

Two weeks at the First Peak

December 18-31, 2024 (Wed-Tue)

20 E. Mills St., Columbus, NC 28722

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Welcome! Enjoy these 2 weeks of 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 • 45 S. Trade St., Tryon, NC. 828-859-6811.

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

- “Elf” shows Wed 18th 7pm, Thu 19th 2:30pm, Sat 21st 7pm
- “A Christmas Story” shows Thu 19th & Fri 20th at 7pm and Sun 22nd at 2:30pm.
- “Wicked” shows from 12/26-1/05 on these days: Thu -Sat at 7pm and Thu & Sun at 2:30pm.

Live Music and Tastings at Parker-Binns Vineyard • Mill Spring • Free Music: 2pm. Sat, **12/21** Phil Ruff; Sun, **12/22** Bill & Tad’s Excellent Duo; Sat, **12/28** Eric Congdon; Sun, **12/29** Phil Ruff. **Tastings:** Wed 12-5pm, Fri-Sun 12-6pm. **Closed on Christmas Eve & Day and New Year's Eve & Day.** Relish Grill open Thu 12-5:30pm, Fri-Sun 12-6:30pm. 2275 Whiteside Rd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-894-0154. www.parkerbinnsvineyard.com

Holiday Tree Walk Fundraiser at Mountain Brook Vineyards • Green Creek • Wed-Sun 12-6pm. **Closed on Christmas Eve & Day and New Year's Day.** See decorated trees in the Experience Center & vote for your favorite with a \$1 donation. 731 Phillips Dairy Rd, Tryon. 828-722-1037. www.mountainbrookvineyards.com

Chimney Rock Park’s Animal Discovery Den at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Free. 12/19-23. Thu-Fri: 4-8pm. Sat-Mon: 11am-5pm with programs at 12pm, 2pm, 4pm. Park naturalists and animal ambassadors will let you meet the wildlife of Western North Carolina. 25 International Blvd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-863-1000. www.resort.tryon.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. See venue info above.

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.


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Reoccurring events-cont'd


Live Music at Green River Eddy's Tap Room • Saluda • Free music, 6pm. Fri, **12/20** Cross Eyed Betty; Sat, **12/21** Finkelstein Three; Fri, **12/27** Paper Crowns Electric Band; Sat, **12/28** Saints and Sinners. 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 

Wednesday December 18 (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 Blue Ridge 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 The Accentrix (Christmas Special). 135 Locust St., Columbus, NC. 828-802-1045. www.ironkeybrewing.com 

Wine Pairing at Tryon International Equestrian Center • Mill Spring • 6pm. Featuring a six-course experience paired with a key selection of wines from Nickel & Nickel at Campagna Italian Cuisine. Advance reservations required, \$125 per person. 25 International Blvd., Mill Spring, NC. 828-863-1000. www.resort.tryon.com 


Thursday, December 19 (more Thursday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Trivia Night at Iron Key Brewing Co. • Columbus • Free, 6pm. Play trivia for prizes. See venue info above.

Live Music at The Purple Onion • Saluda • 6:30pm. Music by Wilderflower. Advance tickets required – purchase online, \$10. 16 East Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179. www.purpleonionsaluda.com 

"Broadway Christmas" at Sunnysdale Cabin • Tryon • 7pm. Tryon Little Theater presents Christmas songs and scenes from Broadway shows. \$10 suggested donation at the door. 334 S. Trade St., Tryon, NC. www.tltinfo.org 

Friday, December 20 (more Friday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

Live Music at K.D.'s Sea Shack • Tryon • 6pm. Music by Keith Troutman. 82 N. Trade St., Tryon, NC. 

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


Columbus Winter Market at Iron Key Brewing • Columbus • 10am-1pm. Buy local produce, homemade goods, crafts and more. 135 Locust St., Columbus, NC. 828-894-2281. www.polkcountyfarms.org 


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.

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

- **Parker-Binns & Green River Eddy's** • See info in **reoccurring events** on page 1.

Music at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross • Tryon • Free, 3pm. Enjoy a "Bluegrass Jam." See above.

★ **"Naughty or Nice" Santa Ball at The Fitzgerald • Tryon** • 6pm. Dress in festive attire, listen to the Masci Family Band, food, and more. Advance tickets required \$35. Call 828-513-9241 to purchase. 69 Pacolet St., Tryon, NC. 

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

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

Music at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross • Tryon • Free, 4pm. Asheville Vocal Ensemble. See above.

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

Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Nightly through Jan 5, 6-10pm. See Pg. 1.

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 Wednesday, December 25 **Merry Christmas!** 

Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Nightly through Jan 5, 6-10pm. See Pg. 1.


Thursday, December 26 (more Thursday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

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



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

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



- **Parker-Binns & Green River Eddy's** • See info in **reoccurring events** on page 1.



Live Music at The Purple Onion • Saluda • 6:30pm. Music by Tina and Her Pony. Advance tickets required – purchase online, \$10. 16 East Main St., Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179. www.purpleonionsaluda.com 



Tuesday, December 31 **Happy New Year's Eve** (more Tuesday events in reoccurring list – top of page 1)

 **Noon Year's Eve Party at Polk Co. Library • Columbus** • Free, 11:30am. Kids and their families are invited to ring in 2025 a few hours early. Enjoy New Year's crafts & activities, and a balloon drop. 1289 W. Mills St., Columbus, NC. 



Shadrack's Christmas Light Show at Tryon Resort • Mill Spring • Nightly through Jan 5, 6-10pm. See Pg. 1.

 **New Year's Eve Celebration at The Cellar The Saluda Inn • Saluda** • 5pm. Enjoy heavy appetizers, music, holiday activities, a complimentary glass of champagne, and more. Drink specials available for purchase. Advance tickets suggested, \$55, available by calling 828-388-9027. 229 Greenville St., Saluda, NC. www.thesaludainn.com 

 **New Year's Eve Bash at Overmountain Vineyards • Green Creek** • 6pm. Enjoy small bites, music and a glass of bubbles. Advance tickets required, \$60, available by calling 828-863-0523. 2012 Sandy Plains Rd., Tryon, NC. 



 **"Puttin on the Fitz" at The Fitzgerald • Tryon** • 6pm. Dress in Black Tie Gatsby Style and enjoy a welcome cocktail, 6 course dinner catered by The Hare & Hound, midnight champagne toast, and music by Peggy Ratusz 6 Piece Jazz Swing Band. Advance tickets required \$175. Call 828-513-9241 to purchase. 69 Pacolet St., Tryon, NC. 



 **Comedy Shows at Tryon International Equestrian Ctr. • Mill Spring** • 6 & 8:30pm. Comedians Philly Plowden and Ben Jones will perform. Reservations required, \$25. Purchase tickets online. See venue info on page 1. 

 **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. 828-290-7523 (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, \$165. 100 Orchard Inn Lane, Saluda, NC. 828-749-5471. www.orchardinn.com 

 **New Year's Eve Bash at Green River Eddy's • Saluda** • 7pm-12:30am. Craig St. John and The Ribald Riffers 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, \$65, includes a champagne toast at midnight. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drink specials available for purchase. See venue information on page 1. 

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