

Local venues ring in the New Year

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Various local venues will usher in the New Year with live entertainment and festivities Saturday, providing options for celebrating the start of 2012.

At about 5 p.m., the annual New Year's Eve torchlight parade and fireworks will take place at Monarch Mountain.

Once the lifts close, skiers and snowboarders can head inside to warm up and wait for nightfall, when guests who have volunteered to participate in the parade will light up the ski hill with hand-held torches while skiing or boarding to the base.

Brian Rill and The New World Love will ring in the New Year with "love rock" beginning at 7 p.m. at Reigning Wine Bar and Microbrews, 130 W. First St.

Living Waters Church will offer a free showing of the rated-PG movie "Courageous," and provide free popcorn and snacks from 7 to 9 p.m. at the church, 5300 U.S. 50 in Salida.

The church will also host an all-night "lock-in" for seventh- to ninth-grade students beginning at 9 p.m. Prizes and free food will be available at the event, and

activities will include basketball tournaments, video games, foosball and air hockey. Permission slips will be required at the door.

Red Bandana, a preteen all-girls' rock band from Salida, will perform from 8 to 9 p.m. at the Boathouse Cantina, 228 N. F St.

Sounds of high-octane honky-tonk and western swing will fill the cantina when Denver band Ethyl and the Regulars takes the stage after Red Bandana. There will be no cover charge for either event.

The Groove Farmers will return to the Victoria Tavern, 143 N. F St., at 9:30 p.m., and the event will include party favors and a champagne toast at midnight for a \$3 cover charge.

Beatles tribute band Doctor Robert will perform at 9 p.m. in the pavilion at the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort, 15870 CR 162 in Nathrop. Cover charge is \$15 and there will be a cash bar.

Country and western music fans can get their New Year's kicks at Wallbangers Sports Bar and Grill, 720 U.S. 50. The performance by Alan Pursell and Martin Epp will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., reservations are



Courtesy photo
Red Bandana band members Mesa and Lily Pinto, both age 11, Alexandra Maes age 13, and Faith Spino, age 12, are middle school students in Salida. Their all girl rock band will perform at 8 p.m. New Year's Eve at the Boathouse Cantina in Salida.

accepted, and cost for the entertainment, party favors, and champagne is built into meal options.

Tender Foot Tavern, 109 N. F St., will host karaoke and a disc jockey who will

play dance music beginning at 9 p.m. The tavern will also offer a champagne toast at midnight.

Bar hoppers can celebrate early at Hattie's Pub, 225 F St., with an "East Coast

toast" at 10 p.m.

Free rides in Salida and Poncha Springs will be available from the Chaffee Shuttle until 2 a.m. New Year's Eve by calling 207-0371.

News briefs

CDOT closes U.S. 285 from Johnson Village to Kenosha

Blowing snow closed 55 miles of U.S. 285 from Johnson Village north to Kenosha Pass from about 12:30-5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Stacey Stegman of the Colorado Department of Transportation said high wind drove snow across the highway cre-

ating ice.

The sensor at Jefferson showed wind at 46 mph with gusts as high as 60 mph, transportation officials said.

A number of slideoffs were reported on U.S. 285 south of Fairplay, and a tractor-trailer rig was reported tipped over.

Mountain Mail reporter Cai-ley McDermott and Fairplay Flume reporter Mike Potter

contributed to this story.

City removes snow pack

Snow pack removal for all city streets began Tuesday and will continue through Friday by Salida Public Works Department employees.

Officials said they will do their best to maintain any area where residents have

cleared snow for driveways and walkways.

Officials apologize for any inconvenience. Direct questions to the department at 539-6257.

Public works offers tree recycling

Salida residents may drop off Christmas trees for recy-

cling from today until Jan. 20 at the reservoir west of Walmart and south of U.S. 50.

Salida Public Works personnel will accept trees for free, without decorations, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Signs will be posted at the location.

Questions can be directed to Salida public works at 539-6257.

Holiday Park!

MUST COME DOWN!

If you have a tree;
Take-down is now through
Mon. Jan. 2nd

All trees will be taken down
starting Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.
To assure you of getting
your ornaments back,
please take down your tree
before then.

Again, Thank You for Supporting Holiday Park!

Happy New Year

EARLY DEADLINE NOTICE

DISPLAY ADS:

The deadline for any ads running in *The Mountain Mail*,
Monday, January 2nd is 4:00 pm on Wed., Dec. 28th.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

The deadline for any classified word ads running in *The Mountain Mail*
on Monday, January 2nd is 2:00 pm on Thurs., Dec. 29th.

The Mountain Mail's business office
will be closed on Friday, Dec. 30th.