

# Chouteau County Country Christmas 2017 800-426-2926

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## A white Christmas in Montana's oldest town

Fort Benton – Fri. Dec 1. Sat. Dec. 2, & Sunday, Dec. 3,

**Friday, Dec. 1, 2017 Prairie Rose- After School 3:00 to 5:00 Kids Class making Presents**

**Saturday, December 2, Fort Benton**

Light up your business and home for the Holidays. **\$100 Levy Gold** will be given for the best decorated Business and **\$1001<sup>st</sup> \$75 2<sup>nd</sup> & \$50 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes** for the Best Decorated Homes.

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,*

*April Vasvary, 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

11:30am WakeCup Coffee

Children's Lunch with Santa- Pizza & Lemonade

3pm Grand Union Hotel Pictures with Santa

**9am- 3pm Santa's North Pole Outlet Mall**

All children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to purchase new presents from \$.25 to \$3.00 at Community Bible Center 917 16<sup>th</sup> 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

**1pm to 5pm B Social Bar & Lanes**

Kids bowl free with Parents

**All Day - RIVER MARKET**

Refreshment and Goodies

**LIVE MUSIC AT**

12:30 Bridgeport Station

1pm Bridgeport Station

1:15 Eastern Star at Masonic Hall

2pm Wake Cup Coffee

3pm The Grand Union Hotel

5:30 Light the Tree at the Circle

6-9pm Dinner & Music @ Grand Union

6-9pm Live Music & Family Dinner Specials at WakeCup

**9 am – 6pm River's Edge Floral** Open House with A Prize Giveaway, Flowers, Ornaments, Seasonal Designs, Unique Gifts. Stop in for Hot Cider & Refreshments before the Tree Lighting.

**9 am to 5 pm Prairie Rose Gallery & Gifts**

1401 Front Street Art Gallery. Unique art gifts & Open House with food & drinks & CAKE tasting from Nancy's Fancy

**10 am – 4 pm River & Plains Christmas Gift Sale**

At Bridgeport Station 1205 20<sup>th</sup> St.

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

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

**9 am - 4 pm Eastern Star Taste of Chocolate**

**3:30 Live Music.** Martinson's Chocolate & Carmel Candy. Home Baked Goods, Popcorn Balls, Gift Table, at **Masonic Hall**, 1712 Front- **Surprises**

**3pm Grand Union Hotel-** Special Holiday Promotions in **Union Goods Gift Shop.**

**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.**

**Rivers Edge Floral: Hot Cider & Refreshment before the tree lighting.**

### Sunday, December 3, 2017

**10 am to 1 pm Prairie Rose Gallery & Gifts. 1401 Front Street**

**12pm – 4pm Stitch Away, 1510 Front Street**

**3:00 pm The Chouteau County Performing Arts Christmas Concert at the Elementary School Auditorium, 1406 Franklin St. Chouteau County Choir, and TC Dance & Co.**

**Loma- Friday Dec. 1, Saturday, Dec. 2, & Sunday, Dec. 3**

**Friday 8 p.m. to 12 Midnight: Old Fashioned White 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. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Bomgardner Catering Open House-** Featuring Frozen Dinners and Baked Goods to sample. 309 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Loma

**9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Dec. 2, Sunday, Dec. 3. Trash and Treasure Shop-Step into the past as you shop among the many items for sale. Hwy. 87 and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

**10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bake Sale and Jewelry Sale at Earth Science Museum. Hwy 87 in Loma, MT.**

**Shonkin - Saturday, December 2,**

**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 served all day for a donation.

**VENDORS:** A Christmas Store, Norwex, Paparazzi Jewelry, Candies, Collectables, Miscellaneous Sale Items. Homestead Bakery 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 3, 12-5p.m.** The Geraldine Smithsonian Group is in charge of the Geraldine Bazaar. 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 at 3 p.m.** 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 2 & 3**

**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.

**Fort Benton, Monday, December 11, 2017 TC Dance & Co. Grinch the Dancial**

Fort Benton Elementary Auditorium, 1406 Franklin Street, 7 p.m. \$2.00 per person

## **Big Sandy, Saturday, December 2nd: "Visions of Christmas Past"**

Gingerbread House Display – Stroll by Bear Paw Coffee Shop & Deli to see Gingerbread houses decorated by local children, and vote on your favorite.

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

8:30am – 10am - Breakfast with Santa @ The Mint Bar & Café - Pancake breakfast & pictures with Santa. \$5.00 Kids/\$5.00 Adults

9am – 2pm- Big Sandy Senior Center – Bake sale & greeting card sale. Cinnamon rolls and coffee.

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

9am – 4pm - Big Sandy Historical Museum – Hosts a second location for the Crafters Bazaar. While you're there enjoy some hot cocoa and tour the museum.

9am – 4pm - Prairie Blossom Floral – Join us at the Big Sandy Historical Museum. Fresh wreaths, poinsettias, and gifts for all ages.

10am – 1pm - Big Sandy Pharmacy – Kids crafts, face painting, handmade baby & jean quilts, with complimentary hot beverages and snacks.

11:30am – 1:30pm - Big Sandy Senior Center – Spaghetti Dinner, includes breadsticks, salad, and dessert for \$8.00. We will deliver to Crafters.

1pm – 3pm - Big Sandy Library – Come visit our new facility. Kids crafts, hot beverages & snacks.

2pm-5pm - Christmas Cocktail Stroll – Visit the Diamond 4U Club, The Mint, and Peps to enjoy their 2017 "Christmas Cocktail" creation.

5:30pm - Parade of Lights @ Johannes Ave (Main St) - Visions of Christmas Past

6pm - Button Drawing & Auction @ Jerry Martin Memorial Hall – Drawing button numbers for prizes (button must be present to win). Auctioning off Elaine Courtnage Christmas Art, donated by the Courtnage family, proceeds go to the "Elaine Courtnage Scholarship fund."