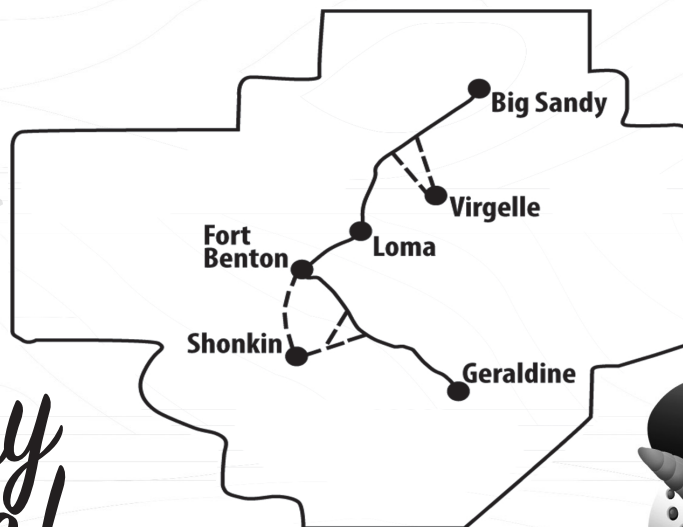




Chouteau County COUNTRY CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 6, 7, & 8, 2019



*Holiday
Sparkle!*

Experience Christmas festivities with a historical flair. Christmas arts, crafts, antique shows, dance, parade of lights, and business open houses.



for more information:

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 CHOCOCOUNTRYCHRISTMAS



BIG SANDY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

CHRISTMAS STROLL THEME: *Merry Grinchmas*

7AM TO 7PM **AT THE GROCERY STORE**
Register for drawings to win fun prizes for all ages, and enjoy some yummy snacks.

8:30 TO 10AM **AT THE MINT**
Come have Breakfast with Santa, get your picture taken and your name put in for a chance to win a Giant Stocking.

9AM TO 6PM **AT CRAIG EDWARDS GALLERY ON US-87**
Craig will be there, giving away \$1000.00 worth of fine art photography, serving refreshments, and showcasing the mixed-media art of Shari Jenkins Schmit.

9AM TO 2PM **AT THE SENIOR CENTER**
Stop by for an amazing Bake sale followed by a Savory Spaghetti Dinner starting at 11AM

9AM TO 4PM **AT THE JERRY MARTIN MEMORIAL HALL AND THE BIG SANDY MUSEUM**
The Annual Crafters Bazaar. Come and do some Christmas Shopping!

2PM TO 5PM **AT PEP'S, THE MINT, AND THE DIAMOND 4U CLUB**
Sample all the special drinks they have come up with for the Annual Christmas Cocktail Throw-down!

5:30 TO 6PM **ON MAIN STREET**
Watch the Parade of Light and see all the creativity of the season!

Immediately following the Parade at the Jerry Martin Memorial Hall—Get your buttons out! It's time for the Button drawing and Auction!

STROLL BUTTONS

can be purchased at The Grocery Store, Hair I Am, Big Sandy Pharmacy, Agri Prairie, Senior Center, and the Mint.

Buttons—\$5 ea.

GERALDINE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 11AM TO 4PM

Geraldine Bazaar

Help Geraldine Smithsonian students raise funds for their Washington D.C. trip next spring!

Vendors, kids carnival corner, a visit from Santa Claus at 2:30PM. Indian tacos. Take the relaxing drive to Geraldine and help these students reach their fundraising goals while enjoying a fun filled afternoon.

Entry fee: 2 cans of non-perishable food for the food bank.

FORT BENTON

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

10AM TO 5PM **PEDDLER'S MARKET**
Collection of Local Artists selling unique art & gifts
Prairie Rose Gallery & Gifts 1401 Front Street

12AM TO 4PM **CHOUTEAU COUNTY LIBRARY**
Purchase a bag of books for \$1 1518 Main Street

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

9AM TO 3PM **SANTA'S NORTH POLE OUTLET MALL**
All children through 6th grade are invited to
purchase new presents from \$.25 to \$3.00.
Community Bible Center 917 16th Street
Sponsored by American Legion Post No. 26 and
Post No. 4047 VFW Ladies Auxiliary

10AM TO 2PM **CHOUTEAU COUNTY LIBRARY**
Purchase a bag of books for \$1, Adult & Kid Crafts
from 10AM-2PM, Caroling from 1PM-2PM
1518 Main Street

10AM TO 4PM *Bridgeport Station*
ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
Lunch Available, Entertainment, Santa at 12 noon
Montana Agricultural Center 1205 20th St.

10AM TO 4PM **RIVER & PLAINS CHRISTMAS GIFT & BOOK SALE**
Montana Agricultural Center 1205 20th St.

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1:30-2:30PM **COOKIES WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUSE**
Visitor's Center 1400 Block by Walking Bridge

4:30PM **CIDER WASSAIL & HOT CHOCOLATE BY THE FIRE**
Senior Bus and other transportation will take you
from the Visitor's Center down front street and
around the circle and stop at the Courtyard and
River's Edge Floral for refreshments and shopping.
Return for tree lighting. 1716 Front St.

5PM **RIVER TORCH LUMINARIES**
from the Bridge to the Sunrise Bluffs
Call 750-2918 to light a torch for a loved one.
Sponsored by the Chouteau County Cancer Support Group

5PM **MEET SANTA & MRS. CLAUSE AT GRAND UNION** and follow them to the tree lighting!

5:30PM **TREE LIGHTING**
Live Music, Santa and Mrs. Clause
Fort Benton Chamber serving Hot
Apple Cider, Caroling and rides around
town to see the lights.
Old Walking Bridge 1600 Front St.
Sponsored by First Bank of Montana, Fort Benton
Chamber & Grand Union Hotel

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SANTA SIGHTINGS SATURDAY

12PM BRIDGEPORT STATION
1:30PM VISITOR'S CENTER
5PM GRAND UNION
5:30PM OLD BRIDGE FOR TREE LIGHTING

*and
Mrs.
Clause!*

LIVE music SATURDAY

12:00PM BRIDGEPORT STATION
1:15PM EASTERN STAR AT MASONIC HALL
2PM RIVER'S EDGE FLORAL
3PM RUSTIC MERCANTILE
4PM GOLDEN TRIANGLE BREWERY
AND WAKE CUP COFFEE
5:30PM TREE LIGHTING
5-9PM DINNER & MUSIC AT GRAND UNION

LOCAL BUSINESS *Open Houses*

B SOCIAL

Kids 14 and under bowl free (with parents)
Saturday, 1AM to 5PM 1314 Front Street

BENTON PHARMACY

In-store Specials, Drawings for Prizes, Candy Cane and Coloring for the kids (10-2)
Saturday, 9AM to 5PM 1418 Front Street

EASTERN STAR TASTE OF CHOCOLATE

Martinson's Chocolate & Carmel Candy. Home Baked Goods, Popcorn Balls, Gift Table, at Masonic Hall, Surprises
Saturday, 9AM to 3PM 1712 Front Street

THE GOVERNOR'S KEEP

Specials throughout the store. Drawings for Prizes.
Saturday, 9AM to 5:30PM 1506 Front Street

GRAND UNION HOTEL

Holiday Prime Rib Special! Call for Reservation: 622-1882.
Music in Dining Room. Special Holiday Promotions in Union Goods Gift Shop. Saturday, 5pm to 9pm

GOLDEN TRIANGLE BREWERY

Gingerbread House Making—a family affair!
Saturday, 3pm to 5pm 1500 Front St.

LEFTY'S DESIGN

10% off everything for the weekend. Drawing.
Saturday, 10AM to 7PM 1716 Front Street

LEHMAN'S TRUE VALUE

Christmas Gifts and lots of Christmas Specials
Friday, 8:30AM to 5:30PM, Saturday 8AM to 5PM
1420 Front Street

MCGRAW ANTIQUES

Antiques and authentic sleigh bells to ring
Friday and Saturday, Noon to 4:30PM 1512 Front Street

MISSOURI RIVER LUMBER CO.

Children's Craft
Saturday, 9AM to 12PM 1103 Front Street

PRAIRIE ROSE GALLERY & GIFTS

Collection of Local Artists selling their unique art & gifts.
Food & drinks.
Saturday Open House, 10AM to 5PM 1401 Front Street

RIVER MARKET

Refreshment and Goodies
Saturday, 7AM to 8PM 1518 Front Street

RIVER'S EDGE FLORAL OPEN HOUSE

Prize basket and Refreshments.
Saturday, 9AM to 6PM 1720 Front Street

RUSTIC MERCANTILE

10% off all merchandise. Basket Raffle.
Saturday, 10AM to 7PM 1716 C Front Street

STEAMBOAT LEATHER & SUPPLIES

Signup for drawing – Christmas Treats
Make a Coin Purse or Key Chain
Saturday, 9AM to 6:30PM 1510 Front Street

STUDIO SALON & DAY SPA

Massage Raffle and Open House
Saturday, 9AM to 4PM 1716 Front Street

WAKE CUP COFFEE

Dinner Special
Saturday, 5PM–8PM 1500 Front Street

LIGHT UP THE TOWN CONTEST

Light up your business and home for the Holidays!

BEST DECORATED BUSINESS

Prize sponsored by the Fort Benton Chamber of Commerce

1ST \$100 LEVEE GOLD

BEST DECORATED HOME

Prizes sponsored by the Local Realtors: Fort Benton Realty, Corder & Associates, and Bootlegger Realty

1ST \$50 LEVEE GOLD

2ND \$30 LEVEE GOLD

3RD \$20 LEVEE GOLD

LOMA

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

8PM TO 12AM **OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS DANCE**
An evening of dancing, food,
prizes, drinks.
Admission: \$5, 12 years old and
younger Free. Loma Memorial Hall

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

10AM TO 4PM **TRASH AND TREASURE SHOP**
Step into the past as you shop among the
many items for sale.
Hwy 87 and 4th Ave

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SHONKIN

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7 9AM TO 4PM

Shonkin Country Christmas

SHONKIN COMMUNITY HALL, Old Milwaukee 1912 Depot

Sleigh Rides, hosted by Lacey Creek Clydesdales (weather permitting—otherwise, wagon rides). Photos allowed.

Huckleberry Breakfast Rolls, Coffee, Cider, and Cocoa.

LUNCH: Stew, Chili, Soups, dinner rolls served all day for a donation.

VENDORS: Denise's Creative Quilting and More, Prairie Rose Gallery, A Children's Christmas Store, Homestead Bakery, Renee's County Crafts, Norwx, Younique, Stephanie, Tastefully Simple, Wooden Misc., Kerry Caramel Corn, Sandy's Baked Items and Fudge, Tim Roberts Jewelry, Nick Nacks.

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.

VIRGELLE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 & 8 9AM TO 5PM

Antiques and Collectibles at Special Sale Prices

"A REAL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS AT A REAL COUNTRY STORE" ~ CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT VIRGELLE, MONTANA!

Come see this old ghost town along the Wild & Scenic Missouri River—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 15 miles south of Big Sandy, 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.

www.VirgelleMontana.com