

Q&A

A MOST DELICIOUS WEEK

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AFTER A BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON, IT MIGHT BE TIME TO TREAT YOURSELF TO A NIGHT ON THE TOWN, OR A WEEKEND GETAWAY. CUE RESTAURANT WEEK IN DOWNTOWN RAPID CITY. AS DESTINATION RAPID CITY BUSINESS COORDINATOR MORGAN LEVITUS EXPLAINS, THE WEEKLONG EVENT RETURNS TO HELP BOTH RESIDENTS AND VISITORS FIND THEIR NEW FAVORITE SPOT, AND CELEBRATE WHAT MAKES RAPID CITY SPECIAL.



Tell us about how this event works.

Morgan Levitus: From Sunday, January 15 through Saturday, January 21, participating restaurants will offer specially-crafted menu options for \$20 - and that will include a multi-course meal, made up of any combination of appetizers, main course, and dessert or a drink.

What about after dinner?

ML: Main Street Square is offering a promotion for free ice skating during the week with proof of participation. So if you want to extend your evening and go ice skating, you can show your receipt and get free skating and rentals. There's so much to do in Downtown afterwards beyond ice skating - going to a show or a museum, or just perusing the shops. You can really make a whole night of it.

This is Restaurant Week's second year. What kind of response did it get last year?

ML: We got an overwhelmingly positive response for the first week from both the diners and participating restaurants. The restaurants said it was wildly successful. Diners last year thought it was a great opportunity for them to maybe try a new restaurant that they haven't been to before, to get together with friends, or celebrate something special.

What's unique about Rapid City's downtown dining scene?

ML: Rapid City has a great mix of restaurants, a nice variety where you have everything from international cuisine to steak dinners to elevated pub food. There's something for everyone. They're all locally owned and operated restaurants, so you're supporting our community. With the variety of what we have you can really kind of go on a culinary adventure without having to leave downtown.

What about for out-of-towners?

ML: There's tons of great hotels in downtown Rapid City where people can make it a weekend adventure. Visit a few different restaurants while they're here, stay in a hotel, and check out our events calendar and all the fun things going on as well. Kind of like a fun weekend getaway in the winter.

For a full list of participating restaurants and menu previews, visit downtownrapidcity.com. No passes or tickets are required to participate, but reservations are recommended at some establishments.