks Building*
Bacchus Trivia 7pm *Bacchus Pub*
Eagles Comedy Open Mic Night 8pm *Eagles Bar*
American Monday Karaoke 9pm *American Legion – Bozeman*

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" 9am *Bozeman Senior Center*
Community Night 5pm *SHINE Beer Sanctuary*
Nonfiction Writers Group 5:30pm *Bozeman Public Library*
Valhalla Open Mic 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Last Best Trivia! 6pm *Last Best Place Brewing Co.*
Colombo's Trivia 6pm *Colombo's Pizza*
406 Trivia 6pm *406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan*
Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm *Gute Laune Wurstbar above The Rialto*
Always Trivia 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
2025 Santa in the market 7:30pm *The Market at Ferguson Farm*
Molly Bingo 8pm *Molly Brown*
My Favorite Thing 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" 9am *Bozeman Senior Center*
Symphony Storytime 10:15am *Bozeman Public Library*
Hillcrest Christmas Stroll 11am *Aspen Pointe*
Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Northside Holiday Stroll 4pm *Northeast Bozeman*
Bridger Creek Boys 5:30pm *Bridger Brewing – Bozeman*
West Dakota Stutter 6pm *MAP Brewing*
Valhalla Drink and Draw 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
WhiSKI Wednesdays 6pm *WildRye Distilling*
Always ROCK'N BINGO 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
College Street Rockin Bingo 6:30pm *College Street Taproom*
Jamie Harrison's A River Dream 6:30pm *Elks Lodge – Livingston*
Waypoint Trivia 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Harry Potter & The Chamber Of Secrets 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Robby Hutto 8pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*
Molly Trivia 8pm *Molly Brown*
Open Jam 8pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
Luke Flansburg 8pm *Eagles Bar*

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Ice Climbing Festival Après Climb 5pm *Emerson Center*
Holiday Market 5pm *SHINE*
Wreath Decorating 5:30pm *Phoenix Garden Center*
We Know Who We Are w/ MaggieJo Widdecombe 5:30pm *Mus of Rockies*
Paint and Sip 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
The BROADcast! – Broad Beta's live storytelling night 6pm *Uphill Pursuits*
Marcedes Carroll 6pm *Bridger Pub 3 Forks*
Bending Towards the Light…a Jazz Nativity 7pm *Hope Lutheran Church*
Ryan Acker 7pm *Bozeman Hot Springs*
Harry Potter & The Philosophers Stone 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Downbeat Swing 7:30pm *La Brasserie*
Bozeman Ice Climbing Festival presents: Parallel World 7:30pm *Emerson Center*
Line Dancing with Western Roots 8pm *Bourbon*
Open Mic 8pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Kyle Brenner 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Brendan Nolan and Harpdog John 8pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*
Eagles Karaoke 9pm *Eagles Bar*
Joe Bozeman 9pm *The Filling Station*
Acoustic Dilly 9pm *Haufbrau*
American Thursday Karaoke 9:30pm *American Legion – Bozeman*

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Day 2 Quantum Girls: Free Weekend Workshop! 9am *American Computer and Robotics Museum*
Mathias 11am *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Rising Stars Holiday Figure Skating Performance 1:30pm *Fairgrounds*
West Dakota Stutter 2pm *Studio Wheelhouse*
Bozeman Symphony's Holiday Spectacular 2:30pm *Willson Auditorium*
Holiday Vaudeville 3pm *Shane Center*
A Christmas Carol 3pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Skate with Santa 3pm *Gallatin Fairgrounds*
Public Skate 3pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Celtic Jam 3:15pm *Valhalla Meadery*
SantaPhotos + Live music 4pm *AC Lounge*
Montana Ballet: The Nutcracker 5pm *Warren Miller Arts Center – Big Sky*
AC Benchmark Holiday trivia 5:30pm *Benchmark at The AC Hotel*
"Barronette: A Mountain Profile" – w/ Sam Hennessey, Dinner + Wrap Party 6pm *Emerson Center for Arts and Culture*
Seth Anderson // Prints // Three Penny Riot // Battle Stations 6pm *Labor Temple*
Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm *Eagles*
Jampoke 7pm *Bozeman Hot Springs*
Harry Potter & The Order Of The Phoenix 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Jerry Joseph and the Jackmormons 9pm *The Filling Station*

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Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Estate Planning: Tools for Avoiding Probate 6pm *Bozeman Public Library*
Wildrye Trivia 6pm *WildRye Distilling*
Bacchus Trivia 7pm *Bacchus Pub*
Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Eagles Comedy Open Mic Night 8pm *Eagles Bar*
American Monday Karaoke 9pm *American Legion – Bozeman*

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Cribbage Tournament Supporting KGLT 5pm *SHINE Beer Sanctuary*
Nonfiction Writers Group 5:30pm *Bozeman Public Library*
Last Best Trivia! 6pm *Last Best Place Brewing Co.*
Valhalla Open Mic 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Always Trivia 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm *Gute Laune Wurstbar above The Rialto*
Colombo Trivia 6pm *Colombo's Pizza*
406 Trivia 6pm *406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan*
Marc Beaudin w/ music by Paul Lee Kupfer 7pm *Elk River Books – Livingston*
Best of Big Sky Awards 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Molly Bingo 8pm *Molly Brown*
My Favorite Thing 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Roadrunner 9pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*

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Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Library Book Club 3pm *Barnes & Noble Booksellers*
BACC: Business During Hours 4pm *Distinctive Lighting*
Green Drinks: Sierra Club & South North Nexus 5:30pm *Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC*
Kins Gwen 6pm *MAP Brewing*
Valhalla Drink and Draw 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
WhiSKI Wednesdays 6pm *WildRye Distilling*
Always ROCK'N BINGO 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
College Street Rockin Bingo 6:30pm *College Street Taproom*
BFS presents: Wisdom of Happiness 7pm *The Rialto*
Waypoint Trivia 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows: Part 2 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Sometimes a Legend 8pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*
Molly Trivia 8pm *Molly Brown*
Open Jam 8pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
Mathias 8pm *Eagles Bar*

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Suds 'n' Circuits: Snake! 21 and over) 5pm *American Computer and Robotics Museum*
The Stand-Up Pop-Up 6pm *Apres Brewing & Coffee*
Katie Hall 6pm *Bridger Pub – 3 Forks*
BOZ DOC Series 7pm *Emerson Center*
Mountainfilm Festival 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Mathias 7pm *Bozeman Hot Springs*
Holiday Vaudeville 7:30pm *Shane Lalani Center – Livingston*
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Downbeat Swing Dancing 7:30pm *La Brasserie*
Line Dancing with Western Roots 8pm *Bourbon*
Open Mic 8pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Hannah Lally 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Damn Duo 8pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*
Eagles Karaoke 9pm *Eagles Bar*
The Dirty Dirty Christmas Party 9pm *The Filling Station*
Chris Bohenek 9pm *Haufbrau*
American Thursday Karaoke 9:30pm *American Legion – Bozeman*

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Ryan Acker 11am *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Readings & Carols (Re)imagined 2:30pm *Holy Rosary Catholic Church*
Winter Art Market and Jol Celebration 3pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Holiday Vaudeville 3pm *Shane Lalani Center for the Arts – Livingston*
A Christmas Carol 3pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Public Skate 3pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Alex Platt Trio Jazz Jam Session 5pm *Red Tractor Pizza*
Homeless Persons Memorial OUTDOOR EVENT 5:30pm *Bozeman Public Library*
AC Trivia 5:30pm *Benchmark at The AC Hotel*
Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm *Eagles Bar*
Women Songwriter Night 7pm *Bozeman Hot Springs*
Fuzzy B 7pm *Norris Hot Springs*
KneeJürk 8pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*
Comedy: Hunter LLoyd & Kaiser Leib 8pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*

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Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink*
Autocrats vs. Democrats: China, Russia, America, and the New Global Disorder 12pm *Bozeman Public Library*
Men's Basketball vs Northwest University 1pm *Brick Breeden Fieldhouse – MSU*
Book Rebinding: Catcher in the Rye 3:30pm *Studio Wheelhouse*
Public Skate 4pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Crosscut Night Ski 4pm *Crosscut Mountain Sports Center*
Gallatin Valley Food Bank's Pop-Up Pantry 4pm *Peace Lutheran Church – Belgrade*
Wildrye Trivia 6pm *WildRye Distilling*
Bacchus Trivia 7pm *Bacchus Pub*
Eagles Comedy Open Mic Night 8pm *Eagles Bar*
American Monday Karaoke 9pm *American Legion – Bozeman*

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Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Public Skate 4pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Last Best Trivia! 6pm *Last Best Place Brewing Co.*
Valhalla Open Mic 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Always Trivia 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
Trivia 6pm *406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan*
Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm *Gute Laune Wurstbar above The Rialto*
Colombo Trivia 6pm *Colombo's Pizza*
LFS Presents THE POLAR EXPRESS 7pm *Shane Center for the Arts – Livingston*
Molly Bingo 8pm *Molly Brown*
My Favorite Thing 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*

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Christmas Eve Dinner at Fielding's 8am *Fielding's Bozeman*
Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Valhalla Drink and Draw 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
College Street Rockin Bingo 6pm *College Street Taproom*
Always Rockin Bingo 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
Waypoint Trivia 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Molly Trivia 8pm *Molly Brown*
Open Jam 8pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*

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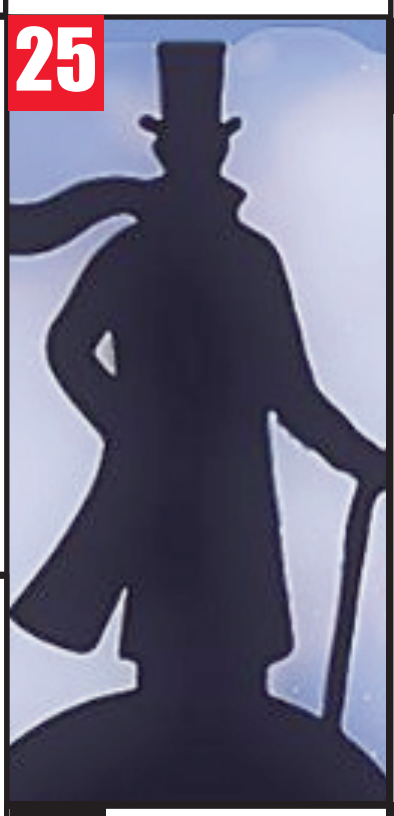

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Lena Schiffer 11am *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Public Skate 3pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Celtic Jam 3:15pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm *Eagles Bar*

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Cannery District Holiday Stroll 11am *Cannery District*
Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Crosscut Night Ski 4pm *Crosscut Mountain Sports Center*
Wildrye Trivia 6pm *WildRye Distilling*
Shanty Sing 6pm *Last Best Place Brewing Co.*
Bacchus Trivia 7pm *Bacchus Pub*
Eagles Comedy Open Mic Night 8pm *Eagles Bar*
American Monday Karaoke 9pm *American Legion – Bozeman*

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Valhalla Open Mic 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Last Best Trivia! 6pm *Last Best Place Brewing Co.*
Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm *Gute Laune Wurstbar above The Rialto*
Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Display 6pm *Bridger Bowl*
Always Trivia 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
Colombo Trivia 6pm *Colombo's Pizza*
406 Trivia 6pm *406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan*
Molly Bingo 8pm *Molly Brown*
My Favorite Thing 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*

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Count Down to Noon Year's Eve 10:30am *Emerson Center*
Public Skate 11:15am *GCF*
New Years Family Dance 5:30pm *Tamarack Ballroom Senior Center*
Drink and Draw 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Rockin Bingo 6pm *College Street Taproom*
Calafiore Global and Top Tier Boxing's New Year's Eve FIGHT NIGHT!! 6pm *Kimpton Armory Hotel*
Always Rockin Bingo 6pm *It Will Always Be That Way Lounge*
Sparkle Spectacular New Year's Eve 6:30pm *The Rialto*
Mathias 7pm *Benchmark at The AC Hotel*
Waypoint Trivia 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
New Years Eve Contra Dance 7:30pm *Tamarack Ballroom Senior Center*
SoDown at The ELM 8pm *The Elm*
New Queers Eve – Riot 8pm *Fairground*
Jacob Rountree 8pm *Sage Lodge – S of LV*
Peter King Trio 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Stilgone and Jazz Cabbage 8pm *Filler*
Molly Trivia 8pm *Molly Brown*
Brandon Hale & The Dirty Shame 9pm *Jump*
Garbage 9pm *Haufbrau*
Logan Liebert & Light Blue 9pm *Grey Dog*
Après Ski 9pm *Sky Shed Rooftop Bar*
BLACKWATER 9pm *Chico Saloon*
Sparkle Spectacular New Year's Eve 9:30pm *The Rialto*

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Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Bitter Roots Revival 9pm *Tune Up Bar*

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FRIDAY

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" 9am *Bozeman Senior Center*
Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Gangbusters Pottery Holiday Studio Tour and Sale 3pm *Gangbusters Pottery*
Authors of children's books 4pm *Elk River Books – Livingston*
Ennis Christmas Stroll 4pm *Downtown Ennis*
Twas the Night Before Christmas 5pm *Blue Slipper – LV*
Todd Goddard & Santa 5pm *Wheatgrass Books – Livingston*
Jordon Kamoto 5pm *Gallatin River Lodge*
LBP's 4th Birthday Celebration 5pm *Last Best Brewing Co.*
Celtic Music 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Twas the Night Before Christmas 6pm *Blue Slipper – LV*
Paint & Sip (BYOB) 6:30pm *The Farmhouse*
Comedy w/ Lukas Seely 7pm *VIP Barber and Whiskey*
BFS presents: The Mastermind 7pm *The Rialto*
Live Jazz 7pm *Gute Laune Wurstbar above The Rialto*
Twas the Night Before Christmas 7pm *Blue Slipper – LV*
BLKWRM 7pm *Norris Hot Springs*
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Holiday Noir 7:30pm *Emerson Center for Arts and Culture*
Open Range 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Band of Drifters 8pm *The Jump*
John Floridis & Friends 8pm *Live From The Divide – LFTD*
Plaza Karaoke 9pm *Plaza Bar – Three Forks*
Ponderosa Trivia 9pm *Ponderosa Social Club*
JAMPOKE 9pm *Grey Dog Bar*
Riverspell 9pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*
Brother Venus 9pm *The Filling Station*
Savannah Wood 9pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Preacher with a Pistol and the Backwoods 9pm *Haufbrau*
Highway 89 9pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
FLAVATOWN 9pm *Eagles Bar*
Old Man Ben 9pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*
Waypoint Karaoke 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*

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Second Hand Rose "Holiday Store" 9am *Bozeman Senior Center*
BRIDGER BOWL PROJECTED OPENING DAY! 9am *Bridger Bowl*
MSU Fall 2025 Commencement Ceremony 10am *Brick Breeden Fieldhouse – MSU*
OLLI at MSU Friday Forum: Urban Camping and Homelessness in the Gallatin Valley 12pm *Virtual Event*
Tarek Isham 4pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Winter Wonderland 4:30pm *Cottonwood Day School*
SHINE Holiday Market 5pm *SHINE Beer Sanctuary*
Edis 5:30pm *Field and Stream Lodge – Bozeman*
Of Land and Lindeage 6pm *Old Main Gallery*
Homestead Holiday 6pm *Museum of the Rockies*
Brendan Nolan and Harpdog John 7pm *Pony Bar – Pony*
Joe Sings Songs & Sons 7pm *Norris Hot Springs*
Holiday Vaudeville 7:30pm *Shane Center – Livingston*
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm *The Ellen Theatre*
ANNA film with Anna Pfaff 7:30pm *Emerson Center*
Bozeman Symphony's Holiday Spectacular 7:30pm *Willson Auditorium*
Zech Peabody Duo 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Jerry Joseph & Friends 8pm *The Attic – Livingston*
Rocky Mountain Pearls 8pm *The Jump*
Waypoint Karaoke 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Ponderosa Trivia 9pm *Ponderosa Social Club*
Still Fools 9pm *Grey Dog Bar*
Andrew Blackworm 9pm *Bozeman Taproom*
STiLGONE 9pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*
Scratchin Gravel 9pm *The Filling Station*
Tim Rooney 9pm *Haufbrau*
Jacob Rountree & Somethings 9pm *Murray Bar – LV*
The Disruptors 9pm *Eagles Bar*
Shakedown Country 9pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*

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Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Tarek Isham 4pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Crosscut Night Ski 4pm *Crosscut Mountain Sports Center*
Christmas shopping Yule Festival 5pm *GCF – Gallatin County Fairgrounds – GCF*
National Ugly Sweater Day! 5pm *Last BestBrewing Co.*
Winter Solstice Celebration 6pm *Bozeman Dharma Center*
Roots in the Sky 7pm *Big Sky Chapel – Big Sky*
406Cirque's: A Circus Carol 7pm *Petra Academy*
Holiday Vaudeville 7:30pm *Shane Center – Livingston*
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Aaron Golay 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Rocky Mountain Pearls 8pm *The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway*
Longhorn 8pm *The Jump*
Blues Line 8pm *The Attic – Livingston*
Plaza Karaoke 9pm *Plaza Bar – Three Forks*
Ponderosa Trivia 9pm *Ponderosa Social Club*
Dead Sky 9pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*
Still Fools 9pm *The Filling Station*
Mathias 9pm *Haufbrau*
Steve Brown Band 9pm *Grey Dog Bar*
Abby Webster Band 9pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
Brendan Nolan and the Mostly Peaceful Looters 9pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Trent Brooks Band 9pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*
The Love Darts 9pm *Eagles Bar*
Waypoint Karaoke 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*

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Public Skate 11:15am *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Public Skate 4pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Ryan Acker 4pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
West Dakota Stutter 5pm *Sacajawea Bar – Three Forks*
Blake Brightman 5:30pm *Field and Stream Lodge – Bozeman*
Brendan Nolan 6pm *Grand Hotel – Big Timber*
Cash & Co. 8pm *The Jump*
Chandler Huntley 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Tyler Potter & The Last Minute Surprise 8pm *The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway*
Waypoint Karaoke 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Ponderosa Trivia 9pm *Ponderosa Social Club*
Luke Flansburg 9pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Nickel B 9pm *Haufbrau*
The Shuffle Bums 9pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
Roadrunner 9pm *Eagles Bar*

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Drink + Draw 6pm
Bluegrass Jam 6pm *Pine Creek Lodge – LV*
Peter King 7pm *Bozeman Hot Springs*
Kyle Brenner 7:30pm *Fainting Goat Pub – Livingston*
Tarek Isham 8pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Daniel Kosel 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Doublewide Dreams 9pm *Tune Up Bar*

SATURDAY

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LIVINGSTON Annual Community Christmas Craft Fair 9am *Park County Fairgrounds – Livingston*
Farmers' Market 9am *Gallatin County Fairgrounds*
Bozeman Schools Santa Run 5K 9am *Willson School*
Raptor Meet & Greet 9:30am *Museum of the Rockies*
Santa Paws 10am *Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter HoV*
Museum Store Member Appreciation 10am *Museum of the Rockies*
ROC Wheels Live Telethon 10am *Mukai Coffeehouse*
Raptor Meet & Greet 10:30am *Museum of the Rockies*
Public Skate 12pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Jazz in the Library- 2pm *Bozeman Public Library*
MBC's 42 Annual Nutcracker 2pm *Willson Auditorium*
Mathias 4pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
krampus walk 4:30pm *Steep Mountain Teahouse*
Downtown Bozeman Holiday Stroll 4:30pm *Country Bookshelf*
45th Annual Christmas Stroll 4:30pm *Downtown Bozeman*
Christmas Galore 6pm *Verge Theater – Emerson Suite 107*
Eagles Bingo & Burgers 6pm *Eagles Bar*
Women's Basketball vs North Dakota 6pm *Fieldhouse – MSU*
Her Gift, Her Creation 7pm *Warren Miller Arts Center – Big Sky*
MBC's 42 Annual Nutcracker 7pm *Willson Auditorium*
Josh Wolf 7pm *The Elm*
Tom Kirwan 7pm *Norris Hot Springs*
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Holiday Noir 7:30pm *Emerson Center for Arts and Culture*
Hockey – Cats vs. Griz 7:30pm *Gallatin County Fairgrounds – GCF*
Country Dancing with Western Roots 8pm *Bourbon*
Chris Bohenek Duo 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Neon Rainbow 8pm *The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway*
Old Man Ben 9pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*
Spell River and the Scurry 9pm *The Filling Station*
Christmas Stroll After Party – DJ Night 9pm *Grey Dog Bar*
Cole Thorne 9pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Still Fools 9pm *Haufbrau*
LPC Fundraiser 9pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
JAMPOKE 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
FLAVATOWN 9pm *Eagles Bar*

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Quantum Girls: Free Weekend Workshop! 9am *American Computer and Robotics Museum*
Mahasangha Half Day Retreat 9am *Bozeman Dharma Cntr*
Wreaths Across America at Sunset Hills Cemetery 9:30am *Sunset Hills Cemetery*
Public Skate 12pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
A Christmas Carol 2pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Jazz in the Library 2pm *Bozeman Public Library*
Bozeman Symphony's Holiday Spectacular 2:30pm *Willson Auditorium*
Paul Lee Kupfer 4pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Christmas Stroll Open House 5pm *Big Sky Center for the Arts*
Reid Hill – Solo Songwriter 6pm *Valhalla Meadery*
Eagles Bingo & Burgers 6pm *Eagles Bar*
Homestead Holiday 6pm *Museum of the Rockies*
Ballroom Dance Holiday Party 7pm *Tamarack BallroomSenior Center*
Harry Potter & The Goblet Of Fire 7pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Colter John 7pm *Norris Hot Springs*
Holiday Vaudeville 7:30pm *Shane Lalani Center for the Arts – Livingston*
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Girl Climber with Emily Harrington + Q&A 7:30pm *Emerson Centere*
Bozeman Symphony's Holiday Spectacular 7:30pm *Willson Auditorium*
West Dakota Stutter 7:30pm *Owl Lounge – Livingston*
Country Dancing with Western Roots 8pm *Bourbon*
Kailey Marie Trio 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Kyle Hunter & Mt Standard 8pm *The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway*
Puttin' on The Hits Karaoke 8pm *The Jump*
FunkyMoto 8pm *The Attic – Livingston*
Shakedown Country 9pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*
John Oosterhuis 9pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Scratchin Gravel 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Jerry Joseph and the Jackmormons 9pm *The Filling Station*
Shake and Bake 9pm *Haufbrau*
Latin Night 9pm *Grey Dog Bar*
Band of Drifters Trio 9pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
The Disruptors 9pm *Eagles Bar*

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Kircliff & Explorer Gondola Opening 9am *Big Sky Resort*
Christmas shopping Yule Festival 9am *GCF – Gallatin County Fairgrounds – GCF*
Bozeman Winter Farmers' Market 9am *GCF – Gallatin County Fairgrounds – GCF*
Public Skate 12pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
A Christmas Carol 2pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Cory Johnson 2pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Jazz in the Library– Flamenco Club 2pm *Bozeman Public Library*
406Cirque's: A Circus Carol 2pm *Petra Academy*
Lena Schiffer 4pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Paint & Sip – Moonlit Mountains 5pm *Wilson Hotel – Big Sky*
Eagles Bingo & Burgers 6pm *Eagles Bar*
Marie Smith Jazz Group live 7pm *The Cikan House*
406Cirque's: A Circus Carol 7pm *Petra Academy*
Holiday Vaudeville 7:30pm *Shane Center for the Arts – Livingston*
A Christmas Carol 7:30pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Country Dancing with Western Roots 8pm *Bourbon*
The Clint Reimann Band 8pm *The Jump*
Jackson Holte Trio 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Kailey Marie Band 8pm *The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway*
Trent Brooks Band 9pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*
The Red Neck Troubadour show 9pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Buffalo Burrows 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Chris Bohenek 9pm *The Filling Station*
Jazz Cabbage 9pm *Haufbrau*
Aaron Golay & The Original Sin 9pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
The Love Darts 9pm *Eagles Bar*

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Bozeman Winter Farmers' Market 9am *GCF – Gallatin County Fairgrounds – GCF*
Public Skate 12pm *Ressler Rink – GCF*
Tarek Isham 4pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
The Five – The Courtney Collins Collection by Robert Osborn 5pm *Courtney Collins Fine Art – Big Sky*
Eagles Bingo & Burgers 6pm *Eagles Bar*
Jay Alm 7pm *Norris Hot Springs*
BFS presents: Blue Moon 7pm *The Ellen Theatre*
Pete Lee 7:30pm *Warren Miller Performing Arts Center – Big Sky*
Country Dancing with Western Roots 8pm *Bourbon*
Emma & The Ledge 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Tanner Laws Band 8pm *The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway*
Puttin' on The Hits Karaoke 8pm *The Jump*
Brendan Nolan 8:30pm *Fainting Goat Pub – Livingston*
Kent Johnson 9pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Brickhouse Band 9pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*
Savannah Wood 9pm *Bozeman Taproom*
Dan Dubuque 9pm *Haufbrau*
Ladies Night – DJ Queen-E 9pm *Grey Dog Bar*
Roadrunner 9pm *Eagles Bar*

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JONJI 3pm *Mountain Village Plaza – Big Sky*
Mathias 4pm *Sage Lodge – S of Livingston*
Executive Dysfunction 5pm *Sacajawea Bar – Three Forks*
Bozeman Art Museum: Bozeman Collects Opening Reception 5pm *Bozeman Art Museum*
Happy Hour Open Mic 5pm *Last Best Comedy*
James Salestrom 6:30pm *The Big Sky Waypoint*
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm *Red Tractor Pizza*
Alec Black Bear 7pm *Norris Hot Springs*
Cleo Toll 7:30pm *Fainting Goat Pub – Livingston*
West Dakota Stutter 8pm *The Jump*
Open Range 8pm *Old Saloon – Emigrant*
Public Skate 8pm *Bottcher Rink – GCF Fairgrounds*
Tanner Laws Band 8pm *The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway*
Lazy Owl String Band 8pm *Tips Up – Big Sky*
Jackson Holte & The Highway Patrol 9pm *Chico Hot Springs Saloon*
The Dirty Shame 9pm *Murray Bar – Livingston*
Fritz Road 9pm *Grey Dog Bar*
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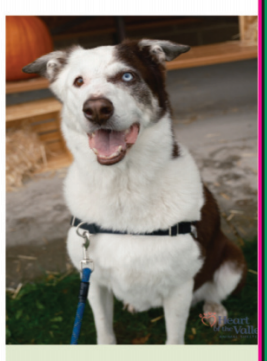

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Hyena laugh with popular comedian's return

Tickets for a night of comedy make for a perfect stocking stuffer when the Ellen Theatre welcomes famed comedian **Paula Poundstone** to its stage in the new year. Her Bozeman return is set for Friday, January 9th, at 9pm. Tickets are on sale now.

The iconic comedian is known for her smart, observational humor and legendary spontaneous wit. Paula is the star of several HBO specials, including *Cats, Cops and Stuff* and *Paula Poundstone Goes to Harvard*. Paula is a regular panelist on NPR's comedy news quiz, *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* She is heard weekly on her successful comedy podcast: *Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone*.

Also an author, Paula's second book, *The Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Human Happiness* (Algonquin), was one of eight semi-finalists for The Thurber Prize for American Humor, the highest recognition of the art of humor writing in the United States. The audiobook was one of five finalists in all genres for the Audio Book of the Year AUDIE award.

Paula was the first female comic in its then 73rd year to perform standup at the White House Correspondents Dinner. Her HBO special, *Cats, Cops and Stuff*, marked the first time a female comedian won Best Comedy Special in the then 5th year of the Cable Ace Awards. Paula's awards and accolades make a long list, and she is included in innumerable documentaries and literary compendiums noting influential comedians of our time.

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. •

Brick hosts ultimate holiday tradition

American Bank's "Broadway in Bozeman" series delivers another stage showcase with ***Mannheim Steamroller Christmas*** on Tuesday, December 2nd – just in time for the holidays! The ultimate holiday tradition comes to Brick Breeden Fieldhouse and begins at 7:30pm.

Created by Grammy Award-winner Chip Davis, the show has been America's favorite holiday tradition for 40 years! Davis has created a show that features *Mannheim Steamroller Christmas* classics in the distinctive Mannheim sound. The program celebrates the group's recent anniversary since the first Christmas album and includes dazzling multimedia effects performed in an intimate setting. Experience the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller.

A visionary musician and businessman, Chip Davis is behind a remarkable body of work now spanning five decades. Since founding Mannheim Steamroller and American Gramaphone Records in 1974, he's written, arranged and recorded over 35 albums, highlighted by the RIAA multi-platinum certified Mannheim Steamroller catalog. The best-selling Christmas music artist in history, Davis has achieved worldwide sales in excess of 40 million, with four multi-platinum, eight platinum, and 19 gold certifications in the US alone. Davis is also the entrepreneur behind Mannheim Steamroller lifestyle product line, an amateur astronomer, and dedicated philanthropist.

General admission tickets range $60–$85 for adults, with discounted admission for youth (ages 3-12). Tickets are available in advance at **www.montana.edu/brickbreeden** or at the Fieldhouse box office. •

MSU's School of Music to hold Noël concerts

From MSU News Service

Montana State University's School of Music will hold the 10th annual **Noël concerts** on Friday, December 5th, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 220 W. Main St.

The MSU Symphony Orchestra and three student choirs – the Montanans, University Chorale and Voces Luminis – will perform holiday music, conducted by MSU faculty members Kirk Aamot, Lukas Graf and Tobin Stewart. The School of Music will hold two concerts on Dec. 5th, starting at 5:30pm and 7:30pm.

"These student ensembles love the opportunity to perform together," said Aamot, School of Music professor who conducts the Montanans and Voces Luminis. "Many students come from rural communities in Montana where there might have only been a handful of students involved in making music, but now they get to do it together, and the audience can stand and sing along."

Concert tickets cost $25 and are available through the Bobcat Ticket Office at (406) 994-CATS or **montanastate.evenue.net**. Montana PBS will also broadcast the performances online following the concerts, including at 8:30pm Monday, Dec. 15th; 8pm Tuesday, Dec. 23rd; and 7pm Wednesday, Dec. 24th.

Veteran MT musician fronts intimate benefit show

As has become a seasonal tradition, Live from the Divide will host a special benefit show on Friday, December 5th, featuring **John Floridis & Friends**. Proceeds from the evening will directly support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. Joining the singer/songwriter will be percussionist Ed Stalling and cellist Jennifer Slayden, along with special guest Cade Slayden of North Fork Crossing. Music begins at 8pm.

The trio will perform material from Floridis' two seasonal releases *December's Quiet Joy* and *The Peaceful Season*, both of which feature his fingerstyle acoustic guitar arrangements of traditional Christmas/Winter melodies, as well as original compositions. They'll also include seasonal vocal tunes, both original and by other artists such as Bruce Cockburn, Patty Larkin, Ben Harper and John Gorka in the performance. The songs feature lyrics speaking to the journey from darkness to light, seasonally, emotionally and spiritually. The concerts welcome the audience to escape the frantic stress that too often pervades the holiday season and relax in an intimate listening environment with music to warm the heart and soul.

Floridis has been performing benefit concerts across the state for 15 years, raising over $120,000 in total. He's a 30-year Missoula resident and has been recognized as one of the state's most popular and respected musicians, having performed in a variety of venues, festivals and concert halls in support of his ten independently released albums. Floridis was recently named "Artist of the Year" by the prestigious Arts Missoula Awards and has been featured in an Emmy Award winning episode on *11th & Grant* on Montana PBS. He is also the host and producer of *Musician's Spotlight* on Montana Public Radio which received its fourth "Non Commercial Program of the Year" award from the Montana Broadcasters Association and *Live from Home* as well on Montana PBS.

Benefit tickets are $35 and available in advance at **www.livefromthedivide.com** where you can also find a complete list of upcoming shows. The *Live* studio is located at 627 E Peach St. in Bozeman. •

Premier chamber ensemble fronts wintry performances

Chamber choir Roots in the Sky will present a trio of upcoming concerts in celebration of the holiday season. ***Readings & Carols (Re)imagined*** performances will take place December 19th–21st. It will premiere at Big Sky Chapel on Friday at 6:30pm, followed by a Saturday show at Bozeman's Hope Lutheran Church at 7:30pm, followed by a 2:30pm Sunday matinee at Holy Rosary Church in Bozeman.

Montana's premier chamber choir presents a seasonal reflection of the snow and winter, of the star and seeking, of the mother and service, of the child and sacrifice, and of hope and peace.

Andrew Major conducts a program that includes: *Shepherd's Carol* by Bob Chilcott, *Halcyon Days* by Melissa Dunphy, *We look for you* (from *A Winter Breviary*) by Reena Esmail, *How Fair and Bright the Morning Star* by Kile Smith, *Magnificat* (from the *Gloucester Service*) by Herbert Howells, *Antiphon for a Virgin* by Tina Davidson, *A tender shoot* by Kerensa Briggs, *God would be born in thee* by Judith Bingham, *sleeper's prayer* by David Lang and *Littlemore Tractus* by Arvo Pärt.

The performances will also include numerous readings and hymns, including *In the Bleak Midwinter*, *What Child is This?*, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. Matthew O'Sullivan will once again join on organ.

Advance tickets for *Readings & Carols (Re)imagined* are $20 for adults and $10 for students for each Bozeman show, and $25 or $10 for the Big Sky performance, at **www.rootsinthesky.org**. Donation-enhanced supporter tickets also available. 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 ensemble has established itself as Montana's premier chamber choir through a commitment to presenting thoughtfully curated performances of choral works – especially compositions by living composers and historically marginalized voices – that respond to the complexities of life in the 21st century and the world in which we are living. •

Local musicians tell Xmas story through jazz

Following a wildly popular premiere in 2023, **"Bending Towards the Light... a Jazz Nativity"** returns this month. Performances will be held December 4th, 7th and 11th at Hope Lutheran Church. Join the Bozeman community in celebrating the love and joy of the holiday season with the Jazz Nativity!

First produced in New York City in 1985, this acclaimed event celebrates 40 years of top-tier musicians bringing inspiration to enthusiastic audiences. Through the seasons, the show's composer/arranger Anne Phillips has welcomed such musical greats as Dave Brubeck, Lionel Hampton, Ron Carter and Tito Puente, among others. Along with Phillips' wonderful arrangements of familiar carols, the production features original music composed by Dave Brubeck, Iola Brubeck and Bob Kindred.

Dr. Shane Doyle, Apsáalooke, will open Bozeman's second annual production with an indigenous honor song and his daughter Lillian Doyle will support his piece with a traditional dance. MSU Professor of Music and Grammy Award Winner, Ryan Matzinger, will conduct the shows which includes local luminaries.

Among those featured are vocalist Jeni Fleming, saxophonist Jake Fleming, pianist Lori Rosolowsky, tap queen Katherine Kramer, the Big Sky Voices, Maddisen Sheedy, a beautiful rhythm section, Michael Gillan, Craig Hall, Chris Naro, Michael Steele, Stefan Stern, section, members of Montana State University's One O'clock Jazz Ensemble and a 40+ member choir directed by Maren Haynes Marchesini.

The debut cast of characters and musicians will be polishing their brass, tuning their guitars, and lifting their voices in preparation for three thrilling performances.

MSU President Dr. Brock Tessman and his wife Kristen will serve as hosts of the opening night performance, bringing their own interpretation to the words journalist Charles Kuralt wrote and delivered at Lincoln Center when he steered the same position.

Kuralt's prologue proclaims: "...Light serves ...as a symbol of truth and love ...and hope. Hope that even in a dark season, we may begin to see the world... bending towards the light."

At each performance, the cast and crew will honor Montana organizations that encourage and support our community to live in the light of inclusion and equity for all.

– Thursday, Dec. 4th spotlights Montana PBS & Yellowstone Public Radio

– Sunday, Dec. 7th honors Warriors & Quiet Waters

– Thursday, Dec. 11th uplifts organizations that help children express love, kindness and creativity, including Bozeman Art Museum in the Schools, Eagle Mount Bozeman, Greater Gallatin United Way, Montana Mindfulness, Montana Shakespeare in the Schools, the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts and Thrive

"By the end of The Jazz Nativity you know you've been through something wonderful... a stirring celebration of Christmas!" – *CBS Sunday Morning*

"Anne Philips has created a compelling experience in which the secular and sacred swirl and soar!" – *Topeka News Journal*

Thursday performances (Dec. 4th and 11th) begin at 7pm, with a 4pm start time on Sunday, Dec. 7th. Hope Lutheran is located at 2152 Graf Street in Bozeman.

'Bending Towards the Light' is produced by Beth Ann Kennedy, Aunahil, Kindred Spirits and the Hope Lutheran Center for the Arts. Tickets range $25–$50 and are available for purchase at **www.jaznativity.org/bozeman**. Support the light in your community while enjoying a truly joyful experience. •

Jackmormons rock Attic with one-off show

Whether you're a Park Co dweller or coming over the hill, Downtown Livingston's Attic brings in acts to suit every palate – and plenty of cocktails to go with 'em! **Jerry Joseph & the Jackmormons** are set for a Friday night show on December 12th. Music begins at 8pm with doors one hour prior.

The long-running, fiercely independent Americana-rock trio is led by veteran singer/songwriter Jerry Joseph, whose career spans over four decades. Formed in the mid-1990s, the band – rounded out by bassist Steven James Wright and drummer/producer Steve Drizos – has built a reputation for explosive live shows, emotionally charged lyricism, and a prolific catalog that blends rock, soul and storytelling grit.

In 2025, the Jackmormons returned with *Panther Tracks Vol. 1*, their first studio release since 2018. Recorded at Drizos's Portland studio, the album captures long-loved live staples finally brought into the studio alongside new material and a striking Leonard Cohen cover. The band continues to tour widely across the States, maintaining their status as a hardworking, road-tested act.

Outside the band, Joseph is celebrated as a powerful guitarist, vocalist and writer, with more than 30 albums across his various projects. He also founded the Nomad Music Foundation, which provides instruments and music programs for youth in conflict zones – a reflection of his long-standing commitment to global outreach. Inducted into the Oregon Music Hall of Fame, Joseph remains a respected and influential figure in modern American rock.

Advanced ticketing information for all upcoming Attic shows is available at **ww.theatticmontana.com**. The Attic is located at 110 N Main in Livingston, just above Whiskey Creek Saloon. •

Rock n' roll at Eagles

The winter season is settling in, delivering plenty of opportunities to warm up 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.

Brian Kassay delivers a solo performance on December 3rd at 8pm. One of the Bird Dogs, the local musician mixes guitar, violin, keyboard and harmonica in creation of his unique, live-looping performances.

Billings-based **FlavaTown** will bring down the house on Dec. 5th and 6th. The multi-piece is known for their brand of flavorful old school soul, R&B and funk pop grooves. The band features Scott Morales, Alex Nauman, Erik Olsen, Gabe Bonvicino and Isaiah Morales.

Luke Flansburg fronts a solo show on Dec. 10th at 8pm. He'll bring a wide variety of music ranging from funk to rock to blues. Prepare for a fun set of covers and originals that will span the genres.

The Disruptors deliver a pair of shows on Dec. 12th and 13th. 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.

Take in the acoustic stylings of local favorite **Mathias** on Dec. 17th at 8pm. With powerful vocals and a percussive guitar style, he's known for his dynamic live performances full of acoustic folk, rock, and funk tunes.

The Love Darts perform on Dec. 19th and 20th. The hard rock punk band got its start playing venues like the Haufbrau, having since grown into a fine-tuned project featuring some of Bozeman's most energetic guitarists. Take a listen to their self-professed "sloppy rock n' roll" on their EP, *Girly*.

Check out **Roadrunner** on Dec. 26th and 27th. Featuring guitarist Tyler James, Andrew Miscoe on keys, drummer Bob Johnson, and bassist Max Eaton, the foursome brings the music of the Jerry Garcia Band to life!

Laugh it up every Monday with the Eagles' **Comedy Open Mic Night**. Whether you're a spectator or have a few jokes of your own, sets begin at 8pm.

Exercise your pipes with the voted 'Best' **Karaoke Night** in town, 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.

The Eagles hosts **Burgers & BINGO Night** on Saturday evenings, with dinner and the game beginning at 5:30pm. Grab your friends and dobber of choice for a chance to win some extra bucks.

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. •

Nights of Strings, stage & comedy at WMPAC in Big Sky

Big Sky's Warren Miller Performing Arts Center offers Southwest Montana audiences plenty of opportunities to experience live stage entertainment this winter season.

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Symphony celebrates season with festive 'Spectacular'

Bozeman Symphony rings in the holiday season with its annual ***Holiday Spectacular*** during this final month of the year. Performances will be held December 12th–14th. 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.

The annual tradition promises a festive celebration filled with timeless classics, holiday favorites and a joyful sing-along, guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages.

Under the direction of Maestro Norman Huynh, the Symphony will be joined by the warm, expressive voice of tenor Terrence Chin-Loy, along with the Bozeman Symphonic Choir. Together they will present an unforgettable holiday experience that captures the warmth and wonder of the season.

American Chin-Loy, praised by *Opera News* for his "beautiful lyric tenor voice," is recognized for his passionate artistry, expressive musicality and full, sweet sound. This past season, Chin-Loy made his European debut singing Gualtiero in Vivaldi's *Griselda* with the Danish National Opera, return to the Lyric Opera of Chicago for Cop 1 in *Blue*, Ferrando in *Così fan tutte* with Virginia Opera, Don Ottavio in *Don Giovanni* with Opera Omaha and in concert, and Graf Albert in *Die tote Stadt* with Andris Nelsons and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

"There's no finer way to get into the holiday spirit than gathering together to experience the joy of live symphonic music," said Huynh. "Our *Holiday Spectacular* promises to bring you everything you love about the season – music, memories, and a sense of community."

The holiday program will feature a delightful mix of holiday favorites, including 'A Christmas Festival,' 'I Saw Three Ships,' 'Sleigh Ride,' and 'Waltz of the Flowers' from *The Nutcracker*. Chin-Loy will enchant with 'Ave Maria,' 'Che gelida manina' from *La Boheme*, and 'Ev'ry Valley Shall be Exalted' from *Messiah*. The Bozeman Symphonic Choir will captivate with 'O, Holy Night,' 'Christmas Day,' 'We Need a Little Christmas,' and the Hallelujah Chorus.

To meet the popular demand for this annual tradition, the Bozeman Symphony will offer four *Holiday Spectacular* performances to experience the joy of the season. Performances will be held Dec. 12th–14th 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. Tickets begin at $30 with student-discounted tickets available.

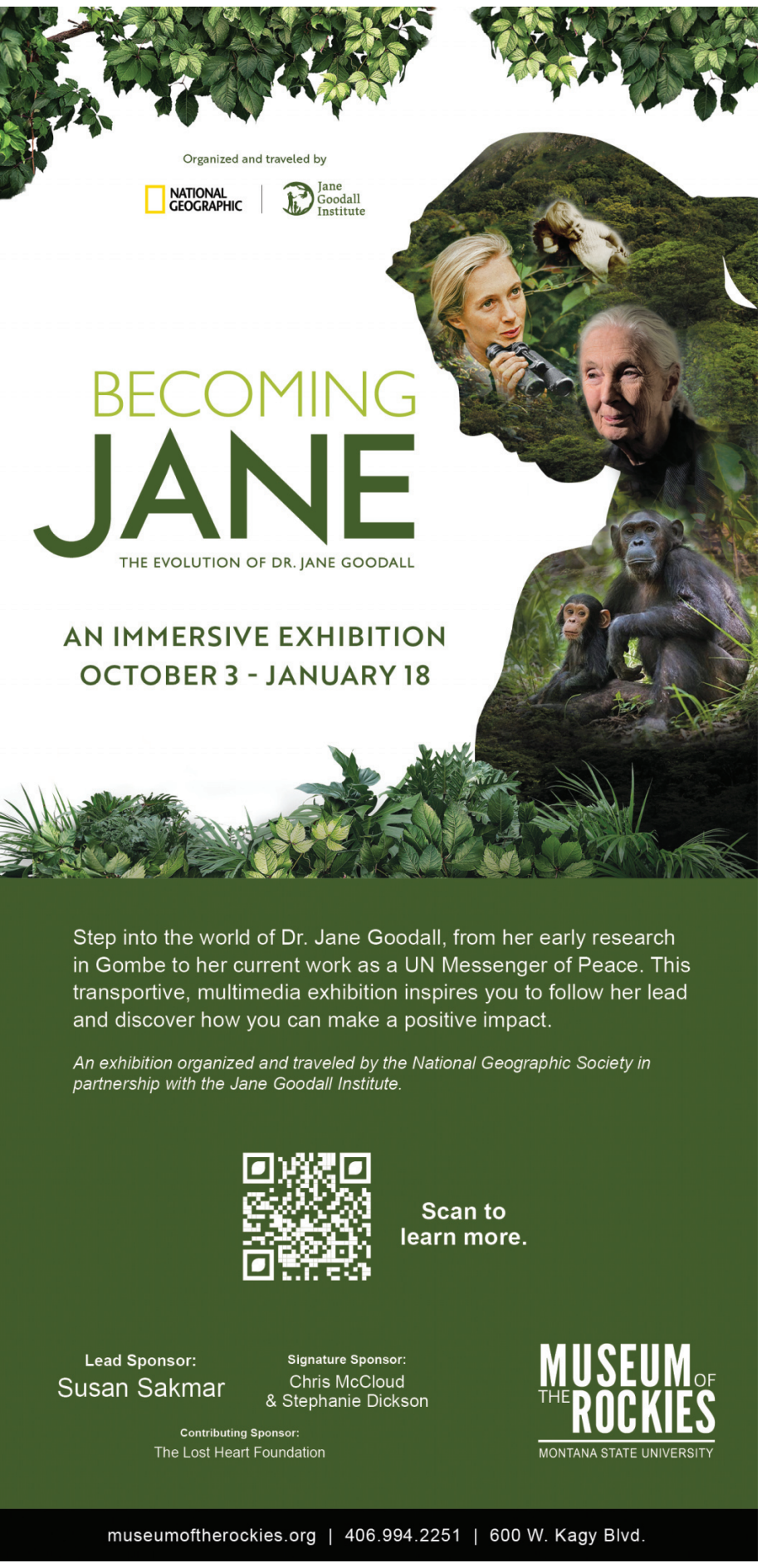
These festive concerts are made possible thanks to the generous support of sponsors The Dovana Foundation, Calum & Tricia DeSouza, Bob & Donna Ritchie, Paul & Jillian Bertelli, Mike & Cyndi Huempfner – Five Points Foundation, Bruce & Kimberlie Jodar, Crystal & Chris Sacca, Ambassador Max Baucus & Ms. Melodee Hanes, and Zsa-Zsa's. •

C'Carol gets cirque spin

406Cirque swings into Petra Academywith ***A Circus Carol***.

Shows are Friday, December 19th at 7pm and Saturday, the 20th at 2pm & 7pm. This dazzling circus adaptation of Charles Dickens' timeless tale brings the spirit of the season to life like never before – told entirely through breathtaking circus arts! Step into a world where the Cratchit family spins on unicycles, Jacob Marley descends from the rafters on aerial straps, and Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation unfolds through gravity-defying feats and heart-stirring artistry. This one-of-a-kind performance blends the wonder of Dickensian storytelling with the magic and mastery of world-class circus.

Tickets are $25 at **www.406cirque.com**



Sac Audubon discusses legacy of namesake

For its special holiday program, Sacajawea Audubon Society will host photographer and poet Uschi Carpenter for a presentation entitled **"Bird Woman's Legacy"**. The event will take place on Monday, December 8th at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture. The evening begins at 7pm.

In her presentation, Carpenter will talk about her approach to nature photography and the interplay of images and words as they are reflected in her bird poetry. In addition, she will explore the threats to our birds and their habitats, and with her photographs pay tribute to our Montana birds. In her talk discussing preserving what is threatened with fortitude and resolution, Uschi will highlight Sacajawea's legacy and the role of "Bird Woman's" spirit in the urgent work for conservation and habitat preservation.

Carpenter is a photographer based in Missoula who passionately pursues the art of turning birds into poetry with both images and words. It is her hope to reveal the healing power of birds by showcasing their beauty and to raise awareness for the need to protect their future in our wounded world.

Born and raised in Germany, she studied language and literature in Germany, England, and the United States. In the long and hard winter of 1982/83, she wrote her master's thesis in a cabin on the Madison River near Three Forks. After marrying a Bobcat in Virginia City in 1983, she made a living teaching high school in Montana and working in international relations in Washington, DC. She returned home to Montana in 2009, kissed the ground and never looked back.

Program attendees have the opportunity to enter a raffle to win Bridger Bowl season passes. A pair of winners will be drawn at the end of Carpenter's presentation. All proceeds support Sac Audubon's Bridger Raptor Project.

This event is free and open to the public, with donations encouraged. 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. •

MSU's 'Can the Griz' collects record for contest

by Anne Cantrell, MSU News Service

Montana State University and Gallatin Valley communities donated the equivalent of more than one million pounds of food, a record amount, to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank and MSU's Bounty of the Bridgers food pantry as part of the 26th 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. The competition is held each year as part of the celebration of the Brawl of the Wild football game between the two rival schools.

This year, MSU and Gallatin Valley communities donated 335,189 pounds of food and $683,424, according to Kim Cleary in the MSU Office of Student Engagement, which coordinates Can the Griz. Pounds and dollars are added together for the contest, resulting in a total this year of 1,018,613 pounds donated to Can the Griz. The Can the Cats food drive in Missoula brought in the equivalent of 1,091,754 pounds of food for the Missoula Food Bank, Cleary said.

The previous record at MSU was set in 2021 with the equivalent of 654,126 pounds of food donated. MSU and the Gallatin Valley communities have won the competition 20 out of the 26 years it has been held.

"While we didn't bring home the title for Can the Griz this year, our community has still won," Cleary said. "This food drive helps people in our community for months to come, and at a time when many of our neighbors might need extra support, Can the Griz is even more impactful. The efforts that took place across the state are so inspiring, and I am so proud of each community for rallying around their food banks. We are already looking forward to facing off for this cause again next year!"

The donations from Can the Griz will help the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, as well as the Bounty of the Bridgers food pantry, provide food for families in the community 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 Student Wellness, is a student-driven initiative to combat food waste and food insecurity on the MSU campus for students, faculty and staff. •

MSU forum talks Gallatin Valley homelessness

From MSU News Service

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Montana State University will host a virtual Friday Forum on Friday, December 12th, discussing homelessness in the Gallatin Valley and strategies to address the complex issue.

"Urban Camping & Homelessness in the Gallatin Valley: A Brief History, Stories from the Field & Strategies for the Future" will be held from noon to 1:30pm on Zoom. It is free and open to the public.

Homelessness increased in the Gallatin Valley during the pandemic, rising 35% in Bozeman from 2019 to 2021, according to the *Montana Free Press*. This caused hardship for community members and led to urban camping, in which residents live in a makeshift shelter in an urban environment. At the forum, Heather Grenier, chief executive officer of the HRDC, will discuss policies, programs and partnerships that help address homelessness and create hope for the future. Chief civil attorney Anna Saverud and Ben Bailey, neighborhood services and code compliance program manager, will join the discussion and represent the City of Bozeman at the event.

Participants must register for the forum by 11am Dec. 12th. For more details and to register, visit **www.montana.edu/olli/offerings** or call (406) 994-6646. An email from Zoom with a link and login instructions will be sent to participants before the event.

Friday Forums, organized by OLLI at MSU, are held on the second Friday of each month from September to May. OLLI at MSU is a program of Academic Technology and Outreach, which provides outreach and engagement opportunities across the university. •

Illuminating slopeside celebration ushers in ski season

Bridger Bowl is getting a head start on the new year with its annual **Torchlight Parade** on Tuesday, December 30th. After a day of skiing, enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner and marvel as the Bridger snowsports instructors snake down the hill holding torchlights followed by a fantastic fireworks display in the base area. Dinner begins at 4pm in the Jim Bridger and Saddle Peak lodges with the parade and fireworks starting at nightfall. Live music and local brews complete the celebration. This is a ticketed event.

Bridger has also announced the early 2026 return of its **Community Dual GS Series**, open to citizen racers of all ages and boards – alpine skis, tele skis, or snowboards. Compete against your friends! Take one run on the blue course and one run on the red course. Best of two timed runs. Upcoming races are set for Jan. 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th and 24th with more to follow later in the season. A bonus race, the Spring Equinox GS, will take place March 28th. Stay tuned for details.

Bridger Bowl operates a FREE ski bus service to and from the mountain. The bus picks up at MSU's Strand Union Building and the Gallatin County Fairgrounds' Park n Ride lot on Tamarack St. throughout the entire ski season. Find schedule information in the Bridger Bowl app. Additionally, Eagle Mount Shuttle operates its own transportation service for disabled skiers and riders Friday–Sunday. Find a request form through Bridger's website.

The ski area is located on the east slope of the Bridger Mountain Range. For season pass information, bus schedule and upcoming event details, visit **www.bridgerbowl.com**.

Bridger's projected Opening Day is Friday, December 12th, but subject to change. •

Saloon-goers thaw out with dancing

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.

Check out **Old Man Ben & the Grown Ass Men** with back-to-back shows on December 5th and 6th. Playing a rolling mix of old time country, rubber-necking bluegrass covers and giggle-worthy originals, the band keeps audiences grooving 'til way past their bedtime.

Shakedown County returns with shows on Dec. 12th and 13th. Visiting from Great Falls, the foursome is one of Montana's favorite country dance bands that delivers audiences energetic renditions of all the classics and beyond. Expect a supercharged night of country-rock.

Performing Dec. 19th and 20th is the **Trent Brooks Band**. The band delivers on their reputation as an in demand, energetic live act with stunning vocal harmony and stage presence. The frontman's style of authentic originals and outlaw country borrows from the greats, from Williams, Paycheck, Jennings and Jones, to Jackson, Strait, Pardi and Combs.

KneeJürk fronts a special Sunday show at 8pm on Dec. 21st as part of "Hot Buttered Holiday." The supersonic Southwest Montana duo incorporates the big band beat, performing the best toe tappin' sing-alongs from the '60s to now.

BrickHouse Band delivers their seasoned talents on Dec. 26th and 27th. The Billings-based performers will be sure to pack the dance floor with rockin' crowd favorites and other jams. Get up off your feet for an always exciting performance by these fellas.

BlackWater Band returns to the Saloon on Dec. 31st for a special Wednesday show on New Year's Eve. 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.

The Salooon also serves up an irresistible menu, featuring everything from cheesy fried jalapeño bites to satisfy your cravings to delectable entrees.The Saloon isn't just about the food. It's a place to unwind and connect. Sip on a custom brew from Livingston's acclaimed Katabatic Brewery, a local favorite.

Weekends at the Saloon are for dancing the night away to live music, performed by local artists that know how to get a crowd moving. Sing along to some old favorites, dance to new ones, and enjoy the night with your new friends as you enjoy the best nightlife on this side of Paradise.

Live Saloon music begins at 9pm, unless otherwise noted. Chico Hot Springs is located in Pray, 20 miles south of Livingston. For more information, visit **www.chicohotsprings.com**. •

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