

Holiday Event Calendar

December

Now through December 17 & 18

Dillon Garden Club Holi-Daze decoration contest: Judging will take place December 17-18. Three divisions this year including residential, neighborhood and business, institutions and organizations. Businesses, institutions and organizations have two categories, outdoor and window. To enter the contest call 660-2884 and leave a message by December 15.

Now through December 18

Gingerbread House Display: Beaverhead Valley Artist Cooperative displays entries to its First Annual Gingerbread House Contest in a window

Season's greetings to you and yours, and our continuing thanks for your support and patronage.

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display at the Womack Building. Stop in to vote for the People's Choice Award. Local bakers pick the first and second place winners.

Now through December 21

Toy collection drive: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dillon collects new unwrapped toys to give out to local children. Toy collection boxes are available at the Dillon Safeway and King's every day of the week until December 21. Also, a featured business will offer a raffle of merchandise to all those who donate a new, unwrapped toy each week.

Now through December 24

Santa's Depot: The Drift Gallery For Contemporary Art hosts Creation Station's "Santa's Depot" or Holiday Shop; Exhibition of Montana-made contemporary, folk and traditional western art and crafts; 12 South Idaho Street. Also, see the "Angel Tree Christmas Gifts for Children in Need" project. For more information about the Angel Tree, call The Drift at 683-3456.

Wednesday, 8

Lima Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner.
BCHS Winter Concert: The Beaverhead County High School Band performs a concert to include holiday music, 7:30 p.m., B.W. Lodge Gymnasium. The program will feature the Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, and Flute Choir. The concert is presented free of charge and the public is invited. The Flute Choir will also be offering their caroling services for the holiday season. Hire the flute choir by calling the BCHS Music Room at 683-4411.

Friday, 10

Christmas Play: The Missing List, 7:00 p.m., Old Depot Theatre, \$5. Directed by Tricia Hodges.

Friday night drawings: Sign up all week long at participating merchants for drawings to be held on Friday nights at 8:00 p.m.

Dell Christmas Party: The ICFE Homemakers host the annual Dell Christmas Party at the Dell Hall, 6 p.m. Turkey dinner with everything provided except the salads and desserts...those are to be potluck. For information, call 276-3214

Saturday, 11

Craft Fair: 2004 Beaverhead County Craft Fair, sponsored by the University of Montana-Western Drama Club, at the "old" Beaverhead County High School Gymnasium, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Booths cost \$25. To reserve a booth, call Jason at 925-1654 or 683-6199. Or, stop in at Empire Office Supplies for registration information.

Ice Sculpting: Beaverhead Valley Artist Cooperative sponsors ice sculpt-

ing for all ages. At State Bank & Trust good weather, at Womack Building if inclement weather. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Free.

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Wednesday, 15

Choral Concert: The Choral department at Beaverhead County High School will present a winter concert Wednesday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. All choral groups will participate in the concert that will include music of the holiday season.

Friday, 17

Holiday Open House: Beaverhead Bank, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Door prizes and refreshments offered. Teen Tones to perform at 4:00 p.m.

Friday night drawings: Sign up all week long at participating merchants for drawings to be held on Friday nights at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 18

Christmas Story telling: Staff from the University of Montana-Western Library read wonderful Christmas stories for children, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Old Depot Theatre.

Christmas Art Project: Cody Mitchell from the Southwest Montana Family YMCA offers art projects for kids, 2:30-3:30 p.m., at the Beaverhead Valley Artist Cooperative Studio (behind Blacktail Gallery in the Womack Building).

Tuesday, 21 Winter Solstice

Winter Concert: Dillon Middle School, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, 25 Christmas Day

Friday, December 31 New Year's Eve

Lima New Year's Celebration!

About our calendar...
The Dillon Tribune is happy to publicize all events in local communities.
To have your festivities included in this calendar, just let us know!
Call or email us with the date, event name, time, cost, location and contact number at 683-2331 or news@dillontribune.com.

Ag Expo highlights food, profits for farmers, ranchers

Sustainability and increasing profits are key themes of The University of Montana-Western's Fourth Annual Ag Conference and Expo scheduled for January 6 and 7, 2005 in Dillon.

The conference features five general sessions, six breakout sessions and a vendor expo that is open to the public.

Over 30 speakers will cover topics ranging from drought to sustainability to increasing profits to estate planning. Confer-

ence meals feature Montana food products.

For conference information visit www.umwestern.edu or contact the UM-Western School of Outreach at 406-683-7537.

Free food is just one of the many attractions at the Ag Expo, scheduled from 5-8 pm, January 6, 2005.

Over 40 vendors will display their products and services at UM-Western's Keltz Arena. A light meal of sliced beef,

rolls and salad will be served to all. Montana Highland producers Ann and Wally Congdon and Eric Kalsta donated the natural beef.

Admission tickets are free, but must be picked up from participating merchants before January 3, 2005. A few of the participating merchants include State Farm Insurance, Rocky Mountain Supply, Adventure Cycle and Sled, Stock Drive Trailer Sales, and the Bookstore.

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Fiddlers help White Hats

In a fundraiser for the White Hat Coalition, the Dillon Junior Fiddlers will be performing at Safeway from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14.

The fiddlers will be accepting donations while they play.

Donations will help fund postage and such for care packages and letters sent by the White Hat Coalition to service men and women from the area.

Christmas care packages have already been sent for the troops. The next campaign will be letters sent for the Easter holiday.

Museum meet set Friday

The Beaverhead County Museum Board of Trustees will have a special meeting Friday, Dec. 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the Beaverhead County Commissioners Room. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for a joint meeting of the Beaverhead County Museum Board of Trustees, the Beaverhead County Museum Association Board of Directors and the Beaverhead County Commissioners.

That meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the conference room of the Forest Service Building, 420 Barrett Street. The purpose of that meeting will be to resolve agreement differences among the entities.

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