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## Dick Hardwick to Headline Comedy Night at Fair

The Gallatin County Fairgrounds welcomes Dick Hardwick to the 2011 Fair Comedy Club night, held Friday July 22nd during the Gallatin County Fair. Hardwick will be joined by other hilarious performers Friday night including Lloyd Mabrey, Michael Mezmer and James Wedgewood.

Hardwick, who makes his home in Hollywood, has taken his humor to such impressive venues as The Las Vegas Hilton, Silver Legacy and Caesars Palace, to name a few., and over the years he has worked hundreds of dates for many national names such as AT&T Wireless, State Farm, McDonald's.

He has entertained TV audiences on several well-known shows and has walked away as a Comedy Champion on Ed McMahon's "Star Search".

Dick Hardwick has played as a musician on John Prine's Grammy winning album "The Missing Years". He appeared as an actor in Jackie Gleason's final film "Nothing In Common", co-starring Tom Hanks. He's done radio and television commercials and he's been featured with major acts like Johnny Mathis, Gladys Knight, Ray Charles and so many more.

Back in the beginning, it was Hardwick's dad who first taught him to play those "sparkling" drums but since that time he has expanded his musical expertise to also include string bass, guitar, harmonica, jaw harp, bones, washboards and calliope. However, the instrument he has truly mastered is the LAUGHING MACHINE.

Laughing is his life.  
Laughing is his business.

**Don't forget to join us Friday July 22nd, at the Fair Comedy Club during the Gallatin County Fair. Ages 21 and over.**



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## GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR



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# Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market



Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market

For the past 40 years The Original Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market has been providing the Gallatin Valley the opportunity to see and purchase items from talented, local artisans, growers and assist entrepreneurs and start up businesses, to provide employment opportunities and showcase their products state wide.

### Some history behind the market...

The Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market was established in 1971 by a group of Bozeman residents whose goal was to provide local, healthy food and display the local talent to the community. It began on Tracey Street and then moved to the Bogart Park Pavilion, where it remained until we outgrew the location and moved to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in 2002.

In 1996, Career Transitions, Inc. took over management of the market to continue the original goal and fund our literacy efforts in the area. We are a 501c-3 community-based, non-profit organization begun in 1981. Our mission at CT is to assist individuals and families towards self-sufficiency by removing barriers through employment, education, economic and community development.

It was a natural fit to continue the original goals, but add the opportunity for new businesses to do some test marketing of their products and receive feedback from customers. You must make or grow anything offered at the market.

We have assisted numerous small businesses get started and some are still with us. Some examples: Two years ago Hot Mama's Salsa and Z-Hummas started with the market and in 1 year they were selling their products in local stores. They can remain as vendors as long as their product venue stays the same.

Another valuable support for the market has been our sponsors. As costs increase to hold the market, other means of keeping the fees low and the admittance free have been added. Sponsorships have been invaluable in keeping our vendor fees low and also in allowing community-minded businesses to give out information, display a product or give out samples. They do not sell product. Some of our sponsors have been: The Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Lehrkind's, Murdoch's, Belgrade Equipment Inc. and JC Billion.

We have partnered with the Bozeman Senior Center in providing free produce to seniors through the centers Senior Nutrition program for the past 9 years. We were also 1 of 3 markets chosen to receive a 3 year pilot project grant to accept food stamps at the market and demonstrate the results to other markets in the state so all markets can accept food stamps. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> year accepting WIC Produce vouchers that serve women, infants and children.

We are proud of the 200 vendors who make and grow what they sell. The customers enjoy shopping and visiting with these talented people who contribute to our local economy. As the interest in healthy eating and living has become more central to our lives, the market provides a venue to support local growers and buy direct.

We have been happy to mentor many other start-up farmers' markets in Southwest Montana and continue to support their growth. Their market's activity helps their local economy as well. Residents, visitors and vendors have helped The Original Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market become as successful as it is today. We appreciate and thank you for that support.

*Submitted by Darla J. Joyner, Executive Director, Career Transitions, Inc., and Kristi Wetsch, Manager, The Original Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market and Employment and Training Manager for Career Transitions.*

## June Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

June 2	Weed Board Meeting	1:15 pm- 3 pm	Fairgrounds Office
June 4	Under 21 Youth Dance <i>(Admission-\$7)</i>	9 pm- 12 am	Building # 3
June 4-6	Gallatin Dog Club <i>(Agility, Obedience &amp; Rally Trials)</i>	2 pm– 6 pm 8 am– 3 pm Sat/Sun	Denecke Park
June 8-12	State High School Rodeo Finals <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	9 am - 5pm Wed 9 am-5 pm Thurs 9 am-9 pm Fri/Sat 9 am-5 pm Sun	Outdoor Arena
June 9	Fair Planning Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fairgrounds Office
June 16	WWW Meeting	5:30 pm—7:30 pm	Fairgrounds Office
June 18	<b>First Farmers' Market</b>	9 am– 12 pm	Hayne's Pavilion
June 18	Vietnam Veterans of America– Stand Down	9 am– 3 pm	Buildings #2, #3, #4
June 19	<b><i>Happy Father's Day</i></b>		
June 21	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm- 8 pm	Fairgrounds Office
June 24-25	BLM: Burro & Wild Horse Adoption <i>(Adoption/Demo Event : Saturday, Friday: Viewing)</i>	8 am– 7 pm Fri 10 am– 5 pm Sat	Outdoor Arena
June 24	Touch A Truck Event <i>(City of Bozeman Recreation Dept)</i>	10 am-12 pm	Main Parking Lot
June 24	Under 21 Youth Dance <i>(Admission-\$7)</i>	9 pm- 12 am	Building # 3
June 25	Farmers Market	9 am– 12 pm	Haynes Pavilion

*More information is available at [www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com)*

# Touch A Truck Event

The City of Bozeman Recreation Department offers programs and special events on a year round basis for people of all ages and ability levels. There truly is something for everyone from sports camps to art classes, backpack trips, dog obedience camps, a kickball league and more!

You will not want to miss our annual Touch A Truck event for children age 2-6 years and their parents on June 24 at 10am at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds main parking lot. We will fill the lot with vehicles of all shapes and sizes for kids to explore. Come and see a fire truck, police car, dump truck, sweeper, cherry picker, a school bus and many more. Pre-registration is required, so call the Bozeman Recreation Department at 582-2290 to get registered. Space is limited!

For more information on this and all other City of Bozeman Recreation Department programs visit us on the web at [www.bozeman.net](http://www.bozeman.net)



## Marketing Minute

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Turn off the TV, get off the couch, and join us for the *Blue Cross Blue Shield: Wake up Your Life Health Day*, Wednesday July 20th during the Gallatin County Fair. This day is a health centered event with vendors, health care professionals, live entertainment, exercise classes on stage and much more. This is not your **normal health fair, it's a chance to get out meet with professionals** from around the community and get motivated to make healthy choices in your life. Blue Cross Blue Shield will be on site with great health tips, give-a-ways and ways to get started in their national weight loss campaign. For more information on the Blue Cross Blue Shield Program visit [www.wellwithbluemt.com](http://www.wellwithbluemt.com). Also, jump online at [www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com](http://www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com) for more information about the Blue Cross Blue Shield: Wake up Your Life Day,

and help us kick off the 2011 Gallatin County Fair with a *“healthy”* dose of fun Wednesday July 20th.

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# Wild Horse & Burro Adoption



June 24 - 25  
Bozeman, Montana  
Gallatin County Fairgrounds  
901 North Black Street

Friday, June 24, Viewing and Training Demos  
8am - 7pm

Saturday, June 25, Adoption and Training Demos  
8am - 5pm

Competitive Bid Adoption - 10am.  
First come, first served until 5pm.

Demos presented by Dave Weeding  
1 - 3pm and 5 - 7pm on Friday  
8am on Saturday

Approximately 45 head of horses and burros will be available for adoption.  
These are not Pryor Mountain Wild Horses.

Directions: From I-90 to Bozeman, take exit 306 onto 7th Ave and proceed south.  
Turn left on West Oak Street and proceed to West Oak Gate entrance to fairground.

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U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Wild Horse and Burro Program

## COMMITTEE MINUTES

Fair Planning  
Fair Board  
WinterFest

Minutes are available on the  
Fairgrounds website:  
[gallatincountyfairgrounds.com](http://gallatincountyfairgrounds.com)

## FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Brekke - Chairman  
Dennis Farnham - Vice Chairman  
Vickie Johnson  
Linda Warner  
Jeff Wade  
Tim Stefan  
Kurt Bushnell

## COMMITTEES

WinterFest ... Fair Planning  
Bozeman Roundup Rodeo  
Volunteer ... Parking

We are always looking for more volunteers to  
help on committees. If you are interested in  
joining, please contact the Fairgrounds Office.

# BAHA Wraps up Another Season



Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) would like to thank the many volunteers from our skating community who donated equipment and many hundreds of labor hours converting Haynes Pavilion from the ice rink to a multi-use community event venue.



Used in the off-season by the Gallatin County Farmer's Market, Gallatin County Fair, BrewFest and more, Haynes Pavilion serves and benefits a large cross-section of our population. Maintenance costs on Haynes so far this season total \$12,131, paid partially by BAHA and partially by the Fairgrounds. If you enjoy Haynes Pavilion in the summer, please thank the Fairgrounds staff, Gallatin County Commissioners and members of the hockey and ice skating community.

You may notice two storage containers northeast of Haynes which are the new temporary home for our rink glass. Each cart of glass weighs approximately 3000 pounds; danger associated with transporting them across town prompted us to try a different storage method. The containers will be removed once the rink is reassembled in the fall.



During the summer months, BAHA administrative employees and volunteer Board of Directors remain busy with program development, facility improvements, and expansion and long-term planning. Off-season preparations are vital to the success of our 7-month ice season which is bursting at the seams seven days/ week with the following programs; Junior A Icedogs, MSU Bobcats (formerly Hellcats), 850 Youth and Adult hockey players, weekend hockey tournaments, Learn to Skate, Bozeman Figure Skating Club,

Public Skating, Stick and Puck and more.

If you have any questions regarding our skating programs or would like to receive BAHA emails, please visit our website: [www.bozemanhockey.org](http://www.bozemanhockey.org).

## Gallatin Dog Club: All Breed Agility Trials



The Gallatin Dog Club would like to invite you “All Breed Agility Trials”. Starting Friday, June 3 at 2:00 pm and on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5 at 8:00 am.

Running a dog in an agility trial is the ultimate game for you and your dog and is one of the most exciting canine sports for spectators. In an agility trial, a dog demonstrates its agile nature and versatility by following cues from the handler through a timed obstacle course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles and other objects. It’s an activity that strengthens the bond between dog and handler and provides fun and exercise for both, which might explain why it’s so enjoyable to watch and has become the fastest growing dog sport in the U.S.!



If you’d like to know more about the Gallatin Dog Club, please visit our website: <http://gallatindogclub.org>. Hope to see you there!

## FairEver Yours

**Happy Days!** It’s still raining, it’s still a little cool, it’s still snowing in the mountains and it’s been a little gray outside – but – our ground is not shaking, it’s not 100 degrees, the wind is not forming funnel clouds, our forests are not burning up, and we haven’t had any two inch hail. We have had some flooding and will continue to have more through the spring, but all in all we are faring fairly well! (Can you tell I really like any word that sounds like Fair?)

**Speaking of Fairing,** “The Gallatin County Fair – A Boot Scootin’ Good Time” is just around the corner and we hope you will be Fairing with us in July. As with every Fair, there is so much excitement, so much to do, so much to look forward to. When you attend the Fair, It won’t matter if you wear your favorite boots, your flip-flops or your tennis shoes, just make sure they are comfortable as there is so much to see and do. Watch for the Competitors’ Guide that is being inserted in the Bozeman Chronicle and the Belgrade News on June 14<sup>th</sup>. It will tell you about the entertainment at the Fair and it will also let you know how you can be a part of the Fair by entering something you have made or grown. The Fair lets YOU shine. Help your kids get something ready to enter. They love the ribbons and it is fun for them to show their talents to the community.

If you have any questions about the Fair, be sure to check out our web site or give the office a call. We are always glad to answer your questions and to talk about the Fair.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair where you will find wonderful Fair Fare (curly fries, Elephant Ears, corn on the cob, & cotton candy) at fairly fair prices, where you can wish fond farewells to boredom. You may ride the Fair train and pay no fare. You will visit with folks you haven’t seen for a year and have not just a fair time, but a GREAT time.

*Fairever Yours*

*Sue Shockley, Manager*

# 2011 Gallatin County Fair Entertainment & Family Activities



## YESTERDAYZE - 60'S BAND

A high energy six-piece band with great vocals, re-creating your favorite songs from the 60's...The era that changed modern music forever! Every tune a Top-40 hit from 1960 to 1969...The Beatles, The Stones, The 5th Dimension, Steppenwolf, The Rascals...from Motown to the British Invasion, from Elvis to Hendrix, from Aretha to Warwick, YESTERDAYZE delivers a non-stop blast-from-the-past you'll never forget!



## JAMES WEDGWOOD - VENTRILOQUIST

A James Wedgwood show is "as much fun as you can have without moving your lips!" James uses both traditional comic ventriloquism along with cutting edge props and skills to create a unique show full of laughs and audience participation. James' show is a variety show in and of itself. He makes virtually everything talk - from a variety of great characters to purses, brooms, bottles, and audience members (yes, they open their mouth and he puts in the words). Game shows, tap-dancing, singing (without moving his lips!) and much more are all part of the fun.



## DICK HARDWICK - COMEDIAN

Laughing is his life. Laughing is his business. Headlining for the Friday Night Comedy Club at Fair.



## LLOYD MABREY - COMEDY/MUSICIAN

Lloyd has been performing since 1976 as a professional entertainer and has become one of our country's most respected performers. He has opened for more than a hundred major acts from Buck Owens to the Beach Boys. His versatile singing style and 12 string guitar skills are complemented by his warm wit and his incredible improvisational skills. His extensive song list and talent to write songs on the spot enable him to appeal to all circles from Wall Street Executives to Ranchers. Lloyd's performance and style appeals to all ages. From seniors to kindergartners he can adapt. Lloyd Mabrey is truly a one of a kind entertainer!



## MICHAEL MEZMER - HYPNOTIST

Michael is known as the "Phenomenist" who combines his talents as one of the world's top performing stage hypnotists with his award winning skills in the field of organic magic phenomena to create amazing performances. Michael's goal is to present the allied arts of hypnosis and magic in a way which people of all ages can learn about and enjoy them in a unique theatrical experience.



## POWERHOUSE!!! - RHYTHM, SOUND, POWER

POWERHOUSE!!! combines brilliantly innovative tap, precision clogging, and explosive stomp to bring you an electrifying dance experience. Uniquely American, it has all the power, excitement and style of America's best music and dance. Selected from the very best competitive dancers in the country, POWERHOUSE!!! performers do more than simply dance. They entertain from start to finish, engaging the crowd the crowd with their amazing energy and talent. Audiences can't help but clap along and stomp their feet as they see, learn about and even try PERCUSSIVE DANCE.



## ALL ABOARD TRAIN

Relax, learn and enjoy an exhilarating ride with Engineer Jim on a 40 ft trackless train. Adults & kids alike will appreciate a ride from one end of the Fairgrounds to the other.



## KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULLS

The Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Competitions will be happening in 2011 all over North America from Calgary, Alberta Canada down to Naples, Florida, and everywhere in-between. We look forward to meeting all of you and we certainly want to see your smiling faces in one of our shows. And if you don't have a smile, don't worry, we will give you one of ours! So get those legs in shape and come see us at the Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls!



## YOUNG GUNS WILD WEST FUN PARK

Offers children 10 & under fun filled activities with wild west themes & an old west town facade.

*See [www.gallatincountyfair.com](http://www.gallatincountyfair.com) for all the fun being planned for the Fair.*