

This week at the First Peak Extended Holiday Edition

Dec. 20, 2023–Jan 2, 2024 (Wed-Tue)

20 E. Mills St., Columbus, NC 28722

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Welcome! Explore Historic Saluda, Tryon & Columbus - shop and eat local.

Get out and enjoy our natural beauty and hiking. Relax and have fun!

Reoccurring events

Historic Tryon Movie Theatre • Tryon • 45 S. Trade St., Tryon, NC. 828-859-6811.

Tickets at www.tryontheatre.com. **Closed on Christmas Eve & Day, and New Year's Eve.**

- “The Wizard of Oz” is showing **12/20-23**. Wed-Sat at 7pm, and Thu at 2:30pm.
- “The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes” is showing **12/27-30**, Wed-Sat at 7pm, and Thu at 2:30pm.

Live Music and Tastings at Parker-Binns Vineyard • Mill Spring • **Tastings:** Wed-Fri 12-5pm, Sat-Sun 12-6pm.

Closed on Christmas Eve & Day and New Year's Day. Enjoy a bite from Relish Grill Thu-Sat. **Free Music:** 2pm. Sat, **12/23** Phil.

Sat, **12/30** Beau; Sun, **12/31** Phil. 2275 Whiteside Rd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-894-0154. www.parkerbinnsvineyard.com

Live Music and Winery Tours at Mountain Brook Vineyards • Green Creek • **Tastings:** Mon, Wed & Thu

12-6pm, Fri-Sun 12-8pm. Tours by reservation. **Closed Christmas Day.** **Free Music:** 6pm. Sat, **12/23** Dan Keller; Sat, **12/30** Able

Jones. Advance registration required. 731 Phillips Dairy Rd, Tryon, NC. 828-722-1037. www.mountainbrookvineyards.com

Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Nightly through Jan 1, 6-10pm. Enjoy this enormous drive-thru light show animated to music. Purchase tickets online or at the gate, \$35 a car load, can upgrade. The event entrance is 3580 Pea Ridge Rd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-863-1000. www.resort.tryon.com

Charles Dickens' Dinner at The Orchard Inn • Saluda • Thu-Sat, **12/21-23** 6:30pm. 4-course dinner with readings from “A Christmas Carol.” Reservations required, \$99. 100 Orchard Inn Ln., Saluda, NC. 828-749-5471. Orchardinn.com

Holiday Tree Walk at Mountain Brook Vineyards • Green Creek • Wed-Sun 12-6pm. Enjoy the decorated trees and vote for your favorite with a \$1 donation. Proceeds go to Foothills Humane Society. **Closed Christmas Day.** Info above.

Ice Skating at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Thu-Sat, various times, through Jan 1. Bring the whole family ice skating and enjoy the holiday atmosphere. Advance reservation suggested, purchase online, \$20 per person, includes skates. 25 International Blvd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-863-1000. www.resort.tryon.com

Live Music at Green River Eddy's Tap Room • Saluda • Free, 7pm. Fri, **12/22** Charlie Alexander and Company.; Sat, **12/23** Finkelstein Three; Fri, **12/29** Jacktown Ramblers; Sat, **12/30** Fancy and the Gentlemen Trio. 435 Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-848-4060. www.saludaoutfitters.com

Winterfest Village at Tryon Int'l Equestrian Ctr. • Mill Spring • Wed-Sat, **12/20-23**, 5-9pm. Enjoy music, strolling characters & more. Purchase wristbands for the kids from \$10-12. Adults do not require wristbands. See venue info above.

Chauffeured Holiday Light Tour from Mountain Brook Vineyards • Green Creek • Fri-Sat **12/22-23**. Ride in comfort through Shadrack Christmas Lights. Reservations required, \$25 per person. Vineyard contact info above.

Wednesday December 20 (more Wednesday events in reoccurring list above)

Music at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross • Tryon • Free, 12pm. Debbie Thompson and Jeanette Shackelford perform music for the Advent and Christmas season. 150 Melrose Ave., Tryon, NC. www.holycrosstryon.org

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Wednesday December 20 cont. (more Wednesday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)


Holiday Tea at the Historic Green River House • Green Creek • 3pm. Teas/coffees, sandwiches, pastries, etc. Reservations required. 6333 Coxe Rd., Rutherfordton, NC. 828-286-1461. www.thegreenriverhouse.com 

Live Music at Iron Key Brewing Co. • Columbus • Wed, Flight Night 4-9pm, free music at 6pm by Red Rock Hill. 135 Locust St., Columbus, NC. 828-802-1045. www.ironkeybrewing.com 

Thursday, December 21 (more Thursday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)



Wine Tastings • Green Creek • 12-6pm - times vary, four wineries open for tastings, see www.firstpeaknc.com.

Trivia at Iron Key Brewing Co. • Columbus • 7pm. 135 Locust St., Columbus, NC. www.ironkeybrewing.com 

Live Music at The Purple Onion • Saluda • 7:30pm. West End String Band will be playing. Advance tickets required – purchase online, \$8. 16 East Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179. www.purpleonionsaluda.com 

Friday, December 22 (more Friday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Free Wine Tasting • Around the Area • Starting at 5pm, Free wine tastings of featured wines:


- **The Tryon Bottle • Tryon • 15 S. Trade St., Tryon, NC. 828-859-6473.** www.tryonbottle.com 
- **Mewdllic's • Saluda • 171 E. Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-769-9036** 

 **4th Friday in Tryon • Tryon • 5-7pm.** Galleries offer extended hours & one-of-a-kind artwork. Visit the many shops & restaurants. Downtown, Tryon, NC. www.exploretryon.com 

Free Live Music • Saluda • 7pm. Green River Eddy's Tap Room. See info in reoccurring events on Pg. 1.

Saturday, December 23 (more Saturday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Breakfast with Santa at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • 8-11am. Kid-friendly breakfast buffet with Santa! Advance tickets required, \$18/child, \$39/adult, children under 4/free. www.resort.tryon.com See venue info page 1.

 **Customer Appreciation Christmas Party at Parker-Binns Vineyard • Mill Spring • 12-6pm.** Enjoy wine, live music with Phil, meet Santa, sing Christmas carols, and more. See venue info in reoccurring events on page 1.

Holiday Tea at the Historic Green River House • Green Creek • 3pm. Teas/coffees, sandwiches, pastries, etc. Reservations required. 6333 Coxe Rd., Rutherfordton, NC. 828-286-1461. www.thegreenriverhouse.com 

Free Live Music • Around the Area • Starting at 6 & 7pm.

- **Mountain Brook & Green River Eddy's •** See info in reoccurring events on Pg. 1.
- **The Rural Seed • Columbus • 6pm.** Collin Smith. 322 E. Mills St., Columbus, NC. 828-802-1097 

 **Grinch Party Extravaganza at Big Guns Coffee • Tryon • 5-8pm.** Dress as a Whoville character, meet the Grinch, watch the classic "Grinch" movie, and enjoy a Grinch themed scavenger hunt. 158 N. Trade St., Tryon, NC. 833-624-2633 

Winterfest Village at Tryon International Equestrian Ctr. • Mill Spring • 5-9pm. See venue info on Pg. 1.

Sunday, December 24 (more Sunday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Christmas Eve Brunch at The Rural Seed • Columbus • 10am-2pm. 322 E. Mills St., Columbus, NC. 828-802-1097 

Holiday Tree Walk at Mountain Brook Vineyards • Green Creek • 12-8pm. See venue info on page 1.

Feast of the Seven Fishes at KD's Sea Shack • Tryon • 12-7:30pm. Enjoy a 7-course meal featuring an assortment of seafood dishes. Reservations required, \$82. 80 N. Trade St., Tryon, NC. 828-440-1285. www.kdsseashack.com 

Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • 6-10pm. See venue info on page 1.


 Monday, December 25 - Merry Christmas! 

Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • 6-10pm. See venue info on page 1.


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Wednesday December 27 (more Wednesday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)



Live Music at Iron Key Brewing Co. • Columbus • Wed, Flight Night 4-9pm, free music at 6pm by Chris Wayne who will be playing vintage rock n' roll. 135 Locust St., Columbus, NC. 828-802-1045. www.ironkeybrewing.com 

Thursday, December 28 (more Thursday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Live Music at The Purple Onion • Saluda • 7:30pm. Tina and her Pony will be playing. Advance tickets required – purchase online, \$8. 16 East Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179. www.purpleonionsaluda.com 

Friday, December 29 (more Friday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Free Wine Tasting • Around the Area • Starting at 5pm, Free wine tastings of featured wines:

- **The Tryon Bottle • Tryon** • 15 S. Trade St., Tryon, NC. 828-859-6473. www.tryonbottle.com 
- **Mewdlie's • Saluda** • 171 E. Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-769-9036 

Free Live Music • Saluda • 7pm. Green River Eddy's Tap Room. See info in reoccurring events on page 1.


Saturday, December 30 (more Saturday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)



Holiday Tea at the Historic Green River House • Green Creek • 3pm. Teas/coffees, sandwiches, pastries, etc. Reservations required. 6333 Coxe Rd., Rutherfordton, NC. 828-286-1461. www.thegreenriverhouse.com 

Free Live Music • Around the Area • Starting at 2, 6 & 7pm.


- **Parker Binns, Mountain Brook & Green River Eddy's** • See info in reoccurring events on Pg. 1.

Winter Teen Night Out at Stearns Gym • Columbus • Free, 5-9pm. Teens can enjoy basketball, volleyball, board games, a hot cocoa bar, and more. [Registration required](#). 105 N. Peak St., Columbus, NC. 828-894-8199 


Sunday, December 31 (more Sunday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Free Live Music • Mill Spring • 2pm. Parker-Binns Vineyard. See info in reoccurring events on Pg. 1.



New Year's Eve at Azalea Bistro • Saluda • 5:30-8:30pm. Enjoy 12-course prix fix tasting menu including champagne. Reservations required, \$100. 40 E. Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-769-9022. www.azaleabistro.com 



Tryon Midnight • Tryon • 7-10:30pm. Family friendly street festival and the famous ball drop from the clock tower at "Tryon Midnight" which is 10pm. Downtown, Tryon, NC. www.downtowntryon.org 




New Year's Eve Ceremonial Fire at Adawehi • Columbus • 7-8:30pm. Arrive by 6:50pm to join the long tradition of quiet meditation followed by a fire ceremony and a reception. 93 Adawehi Lane, Columbus, NC. 828-894-5260 (until 5pm) or send a message on Facebook. www.adawehi.com 




New Year's Eve Gala at The Orchard Inn • Saluda • 7pm. Enjoy a 7-course dinner with a complimentary glass of champagne. Reservations required, \$145. 100 Orchard Inn Lane, Saluda, NC. 828-749-5471. www.orchardinn.com 




New Year's Eve Bash at Green River Eddy's • Saluda • 6:30pm-12:30am. The Pace Brothers and Borderline Therapy will be playing. Enjoy party favors and midnight champagne toast. Food truck will be open. Reservations suggested, \$20. 435 Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-848-4060. www.saludaoutfitters.com 



New Year's Eve at Tryon International Equestrian Ctr. • Mill Spring • 10pm-1am. Lazr Luvr will be performing timeless favorites from the 80's. Reservations suggested, \$35, includes a champagne toast at midnight. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drink specials available for purchase. See venue information on page 1.

Monday, January 1 – Happy New Year! 



New Year's Day Buffet at Green River House • Green Creek • 12pm. Enjoy a traditional southern buffet including assorted desserts and tea or coffee. Special live music included. Advance reservations are required, \$28 each. 6333 Coxe Rd., Rutherfordton, NC. 828-286-1461. www.thegreenriverhouse.com 

Wine Tastings at Mountain Brook Vineyards • Mill Spring • 12-6pm, see www.firstpeaknc.com.

Final Night of Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • 6-10pm. See page 1.

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