

CHOUTEAU COUNTY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

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A VINTAGE CHRISTMAS IN MONTANA'S OLDEST TOWN

Fort Benton – Saturday, Dec. 3, & Sunday, Dec. 4,

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Light up your business and home for the Holidays. **\$100 Levy Gold** will be given for the best decorated Business and **\$100 Levy Gold** for the Best Decorated Home. Tour the town to enjoy wonderful Decorations.

Best Decorated Business Prize Sponsored by the Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce.

Best Decorated Home Prize Sponsored by the Local Realtors: *Fort Benton Realty,*

Marie Wilson, Broker at Dahlquist, Corder & Associates, LLC, Petra Burney, Realtor, Keller Williams Northern Montana Realty

10am - 4 pm Bridgeport Station-Arts & Crafts Show & Sale, at the Montana Agricultural Center, 1205 20th St. Lunch Available. Entertainment & Santa will visit at 2pm.

Santa Visits and Children's Activities

The word is out that Santa is coming to "Montana's Oldest Town" Fort Benton

11:30 am Lunch with Santa at Wake Cup Coffee
Kids can come to an old-fashioned Taffy-Pull

3pm Cocoa & Doughnut Holes with Santa
at the Grand Union Hotel
Pictures with Santa to follow

9am- 3pm Santa's North Pole Outlet Mall
All children (K-6th grades) are invited to purchase new presents from \$.25 to \$3.00 at Community Bible Hall 917 16th Street

Santa will visit.

Sponsors: American Legion Post No. 26 and Post No. 4047 VFW Ladies Auxiliary

10 am – 12 Stitch Away 1510 Front Street,
Children can make an Ornament

LIVE MUSIC AT

1:15 Eastern Star at Masonic Hall

12:30 Bridgeport Station

1pm Bridgeport Station

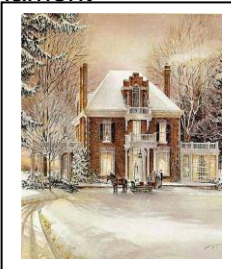
2pm Wake Cup Coffee

3pm The Grand Union Hotel

5:30 Light the Tree at the Circle

6-9pm Dinner & Music @ Grand Union

6-9:pm Wake Cup Coffee, Pizza by the Slice



9 am– 6pm River's Edge Floral Open House with A Prize Giveaway, Flowers, Ornaments, Seasonal Designs, Unique Gifts and Refreshments. Stop in and welcome the new owners.

9 am – 8 pm Prairie Rose Gallery & Gifts
1401 Front Street Art Gallery. Unique art gifts & Open House.

10 am – 4 pm River & Plains Christmas Gift Sale
At Bridgeport Station 1205 20th St.

9 am - 5:30 pm The Governor's Keep –
Specials throughout the store & Wine Specials.

9 am – 5:30 pm Benton Pharmacy In-store Specials, a Craft for the kids to make, Refreshments

9 am - 4 pm Eastern Star Taste of Chocolate
1:15 Live Music. Martinson's Chocolate & Carmel Candy. Home Baked Goods, Popcorn Balls, Gift Table, at the **Masonic Hall**, 1712 Front

3pm Grand Union Hotel- Cocoa & Doughnut Holes with Santa. Special Holiday Promotions in Union Goods Gift Shop. Live Music & Pictures with Santa.

5pm River Torch Luminaries from the bridge to the Sunrise Bluffs – Sponsored by Chouteau County Cancer Support Group. Call 750-2918 to have a torch for a loved one.

5:30 Listen for the bells and sleigh as Santa plans to arrive at 5:30 and Light the Tree on the circle in front of the park. There will be Special Music so join this magic time and enjoy some refreshment.

Sunday, December 4, 2016

12pm – 5pm Prairie Rose Gallery & Gifts

12pm – 4pm Stitch Away

3:00 pm The Chouteau County Performing Arts Christmas Concert at the Elementry School Auditorium, 1406 Franklin St. with Bell Ringers, Chouteau County Choir, and TC "Frozen" Dancers. The word is that a "special visitor" from the North Pole will arrive.

Loma Friday, Dec. 2, Saturday, Dec. 3, & Sunday, Dec. 4,

Friday, 8 p.m. to 12 Midnight Old Fashioned Christmas Dance at the Loma Memorial Hall.

An evening of dancing, games, food, prizes, drinks. \$10 adults, \$5 students, 12 years old and younger Free. Call 406- 788-7246 for a ticket or purchase at the door.

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and Sunday Dec. 6, Trash and Treasure Shop

– Step into the past as you shop among the many items for sale. Hwy 87 and 4th Ave

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Saturday, Dec. 5, Bomgardner Catering Open House-** Featuring Frozen Dinners and Baked Goods to sample. 309 3rd Ave. Loma

Shonkin - Saturday, December 3,

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shonkin Country Christmas at the Shonkin Community Hall

Wagon/Sleigh Rides with Lacey Creek Clydesdales, weather permitting. **Huckleberry Breakfast**

Rolls, Coffee, Cider, Cocoa available. **LUNCH:** Stew, Chili, Soups, dinner roll & Cookie served all

day for a donation. **VENDORS:** A Christmas Store, Norwex, Papparazzi Jewelry, Candies,

Collectables, Miscellaneous Sale Items. Bake Sale, Arts & Crafts, Hand made Wooden Bowls &

Utensils, 50/50 Tickets Available. Need not be present to win. Sandies Candies, Younique Makeup.

Proceeds go to the Shonkin Hall renovation. **Driving Directions:** Leave Fort Benton, cross the bridge, turn right at the first road, 6 miles to Shonkin Sign, turn left and follow the road to Shonkin, 12 miles.

Geraldine, Sunday, December 4, 12-5

The Geraldine Smithsonian Group is in charge of the Geraldine Bazaar this year. The students decided to undertake this annual event as an added fundraiser for their trip to our Nation's Capitol next spring. In addition to the traditional vendors and a visit from Santa Claus, the students will be making Indian tacos for those hungry shoppers and offering a variety of carnival-style games for the young at heart. Take the relaxing drive to Geraldine to enjoy Christmas shopping, appetizing tacos, and prize winning games on Sunday, December 4th from 12-5. Help these young people reach their fundraising goals while enjoying a fun filled afternoon.

Virgelle Saturday & Sunday - December 3 & 4

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Virgelle Merc Antiques Presents "A Real Country Christmas at a Real Country

Store" Celebrate the season at Virgelle, Montana! A ghost town along the Wild & Scenic

Missouri River, 15 miles south of Big Sandy. The Virgelle Merc Antiques offers: Antiques and

Collectibles at Special Sale Prices. Come see the old town all dressed up for the season.

Refreshments will be served beside the old cook stove, in an early homestead-era setting.

Driving Directions: Virgelle Mercantile is located 8 miles off U.S. HWY 87 between Great Falls and Havre, MT.

From Great Falls/Fort Benton, take HWY 87 north, go through Loma 12 miles & after passing mile post 66, take the next gravel road to your right. Follow this gravel road to the river bottom, when you pass through a concrete underpass go right 1/8 mile to Virgelle.

From Havre take HWY 2 west to HWY 87 and go south. Pass through Big Sandy 7 miles and turn left at the sign to Virgelle, 8 miles on a gravel road.

Big Sandy Saturday, December 3,

7am – 3pm **Bear Paw Coffee Shop & Deli** – Lattes, caramel rolls, Carolina pulled pork, croissant krab/chicken sandwiches, candied pecan chicken salad, homemade soups, & gift certificates. **Gingerbread House Display** made by local children

7am – 7pm **The Grocery Store** – Stroll on in & sign up for a drawing to win kids & adult prizes, refreshments all day.

8:30 - 10am **Breakfast with Santa @ The Mint Bar and Café** – Pancake breakfast, pictures with Santa, \$5 kids/\$6 adults

9am – 2pm **Big Sandy Senior Center** – Baked goods and craft sale

9am – 4pm **Crafters Bazaar @ Jerry Martin Memorial Hall** – Vendors selling crafts, gifts, baked goods, Décor, etc.

11:30am – 2pm **Big Sandy Senior Center** – Spaghetti dinner, includes breadsticks, salad, & dessert for \$8.00. We deliver.

1pm **Old Fashioned Hay Ride @ Fireman's Park**, Hot Chocolate or Cider (weather permitting).

2pm to 4pm **Live Nativity Scene @ parking lot between Wells Fargo & Peps** (weather permitting).

5:30pm **Parade of Lights @ Johannes Ave (Main St.)** "Celebrating Christmas Past"

6pm **Button Drawing & Auction @ Jerry Martin Memorial Hall** – Drawing button numbers for prizes (button must be present to win) & Auctioning off "Hand Decorated Christmas Ceramics"

6pm **Christmas Cocktail Throw Down:** Visit the Diamond 4U Club, Mint, & Peps to taste their 2016 "Christmas Cocktail Creation".