

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FORT BENTON

"Winter Celebration"

Saturday - December 1st

8:00AM - Santa's Mall for Children - All children
1:00 PM Kindergarten through 6th Grade are invited to purchase Christmas presents for their parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, etc. At the Odd Fellows Hall, 1112 Front Street. Sponsored by Fort Benton Rebekahs #105

8:30AM- Riverview Greenhouse Annual Christmas
6:00PM Open House. Saturday and Sunday. Featuring a beautiful collection of Christmas ornaments and decorations. We have the perfect ornament for every possible need and decoration style. Refreshments, Drawing, Free Calendar to first 100 visitors.

10:00 AM Bridgeport Station - Arts & Crafts Show
4:00 PM Montana Agricultural Center (20th & Washington) Lunch Available. Entertainment including 14th Street Barbershop Quartet. Santa will make an appearance from 2:30-3:30PM. Parents bring your cameras.

Through- Navigate the Charm Trail. Over 50 beautiful
out The charms are available for purchase. Pick up
Day a map at participating businesses, buy the bracelet chain, and see how many charms you can collect during your day in Fort Benton. Buy 8 charms and receive one free. The free charm will be available at Wake Cup Coffee or RJ's Toggery.

10:00AM- Aunt Chris Tabel's Collectibles, Lewis & Clark
4:00PM Room at the Grand Union Hotel.

10:00 AM - Grand Union Hotel Open House. Stop in
4:00PM at this beautifully decorated historic hotel during your time in Fort Benton. The hotel will feature entertainment by the 14th Street Barbershop Quartet. The Union Goods Gift Shop will be open with new arrivals for the holidays. Santa will make an appearance from 1:00-2:00PM. Parents bring your cameras.

FORT BENTON EVENTS CONTINUED

11:00AM- Historic Trolley Rides. Weather permitting.
3:00PM Rides will be available from the Grand Union Hotel to Bridgeport Station at the Montana Agricultural Center.

11:30 AM - 14th Street Barbershop Quartet traveling
3:30 PM entertainment. Appearing at the Grand Union Hotel, Wake Cup Coffee House, Bridgeport Station, & Riverview Greenhouse.

Afternoon Open House at Fort Benton Businesses.
Early Visit the local businesses during the
Evening afternoon and early evening. Many participating merchants are offering in-store specials, drawings and refreshments. Special Winter Celebration Discount Buttons are available. The \$5.00 buttons offer the buyer automatic entry in the annual Holiday Gift Basket Drawing, and Discounts at participating Chamber of Commerce businesses. Buttons are available at Benton Pharmacy, Expedition Pizza, & Wake Cup Coffee House.

5:00PM River Torch Tribute Luminaria. Sponsored by
Chouteau County Cancer Support Group. Lighting will begin at the bridge and proceed toward Sunrise Bluffs. If you would like to donate by purchasing a bag please contact Deb at 622-3853

5:00 PM Parade of Lights - Along Front Street - Theme
All I Want for Xmas Is.
(Lineup at City Hall at 4:30 PM)

6:00PM - Santa Claus will be at the Wake C
up Coffee
8:00PM House. Parents please bring your own camera. Live music will be featured.

6:00 PM Fort Benton Community Holiday Soup & Chili
Dinner. Golden Age Center (1410 Front Street). Sponsored by the Community Imp. Assoc., Chamber of Commerce, Fort Benton Women's Club, Jaycees, and the Lions Club, as a way of thanking the community for their support. Please bring non-perishable food for the Chouteau County Food Bank. Parade of Light winners will be announced after dinner.

After the Community Bible Church Live Nativity Scene.
Parade Please visit the church at 1600 Main Street to view the live nativity scene.

GERALDINE

Country Christmas Bazaar

Sunday - December 2nd

10:00 AM- Country Christmas Bazaar - Arts & Crafts
4:00 PM Show - At the "Old" Auditorium - Featuring a wide variety of Arts and Crafts. Food & Fun for all ages. A silent auction will take place throughout the day on "Small Theme Trees" that will be decorated by local businesses and groups. Watch for direction signs.

LOMA

Friday, Saturday & Sunday November 30th, December 1st & 2nd

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8:00 PM Loma Memorial Hall Country Christmas
Dance. Come join us for a fun filled evening with dancing, games, prizes, drinks and snacks. Call 739-4305 for tickets or buy at the door

Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale December 1st & 2nd

9:00 AM- Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale! Village of
5:00 PM Loma Country Christmas Bazaar. At the Earth Science Museum. Featuring crafts and a community bake sale. Soup, roll, and dessert will be available, as well as pie and coffee. Proceeds from the Bazaar will help support the Loma Earth Science Museum. The Earth Science Museum will be open for viewing.

9:00 AM- The Trash & Treasure Shop will offer antiques
5:00 PM from the past & collectibles from the 30's to the 80's.



VIRGELLE

Virgelle Merc. Antiques Presents "A Real Country Christmas at a Real Country Store"

Saturday & Sunday - December 1st & 2nd
9:00 AM - 5:00 Daily

Celebrate the season at Virgelle, Montana, a ghost town along the Wild & Scenic Missouri River. Each year, Virgelle Mercantile invites everyone to come and enjoy the spirit of the Christmas season in a homestead-era setting. Come see the old ghost town of Virgelle all dressed up for the season. Refreshments will be served beside the old cook stove in the kitchen. Featuring A variety of antiques and collectibles, at special prices, works by various artisans, baked goods, and a silent auction of items throughout the town.

Cindy Torok Kopenhafer will demonstrate the old craft of bobbin lacing at 1:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

The Montana Hitch'n Rail Ranch located 2 miles East of the Virgelle Merc. is offering Horseback rides for all ages. \$30 per person. Saturday, December 1st only. Appointment required. Call Terry at 406-378-2571. Campfire, hot coffee, hot chocolate and marshmallows furnished.

Driving Directions

Virgelle Mercantile is located 8 miles off U.S. Highway 87 between Great Falls and Havre, Montana. From Great Falls/Fort Benton, Montana: Take HWY 87 north, go through the town of Loma. Go 12 miles past Loma, and after passing mile post 66, take the next gravel road to your right. There are 2 signs at this turn off. Our sign says: MISSOURI RIVER CANOE CO. 8 miles. The Bureau of Land Management also has a sign for directions to Coal Banks Landing. Follow this gravel road to the river bottom, when you pass through a concrete underpass go right 1/8 mile to Virgelle. (1 and 1/2 hours travel time) From Havre, Montana: Take HWY 2 west to junction of HWY 87 and go south, toward Great Falls. After passing through Big Sandy continue about 7 miles and look for the HWY sign to VIRGELLE. Turn left and travel 8 miles on a gravel road to Virgelle. (1 hour travel time)

Take the short drive to Virgelle, Montana, and see for yourself what everyone has been talking about.

BIG SANDY

*Join us for a spectacular shopping
experience!*

Saturday & Sunday - December 1st & 2nd

7:30am - 5:00PM Bear Paw Coffee Shop & Deli will serve specialty hot and cold drinks, breakfast quiche, lunch with baked potato and artichoke soups, and crab or chicken salad sandwiches on croissant. Indulge in, or give, a gift of decadent chocolates and peppermint treats.
Saturday Only

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM 40+ Crafters will be on hand with their art for your shopping pleasure. Entertainment and refreshments for the children while you shop. All this takes place at the Jerry Martin Memorial Hall. SATURDAY ONLY

9:00 AM - 4:00PM Leona's will have Homemade Noodles, Jams & Jellies, along with Farley's dollies.
SATURDAY ONLY


11:00 AM - 2:00PM Senior Citizen's Center - will be offering a Spaghetti Lunch, with bread sticks, salad and dessert. Baked goods and craft items will be available,
SATURDAY ONLY

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Tumbleweed Gallery Christmas Open House. Offering art from an array of local artists along with the perfect cup of coffee and Something for that sweet tooth!
SATURDAY ONLY

9:00 AM - 5:00PM Raven Crest Mercantile - Offering unique Christmas items along with all your favorites, Russ, Primal, Pottery, Aromatherapy, Candles, Beeswax Candles and great Montana Products. Stop in and see this most unique store, you won't be disappointed! Refreshments will be served throughout the day.
SATURDAY & SUNDAY

**Each stop is designated
by a Christmas Package**

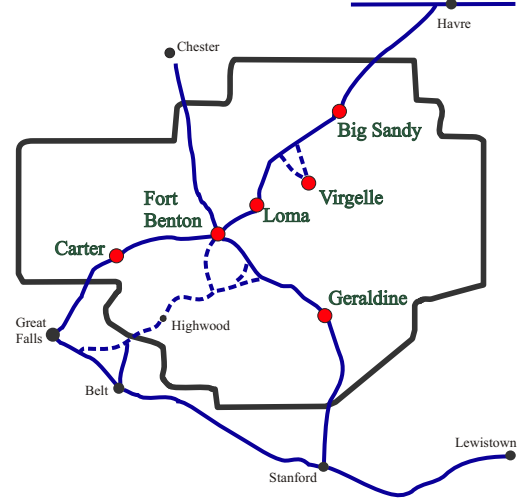




Chouteau County Country Christmas


NOVEMBER 30 DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2007

*Fort Benton • Geraldine
Loma • Virgelle • Big Sandy*



*Experience Christmas festivities
with a historical flair*

Christmas Arts,
Crafts & Antique
Shows, Parade of
Lights, Dance,
and Business
Open Houses.



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