

November **Yellowstone Bluegrass Association** December
2005

Bluegrass Clippings

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BLUEGRASS CALENDAR

November

Sun		Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		Laurel Jam River of Life Church 7:00pm 1	2	3	Lincoln & Pizza Hut	Cash & Friends Prairie Winds Molt 5
	6	7	8	9	10	11
13	14	Laurel Jam River of Life Church 7:00pm 15	16	Gordon Lightfoot Born 1938 17	Lincoln & Pizza Hut Mont Mando Society Sheridan 18	The Larsons & Friends Prairie Winds Molt 19
20	21	Laurel Jam River of Life Church 7:00pm 22	Roy Acuff dies 1992 23	Turkey Day! 24	Lincoln Closed Pizza Hut 25	Cold Frosty Morning Prairie Winds Molt 26
27	28	Laurel Jam Pizza Hut 7:00pm 29	30			

Don't miss...

Special Consensus at the Round Barn,
Red Lodge 11/12
Be Good Tanvas at the Alberta Bair Theater,
Billings 11/19

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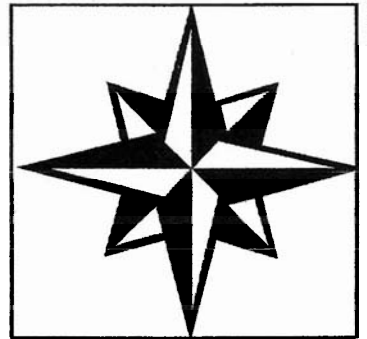
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December

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri Lincoln & Pizza Hut	Sat Spur of the Mo- ment Prairie Winds Molt
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4	5	Laurel Jam River of Life Church 7:00pm 6	7	8	Lincoln & Pizza Hut 9	Banjo Bob Z Prairie Winds Molt 10
11	12	Laurel Jam River of Life Church 7:00pm 13	14	A P Carter Born 1891 15	Lincoln & Pizza Hut 16	Longtime Lone- some Dogs Prairie Winds Molt 17
18	John McEuen Born 1945 19	Laurel Jam River of Life Church 7:00pm 20	21	22	Lincoln closed Pizza Hut 23	Christmas Eve 24
Merry Christmas!		Laurel Jam Pizza Hut 7:00pm 27	28	29	Lincoln closed Pizza Hut 30	New Year's Eve Highway 302 Prairie Winds Molt 31

Martin D-42 AR: A Fine Guitar

<u>Maker</u>	... <i>C F Martin Co</i>
<u>Limited Edition</u>	... <i>only 30 made</i>
<u>Peghead</u>	... <i>bound w/ vertical C F Martin inlay</i>
<u>Tuners</u>	... <i>Waverly "butterbean" tuners</i>
<u>Top</u>	... <i>Alpine spruce top</i>
<u>Fret Marker Inlay</u>	... <i>snowflake</i>
<u>Back And Sides</u>	... <i>old growth Amazon Rosewood</i>



Exotic woods alone are not the beginning and end of a great guitar, but they help. C F Martin has been a standard in the acoustic instrument building business since 1833. Experience like that and the right wood, exotic or not, can only produce an axe that anyone would envy. There are a number of new D-42's played in the YBA, and they all sound great. Mark Harmala has the only D-42 "AR". One might be able to look at it, if one asks nicely. If one touches it, he or she is very lucky.

The CD Addict

Musical suggestions from the editor for those who simply must have more Bluegrass!

CD

Special Delivery by Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers

Sparks carries on with the Stanley Bros sound. A great CD in every way. My favorite tune is the old Hank Williams' classic, "California Zephyr". There are two very interesting instrumentals, "Faded Love" and "San Antonio Rose" that really showcase Spark's abilities (familiar but fresh).

It's a good one!

Down the Old Plank Road: The Nashville Sessions by the Chieftains

The Chieftains, without a doubt the most famous and most recorded Irish super-group, continue their relationship with the US which was started when they recorded *Another Country* back in 1992. *Down the Old Plank Road* takes a route deeper in-country on the American music map and digs up tunes and players more familiar to Oldtimey and Bluegrass crowds than the first recording which was more contemporary "Country". As is the normal format for the Chieftains, the band pairs up songs American and Irish. If the songs are not obviously related by topic, they are at least similar melodically. This time, however, their Yankee counterparts are Earl Scruggs, Tim O'Brien, Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder, Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, Bela Fleck and many more. Some of the tunes on this disc include: "Country Blues", "Cindy", "Sally Goodin", and "Tennessee Stud". My favorite is "I'll Be All Smiles Tonight". This waltz written, according to notes on the CD, in 1879 is performed by Country artist Martina McBride. Old waltzes on new recording are rare indeed.

Another feature of the CD which is unique—a large number of artist from many different recording houses. Can you imagine the stacks of legal documents that must have been created to allow this kind of project to be marketed!! People go out of their way to play with the Chieftains.

It's a good one!

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The Berrys Find a New Home

Congratulations to the Berrys, Rolland and Lori, on their new home in Miles City. The address is: 520 Sioux Ave., Miles City, MT 59301. Their telephone (I hope it works!) number is: (406) 232-1049. E-mail brrybst@wmconnect.com

They say they'll be around Billings for jams and things. Folks in Miles City have already welcomed them warmly. YBA wishes them the best of everything.

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