BEST LOCAL BAND

GALLOWAY

Ben Brady | Reporter

Galloway has been named Boone’s best local band for the second time, after also being recognized in 2020. The indie rock/pop group recorded their debut EP, “Think It Over,” in Nashville and released it September 2019. They began playing at local venues and bars such as TApp Room and Boone Saloon before COVID-19 halted live shows. During their hiatus, the band rehearsed at their friend’s house and eventually returned to performing outdoors in June 2020 to uphold social distancing guidelines, according to the band’s Instagram.

Since then, Galloway has increased their following, playing at significant local music shows, including Summaween at the Hillside House June 2021 and various Draba promotions. In February, the group opened for COIN in front of nearly 1,500 concertgoers at the Schaefer Center. The band released their latest single, “Buzzcut,” in October 2020, which has amassed over 30,000 streams on Spotify. Galloway is in the process of recording their next untitled EP.

BEST TATTOO ARTIST

CUTTY BAGE

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Owner and artist of Hollow Moon Tattoo, Cutty Bage, has been tattooing in the High Country for over 10 years. Known for her illustrative black work, Bage produces some of the highest quality tattoos in Boone. She is a master of portraits with an ability to recreate and reimagine some of the most recognizable characters ever. Bage is only available through appointments, and her waitlist is months long — a testament to her talent. As an artist, Bage is committed to creating the most quality tattoo possible, as she knows how much meaning the tattoos hold to her customers.

“The coolest thing about tattooing is it makes people love their bodies more,” Bage said. “It allows people to feel more like themselves and really express who they are.”