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Bozeman Fire Department Annual Breakfast Feed

The Bozeman Fire Department's Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on the morning of Oct. 10th. It starts at 7:00AM. This is the 50th annual one this year. The breakfast is free to all. It will be at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds (building #4). Every year, the Bozeman Fire Department and Bozeman Firefighters Association host this breakfast as a gesture of thanks to our community, as well as a way to kick off Fire Prevention Week. Throughout the month of October, firefighters will be hosting various public education events to teach fire safety.

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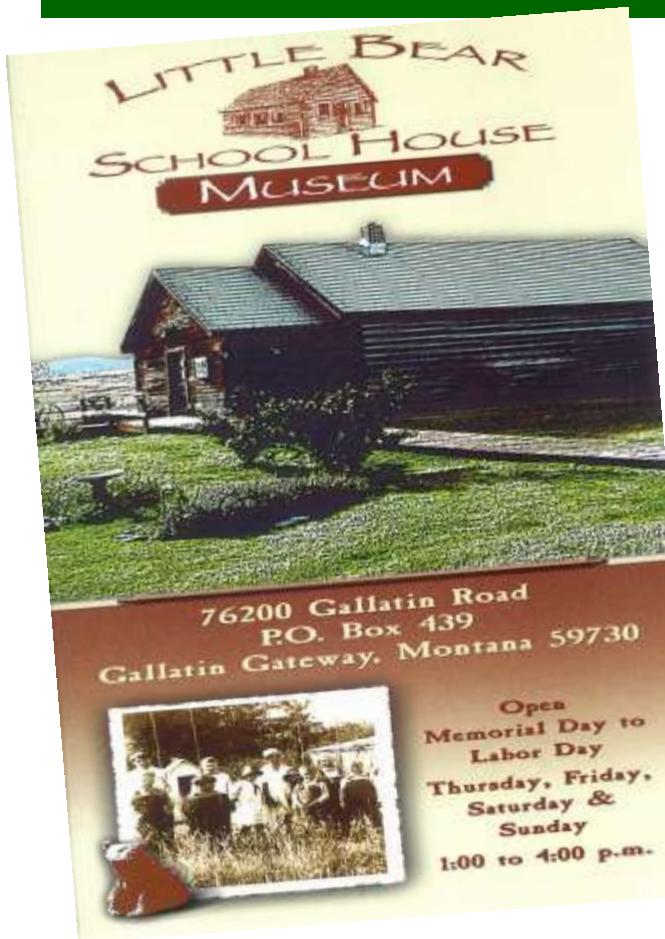


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Looking for a way to view the Fairgrounds Events instantly from your mobile device or computer? Scan the QR code and all the Gallatin County Fairgrounds events are at your fingertips!

Little Bear School House Museum Antique Show



Join the Little Bear School House Museum October 28, 29 and 30th for their Annual Antique Show at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$4 and is good all three days. Little Bear School House Museum Antique show is the primary fundraiser for the school. The show opens Friday from 5-8pm, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-3pm. Make sure to visit this great event!

Little Bear School was built in 1912, located near Little Bear Creek. Classes were held in this one room school until 1950, when a larger school was built. The log building was used as a private residence for a few years, then abandoned to become a cow shelter. The Little Bear Community decided to restore this little building from its sad state. The building was cleaned and moved to its present site on Highway 191 near Gallatin Gateway.

Eight years later and after many fundraisers, donations, membership dues and a grant, the school was opened to the public in 1998. The schoolhouse takes you back in time to 1912, the era of your parents or grandparents.

The displays contain memorabilia about the family histories of the settlers, the local baseball team, the Gallatin Gateway Inn, a lunch box collection, desks with writing slates and ink wells and authentic chalk boards (donated by Central Park School near Manhattan, Montana). Also shown are school books of that time and a small wash stand where students would drink from tin cups or wash up. In the school yard stands an antique merry-go-round (donated by the former Rac School).

LITTLE BEAR SCHOOL HOUSE MUSEUM

76200 Gallatin Road
P.O. Box 439
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October Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

Oct 4	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm-8 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 5	Fairgrounds Foundation Meeting	5:30pm-6:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 6	Weed Board Meeting	1:15 pm-3 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 8	The Exchange-Consignment Sale <i>(1/2 off selected items from 4-9 pm)</i>	7:30 am –9pm	Building # 1
Oct 8	S&R Gifts- Farmer's Market	11 am-2 pm	Building # 2
Oct 10	Bozeman Fire Dept: Free Breakfast	7am-10am	Building # 4
Oct 10	Fairgrounds Office Closed In Observance of Columbus Day		
Oct 13	Fair Planning Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 18	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm-8 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 20	WWW Meeting	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 28-30	Little Bear School House Museum Antique Show <i>(Admission \$4, good all three days)</i>	5pm- 8pm (Fri) 9am- 5pm (Sat) 10am- 3pm (Sun)	Buildings # 1,2,3
Oct 31	Halloween Family Festival	5:30pm- 8:30 pm	Indoor Arena

More information is available at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com

Fellowship Baptist's Harvest Carnival

Fellowship Baptist Church will be hosting its annual "Harvest Carnival" on October 31st at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds Indoor Arena from 5:30pm – 8:30pm. The "Harvest Carnival" is a community event Fellowship Baptist Church has hosted for free for over 12 years. It's a fun, warm and safe environment for kids of all ages.

There are lots of carnival style games for kids to play and win either candy or tickets to the prize table. One of the most popular games at the Carnival is the Cake Walk which averages around 100 cakes every year, so there are lots of opportunities to win a free cake! From horse rides to the bounce house, to the batting cage, Fellowship's Harvest Carnival is sure to be fun for the whole family! Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be available for purchase at our concession stand, and admission for the event is either canned items or non-perishable foods to be donated to the local food bank (not required). For questions, email Jon Gardner at fbcbozeman@gmail.com.



Sale! Sale! The Exchange is back!

The text "BIG SALE" is written in a bold, red, 3D-style font. The letters are slightly shadowed, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The background is white with a subtle drop shadow.

Looking for used clothing, antiques, furniture, household or kitchen items, baby clothing, toys or equipment? Then you won't want to miss "The Exchange Fall and Winter Consignment Sale" October 8th at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds! The sale will be in Exhibit Building #1; Saturday's hours are 7:30am – 9pm with selected prices being cut in half after 4pm (closed from 1-4pm), giving everyone an opportunity to shop.

There is absolutely NO admission fee to come shop. "The Exchange" is a semi-annual sale that was started in 1994. It is an excellent way to buy quality used items. If you wish, you can also become a consignor and consign your items and receive 60% of the sale price (or 65%-70 % on items priced over \$100). Consignors also get extra privileges; for more information about the sale or when and where to consign items, please visit: www.theexchangesale.com or contact Karen Rose at 406-285-4579.

Ever wonder where all the leftovers go after the sale? Anything that is left "to be donated" is distributed to several venues. Catalyst for Kids sends the clothes to orphanages in third world countries. LAYETTES and maternity clothing goes to the Pregnancy Caring Center. The Senior Center takes leftover house-wares and clothing. A group from the business school at MSU will be taking "interview worthy" clothing for people who are job hunting and don't have the means to purchase suits, etc. necessary to secure a job in a city atmosphere. Donation receipts for tax purposes can be supplied.

An orange starburst graphic with a black outline and a jagged edge. Inside the starburst, the text "Be Our Friend!" is written in a white, sans-serif font. The starburst is positioned on the left side of a banner.



The Twitter logo, which is the word "twitter" in a blue, lowercase, sans-serif font with a trademark symbol.

www.Twitter.com/gcfFUN

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bozeman-MT/Gallatin-County-Fairgrounds/117188404989943>

Marketing Minute: Big O Tires

Fall is here and the holidays ready or not are right around the corner. Perhaps many of you are still wishing for sunny warm weather, while others are waiting for the snow to fly and the ski hills to **open up. Whatever side of the fence you find yourself on, don't find yourself on balding tires as we enter a Montana Winter.** Why not swing by and visit Rob and the gang at Big O Tires and see how they can help?

Big O Tires is locally owned and an energetic sponsor of the Gallatin County Fair. The Big O Tires story begins back in 1962, just as America's new love affair with the automobile was hitting high gear. The market for replacement tires was exploding, and independent tire dealers found themselves struggling to compete in the face of low prices offered by major tire manufacturers' own company stores. Big O's founding fathers were a handful of progressive independent tire dealers who decided to band together to form a tire-buying cooperative so that they could secure volume pricing and keep their customers happy. Their concept worked. Almost a half-decade later, Big O Tires has become North America's largest retail tire franchisor, with over 480 independently-owned and operated locations in 20 states. Big O has become an industry role model admired for its innovative approach to franchising and unmatched customer loyalty ratings.



With years of experience, and a strong history of supporting the Bozeman community, make sure you buy local, and support your Bozeman Big O Tire store. Hot or cold, they will keep you moving this Fall. While at the store, make sure to tell them thanks for supporting the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

I Never knew that...

Here are some Fun Facts that will make you smile, or perhaps scratch your head.

- ▶ While human fingerprints are a means of their identification; the nose prints are a means of identifying dogs.
- ▶ Gaggle is a group of geese waddling on the ground. And the same group up in the air would be re-named skein.
- ▶ On an average a hen lays 19 dozen eggs in a year.
- ▶ A cow can give far more milk than a human can consume in their lifetime. Any guesses? Almost 200,000 glasses full of milk!

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Fair Planning
 Fair Board
 WinterFest
 Minutes are available on the
 Fairgrounds website:
gallatincountyfairgrounds.com

FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Brekke - 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.

Fairever Yours

FAIREVER YOURS OCTOBER 2011

Fall is in the air – sort of. I can't believe it was 90 degrees last weekend, the first weekend of autumn! Is it global warming, or are all of us so busy working to get ready for winter that all the activity is warming up the air! I think that just may be the case.

Here at the Fairgrounds we have been scurrying around blowing out irrigation lines, checking heaters and weather stripping on doors so that we are prepared when the cold does hit us. We had a little scare when the thermometer dipped below freezing a week or so ago. We never know for sure when winter will arrive, but we do know that it will!

We are now concentrating on plans for the Wild West WinterFest. Dates for *the* winter festival will be over President's Day Weekend, February 18 and 19. The volunteer group that helps staff determine what kinds of events and exhibits will take place is looking for new ideas. There are some things that have become WinterFest traditions, like the Dog Keg Pull and the All Breeds Horse Sale and those will be back again this year. We would like to hear from YOU about your other favorites, or perhaps you have an idea for something new. There are NO silly ideas! We want to hear anything and everything! We have booked THE DIRTY SHAME and they will be playing on Saturday night during WinterFest! We think it would be fun to showcase other local entertainers; bands, solo performers, dance groups, and original poetry. We will provide the stage and sound – we just need the talent. Let us know if you or someone you know would like to be part of the program. You can email me at sue.shockley@gallatin.mt.gov or call our office at 582-3270.

I haven't gotten my Fair survey up on our web site yet, but I will get it done. I am just a bit technically challenged, so I am looking for a little help. My staff person, Linda, who is very good at these things was out of the office for about 3 weeks on a family emergency. She is back and we will get going on our survey that I promised would be online by the end of September.

I would like to invite everyone to visit and like our FaceBook page. We will be sending special invitations to events to all our FaceBook friends, so we hope you will get signed up. Listen to me, I sound like I know what I'm doing. All this social media stuff is absolutely amazing to me. It is incredible how many people it touches! To me, communication is the basis for almost everything else. If you can communicate, almost anything is possible. This new form of communication is totally foreign to me, but it is something I need to learn to use since more and more people are using it as their main communication tool. I'm working on it – I truly am and it is actually kind of fun.

Don't forget to send us any ideas you may have for WinterFest. I will be watching my email and checking our FaceBook page!

Until next month, I remain,
FAIREVER YOURS!

Sue Shockley

Fairgrounds Manager

