

Tuesday Opening

The Magic of Keith Raymond



When magician Keith Raymond takes the stage, you never know exactly what's going to happen... and that's just the way he likes it. Things appear and disappear, mysteries abound, and most importantly, people laugh and have a great time. It's all part of the crazy world of magic.

Keith got interested in magic at a young age. The magic bug didn't really bite, however, until he was in his late 20s when he received a magic kit that led him to perform for co-workers and incorporate material into his fire department trainings. He eventually invested in larger illusions and props to create a stage act in 2004 for the Centra States Fair in Rapid City.

Now based in Forsyth, Montana, and a veteran of hundreds of performances at fairs and other events in Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas, Keith has opened for such acts as Sawyer Brown, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Styx, Charlie Daniels, and others. He likes to say he is constantly rebooting his show, adding new routines and honing his stagecraft with every performance.

Tuesday Workshop: "I Know a Guy who..."

Keith Raymond, the Rosebud County Disaster and Emergency Services director, educates students on practices to prevent traumatic injury and dispels fallacies from his experience of over 30+ years on the crash scene. He structures his information as presenting facts, not preaching, to allow students to think of better choices behind the wheel. Using tales of crash scenes from his career, Keith discusses the likelihood of drowning because the seatbelt was stuck or the car catching on fire, etc. Originally this talk was modeled after the Billings Clinic "ThinkFirst" presentation, but has evolved to fit the needs of rural Montana. Some of the new specialty equipment that is carried in ambulances will also be shown.



Steffani Grogan, past MTEA president, Traffic Ed Teacher of the Year 2020 and Forsyth instructor has been stretching curriculum to be more student interactive for 35 years. She constantly reevaluates lessons trying to create the "Thinking Classroom" where students are encouraged to come to conclusions using different methods. The teacher is more the facilitator who questions or sets up open ended situations than the lecturer.

Workshop:

"Who Would Have Thunk It? Take Two" will take some of the module components that are harder to create hands-on activities for and introduce a more student led process. Engaging learners and implementing techniques to stretch student thinking will be demonstrated in the curriculum areas of emotions/stress, drugs/alcohol, intersections and more.



Dr. Rick Chromey is a cultural historian, inspirational speaker, best-selling author and professor. His mission is to help people interpret history, navigate culture and explore faith. In 2022 he became a historian/guest speaker for American Cruise Lines.

Rick is the author of over a dozen books, including his latest: "GenTech: An American Story of Technology, Change and Who We Really Are (2021)." He's a respected expert in motivational theory, classroom management, leadership development and communication strategy.

Keynote: GenTech

Three American generations dominate the learning landscape, but do we understand who they really are? And what if there's a better way to frame generations? In this engaging, insightful conversation, discover how the technology they experienced in youth is branding their generational personality, guides their communication and frames their learning habits.

Workshop: Motivating Learning Without Gimmicks or Guilt

Deep down everyone hungers to learn. The problem is educators prefer shortcuts that short-circuit inner motivation in the classroom. It's easier to use incentives and even punishments to motivate a learner. The problem? Study after study shows that the use of behavioral incentives to modify behavior fail to provoke long-term results. Is there a better way? Absolutely! Just feed the NEEDS.

Or, as we call'em...the GROWLS...and watch'em learn!