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## Bozeman Jaycee's 10th Annual Demolition Derby



The Bozeman Jaycee's 10th Annual Demolition Derby will take place at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on September 24, 2011. Registration begins at 8 am and the demolition derby starts at 12 pm. Admission to the derby is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Kids under 5 are free. There will be full concessions available during the derby.

This is the Bozeman Jaycee's largest fundraiser of the year and a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Gallatin Valley Sharpshooters. The Jaycees gives young people between the ages of 18 and 41 the tools they need to build the bridges of success for themselves in the areas of business development, management skills, individual training, community service, and international connections. With the focus of the nation on volunteerism, from the smallest towns to the largest cities, the Jaycees are enlarging areas of opportunity for young people. **Their Mission is "To create positive change within our organization and communities by providing young people with an organization of shared values through personal and professional development, social and cultural diversity, networking, and community improvement".**

For more information please go to [www.bozemanjaycees.org](http://www.bozemanjaycees.org) or call Mark Figgins at 388-4055.

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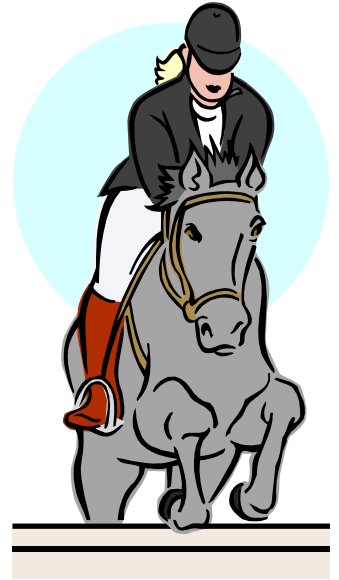
## Harvest Classic & the Autumn Showdown

The Southern Montana Arabian Horse Association will host the annual Harvest Classic All Breed Horse Show on Saturday, September 3rd at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. The show is approved by the Montana State Horse Show Association.

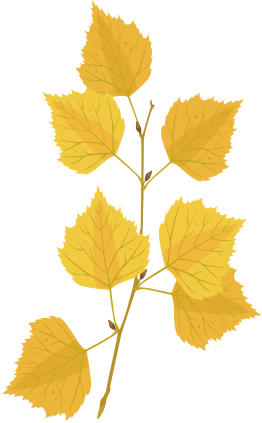
In addition, the Montana State Horse Show Association is sponsoring the Autumn Showdown All Breeds Horse Show on Sunday, September 4th at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Both shows will begin at 8:00 A.M. in the outdoor arena.

The classes will be \$6.00 for adult and \$4.00 for youth, 17 & under. There will be a \$10.00 office charge per horse for each show. Each show will offer halter, showmanship, saddle seat, hunter seat, western, trail, walk/trot and reining classes.

Contact information:  
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[showringcc@aol.com](mailto:showringcc@aol.com)  
406-581-0232



## Marketing Minute



September marks the beginning and end for many reasons around the Valley. School is beginning once again along with Fall sports, days are getting shorter and fall is hinting at its arrival. Everywhere is busy with activity and anticipation for what the new season is to bring, and here at the Fairgrounds it's no different. Maybe in this changing season you are starting to look at your calendar and search for some fall or winter hobbies to keep you moving. We suggest you come to the Fairgrounds and enjoy many of our fall events and perhaps, consider volunteering on one of our several committees. Maybe your love for Winter will make you a great addition to our Wild West WinterFest Planning Committee, or perhaps the sun and the fun of the Gallatin County Fair in July is something you would love to help us plan. Are you an artist who would love to paint? A gardener who would love to help bring some color to the Fairgrounds? Whatever your niche, we can use you at the Fairgrounds.

Fairgrounds across the board are only as strong as their community support, and Bozeman residents do a wonderful job of supporting Fairgrounds events and planning. However, we encourage anyone interested in the Fairgrounds to give us a call at 582-3270. See how you can get involved and make a difference here at your hometown Fairgrounds. Where fun really does happen in every season!

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

Sept 1	Weed Board Meeting	1:15 pm-3 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Sept 3	<b>Farmers' Market</b>	9 pm-12 am	Haynes Pavilion
Sept 3-4	Harvest Classic & Autumn Showdown <i>(ACS Horse Show: Southern MT Arabian Horse Show)</i>	8 am –5 pm (Sat) 8 am –5 pm (Sun)	Anderson Arena
Sept 7	Fairgrounds Foundation Meeting	5:30—6:30 pm	Holiday Inn
Sept 8	Fair Planning Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Sept 9-11	Universal Athletic Warehouse Sale	9 am—9 pm (Fri) 9 am—6 pm (Sat) 11 am—5 pm (Sun)	Building # 1
Sept 9	Montana Brewers Festival <i>(Advance tickets: \$20, At the Gate: \$25)</i>	4 pm—11 pm	Haynes Pavilion
Sept 10	<b>Farmers' Market</b>	9 pm-12 am	Haynes Pavilion
Sept 15	Waste Pesticide Disposal Program <i>(MT State Ag Department)</i>	8 am—12 pm	Main Parking Lot
Sept 15	WWW Meeting	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Sept 17-18	Bridger Mtn. High School Rodeo	9 am—5 pm	Anderson Arena
Sept 17	AGR House: Testy Fest <i>(Admission: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the Gate)</i>	7 pm—11:30 pm	Indoor Arena
Sept 20	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm-8 pm	Fairgrounds Office
Sept 24	Gallatin Ham Radio Club: Ham Fest <i>(Admission: \$5, kids 12 &amp; under free)</i>	10 am—4 pm	Buildings #1,2,3
Sept 24	Bozeman Jaycees: Demolition Derby <i>(Admission: Adults \$10, Kids \$5)</i>	12 pm—5 pm	Motorsports Arena

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

# MT Brewers Association

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MONTANA BREWERS FESTIVAL 2011**

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING:  
**THE DIRTY SHAME - THE GROWLERS**

**ALL 25 MBA BREWERIES**  
OVER 70 DIFFERENT MONTANA-MADE BEERS

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
5:30 PM - 11:00 PM  
(Beat the rush! \$35 gets you in at 4 pm)

**\$20 IN ADVANCE**  
\$25 AT THE DOOR  
Bottomless pours and a collectible tasting glass to sample all your favorite brews.

**FOOD VENDORS**

**HAYNES PAVILION**  
GALLATIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
Bozeman, Montana

**MBA MONTANA BREWERS ASSOCIATION**

**Drew Crew Card Holders**  
get in 1.5 hour early!  
Join the Brew Crew at [www.montanabrewers.org](http://www.montanabrewers.org)

Buy tickets online at [www.montanabrewers.org](http://www.montanabrewers.org)  
21 AND OVER ONLY • MONTANA BREWERS ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE DRINKING

The 3rd annual Montana-made beer festival is expected to serve more than 75 different beers, in bottomless 6-ounce tasting portions, from over 20 Montana Brewers Association breweries!

## Why?

This is the largest collection of Montana-made beer ever gathered in one place. It's one-stop access to the unique brewers and beers is why Montana is second in breweries-per-capita, and it make Montana a strong contestant as one of the greatest brewing states.

Kick up your heels with ~ The Dirty Shame ~ playing classic outlaw country on the large dance floor, along with The Growlers, who will jump-start the evening.

Delicious food will be served including: pull pork sandwiches, brats, burgers, noodles and pizza— and of course, all the fixings! Join this annual marquee festival of Montana-made beer.

Price: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door gets you a 6-ounce tasting glass, bottomless pours and all the music and fun. Or join us early, beat the crowds and chat with the brewers for \$35.

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# BAHA is Back!



UNIVERSAL  
ATHLETIC

**BONANZA WAREHOUSE**

# SALE

**SEPTEMBER 9 - 10 - 11**

**FRI. 9AM-9PM • SAT. 9AM-6PM • SUN. 10AM-5PM**

**Over 2000 pairs of shoes.**



**FOOTBALL - SOCCER - BASKETBALL**

**RUNNING - CROSS TRAINING**

**MEN'S, WOMEN'S & KID'S APPAREL**

**BOBCAT - GRIZZLY - NFL - MLB - LICENSED APPAREL**

## UP TO 90% OFF

**GALLATIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING #1**



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It's back, and right in time for fall sports! The 2011 Fall Universal Athletic Bonanza Warehouse Sale.

Men's, women's and kids. Shoes for running, cross training, basketball, football, soccer, sandals and more! All drastically reduced to fit your recessionary budget, wants and needs. Come check'em out.

Men's, women's and kids apparel from popular brand names like Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, Columbia and more up to 90% off!

The famous "BUCK BOXES" are overflowing with values for just \$1!

You need it ... We got it at the Universal Athletic Bonanza Warehouse Sale, Exhibit Building #1 September 9 - 11 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Tamarack Street behind County Market.

### 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

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.



# GHRC HAMFEST



## BOZEMAN, MT.

### September 24th 2011

### GALLATIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

### W. Tamarack St. Bozeman, Montana

REGISTRATION STARTS: 8 AM  
 DOORS OPEN: 10 AM  
 BREAKFAST / LUNCH AVAILABLE  
 CLOSING: 4 PM

CALL IN - W7ED - FOR DIRECTIONS  
 VHF: 146.880 -100hz; UHF: 447.950 -100hz  
 SIMPLEX: 146.520

**RAFFLE** → **GRAND PRIZE**  
**DOOR PRIZES**  
**SALE/TABLES**  
**VENDORS**  
**FOOD**  
**SEMINARS for ALL**  
**VE TEST SESSIONS**  
**HIDDEN TRANSMITTER HUNT**

**Yaesu FT450D HF**



**MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN PRIZES**

**ADMISSION \$5.00**

**AGES 12 AND UNDER FREE**

Admission fee includes 1 ticket for door prize drawing

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SWAP & DEALER TABLES  
 PRE REGISTRATION \$10.00  
 AT THE DOOR \$15.00  
 SET UP:  
 FRIDAY NIGHT 7 -10 PM  
 SATURDAY 7:30 - 9:30 AM

Please check the website for updates and pre registration

Over night RV Camping is available on a limited basis. For info contact the Fairgrounds at 406-582-3270

**Hosted by: The Gallatin Ham Radio Club - W7ED an ARRL affiliated club**

# Baha is Back!



Ice skating season is just around the corner! Starting September 12, volunteers and staff from Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) will assemble our hockey boards and return Haynes Pavilion to an ice skating rink. Our tentative first day of ice open to the public is Monday, September 26, 2011.

## JUNIOR A ICEDOGS

The Icedogs will host their first home game Saturday, October 1. Home game schedule, as well as nightly and season ticket prices can be found at [www.bozemanicedogs.com](http://www.bozemanicedogs.com). The Icedogs have moved up to the American West Hockey League and will be joined in the league by Billings, Missoula, Helena, as well as two new teams from Great Falls and Gillette, WY.

## ICEDOGS YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Children age 5-12 are invited to play in our house league that includes practice and games every week from Oct. 24, 2011- March 16, 2012 (no travel). Competitive travel teams are also available for ages 9-18. Prices vary based on age group. Online registration is Aug. 28- Sept. 11. For more information please see the Youth Hockey link at: [www.bozemanhockey.org](http://www.bozemanhockey.org).



## HAYNES HOCKEY LEAGUE (HHL) ADULT PROGRAMS

\*NEW THIS SEASON\* - HOCKTOBER FALL SCRAMBLE . Adults 18 and older can sign up for this 5-week fall league on our website Aug. 28 – Sept. 11. Participants play a 10 game schedule from Sept. 25 – Oct. 29 (2 games/ week) for \$150, goalies \$35. Two levels of teams will be formed by BAHA staff. Registration limited to first 225 skaters.



## Intro to Hockey

Intended for first-time skaters and any adult wanting to improve their skating or puck handling skills. Eight 50-minute coached sessions, 4:30-5:20PM Sundays from mid-October through mid-December (2<sup>nd</sup> session Jan-March)- \$90.

## Haynes Hockey League (HHL) Regular Season

Adults 18 and older play a 26-game season from Oct. 30, 2011- Apr. 15, 2012. Four leagues include Novice, VHW (Intermediate), Rec and Power; costs range from \$300-\$375 depending on league. More information and online registration from Aug. 28 – Sept. 11 on our website: [www.bozemanhockey.org](http://www.bozemanhockey.org).

## PUBLIC SKATING AND STICK AND PUCK

Public Skating will again be held M-F, 1:30-2:50PM and Saturdays, 12-1:20PM from Sept. 26, 2011 – April 14, 2011. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 ages 12 and under. Skate Rental is available for \$5.00 per pair during Saturday Public Skate at the Skate Rental Barn. Rentals are also available during week-day Public Skate through on-site facility staff. No sticks or pucks are allowed during Public Skate.

BAHA will once again offer Stick and Puck sessions for those wanting to have unstructured time on the ice to practice their skating and hockey skills. Ice time is available for \$5 per person M-F from 2:50-3:50PM. Helmets required!

## BAHA Continued...

### LEARN TO SKATE AND BOZEMAN FIGURE SKATING CLUB

The Bozeman Figure Skating Club promotes awareness of and encourages people of all ages to participate in the sport of figure skating.

Everyone can learn to skate! It's fun, rewarding, and great exercise. Classes are available for age three to adult, from beginner to advanced skater for hockey or figure skating techniques. Come learn under the tutelage of our expert USFS-certified coaches and teachers in small groups in a, safe and supportive environment. Our classes include instruction, ice time, USFSA membership, insurance, and your skate rental. For more information please visit: [www.bozemanfigureskating.org](http://www.bozemanfigureskating.org).

JOIN US ON OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!  
BOZEMAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Fairever Yours

### FAIREVER YOURS

I just returned from my first REAL vacation in probably 10 years and, boy, has that given me a new spurt of energy. Think I will do that more often. When I say REAL vacation that means I left home and didn't see the Fairgrounds for about 9 days! My daughter, granddaughter and I visited the Oregon coast and it was wonderful!

The highlight of the trip was visiting the Tillamook County Fair in Tillamook, Oregon. I just can't seem to go without my Fair fix for very long. We watched the "Pig -N- Ford Races", ate smoked salmon on a stick, shopped at the vendor booths, and visited the Quilt, Photography, Floral, Arts and Crafts exhibit building. We were amazed at the number of dairy cows in the barns (shouldn't have been since Tillamook is the home of the Tillamook Cheese and Ice Cream factory). We checked out the carnival and visited with lots of the Fair Superintendants and other Fair folks. I gathered some great ideas. The 2010 Tillamook County Fair was selected by USA Today as one of the top 10 Blue Ribbon Fairs in the nation.

The reason they were selected is because of the value they offered their Fair visitors. When we arrived, we were charged \$5 to park in a grass field, quite a distance from the admission gate. We then walked to the gate and my daughter and I each paid \$10 for the day. My granddaughter, who is 2, entered free. If she would have been 6 or older, her ticket would have been \$7. We were a bit taken aback by the prices until we realized that it was a "pay one price" Fair. That means that once you pay your admission, all the entertainment was free.

# Fairever Yours



They had concerts, a demo derby and the Pig –N- Ford race and also two days of horse racing. That was a darned good deal! No wonder they won the USA Today Blue Ribbon award. Where else could you go for \$10 and spend up to 12 hours having fun. Of course the carnival and food were extra, but all of the **entertainment on the stage and at the grandstand was included.** I’m wondering if this is something our Fair should consider. What do you think? Let me know. I have recently learned that the Ravalli County Fair in Hamilton, MT does the same thing. You pay one price and then can attend the rodeo, bull riding, and **other entertainment events.** I’m really curious how our Fair visitors would feel about this. I am going to put a little survey on our web site. It will be up and ready for your response by Sept. 19. I hope you will all spend a minute and help us make some plans for the 2012 Fair.

While on vacation I had lots of time to think about our Fairgrounds, our Fair and our Wild West Winter-Fest ( I really never quit thinking about those things). I love change! I am always trying to find new ways to improve the Fairgrounds and our Signature Events, but I sometimes get bogged down with the **day to day “stuff” and really need input from YOU!** Here are some ideas I have for the Fair next year. I will have these on the survey too and I hope you will tell me what you really think.

Kids Classes for children 8 and under. There could be classes for lambs, calves, rabbits, poultry and maybe even pigs with special ribbons for 1) Tries the Hardest, 2) Best Showman, 3) Best Dressed (fun stuff). The animals could be borrowed and not owned by the child.

- ▶ How about an Antique Equipment Show that would have various categories including One Cylinder Engines, Antique Lawn and Garden Tractors and Implements, Drawn Implements, Bare Farm Tractors, Farm Tractors with Mounted Implements and maybe even a Farm Truck category.
- ▶ **I’m thinking a Natural Fiber Class would be interesting**
- ▶ Beer and Wine Contests could be really fun.
- ▶ Another fun way to involve families might be a Fun Contest Afternoon with Bubble Gum Blowing, Cupcake Creations, Clothespin Drop and maybe some other “old fashioned” games.

I will be listing new ideas for the Fair, Fairgrounds and the Wild West WinterFest as they pop in my head or are suggested by you, in each of my “Fairever” articles over the next few months. Email or call me with your thoughts. I really appreciate hearing from you. The door is open, the opportunities are almost unlimited. **Let’s make our 2012 County Fair a Blue Ribbon Fair!**

*Fairever Yours,*

*Sue Shockley, Manager*

# The AGR House Presents Testy Fest

Saturday September Sep 17, 2011 at 7:00 pm, the AGR House of Montana State University will hold their annual fundraiser at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. The AGR Testy Fest is a great place to meet and greet with MSU students, Alumni and community members while enjoying live music by Bobby Chitwood, drinks and some "Rocky Mountain Oysters".

Alpha Gamma Rho is a Professional Agriculture Fraternity with the purpose of "Making better men through a broader and better Agriculture." The house is open to all college men pursuing a degree in agriculture, food, and fiber sciences, or to men with a strong agriculture background looking to stay connected with the industry. Montana State's AGR fraternity has activated over 1,200 members since its inception in 1925, and has developed a reputation for obtaining/developing the foremost leaders in Montana Agriculture.

Members of AGR are constantly pushed to lead in the College of Agriculture, not only in academics, but to become involved with the agriculture clubs on campus and to serve the community. Each year AGR members raise over \$14,000 for charities such as United Way, Farm Rescue, and the Montana FFA Association during the annual fall "Testicle Festival." Contact AGR House at 406-587-4251 for more information about their fraternity or for more information about the Testy Fest.

Hours: 7pm-11:30pm  
Admission \$10 in advance at Mixer's and the AGR House. Tickets available at the gate the day of the event .



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