



This week at the First Peak

December 11-17, 2024 (Wed-Tue)

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20 E. Mills St., Columbus, NC 28722

Welcome! Enjoy this week's happenings– including **holiday events**. Our small town main streets of Historic Saluda, Tryon & Columbus are open! Please support our local businesses and attractions, and plan a visit soon.

Reoccurring events

Historic Tryon Movie Theatre • Tryon • “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever” shows Wed-Sat at 7pm and Thu & Sun at 2:30pm. 45 S. Trade St., Tryon, NC. 828-859-6811. Tickets at www.tryontheatre.com

Handcrafted Holiday Market at Tryon Arts & Crafts School • Tryon • Through Dec 19. Purchase items from local artists. Mon-Fri 9am-4pm & Sat 9am-1pm. 373 Harmon Field Rd., Tryon, NC. www.tryonartsandcrafts.org

Live Music and Tastings at Parker-Binns Vineyard • Mill Spring • Free Music: 2pm. Sat, Phil Ruff, Sun, Moonshine State. **Tastings:** Wed 12-5pm, Fri-Sun 12-6pm. Relish Grill open Thu 12-5:30pm, Fri-Sun 12-6:30pm. 2275 Whiteside Rd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-894-0154. www.parkerbinnsvineyard.com

“A Christmas Carol” Play at Tryon Fine Arts Center • Tryon • Thu-Sun, 7:30pm. Family-friendly theatrical event on the Pavilion Stage. Advance tickets \$15, purchase online. 34 Melrose Ave., Tryon, NC. 828-859-8322. tryonarts.org

Holiday Tree Walk Fundraiser at Mountain Brook Vineyards • Green Creek • Wed-Sun 12-6pm. See decorated trees in the Experience Center. 731 Phillips Dairy Rd, Tryon. 828-722-1037. www.mountainbrookvineyards.com

Shadrack’s Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Nightly through Jan 5, 6-10pm. Enjoy this enormous drive-thru light show animated to music. Purchase tickets online or at the gate, starting at \$35 a car load, can upgrade. The event entrance is 3580 Pea Ridge Rd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-863-1000. www.resort.tryon.com

Carriage Ride Through Shadrack’s Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Fri-Sun, through Dec 22, 6-10pm. Enjoy the drive-thru light show animated to music by horse drawn carriage. Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$60 per person. The entrance is at 25 International Blvd., Mill Spring, NC. www.resort.tryon.com

Chauffeured Holiday Light Tour from Mountain Brook Vineyards • Green Creek • Sat-Sun, through Dec 22. Ride in comfort through Shadrack Christmas Lights. Reservations required, \$35 each. 731 Phillips Dairy Rd., Tryon, NC.

Ice Skating at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Fri-Sun, 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

Winterfest Village at Tryon International Equestrian Ctr. • Mill Spring • Fri-Sun through Dec 23, 5-9pm. Enjoy photo ops, music, strolling characters, meet and greet Santa, the Whos from Whoville, bounce house, & more. Tickets are \$14/children and \$18/adult. Purchase online or at the gate. Parking fee is \$10 per vehicle. See venue info above.

Live Music at Green River Eddy’s Tap Room • Saluda • Free music, 6pm. Fri, Bald Mountain Boys; Sat, The Carolina Players. 435 Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-848-4060. www.saludaoutfitters.com

Charles Dickens’ Dinner at The Orchard Inn • Saluda • Thu-Sun through Dec 22, 6:30pm. 4-course dinner with readings from “A Christmas Carol.” Reservations required, \$100. 100 Orchard Inn Lane, Saluda, NC. orchardinn.com

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[Wednesday December 11](#) (more Wednesday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Music at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross • Tryon • Free, 12pm. “All About Bells” an Advent concert series featuring the Holy Cross Ringers. 150 Melrose Ave., Tryon, NC. 828-859-9741. www.holycrosstryon.org 

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



Christmas Parade Downtown Tryon • Tryon • Free, 6pm. Christmas parade through Downtown Tryon

Ugly Holiday Sweater Party at Mirrorball Gallery • Tryon • 7pm. Come in your ugliest holiday sweater, enjoy drinks, snacks, and music. Tickets are \$20 per person. 84 Pacolet St., Tryon, NC. 833-837-8005. mirrorballgallery.com 

[Thursday, December 12](#) (more Thursday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

“A Winter Journey” at Tryon Estates • Columbus • Free, 3:30pm. Enjoy a concert of Christmas music from the Blue Ridge Ringers handbell ensemble. 617 Laurel Lake Dr., Columbus, NC. 

Live Music at The Purple Onion • Saluda • 7:30pm. Music by The Paper Crowns. Advance tickets required – purchase online, \$10. 16 East Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179. www.purpleonionsaluda.com 

[Friday, December 13](#) (more Friday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)



Saluda Hometown Christmas • Saluda • Free, 6-8pm. Stroll through town and enjoy the lights and decorations. Enjoy live music, Christmas carols, hot chocolate and more. Downtown Saluda, NC. 828-749-2581. www.saluda.com 

[Saturday, December 14](#) (more Saturday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Pancakes with Santa at Trade Street Diner • Tryon • 9-10:30am. Enjoy pancakes & hot chocolate. Santa stops by for a chat & pics. Advance tickets required, \$20. 10 N. Main St., Tryon, NC. 828-440-1522. www.tradestreetdiner.com 

Breakfast with Santa at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • 9am-1pm. Kid-friendly breakfast buffet with Santa! Advance tickets required, \$16/child, \$30/adult, children under 4/free. www.resort.tryon.com See venue info page 1.

Polk Co. Kids Makers Market at Stearns Gym • Columbus • 10am-1pm. Purchase holiday gifts from a selection of handmade items made and sold by local kids. 125 Mills St., Columbus, NC. 828-894-8199 

Second Saturday Art Stroll • Tryon • 11am-5pm. Downtown, Tryon, NC. www.exploretryon.com 

Customer Appreciation Christmas Party at Parker-Binns Vineyard • Mill Spring • 12-5pm. Enjoy wine, live music with Phil, meet Santa, sing Christmas carols, and more. See venue info in reoccurring events on page 1.

Downtown Saluda Art Stroll • Saluda • 4-6pm. Come stroll downtown Main St., Saluda, NC. www.saluda.com 

Holiday Ornament Making Class at Overmountain Vineyards • Green Creek • 5pm. Paint holiday ornaments on wooden slabs. Advance reservations are required, \$35. 2012 Sandy Plains Rd., Tryon, NC. 828-863-0523 

Live Music at The Purple Onion • Saluda • 7pm. Music by 81 Drifters. Advance tickets required – purchase online, \$10. 16 East Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179. www.purpleonionsaluda.com 

[Sunday, December 15](#) (more Sunday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Breakfast with Santa at Zoe’s Place • Columbus • 10am-12pm. Kid-friendly pancake breakfast and meet Santa. Advance tickets required, purchase at restaurant, \$7 each. 192 E. Mills St., Columbus, NC. 828-802-1039 

Brunch with Santa at The Fitzgerald • Tryon • 11am-2pm. Kid-friendly brunch and meet Santa & Mrs. Claus! Purchase tickets by Dec 10, \$20/child, \$30/adult. 69 Pacolet St., Tryon, NC. 828-513-9241. www.thefitzgeraldtryon.com 

Community Chorus Christmas Concert • Columbus • 3pm. Enjoy holiday music at Polk County High School’s Auditorium. Purchase tickets at the door, \$10/adult & children/free. 1681 NC 108, Columbus, NC.

Sippin Sunday at The Saluda Inn • Saluda • 4:30pm. Jamie Wright performs. Advance reservations required, \$15. Beverages & small bites available for purchase. 229 Greenville St., Saluda, NC. 828-388-9027. www.thesaludainn.com 

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