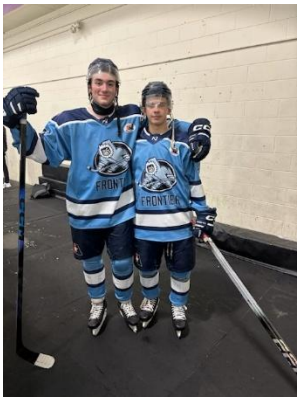
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Weekly E-Newsletter November 26th, 2026

Dear Great Falls Americans Enthusiast:

The trip to Butte last Friday night had some ups and downs, but the most important results are we got home safely and with a 3-2 win. Kudos to our bus driver, Rex Rigor, for navigating some tricky roads on the way home after the game and getting everyone back into town safely, albeit a little later than usual. The Americans picked up a "gritty" 3-2 win in Butte after getting into penalty trouble late in the 2nd period and early in the 3rd that facilitated a 2-0 lead slipping away. Xander Troyer netted the game winner on a power play of our own with 3:49 remaining and Jaxon Kruzich came into the 3rd period to record 25 saves and pick up his first Junior win in goal. Reid Lezibski and Jase Troyer were the other goal scorers with Xander added an assist while also picking up his 5th game winning goal of the season.



Gordon Jennings and Xander Troyer then travelled to the Boston area on Saturday to participate in the NA#HL Top Prospect Tournament for 2006-2007 birth year players. Team Frontier Division recorded 7-2 and 10-0 wins in their two games with Xander picking up two goals and Gordy adding two assists. They travelled home Tuesday and were ready to get back with the Americans on Wednesday at practice. Congrats to Xander and Gordy for being selected and thank you for representing the Americans with professionalism. There will be a young gun's event in February for the 2008-2009 birth year players, and we look to have representation there, as well.

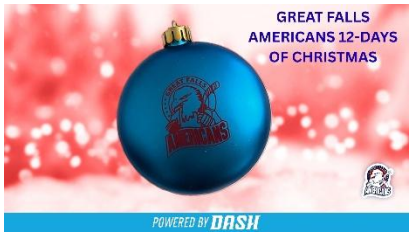
The Americans are home Saturday night as we host Bozeman for $2 beer night – presented by **Gusto Distributing**. Small domestic beers will be $2 while small craft beers will be $3. For those looking for a little extra with the souvenir cups, those beers will be discounted $2 as well. I know there is a lot going on over the holiday weekend, but let's make sure we still pack the Ice Plex and support our team as we approach the half-way point of the season.

The Black Friday and Cyber Monday sale on **DASH** is up and running and will run through Monday night. There is a BOGO ½ ticket season sale along with some reduced-price sale items and some "stocking stuffer" packages at blowout prices available. Next up will be a special promotion where you can order a customized Baldy "locker plate"- the perfect holiday gift for the hockey player, or athlete, young and old.



I am very happy to announce the return of the **Great Falls Americans 12 Days of Christmas**. Entries will start on the 1st by simply purchasing a Baldy Christmas ornament where you will automatically be entered into a contest where a different mystery package winner of Americans' swag and memorabilia will be drawn each day from December 13th-24th. We did this for the first time last season, and it was a huge hit - so we look forward to continuing the tradition of making a few of our fans holiday a little more special.





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Finally, we are very pleased to partner with **Russell Country Federal Credit Union** for the "Teddy Bear Toss" on December 12th. The first 50 kids in attendance that night will receive a **Russell Country Federal Credit Union** Beanie and as part of the festivities, we will be auctioning off a very limited number of (nine total) special Teddy Bear/Christmas themed jerseys with the proceeds benefitting a program we will run next summer with **Russell Country FCU** that will allow under-privileged kids to experience ice sports during a summer camp type format. Use the QR code to the left to activate with **DASH** and take advantage of all the opportunities coming up.



The Americans volunteered their time last Thursday morning to unload Christmas Trees for the Uptown Optimist Club before practice. This has become an annual volunteer event as it will take the Americans about an hour to unload two semi-loads of trees at the fairgrounds, and they will head to practice straight from there. The Optimist Club sells Christmas trees and wreaths daily starting on Friday until sold out. They are located in the beef barn at Expo Park and are open roughly 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM daily. Proceeds from the sales supports local Great Falls Youth Groups and their activities.





Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to give thanks for all our fans, partners, billet families, players and general supporters who allow us to participate in this great sport. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and let this be the beginning of a joyous and safe holiday season.

Player Profile – #92 Jack Banion (Castle Rock, CO) 5'10" 175 lbs. FOR– Shoots Right DOB 01/27/2007



Favorite Team: Colorado Avalanche **Favorite Player:** Cale Makar
Favorite Movie: Any Spiderman Movie **Favorite Actor/Actress:** Adam Sandler
Favorite Food: Steak **Favorite Pre-Game Meal:** Pasta
If you were animal: A Cheetah – Speed is king
Musical Group You Won't Miss in Concert: NBA Youngboy
Pre-Game Hype Music: Rap
One Person to be stuck with on a deserted Island: My Brother
Hobbies other than Hockey: Watching Sports, Lifting
Three People you would like to invite to Dinner:
Kevin Hart, Adam Sandler, My Papa
College/University of Choice: University of Michigan
Like Most About Great Falls: The family environment
How would you define a successful season: A good record and competing every game

Here are the upcoming and special dates to add to your calendar:

- November 25th-30th – Black Friday and Cyber Monday Sale on **DASH**.
- November 28th **–** Home game versus Bozeman. 7:05 PM Puck Drop and $2 beer night presented by **Gusto Distributing**.

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- December 5th – Home game versus Helena and Salute to 10U Hockey Night. 7:05 PM.
- December 6th – Away game versus Bozeman. 5:15 PM with Official Watch Party at **Buffalo Wild Wings.**
- December 11th- Home game versus Yellowstone and Salute to 8U Hockey Night. 7:05 PM.
- December 12th – 2nd Annual **Russell Country Federal Credit Union** "Teddy Bear Toss".
- December 20th-22nd – NA3HL Showcase, Blaine, MN.
- January 8th and 15th – Rodeo/Rancher Appreciation.
- February 12th and 13th – Local Business Appreciation presented by **Comparion Insurance- Todd Neighbor** and **Great Falls Chamber of Commerce.**
- March 12th – Home game versus Badlands Sabres – Billet Appreciation presented by **Toyota.**
- March 13th - Home game versus Bozeman – Fan Appreciation presented by **Toyota.**

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