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As the snow begins to melt and winter slowly transitions to spring, Big Sky begins to show signs of a new season. ILLUSTRATION BY CARIE BIRKMEIER

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# NEWS IN BRIEF



## Shred unwanted documents at chamber's second annual event

BIG SKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BIG SKY – The Big Sky Chamber of Commerce is hosting its second annual End of Season Shred Party on May 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members of the community are encouraged to stop by the Big Sky and Greater Yellowstone Welcome Center to safely and securely get rid of their unwanted documents.

Now that we're at the end of another busy winter season, it's time for spring cleaning, and this community event is the perfect time to declutter your office and home. Take advantage of the Shred Party to destroy tax forms, financial records, confidential documents, unwanted papers, or personal information. All shredded paper will be recycled.

Big Sky Western Bank will bring a grill and the Rotary Club of Big Sky will provide food and refreshments so everyone can enjoy lunch while they get rid of documents and network with community members. Republic Services will provide a \$200 credit to the business that shreds the most paper – in 2015, nearly 2.5 tons of paper was shredded at the inaugural event.

*For more information about the 2016 End of Season Shred Party, contact Marci Lewandowski at the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce at (406) 995-3000, or email [marci@bigskychamber.com](mailto:marci@bigskychamber.com).*

## Yellowstone tourism creates \$638.6 million in economic benefits

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

A new National Park Service report shows that 4.1 million visits to Yellowstone National Park in 2015 totaled \$493.6 million in spending in communities near the park. That spending supported 7,737 jobs in the area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$638.6 million.

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists Catherine Cullinane Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey and Lynne Koontz of the Park Service. The report shows \$16.9 billion of direct spending by 307.2 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 295,000 jobs nationally; 252,000 of those jobs are found in gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$32 billion.

According to the 2015 report, 31.1 percent of park visitor spending was for lodging, followed by food and beverages at 20.2 percent, then gas and oil at 11.8 percent. Admissions and fees accounted for 10.2 percent of visitor spending, and souvenirs and other expenses made up 9.8 percent.

This year, report authors produced an interactive tool that allows users to explore current year visitor spending, jobs, and labor income, among other data. Users can also view year-by-year trend data.

*The interactive tool and report are available on the NPS Social Science Program website at [go.nps.gov/use](http://go.nps.gov/use). The report includes information for visitor spending at individual parks and by state.*

## Resort tax applications due May 2

EBS STAFF

Applications for Big Sky Resort Area District tax appropriations are due Monday, May 2, by 3 p.m. in the BSRAD office located in Town Center at 11 Lone Peak Drive, Suite 204.

Last year, \$5.1 million in resort tax funds were approved for area organizations, including rollover requests from the previous year, and \$1.3 million approved for the resort tax sinking fund.

The board will announce the total amount of resort tax funds to be appropriated this year at the Q-and-A for applicants on June 6, held at 1 p.m. in the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center.

Through February – the most recent data available as of EBS press time – the district had collected \$3,057,308 since fiscal year 2016 began in July. That's an 8 percent increase over fiscal year 2015 during the same period.

The next BSRAD board meeting is Wednesday, May 4 at 9 a.m., and the appropriations meeting will be held Monday, June 20, at 6 p.m. in the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center.

## Big Sky represented at international field hockey tournament

EBS STAFF

Melissa Emery traveled halfway around the world to compete at the 2016 Hockey Masters World Cup from March 28 to April 6, representing the U.S. on the age 40-plus masters field hockey team in Canberra, Australia.

Emery set up a GoFundMe site to help defray the travel and tournament expenses. The server and front of house manager at Olive B's restaurant raised over \$1,600 thanks in large part to the generosity of the community, she said, and posters her friend Anna Shipley hung up in local businesses. In addition, Big Sky resident Kathryn Martin donated airline mileage to buy Emery's flight home from Sydney.

"I had people just walk in and leave me money anonymously at Olive B's. It was pretty incredible," Emery said. "Everybody was saying, 'We just want you to go.'"

After playing collegiate field hockey at the University of Southern Maine, Emery played in a summer league for three years with the U.S. national team. This winter she tuned up for Australia with tournaments in California over Thanksgiving and in Phoenix in January.

In Canberra, she was competing against teams from Australia, New Zealand, Wales and England, and her squad had never played together until the tournament. While they ended fifth out of sixth, Emery said that her team started to mesh toward the end of week and closed the tournament with a win.

## Big Sky, big issues Your voice matters!

The survey out now from EBS is an important instrument to gauge where our community stands on important issues in this rapidly growing area. From responsible development to parks and trails, knowing the community's hot topics is important for everyone.

We want to report on issues that speak to you, on the important topics the community wants to know about. This survey better enables us to do so.

Here is your chance to tell us how you feel, what concerns you, and what you want to see from community leaders as well as us here at EBS. Here is your voice.

Oh, and survey participants will be entered into a drawing to win a choice of \$100 gift cards from either Ozsage Spa or The Corral restaurant.

Visit [surveymonkey.com/r/bigskybigissues](http://surveymonkey.com/r/bigskybigissues) to complete the survey. – EBS Staff

## Big Sky local named to state tourism board

EBS STAFF

Gov. Steve Bullock on April 6 appointed Big Sky's Katie Grice to the Tourism Advisory Council for the Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development.

Grice will join Big Sky Resort's brand manager Glenniss Indreland as a representative of the Yellowstone Country Region. Indreland is vice chair of the 14-member board that includes tourism professionals from around the state.

Since September 2014, Grice has been an associate market manager for Expedia Lodging Partner Services. Prior to that she worked for the resort as a national sales manager and has lived in Big Sky for nine years. With TAC's focus on how state-lodging tax is spent on tourism projects, Grice says her experience with Expedia should be an asset to the board.

She says the purpose of the council is to advise the Department of Commerce on how to bring more tourism dollars into the state, and work with convention and visitor bureaus (CVBs) on their marketing plans. Grice's first TAC meeting was days after her appointment, on April 10 in Kalispell.

"It's still fairly new, so I'm just excited to learn and grow from this experience," she said. "I'm excited to go to work, really."





*News from our publisher, Outlaw Partners*

# Outlaw welcomes part-time distributor, writer

BY TYLER ALLEN  
EBS STAFF WRITER

Douglas Hare was hired by Outlaw Partners in February to help with the distribution efforts of the Explore Big Sky newspaper and Mountain Outlaw magazine throughout southwest Montana. The EBS editorial staff has since tapped his academic background and love for skiing to cover freeride competitions in Big Sky and beyond.



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After moving to Big Sky in August, Hare spent his first full season at Big Sky Resort this winter, but was familiar with the terrain after skiing Moonlight Basin the previous five seasons on holidays with his family and during winter breaks from graduate school.

Hare grew up in Richmond, Va., and earned his bachelor's in religious studies from Princeton University in 2005. He went on to Harvard Divinity School where he received a master's of theological studies in 2012, studying the philosophy of religion.

"I'm interested in cosmology and metaphysics, specifically the philosophy of Charles Sanders Peirce," Hare said. "He's generally credited as the founder of pragmatism, America's homegrown philosophy."

Before his move to Big Sky, Hare lived in Boston working for the Harvard Innovation Lab – a startup incubator for Harvard-affiliated entrepreneurs – and then Charlestown, S.C., where he spent time writing and working for the hotel management company Lowcountry Hotels. Hare says he's skied throughout the western U.S. but Big Sky offers a unique experience.

"I like that Big Sky has a small-town feel and big-mountain terrain – and Lotus Pad," he said, referring to the local Asian restaurant.

Soon after his August arrival, Hare began working in outdoor services for Moonlight Basin at The Reserve golf club and then as a ski host based at the Moonlight Lodge. He helped people with their equipment and directions, and managed parking lot traffic. "People don't like when you carry their skis," he said. "I would literally get in tug of war [battles] with people."

Hare will be working exclusively for Outlaw until The Reserve at Moonlight Basin opens in June, and he says he enjoys distributing the publications from Bozeman to Big Sky and south to West Yellowstone.

"I like getting to meet local business owners in Bozeman and Big Sky, I like how people are happy to get a fresh newspaper ... [and] keeping abreast of what's going on in southwest Montana," he said.

Hare also played soccer at Princeton and is now coaching for FC Blitz, Big Sky's U12 team. In addition to a trip planned to Glacier National Park this spring, he's excited for the activities his first full summer in Montana will afford.

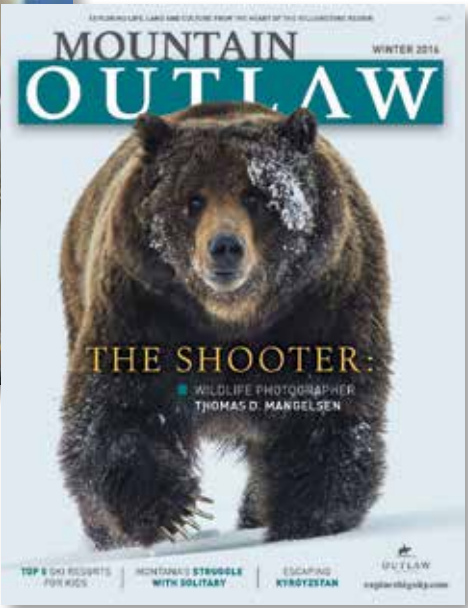
"I grew up bass fishing on the James River with a rod and a reel, but I can't wait to get out there and see if I can't catch a few cutthroat on a dry fly," he said. "Actually, walleye fishing is No. 1 on the list."

And, he says, he's still looking for a good game of chess in Montana.

*Read Hare's write-up of the Big Sky Freeride team's success at the IFSA Junior Freeride North American Championships in Whistler, British Columbia, on page 23.*



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# Obituary: Bernard “Bernie” Feingold



Bernard “Bernie” Feingold passed away peacefully of natural causes on April 24, 2016. Bernie was born Sept. 25, 1945 to Jake and Anna Feingold in Philadelphia, Pa., and was preceded in death by his father. Bernie is survived by his mother Anne Weber Feingold, and cousins Mimi Hause and Mike Weber of Philadelphia.

Bernie attended Catholic school from kindergarten through college. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and at the Pentagon. He was honorably discharged in September 1972 and was awarded an OPO Certificate of Achievement. He was also an active and charter member of the American Legion Post 99 of Big Sky.

Bernie moved to Big Sky in 1980, where he first owned the Almart (now Cinnamon Lodge), then

Hunters Saloon (now Gallatin Riverhouse Grill), and finally Moose River Hummers at Big Sky Resort, where for over 30 years he extended his generosity and love of laughter. He will be dearly missed by his family and countless friends.

Pending family plans and notification of his widespread family and friends, a memorial service will be held midsummer, on a date to be determined.

**“Moose River Hummer”**  
3/4 shot Peppermint Schnapps  
1/8 shot Galliano  
1/8 shot Lemon Hart 151 dark rum

“Here’s to you, kid.”

# Obituary: John “Mitch” Simkins



John Michael (Mitch) Simkins, age 57, was born in Bozeman, on August 16, 1958, to Bob and Jean (Williams) Simkins. After attending Longfellow and Willson grade schools and Bozeman Junior High, he graduated from Bozeman Senior High in 1977.

Mitch had an adventurous spirit and many friends who were happy to join him in those adventures while coming of age in the Gallatin Valley of the 1970s. He participated in a variety of sports, including football, baseball, basketball, track and field, and golf. He also excelled as a wrestler, placing at the state tournament.

He enjoyed the outdoors, and was an avid and strong water and snow skier. He could go all day, leaving others with aching legs, hoping for mercy. He took great pride in helping others – especially nephews and nieces – learn and appreciate his love of sports.

In 1981, Mitch graduated from University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., with a B.A. in accounting. After graduation, he stayed in the Tacoma area and became a partner at the Dwyer, Pemberton and Coulson accounting firm.

During college he met the love of his life, and complementary opposite, Sheri (Bollinger) Simkins. After a 12-year courtship, they married in 1990. They moved to Bozeman in 1992 to help run Simkins Hallin Lumber Company, the family company, as well as family real estate

holdings. They had their son, Shane, in 1992 and daughter, Kelli, in 1993.

A proud and loving father, Mitch was always active in his children’s lives, supporting all of their endeavors. He coached Little League baseball, and attended virtually every one of his kids’ sporting events. He and Sheri logged tens of thousands of miles to take Shane to and from hockey tournaments throughout the region, and Kelli to her soccer matches.

Mitch was an avid fan of all Bozeman sports, from the high school to Montana State University. He could recall statistics, rosters and outcomes of games from years past with astonishing accuracy. He was also an ardent runner, competing for years on a competitive relay team in the Puget Sound area. He ran the Seattle Marathon, and at the age of 44 completed the 20-mile Ridge Run after spraining his ankle during the first 1.5 miles, saying the only reason he finished is that he didn’t want to do it again!

A public man, Mitch generously supported and participated in many causes in the community. His support allowed Sheri to build a clinic to provide services to special needs and pediatric therapy patients. He helped upgrade the playground at Longfellow School and contributed to the soccer fields at Bozeman High School. Mitch loved Bozeman, and was an ardent champion of its treasures – including its people.

Mitch was best known and loved for his kindness, his pleasure in greeting people he knew, and his remarkable ability to listen and genuinely connect with each person he met. He had an acute memory and ability to recall the smallest details of people’s lives and make them feel special. He was humble and understated, and had a generous heart.

He believed in the goodness of all people and in their ability to succeed, helped many kids in the community by providing them with jobs, and was proud of the long careers of many of the employees at the lumberyard.

Mitch was a magnet for kids from ages 6 to 25, asking them about their sports and other interests and good-naturedly teasing them. Mitch was also a devoted son. Following the passing of his father, he spent Sundays with Jean, his mother and trusted business partner.

Mitch also had many close and devoted friends, including many friendships that began in elementary school and continued to the present, as well as those nurtured over the last few decades when he and Sheri returned to Bozeman to raise their family, help in the family businesses, and be members of the Bozeman community.

Everywhere he went, Mitch knew someone, and always took the time to say hello. He was an unfailingly loyal and generous friend who was loved by many. He and Sheri were always the most enthusiastic hosts of out-of-town visitors, sometimes running a small (free) hotel out of their house, complete with great food, beverages, and hearty laughter and storytelling. Mitch made his love for his friends clear to them, and had the habit of never letting anyone pay for anything, whether a round of beer, golf or a sumptuous dinner.

Everyone who met Mitch knew how smart he was. He had a razor-sharp mind, and his precise memory for details extended to numbers, real estate, tax policies, the construction business, the ski industry, regional economics and beyond. Mitch was a savvy businessman, and along with his brother, Tom, helped expand the family lumber business, making it a flourishing employer of more than 150 people.

He and his brothers, Bill and Tom, had a creative vision and passionate commitment to realizing his father’s legacy in Big Sky to develop Town Center, which includes commercial facilities and a housing community to help Big Sky flourish as a year-round resort and place where people from near and far can enjoy its wonders.

Mitch is survived by his wife of 25 years, Sheri Simkins; two children, Shane and Kelli; brothers, Tom (Ronda) and Bill (Erna); sister, Janet; and mother, Jean; as well as many in-laws, nieces and nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Bob Simkins; aunt, Kay Murphy; and uncle, Richard Williams. Mitch will be dearly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the following organizations: Eagle Mount (eaglemount.org) and the Center for Mental Health Research and Recovery at Montana State University (montana.edu/cmhrr/).





In a report about traffic and transportation issued March 30 by the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, David Kack of the Western Transportation Institute recommended that the Montana Department of Transportation conduct a speed study on MT 64, also known as Lone Mountain Trail.

**Residents have expressed concern about the lack of turn lanes and poor sight lines on the road, which varies in speed limit from 45–50 mph. What do you think about changing the speed limit on MT 64?**



**Matt Fritz**, Big Sky, Mont.,  
Private Chef, Fishing Guide

“You need to ticket people...and [they] will slow down. Same thing with Little Coyote. [Drivers] go whipping by when I’m walking the dog and they go like 60 and the speed limit is 25.”



**Opie Jahn**, Big Sky, Mont.,  
Owner, Caliber Coffee

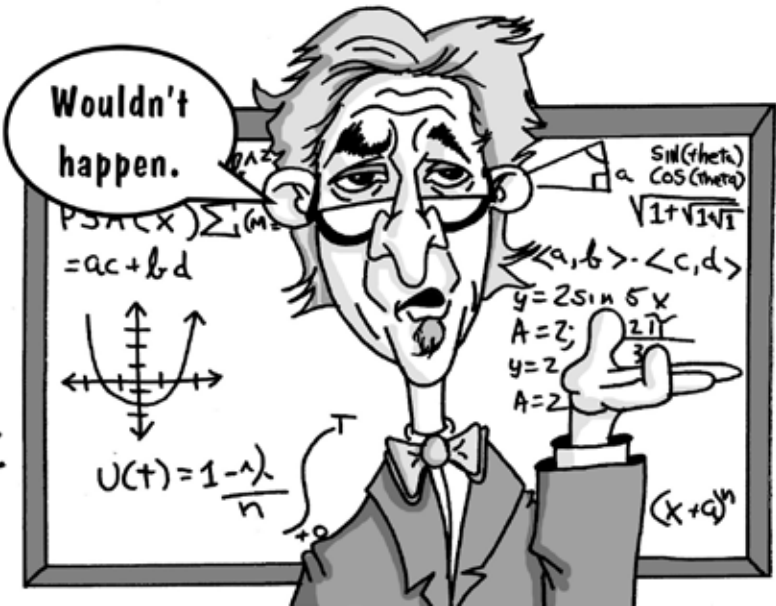
“Are we going to spend extra tax dollars to have more cops here? We need a lot more than that as we look at future growth. We need traffic lights, we need more turning lanes. What we need more than all of that is a safe place for pedestrians to travel in the summer and the winter.”



**Joe Flannery**, Big Sky, Mont.,  
Former Chef, M.R. Hummers

“Most people seem to obey the speed limit, but [some] do drive a little slower, so I guess I would be good with the speeds as they are posted ... The one concern I would have would be an addition of turning lanes, particularly in front of the new hardware [store].”

**It was a rough week for the Gianforte campaign this past week.**





# School building levy: do the math

In the mid-1960s, the local school district erected a small structure to replace the decaying log schoolhouse across the road.

That small school building remains, surrounded by the additions of the 1970s, 1988, 1991, 1999, and 2007 through 2009. It has served hundreds of students – not just the 11 students registered in 1964, the 32 registered in 1978, and the 42 attending in 1988.

In fact, 50 years later, the 330 students in the district today still use those facilities. Students will continue to use the buildings for the next century, invalidating the divisor of 152 current elementary students to determine the facility’s cost per student.

Except in times of extreme overcrowding or construction that sent the library and the arts onto a cart, the Big Sky School District has dedicated space to the arts and research for decades. This well-rounded education has served our students well – so well that we can be proud of the highly competitive colleges that they successfully attend.

Our combined 80 years of educational experience tell us not to shortchange either our youngsters’ education or our property values – it does our property values no good to have a partially finished school sitting there. Any educational improvements, whether they are facilities or student performance, help property values. They make people want to move here and a better school builds a better community.

We voted “yes” for the school building reserve levy!

Jerry and Anne Marie Mistretta  
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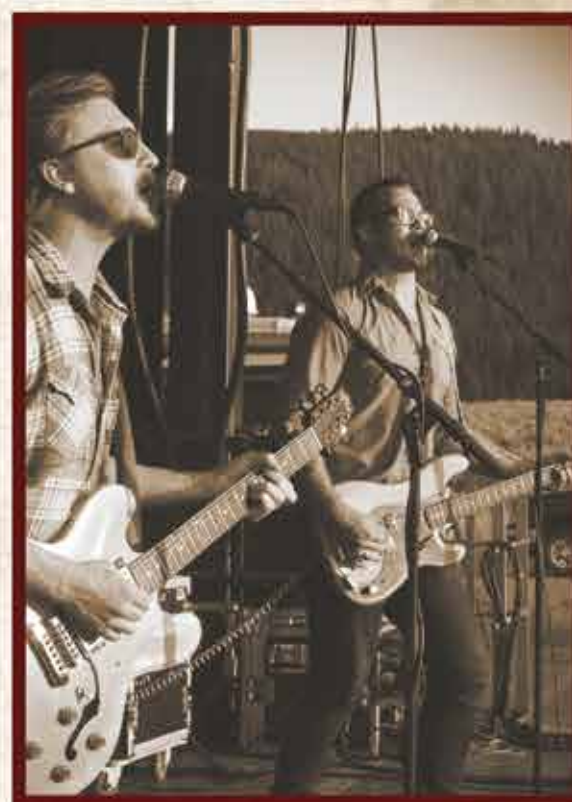
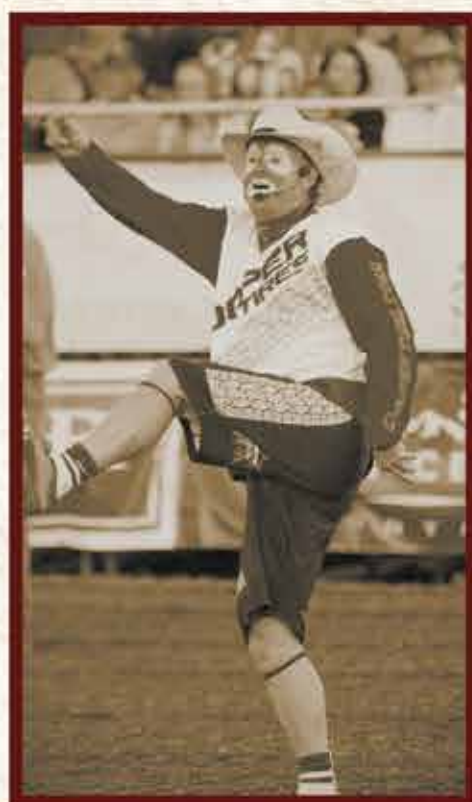


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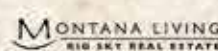
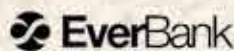
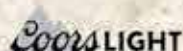


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# DEQ report outlines pharmaceutical detection in Gallatin watershed

## No risk to human health expected following March wastewater spill

BY AMANDA EGGERT  
EBS STAFF WRITER

BIG SKY - According to an April 25 report released by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, a total of 18 pharmaceutical chemicals were detected in the water flowing from the Yellowstone Club wastewater pond that failed in early March, sending 30 million gallons of treated effluent into the Gallatin River watershed.

Seven pharmaceuticals were detected in the effluent flowing directly from the pond but not in Second Yellow Mule and other downstream tributaries. The report said this is likely due to absorption of some pharmaceuticals by sediment and dilution.

Eleven pharmaceuticals were detected in tributaries of the Gallatin impacted by the effluent. This included four antibiotics, a cardiac drug, an anticonvulsant and mood stabilizer, two stimulants, an anti-fungicide and parasiticide, a veterinarian drug, and a non-prescription analgesic.

Currently, no federal water quality criteria regulates the presence of pharmaceuticals in waterways, according to the report, and Montana has not adopted such standards either. In order to compare the data collected against a measurable standard, DEQ looked to the pharmaceutical water quality standards enforced in Minnesota.

“None of Minnesota’s values were exceeded; therefore, human health effects from any individual chemical tested in this study are unlikely,” the report said. “This does not rule out human health effects from chemicals not analyzed for or combined effects of chemicals or metabolites.”

DEQ’s Public Policy Director Kristi Ponozzo said the report was intended to educate the public. “There’s little mitigation that we can do at this point,” she said.

Without benchmarks for pharmaceuticals in Montana waterways, the DEQ’s hands are tied. “We don’t have a lot of options for enforcement,” Ponozzo said. “There are no standards.”

Four pharmaceutical chemicals were highlighted in the 11-page report: azithromycin, sulfamethoxazole, carbadox and carbamazepine.

At 22 percent of the human- health benchmark established by Minnesota, azithromycin, a common antibiotic often referred to by its commercial name Z-pak, came closest to meeting the Minnesota standard. The benchmark used identifies a “concentration of an active pharmaceutical ingredient that can be consumed daily with no anticipated health risk to humans.” Azithromycin was detected in the water directly spilling from the pond, but not in the tributaries affected by the spill.

Since the wastewater pond is not considered a state water, it’s not subject to laws governed by the Montana Water Quality Act or the national Clean Water Act. Both of these laws, however, govern the Gallatin and its tributaries.

Sulfamethoxazole, also an antibiotic, is the most widespread pharmaceutical detected in U.S. urban-influenced rivers and streams. DEQ’s report found that it was detected at all of the sites studied – even a “background” site upstream of the spill.

Carbadox, a veterinary medicine, was detected at the pond site and at two downstream locations in low levels. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Veterinary Medicine is currently taking legal action against the manufacturer to remove carbadox from the market due to concerns about its safety.

The report also paid special attention to carbamezepine, an anticonvulsant and mood

stabilizer that’s been shown to affect aquatic invertebrates at lower concentrations than those the DEQ measured in their sampling. The impacts of pharmaceuticals on fish and other aquatic life – even in low concentrations – might be significant, but has not been widely studied. Additional research is needed, according to the report.

“If you are concerned about contaminants, including pharmaceuticals in your drinking water, many inexpensive filters purchased in the store for the refrigerator or for the tap will filter out a large portion of pharmaceuticals,” the report said.

The DEQ’s enforcement action against the Yellowstone Club is underway, although fines have yet to be levied. A letter dated April 13 from the DEQ to Mike DuCuennois, the Yellowstone Club’s vice president of development, outlines the Montana Water Quality Act laws the Yellowstone Club violated.

Those laws include the pollution of Montana waterways and the discharge of waste into state waters without a permit. Two standards were exceeded – one for ammonia and another for turbidity, which relates to suspended sediment in the waterway.

In the letter, Shasta Steinweden, a DEQ environmental enforcement specialist, asked DuCuennois to submit a mitigation plan to the agency by May 31 to address the erosion trough and sediment deposits created by the spill.

An earlier DEQ report about the spill’s impact on aquatic life recommended that the Yellowstone Club conduct studies of the fisheries affected for at least three years.

*Both reports can be found on the DEQ’s website at [deq.mt.gov/Water/WPB/mpdes/Gallatin-BigSkyWastewaterSpill](http://deq.mt.gov/Water/WPB/mpdes/Gallatin-BigSkyWastewaterSpill).*

# Community raises funds, lowers ears for cancer

REVOLUTION HOUSE MEDIA

BIG SKY – On April 6, brave and compassionate Big Sky locals showed up at the Hair Shop of Big Sky to shave their heads and beards to show solidarity and raise awareness - as well as money - for kids with cancer.

Eleven heads and one face were shaved smooth, raising \$4,000 in this event hosted through St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a volunteer-powered organization dedicated to raising money for children’s cancer research.

“My mom was diagnosed with breast cancer years ago and it has been in my family for a long time,” said Big Sky local Charles W. Johnson. “For the past 10 years, I have been involved in donations for various cancer research projects. I heard this event popping up, so when a couple of friends offered donations for my shaved mop, I jumped on!”

Every three minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer; one in five won’t survive, and those who do often suffer long-term effects from treatments too harsh for their developing bodies.

St. Baldrick’s believes that kids deserve the chance to be fun-loving, carefree, honest, and always a

little goofy. They deserve the chance at a future. That’s why donations from events like this have made it possible for St. Baldrick’s to raise more than \$178 million to support the development of childhood cancer treatments that are as unique as every kid.

“We were blown away by the folks that showed up to support this cause,” said Big Sky event organizer and local Sean Lucy. “I’ve been growing my mop for the past year in order to donate it and raise money for kids with cancer.”

*Visit [stbaldricks.org](http://stbaldricks.org) to learn more or to donate.*



# Big Sky Community Corp. launches new name, website

BY AMANDA EGGERT  
EBS STAFF WRITER

BIG SKY – After 18 years under the name Big Sky Community Corp., one of the area’s most recognizable groups is changing its name to more closely reflect its nonprofit status.

As of April 29, BSCC will officially be renamed the Big Sky Community Organization. Executive Director Ciara Wolfe said the name change will help clear up confusion about the organization’s role in the community.

“We’re really just recognizing how this organization has changed and what this community needs,” Wolfe said. “[We’re] building off the success and growth that our organization has had over the years.”

BSCO’s revised mission statement is “To connect people to recreation opportunities by acquiring, preserving and promoting sustainable places and programs for all.” Wolfe said the new mission statement is intended to clarify BSCO’s scope; the old statement placed greater emphasis on land resources and focused less upon the human component of BSCO’s mission.

“These places and programs are all here for the community,” Wolfe said. “All ages, all ability levels, all different kinds of recreation.”

The name change will be accompanied by a new logo, a website re-launch and an open house slated for 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10 at their new location, 32 Town Center Avenue, Unit B1.

People interested in the programs and resources BSCO offers – trail conditions, park pavilion reservations, the softball league, kids’ camps, and volunteer opportunities – can stop by their office or visit their website.

BEFORE



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The Outlaw Partners (publishers of EBS) designed the new brand identity for the Big Sky Community Organization. The new logo is shown at right.

BSCO’s website, formerly bsccmt.org, will be changed to bscomt.org effective April 29. To make for a smooth transition, users who type in the old address will be rerouted to the new website for a period of time.

BSCO started out as a volunteer-run extension of the Big Sky Owners Association in 1998. In 2008, BSCO developed its own board of directors, and two years later the group’s first paid staff signed on. Now the organization employs three full-time staffers, one part-time worker during the winter, and the equivalent of five full-time employees in the summer.

Since 2010, the organization has acquired and currently manages 83 acres of public parkland and more than 16 miles of trails. It has also supported the development and growth of the Big Sky Tennis Association, Camp Big Sky, Crail Ranch Conservators and the Big Sky Softball League.

Several committees staffed by volunteers – including the Natural Resource Council, Crail Ranch Committee, and Parks and Trails committees – fall under the BSCO umbrella as well.

Wolfe said 50-55 percent of BSCO’s annual operating budget is funded by the Big Sky Area Resort Tax Board; donors, local foundations and grants provide the remainder of the organization’s funding. Wolfe said BSCO raised \$320,000 to maintain and keep the community’s programs and land resources in good condition.

Recently, BSCO has been working to revive recycling in Big Sky, develop safe pedestrian crossings between Meadow Village and Town Center, install a bike and pedestrian path along Little Coyote Trail to the Community Park, and expand connectivity between the Ousel Falls and Uplands trails with an additional two miles of trail.



BSCO manages resources like the skate park and runs programs like the softball league in addition to developing and maintaining trails. OUTLAW PARTNERS PHOTO





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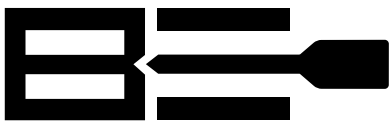
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**THE  
RAM'S HORN**



BY DUSTIN SHIPMAN  
BSSD SUPERINTENDENT

*"The Ram's Horn" is a regular column by Big Sky School District Superintendent Dustin Shipman, offering news and insight from the district.*

We are quickly approaching the end of the year in the Big Sky School District, with the last day of school on June 10. This is a busy time for our students as they begin final preparations for transition to the next grade level or, for our 12th graders, preparing for life after Lone Peak High School.

Throughout May and June the district administration will also be engaging in many processes to close out the school year and plan for next fall.

These include inaugurating Whitney Littman as our newest school board member; board members attending Montana School Boards Association training for school governance; collating and reporting the strategic plan accomplishments; finishing comprehensive testing of our students; completing final evaluations for all staff members; making recommendations on any curricular changes; building a workable timetable and schedule for our students; building the 2016-2017 budget; and recruiting staff for the upcoming year.

Finishing an academic year strong while looking forward to the next is a delicate balance that schools worldwide deal with this time of year. One strategy that works very well for schools is to have short- and long-term planning in place for the district. Here in Big Sky, we have a strategic plan that articulates the way forward for the district.

This planning makes it much easier to focus on the students as our No. 1 priority as the year comes to an end. When students, administrators, teachers, parents and all school community members have a clear direction to move in, we can focus our attention on teaching and learning in the final weeks of the school year.

We look forward to a productive end of the year and will continue to strive each and every day to reach the peak of excellence in all that we do.



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# Big Sky Resort closes 2015-2016 with a bang



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The Pond Skim on April 16 saw some "super" slides. PHOTO BY MICHEL TALLICHET



DJ Missy O'Malley and Brandon Bang whipped the Pond Skim crowd into a frenzy. PHOTO BY MICHEL TALLICHET



Milton Menasco and the Big Fiasco brought heavy bass and drum, reggae-infused rock to the Pond Skim apres crowd. PHOTO BY TYLER ALLEN



Ten inches of snow on Friday and bluebird conditions over the weekend was the icing on the cake of a great season at Big Sky Resort. PHOTO BY TROY PAULSON



# State Supreme Court delays enforcement of medical pot ruling

BY BOBBY CAINA CALVAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELENA (AP) – The Montana Supreme Court said April 25 it will delay enforcement of the severe medical marijuana restrictions it has upheld until Aug. 31.

In February, the court ruled in favor of provisions of a 2011 state law that limited medical marijuana providers to selling the drug to a maximum of three patients.

The Montana Cannabis Industry Association, which had challenged the legislation, has said the rollbacks would force the closure of dispensaries and leave patients without a legal way to obtain the drug.

The group sought a delay in implementing the ruling until after the 2017 legislative session. State health officials also argued for a delay, saying it would take them at least four months to notify patients and update the registry.

Chief Justice Mike McGrath wrote in Monday’s ruling that “immediate implementation of the court’s opinion will cause serious disruption” in the program.

“This is devastating for cancer patients, seizure victims, people in hospice, and other Montanans and their families across the state,” said Kate Cholewa, a spokeswoman for the cannabis association.

Jim Goetz, an attorney for the association, said he was drafting a potential appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court but declined to elaborate.

In April, advocates for medical marijuana began a signature drive to place an initiative on the November ballot to undo the 2011 law, know as Senate bill 423. Supporters say Senate Bill 423 gutted a 2004 initiative that legalized medical marijuana in the state.

The new initiative, I-182, would remove the three-patient limit put in place by the legislature, establish licensing fees to pay

for administering the program and include post-traumatic stress disorders among the conditions permissible for treatment using medicinal marijuana. It would also require providers to be licensed and their dispensaries to undergo yearly inspections.

Senate Bill 423 had been in legal limbo over the past five years and key provisions went unenforced.

The Montana Attorney General’s Office said it did its duty in defending the legislation. “We respect the court’s decision and think it’s fair,” spokesman John Barnes said in an email. McGrath was joined in his majority ruling by the two other justices and a district judge sitting in for Justice Patricia Cotter.

Justice Michael Wheat dissented, saying he would have granted a rehearing on the three-patient limit and delay implementation of the ruling as requested by the cannabis association.

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# Gianforte releases tax proposal with maximum 6 percent rate

BY BOBBY CAINA CALVAN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLANCY, Mont. (AP) – Montana Republican gubernatorial candidate Greg Gianforte is proposing a simplified tax code, phasing out a business equipment tax over four years, freezing state spending and setting the maximum tax rate to 6 percent.

“Why do we need over half a dozen tax rates and needless complexity? And why would we hold on to something like the business equipment tax that chases job creating investments from Montana?” Gianforte said during a news conference at a Clancy lumberyard April 18, on the final day for Americans to file state and federal income tax returns.

Gianforte said the reduced revenue represents about 2 percent of the state’s annual income.

“By slowing spending, we can easily afford these reductions,” he said.

Even before the Bozeman Republican released his plan, named after the state’s 406 area code, the re-election campaign for Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock denounced the proposal as benefiting the wealthy at the expense of middle class families.

Amanda Dawsey, an economics professor at the University of Montana who teaches public finance, said Gianforte’s proposals “seem pretty superficial and conveniently aligned with the state’s area code, 406. I see no justification for the particular numbers he’s using.”

Most problematic for Dawsey is Gianforte’s vow to freeze government spending while possibly increasing spending on roads, bridges, sewers and other long-delayed infrastructure projects – while simultaneously reducing state revenue and balancing the budget.

Gianforte said he would flesh out his proposals over the course of the campaign.

Steve Marks, who owns the lumberyard that hosted Gianforte’s new conference, said eliminating the tax would save his company thousands of dollars annually. A giant wood grinder he bought for \$540,000 in 2009, has cost him some \$30,000 in taxes over the years – money he said he could use for employee bonuses or to help hire more workers. This year, he expects to pay about \$9,000 in such taxes.

The equipment levy was last adjusted in 2013, when the rate was reduced from 2 percent to 1.5 percent and the minimum purchases raised from \$20,000 to \$100,000 before triggering the tax. But doing away with that tax would eliminate an \$81 million source of revenue, according to the state Department of Revenue.

And it could trigger consequences in the budgets of not only the state, but for schools, fire districts and cities across Montana that rely on \$66 million of that money, said Ed Caplis, the director of tax policy and research for the Department of Revenue.

If the state lowered the maximum tax rate to 6 percent, the state could lose about \$125 million a year. The last time the rate was cut was in 2003, he said, when the top 12 percent rate was slashed to the current 6.9 percent level.

# Primary ballots mailed to absent military, overseas voters

## Regular voter registration deadline in May 9 for primary election

MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE

HELENA – Secretary of state and chief elections officer Linda McCulloch on April 22 announced that the first round of absentee ballots are out for Montana’s 2016 primary election held June 7.

County election offices have completed mailing ballots to the state’s absent military and overseas citizen electors. Voters not covered under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act who are signed up to receive an absentee ballot for the primary election, will be mailed their ballot Friday, May 13.

Montana’s primary ballot for Republican voters contains the names of several presidential candidates who suspended their campaigns, but did not formally withdraw from the ballot.

The secretary of state’s Electronic Absentee System provides Montana’s absent military servicemen and women another option to conveniently register to vote and apply for, receive and mark a statewide election ballot. The service is available to qualified members of the armed forces, their families and overseas U.S. citizens who are absent from their Montana voting residence. Ballots marked using the EAS can be returned to the county election office by email, mail or facsimile.

“Absentee voting is the clear choice for many Montanans, and is the only option for our military personnel who are stationed outside of Montana due to their active military duty,” McCulloch said. “More than 68 percent of folks voted by absentee ballot in the 2014 primary, with even higher turnout in some of our largest counties. Yellowstone County took the lead with a record 97 percent absentee turnout.”

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. Applications are available at the county election offices and on the secretary of state’s website. Voters on the absentee list must complete and return a biennial address confirmation form in order to automatically receive a ballot for every election in which they’re eligible to vote.

The address confirmation forms were mailed in January and it’s not too late to respond with your address confirmation or to request to be on the absentee list – you can do so until noon the day before Election Day. However, if you wait until close to the deadline, you’ll want to check mail delivery times very carefully, or vote your ballot in-person at the election office.

The regular voter registration deadline for Montana’s primary election is Monday, May 9. Late registration begins Tuesday, May 10 and runs through 8 p.m. on Election Day. Late registration must be done in person at the county election office or at the location designated by the county election administrator.

*Registered voters can find all their voting information – including a precinct-specific sample ballot – at [sos.mt.gov/elections](http://sos.mt.gov/elections) and on select smartphones with the “My Voter Page” application.*





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# Put a bear on your car, help keep grizzlies alive



BY TODD WILKINSON  
EBS ENVIRONMENTAL COLUMNIST

In the Greater Yellowstone region, there's growing recognition of what some call "the grizzly economy." It's not a bearish attitude, but rather bullish enthusiasm for recovery of an iconic Montana species, *Ursus arctos horribilis*, and the fact that grizzlies, as assets, are now worth far more alive than dead.

The shift from viewing grizzlies solely as liabilities is actually a radical historical departure, generations in the making, from a past in which bears were thoughtlessly cleared from the landscape, maligned as menaces, overhunted, and shot at will by ranchers wanting to protect their livestock.

As everyone living in the Northern Rockies knows, grizzlies in Greater Yellowstone have, since 1975, been listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act, and earlier this year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced plans to remove them from federal protection, handing management over the states of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho.

Once upon a time there were 50,000 grizzlies west of the Mississippi in the Lower 48 and today there are slightly less than 2,000, inhabiting just 3 percent of their original range. No matter which way delisting goes, Montana will continue to play a vital role in grizzly conservation, one that could ultimately determine whether the species persists in the face of growing threats.

Conservation biologists warn that when wildlife populations are confined to terrestrial islands of habitat with closed gene pools, they disappear at higher rates.

Government agencies and conservation organizations, including Missoula-based Vital Ground Foundation, believe it is important to bring connectivity between the Greater Yellowstone population of bears and the next largest concentration of bruins – those in the Northern Continental

Divide Ecosystem encompassing Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat wildernesses.

As all bear advocates know, grizzlies are quintessential emblems of wildness. Apart from that, evidence has been stacking up demonstrating their value to the economy. Overall, the value of nature-tourism in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks is worth an estimated \$1 billion annually with grizzlies and wolves being prominent attractions.

Down in Jackson Hole, Wyo., a sow grizzly given the numeric identity 399 by the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team has become the most famous bear in the world. Today, she has admirers around the world who make travel plans just for the possibility of seeing 399 and her cubs.

Important to many Montanans is finding ways to show their love for grizzlies and helping to protect the habitat bears need. In recent years, many motorists have voted with their wallets by making statements on the vehicles they drive. How? By purchasing specialized license plates featuring the profile of the Great Bear.

It happens like this: Whenever the time arrives for citizens to renew their vehicle registration at the local county treasurer's office, they can trade in their old generic Montana license plate for one featuring a bear painting by noted artist Monte Dolack.

The state charges \$35 for the new plate, and \$25 goes directly to Vital Ground whose primary mission as a land trust is to protect bear habitat through conservation easements and land purchases, and educating the public. Afterward, the entire \$25 annual license plate renewal fee goes to Vital Ground.

The plates have become quite fashionable. In the last six years alone, more than \$400,000 has been raised. The money has been used to reduce bear-human encounters by helping homeowners and ranchers employ non-lethal deterrents such as electric fencing around pastures and chicken coops, retiring public land sheep grazing allotments in grizzly habitat, improving sanitation to prevent bears from getting addicted to human food, and teaching the benefits of carrying bear spray.

Vital Ground's license plate program allows citizens, including those who have no ambition of sport hunting a grizzly, to make an important contribution to conservation. It doesn't get any better than that.

Visit [vitalground.org](http://vitalground.org) to learn more about Vital Ground and its license plate program.

Todd Wilkinson is a correspondent for *National Geographic* and author of "Grizzlies of Pilgrim Creek, An Intimate Portrait of 399, the Most Famous Bear of Greater Yellowstone," featuring 150 bear images by noted American wildlife photographer Thomas Mangelsen ([mangelsen.com/grizzly](http://mangelsen.com/grizzly)).





# MSU grad earns prestigious postdoctoral environmental fellowship

BY MICHAEL BECKER  
MSU NEWS SERVICE

BOZEMAN – A Montana State University graduate in history has earned a prestigious postdoctoral fellowship to research environmental topics at the Harvard University Center for the Environment.



Daniel Zizzamia, a Montana State University graduate in history, has earned a prestigious postdoctoral fellowship to research environmental topics at the Harvard University Center for the Environment.  
PHOTO BY SEPP JANNOTTA

Daniel Zizzamia, who earned his doctorate in history from MSU's College of Letters and Science last year, will be one of just a half-dozen scholars to join Harvard's Environmental Fellows Program this fall. And one of the program's few historians.

The two-year program invites recent doctoral graduates to Cambridge, Mass., to use Harvard's resources to take on complex environmental issues.

"It's an amazing opportunity, and I'm really excited about it," said Zizzamia, who graduated from MSU's Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Zizzamia studies environmental history, specifically that of the American West and how coal and fossil deposits have driven the civilization and identities of people west of the Mississippi.

Originally intending to study energy history on a more international scale when he came to MSU seven years ago, Zizzamia found himself instead wrapped up in western survey reports from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Geologists and paleontologists of the time had discovered that during the Cretaceous Period, about 145 million to 65 million years ago, the middle of North America had been covered in a broad, shallow sea and had a tropical climate. Zizzamia was fascinated by the reports' oddly florid descriptions of the ancient seaway.

"The West had been considered a great American desert for so long," a barrier to civilization, he said. "Now there was an opening, hope that the area was not what people had seen, but that it had some virtues."

Boosters, scientists, the railroads and more used those promising descriptions to overcome Americans' perception of the arid West, creating the image of a land ripe for settlement and exploitation.

A corresponding growth in industrialization – driven by coal – helped spur Americans' dream of creating a lush, rich West, he said.

"There's a natural malleability to the West," Zizzamia said. "There was a lot of effort put into making the area what Americans wanted it to be." And coal played an important role.

"The settling of the American West would have been vastly different if not for the coal," he said. "It became very much a part of American identity, the presumed abundance – the American nation has really been built on abundance."

Zizzamia, 32, started his college career in his home state studying chemistry, biology and botany at the University of Connecticut, but found "something about the human condition that pulled me in a different direction," he said.

After shifting gears and earning his master's in history at Connecticut, he took some time off to work in information technology but after a year found that academia was calling him back.

So, like the settlers he would later come to study, he looked west to Montana State University and joined its relatively young doctoral program in history, where he studied under – and taught with – professors like Tim LeCain, Michael Reidy and Brett Walker, who came to know him as a passionate educator and researcher dedicated to social justice and environmental sustainability.

"Dan cares about changing the world through his work," wrote Reidy, who co-chaired Zizzamia's dissertation committee. "He writes that way, participates in seminars that way, teaches courses that way, worries about the future that way."

LeCain, Zizzamia's other dissertation co-chair, and Susan Cohen, the department chair, said Zizzamia's fellowship at Harvard is a powerful

endorsement of the history department and its graduate program. His other dissertation committee members were professors Robert Rydell, Mark Fiege and Walker.

"This is hugely prestigious," LeCain said. "If you look at all the other environmental fellows he'll be joining, every single one of them is from an Ivy League school. So what this says is that what Daniel and the department of history are doing here at Montana State is on par with anything happening at Yale or Princeton."

Zizzamia hopes to use his two years at Harvard to transform his doctoral dissertation into a book. He said his ideas have repercussions outside of history, as America ponders new challenges.

"It has to do with how we understand geo-engineering, future energy and climate policy, how we understand baselines," he said. "Our discussions of colonizing Mars have been very similar to discussions of the American West."

Zizzamia said he and his family will leave Bozeman for Harvard over the summer to take up his fellowship. Despite bidding farewell to MSU, Zizzamia emphasized it was the faculty and opportunities here that let him blossom academically.

"The virtue of the scholars here has engendered a lot of success," Zizzamia said. "It's what makes this place unique. This history department has names in it that are forces in the field."



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# MSU grad teaches science lessons on national TV

## History Channel program focused on Yellowstone supervolcano

BY MELYNDA HARRISON  
MSU NEWS SERVICE

BOZEMAN — A Montana State University graduate who teaches earth science and chemistry at Billings Senior High School recently taught science lessons related to Yellowstone's supervolcano – one of Montana's most talked about natural features – on a national platform.

Craig Beals, who received degrees from MSU in 2005 in biology and secondary education, was host of a special television program that aired on the History Channel in December.

Beals was approached to do the program by Bozeman-based Grizzly Creek Films, a production company founded by graduates of MSU's master's program in science and natural history filmmaking.

"They were looking for a science teacher who gets excited about science," Beals said.

The one-hour special was filmed last summer around Joliet, Billings Senior High and Yellowstone National Park.

For the program, Beals took experiments he already did in his classroom, such as dissecting explosions, and scaled them up. In one segment of the show, Beals blows up a pop bottle with liquid nitrogen and sends a garbage can "off into space." The demonstration showed how the magma chamber under Yellowstone National Park is expected to react to a build up of pressure beneath the surface of the Earth.

Shooting a bowling ball out of a homemade cannon demonstrated the intense power and pressure of Yellowstone's geysers. When Beals shot a gun in a swimming pool – while dressed as James Bond – the shockwaves of the underwater shot mimicked the shockwaves expected when the supervolcano erupts.

The episode capped off with a huge explosion in the middle of a field. Beals drew an outline of Yellowstone, dug a two-foot hole, and stuffed it with

explosives, with the help of a licensed explosive expert. The explosion and enormous dust cloud floated over the outline of the U.S., demonstrating how potentially catastrophic a real explosion would be.

Through all the experiments, and while touring Yellowstone National Park, Beals bursts with enthusiasm and excitement.

"I hope the viewers are entertained by this idea of going out and chasing their curiosity, because that's what science is all about," said Beals, adding that he found his calling at MSU.

"I'd watch how much fun [MSU physics professor] Greg Francis had teaching, and I thought, 'If that guy is having as much fun as it looks like he is, I want to do that,' so I added the education piece to my biology major," Beals said.

Beals said his students were impressed with their teacher's television appearance.

"They loved it," he said. "They all clapped at the end and cheered."

Because some of the demonstrations in the show were bigger versions of classroom experiences, Beals' students scaled up their understanding of large, natural occurrences.

Beals is a native of Billings and a 1997 graduate of Skyview High School. After earning his degree from MSU he completed a master's degree in zoology at Miami University in Ohio.

He has been at Billings Senior High for 11 years, teaching earth sciences, biology, chemistry and honors chemistry.

Beals was named the 2015 Montana Teacher of the Year by the Montana Professional Teaching Foundation based in Helena. In that capacity he served as an ambassador for public education, represented Montana in the National Teacher of the Year program, and attended national events.



Craig Beals, who received degrees from MSU in biology and secondary education, hosted a special television program that aired on the History Channel in December. PHOTO BY HOUSTON HARMON





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# Progressive era inspired Clean Air, Clean Water acts

BY JAYME FRASER  
THE MISSOULIAN

MISSOULA (AP) – When Leon Billings was first asked to join a Congressional subcommittee on pollution, he was not interested.

“To me, I thought being polluted was having too much alcohol,” the Helena native routinely quips to admit that he had known little about the topic which would come to define his career as he helped create bedrock environmental-protection laws. “Sewage engineers talked about this. This wasn’t part of a public discussion other than as a localized issue. There certainly wasn’t a public consciousness.”

Billings was persuaded to leave his lobbying job in 1966 to become staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on Environmental Pollution, the Missoulian reported. The influence of the then-minor subset of the Committee on Environment and Public Works would grow with the leadership of Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine, who later made two runs for the White House before serving as U.S. Secretary of State. At the direction of Muskie, Billings negotiated and wrote two landmark pieces of legislation: the Clean Air Act of 1970 and Clean Water Act of 1972.

In a wide-ranging interview, Billings, 78, discussed growing up in Montana and his role in creating the first nationwide pollution standards.

Leon’s parents, Harry and Gretchen Billings, are legendary in Helena history.

The couple ran the People’s Voice newspaper through the ‘40s, ‘50s and ‘60s. The liberal weekly, derided by conservatives as “The Pink Reporter,” was funded by a cooperative of unions and progressive leaders such as Lee Metcalf and James Murray.

“They were early fighters for justice in just about every aspect you could think of in Montana,” said Dennis Swibold, a University of Montana School of Journalism professor and newspaper historian. “A lot of people that grew up in progressive Montana got their start reading Harry and Gretchen.”

Former U.S. Rep. Pat Williams was one of them. When he was a sixth-grade teacher in Butte considering a career in politics, Williams said he drove to Helena twice a week to talk with the Billingses at their small office across the street from the capitol. He called them “among the most important Montana progressives in my lifetime.”

Leon Billings, who was the same age as Williams, also developed an interest in politics because of his parents and their visitors.

“My folks had one rule,” he said. “Anybody’s welcome at the house as long as they bring their own bottle of whiskey. They’d sit around and talk all night.”

Anne Cantrell, who wrote her 2006 master’s thesis at the University of Montana about Harry and Gretchen Billings, said they were ahead of their time, particularly on topics that broadened conservation beyond public land and wildlife issues to link environmental and human health.

“While the Anaconda Copper Mining Company-controlled papers – known as the Copper Press – suppressed environmental reports, the People’s Voice worked to make environmental issues public,” Cantrell wrote. “Over the years, Harry and Gretchen reported and editorialized about a variety of environmental issues, including the dangers associated with building an aluminum plant in the Flathead Valley, the need for air pollution controls and the protection of water.”



Lake McDonald shows the beauty of clean water in Glacier National Park. NPS PHOTO

For instance, she noted that a 1958 article about waste discharge from a pulp mill killing fish in the Clark Fork River near Missoula was published “12 years before the first Earth Day and the beginning of a national environmental movement, and 14 years before the state Constitution’s guarantee to the right of a clean and healthful environment.”

“Harry and Gretchen were just a touch out in front of the next progressive movement,” Williams agreed. “They were writing about things and pushing for them just before, just prior to Montana taking on an issue. Sometimes they caused it. I don’t know that was their purpose. I think they were trying to get people to think big.”

But their aggressive idealism ultimately led to the failure of the newspaper in 1969. The Billingses staunchly opposed the Vietnam War, which angered some of their remaining funders.

“The reason it dried up financially,” Williams said, laughter interrupting his recollection of the couple’s fierce independence, “was the paper finally angered virtually every interest in Montana, including their good friends at organized labor. The People’s Voice just didn’t pull any punches.”

Neither did Leon Billings.

When Muskie later suggested Billings as a candidate to lead the fledgling Environmental Protection Agency, President Jimmy Carter called the senator to discuss his concerns.

“‘Abrasive?’” Billings recalled Muskie saying into the phone. “‘Abrasive, Mr. President? You’ve never met Leon Billings. You have no idea how abrasive he is.’”

Billings admits to being “a mouthy kid,” the youngest of three boys. He has said he started to hone a reflex for cutting quips while he was dropping off copies of his parents’ newspaper to offices in the state capitol, where his deliveries – particularly to the Department of Agriculture – were not always welcomed. He recalled being

kicked out of history class at Helena High School “eight or nine times junior year because I argued with the teacher who had very strong, very conservative views.” The Billings boys were called “commies” and attacked, sometimes physically, by peers.

At the time of Leon’s brother Harry Billings’ death in 1990, the Helena Independent Record quoted him as once saying, “I kept a wrench on my desk in case the (American) Legion boys came galloping in, which they did one time.”

“Obviously, Leon grew up in a very hostile world, to say the least, with a very radical mom and dad,” Montana Historical Society spokesman Tom Cook said.

“It was an education growing up a Billings,” Leon Billings said.

Yet his role in crafting the Clean Air Act and other bipartisan compromises reflected a give-and-take political strategy at odds with his parents’ often all-or-nothing approach.

“There was a general philosophy among liberals back in the day that half a loaf wasn’t good enough,” he said. “And I learned that if you get it right you could get three-quarters to seven-eighths of a loaf, but never the whole loaf ... I had a mentor in Ed Muskie who taught me to get a result that’s acceptable without just having a fight where you won’t get anything at all.”

Pollution surged to the forefront of public discussion in the late 1960s as evidence of environmental degradation confronted Americans and a generation of progressive activists found a new cause. Rivers caught fire. Beaches were closed. Bad air days caused deaths. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, D-Wisconsin, organized the first Earth Day on



April 22, 1970, drawing millions to hear speeches about the importance of the environment.

In this climate, the first nationwide air pollution standards were crafted with Billings, typewriter at the ready. Provision by provision, negotiated behind closed doors – as was legal then – with Democrats and Republicans.

Muskie’s focus was protecting public health by infusing environmental controls with scientific rigor yet leaving room for them to adapt as research yielded new findings. Sen. Howard Baker, R-Tennessee, who would later serve as Chief of Staff to President Ronald Reagan, believed technologies that could cut emissions from cars might have to be forced to development by permitting renewals. Sen. Philip Hart, D-Michigan, sought a mechanism for the general public to force regulators or polluters to comply with the law, creating the citizen suit provision that brought environmental advocates to a negotiating table once effectively limited to lobbyists and bureaucrats.

Carpooling between their homes and the U.S. Capitol each day in a pickup truck, Billings and minority staff director Tom Jorling hammered out compromises and refined pitches they’d make to their respective parties.

Among the most pivotal changes to the Clean Air Act was substituting a single word, Billings said.

Every instance of “may” was replaced with “shall,” shifting the statute from something administrators and elected executives might do when it suited their political purposes to something that they must do.

President Richard Nixon also had tasked Republicans to update the Clean Air Act of 1963, although to a lesser degree, as part of a strategy to usurp the issue from Democrats in future campaigns. The version written by Billings and which passed the Senate in a unanimous vote nearly died in the House, then again in conference committee. Narrowly avoiding a deadline, the Clean Air Act of 1970 was finally approved late on Dec. 31.

“It was 38 pages long and is probably the most radical statute ever enacted,” Billings said. “We were in a full-scale war between protecting public health and welfare from environmental degradation and the profit motives of corporate America.”

Although environmentalists praise the landmark legislation he helped craft, some are hesitant to label Billings a champion. Jim Jensen, director of the Montana Environmental Information Center, noted that Billings later worked as a lobbyist and consultant for W.R. Grace, owners of the Libby vermiculite mine that contaminated the town with asbestos, causing hundreds of deaths.

Billings said the work he did for Grace was at the request of a former Capitol Hill colleague who was hired by the company just as the Seattle Post-Intelligencer revealed that the company failed to disclose health threats to employees. He said he

helped set up an initial meeting for the company with Sen. Max Baucus and gave advice on setting up health programs for employees and other measures. Billings said his work for Grace was less involved than what he did for other companies who hired him to help navigate the politics of setting up trust funds for victims or negotiating remediation efforts after being called out for major pollution.

“Because of my background on environmental legislation, by the time people came to me, they were in such desperate shape politically,” Billings said. “They wanted to know how to quickly resolve it after sometimes stonewalling and denying the issues for years.”

Most other environmental advocates point to his ongoing efforts to protect anti-pollution laws. Billings says he sees many of the same interests and arguments at play today as during the drafting of the federal statutes, where the Clean Power Plan, Waters of the U.S., and the fate of the Environmental Protection Agency itself are dragged into campaign stump speeches and challenged in courtrooms.

Williams explains Billings’ lifelong pursuit of environmental protections in two ways.

“Leon, having breathed clean air before he left Montana to go to Washington D.C., knew the difference between that air and this air,” Williams said. “He also grew up with a mom and dad who talked politics and policy all the time. Caring about an issue was not a shirt he had to put on in the morning. It was part of his skin because of Gretchen and Harry.”

# Locals Fishing Report from Gallatin River Guides

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It’s spring in Big Sky Country and we’ve had some great days on the water!

Spring in Montana can be a wild ride for anglers. One day you’re wearing a t-shirt throwing caddis on the Yellowstone River and the next you’re standing in rain fishing in a river with 12” of visibility. Great time of year to fish, but being prepared for a wide variety of conditions is key.

In addition to preparation you should also consider some other fisheries in SW Montana that may not be as susceptible to spring runoff. We typically think of the Gallatin, Madison and Yellowstone Rivers when we talk about fishing around Big Sky, but here are some other options to consider.

The Bighorn River is a big tailwater south of Billings and can be a fabulous fishery this time of year. With blanket hatches of baetis and midges to satiate any dry fly angler’s appetite. Also fishes great subsurface with both nymph and streamer. This river does fish best out of a boat, but walk wade fishing is doable.

Another popular tailwater about a 3 hour drive from Big Sky is the Missouri River out of Craig. Much like the Bighorn in its size and how it fishes, but many would argue this river holds bigger trout on average than most rivers in Montana. Craig is also a quirky town that exists for fly fishing. Enjoy the Craiglandian experience.

If you’re not afraid of a challenge consider one of the Paradise Valley Spring Creeks like DePuys and Armstrong. Great small spring creeks with magnificent scenery surrounding them. But don’t leave your A game at home, as these fish can challenge even the most seasoned of anglers.

Want to work on your stillwater game? Hebgen and Quake Lake will start to fish really well this time of year. Especially when the ice is just receding from the banks. Big dark Buggers are the name of the game when this fishery first starts to open up for the year. Hebgen Lake will be more consistent as the water clarity will not get stained like it will in Quake.

Some great options to add to your quiver this spring. But as with any river best to do your research before hitting the road. Conditions are subject to change on all fisheries this time of year.

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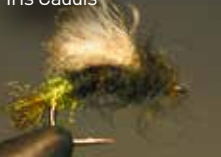
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# Big Sky athletes finish season strong at Whistler comp

BY DOUGLAS HARE

EBS STAFF

Five juniors on the Big Sky Freeride team competed in the International Freeskiers and Snowboarders Association competition in Whistler, British Columbia from April 6-9, and a first-place finish by 16-year-old snowboarder Holden Samuels secured his entry to the World Freeride Championships next January.

Coaches Peter Manka and Cooper Raasch traveled with the team to the IFSA Junior Freeride North American Championships, where 160 athletes between 12 and 18 years old were invited to compete based on their national or regional rankings.

The Big Sky team had qualifying athletes in each of the four skiing divisions and one in the male snowboard division. In the skiing competition, Austin Samuels competed in the 12-14 boys division; Nehalem Manka skied in the 12-14 girls division; and in the 15-18 divisions, Chase Samuels represented Big Sky for the boys and Gracely Speth for the girls.

Holden Samuels was the lone BSF representative in the snowboard competition, riding in the 15-18 boys division. Several other Montana athletes competed as well.

Qualifying for the finals was difficult, with warm, deteriorating weather conditions dictating that just over 30 percent of the athletes made the cut and had a chance for a second run on Saturday.



Holden Samuels (center) celebrates his first place finish at Whistler Blackcomb, a performance that helped qualify him for the World Freeride Championships in Andorra next January. PHOTO BY CHRIS SAITO

the diverse alpine terrain – holding complex features with names like Oreo Cookie and Chocolate Chip – allowed riders to pick creative lines with plenty of opportunities for big air.

Holden Samuels' first place finish in the 15-18 boys snowboarder division made him the overall points champion for the year as well. Holden's impressive performance during the 2016 season qualifies him for the World Freeride Championships in Andorra next January.



Big Sky's Nehalem Manka, 13, launching through the Oreo Blizzard section of the Diamond Bowl venue at Whistler Blackcomb. PHOTO BY PETER MANKA

Targhee Resort, Big Sky Freeride's Skyler Manka placed second, Maddy Cone came in fourth, and Andrew Smith finished fifth.

"The qualifiers and results from these competitions once again show that the Big Sky Freeride team has some of the most elite freeride athletes in North America," Manka said. "It was another good season for us."

*The International Freeskiers and Snowboarders Association was founded by Shane McConkey in 1996 and has grown into the leading international governing body for big mountain freeriding.*

*The Big Sky Freeride team is a program run by the Big Sky Ski Education Foundation offering 12 to 18 year olds training to compete in sanctioned freeride events, while also emphasizing snow safety and avalanche awareness. Founded in 1993, BSSEF is a local nonprofit dedicated to offering alpine, Nordic, and freeride instruction and training for local youth.*



Holden Samuels dropping big air on his way to a first place finish in the 15-18 boys snowboarder division at the IFSA Junior Freeride North American Championships. PHOTO BY CHRIS SAITO

"One hand slip or slide out and you were not making it through," said BSF program director and head coach Peter Manka, adding that he was pleased with how his athletes performed in the challenging conditions. "The talent and level of competition continues to impress."

The event took place in the challenging Diamond Bowl in the Spanky's Ladder area of Blackcomb Glacier. During the finals, the venue was extended further down into the bowl where

Big Sky locals Maria and Jack Lovely – both former BSF athletes and now IFSA independent skiers – were also invited to compete based on their consistent results this year. Maria had two strong runs and took third place in the 15-18 female skiers division, while her brother Jack notched a 17th place finish in the 12-14 male skiers division.

Earlier in April, at the U12 IFSA NorAm Freeride Championship at Wyoming's Grand



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## AMUSE-BOUCHE

*Amuse-bouche refers to an appetizer, and by French translation means, "to entertain the mouth." It offers a glimpse into what you should expect from a meal. Also it's free, compliments of the chef.*

## Waiter, can you take our picture? And where's our food?



BY SCOTT MECHURA  
EBS FOOD COLUMNIST

A smartphone is many things. At times it can be a tool, at other times a toy. It's even a computer for some. But using the wrong one in the wrong circumstance can lead to a social slowdown rather than saving you time.

I've been guilty once or twice of becoming frustrated when I can't get the attention of a bartender, for example. But upon reflection, I ask myself how long had I'd been sitting there, head down, staring at my phone, and not showing respect to the very person I only moments earlier got frustrated with for not being at my beck and call.

We sometimes walk through a busy restaurant, texting or talking on our phone, myopically unaware, giving the thankfully fleet-of-foot waitstaff yet another obstacle to navigate.

Once the bartender or server brings us what we've been so patiently waiting for, we defy them to find a place to set our food or drink on a crowded table now littered with smartphones, iPads, or tablets placed neatly in front of each patron.

Earlier this year, the Gothamist, a city-centric blog originating in New York City, investigated a popular restaurant that chose to remain anonymous. The writer's hope was to decipher why the eatery was receiving an increasing amount of slow-service complaints. After several dead ends, they resorted to rooting through old surveillance tape to compare it to present-day footage. What they found was shocking: in a 10-year period, the restaurant's average table time increased by 50 minutes.

How could this be? The service protocol had not changed, and their kitchen was as efficient as it had ever been. As they watched hours of video, something surfaced. Ten years ago, virtually no one was using phones at restaurants. The present day video revealed heavy smartphone usage. From texting, to photos of food as well as each other, peoples' dining experiences were no longer at the forefront of their interest.

Behind the scenes, smartphones are the quintessential double-edged sword; they can be a modern tool for a cook or server, but also a tremendous distraction and time waster.

I once employed a young server named "Maria" who was part of our Bob's Steak and Chophouse team in Austin, Texas. Maria seemed to always be on her phone when we first opened. I was initially hesitant to say anything because she was incredibly efficient at getting her work done and her station ready. But I finally confronted her about it.

"I've been patient, but the phone needs to go away while you're at work," I said.

"I'm not texting or on Facebook or anything," she said with a self-assured smirk. "Here, look," she said and handed me her phone.

While everyone was always grappling over or searching for the one recipe book our kitchen had, Maria had photographed every recipe in her station. She had easy access no matter where she was in the kitchen. Brilliant. We still talk to this day and just recently had a laugh over that conversation.

Now, this is not to say that there isn't foolishness and time wasted in the workplace. But I now observe team members looking up recipes, researching terminology, and using standard-to-metric conversion apps. If used smartly and properly, a smartphone can be as useful as it can be fun.

*Scott Mechura has spent a life in the hospitality industry. He is a former certified beer judge and currently the Executive Chef at Buck's T-4 Lodge in Big Sky.*





## From Jackie *with love*

# Live this year like it's your last



BY JACKIE RAINFORD  
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What if you knew that this was going to be the last year of your life?

Of course, for some of us this will be our last year on Earth, and for all of us

it will be the last year at our current age. We don't get a do-over.

I'm not posing this question to be morbid, just the opposite. I pose it to encourage more vitality, engagement and joy in your life. Imagining that the end is in sight gives us the freedom to be bold, vulnerable, make changes and cherish each moment.

To discover what your year is going to look like, let's do an exercise together. I'm going to ask you a number of questions that will help you discover how to make this your best year yet. Grab a pen and piece of paper, because writing down your answers makes this exercise more impactful.

If this turned out to be your last spring, summer, fall and winter on this planet, how would you

spend your time? If this feels like biting off too much at once, simply answer how you will spend your time this spring and summer. Who will you spend more time with and who will you spend less time with? What will you do more of, and what will you do less of?

If there are parts of your life where you feel rigid and stuck in your thought patterns, how can you become more flexible? How will this help you, and/or others, heal?

If there are things or people that make you feel judgmental, what happens if you release those judgments? How does it feel to let them go? Do you withhold love from yourself or from others? How will your life look differently when you stop doing that?

What do you want to do for your body to make it feel great, and what's your strategy for doing this? What has prevented you from doing this up until now?

In addition to checking in with your body, ask yourself these same questions about your mind. What loose ends do you need to tie up before checking out? Is there something holding you

back from doing this? If so, what is it? Can you schedule a time right now to move toward completing this?

That was a deep dive, but I hope it left you feeling invigorated and inspired.

Now I encourage you to write a sweet note to yourself as a reminder that this is your year to live. Place it where you will see it often, like your refrigerator, desk or bathroom mirror.

Also consider wearing a loose fitting elastic band on your wrist each day – it can even be a plain rubber band. When you notice yourself falling back into patterns of judgment, withholding love, being rigid or wasting time in ways that you don't have to, give the band a gentle snap and correct your course of action in that moment.

Life goes by quickly, but the more we live intentionally and consciously, the richer and more fulfilling it is. Carpe diem!

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## DOCTOR'S NOTE

# Big Sky emergency medicine, a brief history



BY DR. JEFF DANIELS  
EBS MEDICAL COLUMNIST

The Medical Clinic of Big Sky opened in the summer of 1994, and prior to that there wasn't much in the way of medical care without having to drive to Bozeman.

There were private ambulances out of Bozeman, including Hall's Ambulance Service, circulating around the Big Sky Resort Mountain Village waiting for a serious ski injury to bring to town. Patients were transported to the base area by ski patrol to a space beneath the Gondola No. 1 loading bay, where the pay parking lot is located now.

Fran Balice, a retired family physician who still lives in Big Sky, provided emergency care to guests of the resort and injured skiers – there were very few snowboarders at the time. Balice would ski around and be on call for emergencies; there were no cell phones, and he wasn't given a walkie-talkie. Messages were left for him on the small bulletin boards at the bottom of every chairlift. Without an x-ray machine, it was hard to provide the best level of care, but Balice was a great asset to the resort until we opened the clinic.

Big Sky had one small ambulance at the time, not several state-of-the-art vehicles with heavy chassis like we have now. The Big Sky Resort Area District had just started, but it would take a few years to build up the services that we have today. Bob Stober was a retired paramedic hired by the Big Sky Owners Association the year before I arrived, and he took over the all-volunteer fire department and ambulance service. I joined the department for the first few years I lived in Big Sky and training was held once a week, or on the job.

You've probably seen the Summit Air helicopter landing in the Meadow Village or up on the mountain – it came to Big Sky many times this past winter. In the 1990s it was very rare to get a helicopter to make an emergency evacuation to Bozeman, Billings or even Idaho Falls. The closest helicopter, as the crow flies, was actually in Idaho Falls, but winter weather conditions often prevented the flight from reaching Big Sky.

A helicopter from Billings could be called, but it had to refuel before arriving in Big Sky, so it took about the same amount of time as an ambulance transport to Bozeman. Summit Air, located at the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport in Belgrade, has made a tremendous difference in saving lives and improving patient outcomes.

Things have certainly changed over the years, as the community has grown. We now have an emergency room at the Bozeman Health Big Sky Medical Center, and many well-trained health providers in Big Sky.

An example of this level of care came into play the final weekend of the ski season, just before the pond skim. A cardiac arrest occurred near our clinic, and we had the help of Big Sky Resort Ski Patrol, Big Sky Fire Department paramedics, and several emergency doctors working with me through the student/resident program I started in 1998. From the clinic, the patient was transported to the medical center emergency room in Meadow Village, and then Summit Air flew the patient to Bozeman.

*Dr. Jeff Daniels has been practicing medicine in Big Sky since 1994, when he and his family moved here from New York City. A unique program he implements has attracted more than 700 medical students and young doctors to train with the Medical Clinic of Big Sky.*



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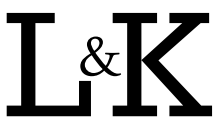

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# MSU new home of health workforce center

BY ANNE CANTRELL  
MSU NEWS SERVICE

BOZEMAN — Montana State University is the new home of a center focused on health workforce issues.

The Montana Board of Regents approved the MSU Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies in March. Its purpose is to generate research and information regarding key trends in nursing and other health workforces, to analyze that information and to share it with stakeholders.

The center’s ultimate mission is to improve the performance of the national health care delivery system.

The center was originally housed at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., but moved to MSU after its director, Peter Buerhaus, accepted a position in the MSU College of Nursing.

Buerhaus said the center addresses an issue of vast importance to the economy of Montana and to its people.

“Health care is one of the fastest growing industries, and it’s going to hire significant numbers of people at [relatively high] incomes,” he said. “From an employment perspective, health care is important, and it’s also important from a public health perspective.”

Buerhaus noted the center has a national focus, but at the same time it’s also concerned with rural issues.

“The center contributes momentum to what appears to be a growing focus among the state, the university system and the private sector regarding improving health care in rural Montana,” he said.

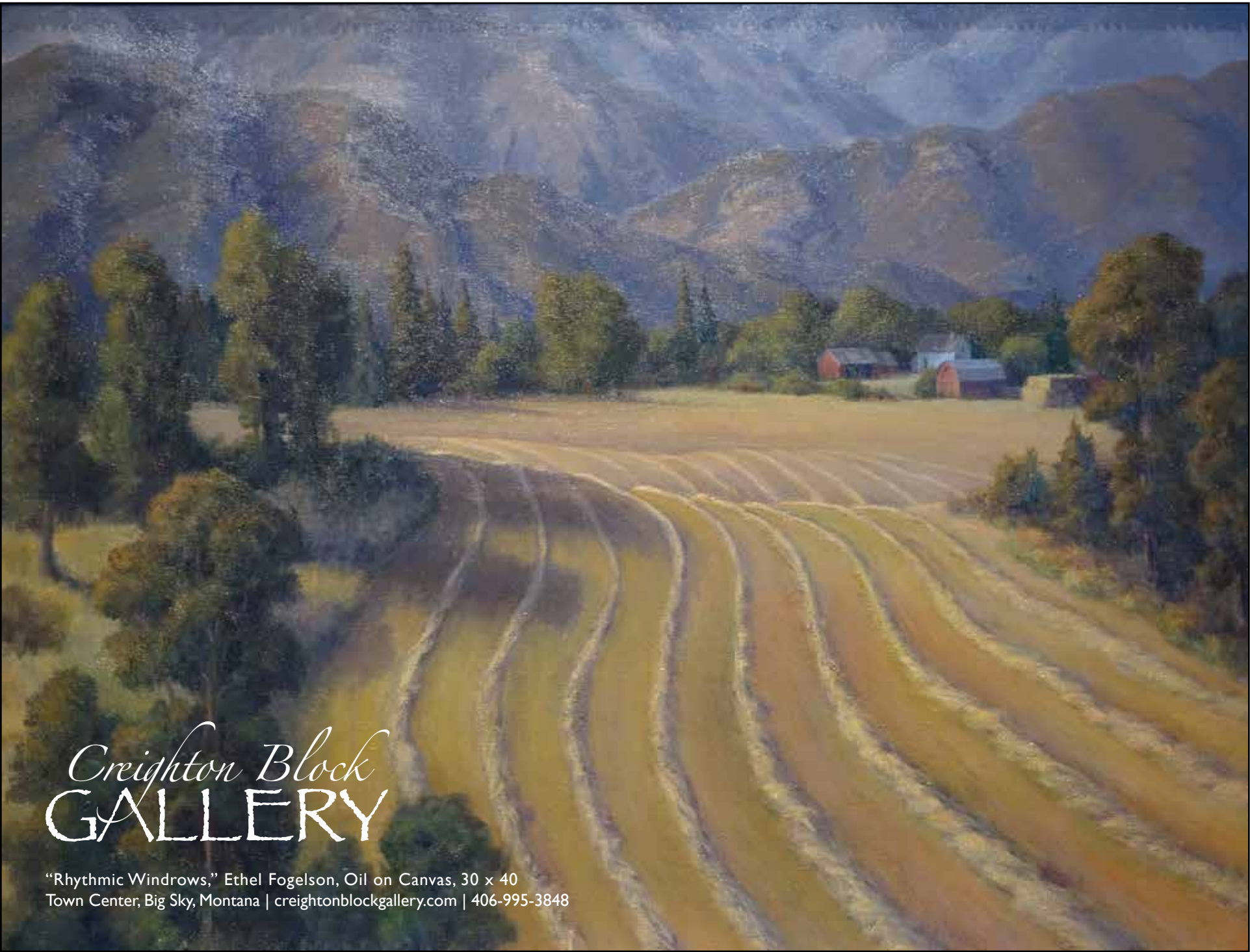
The center shares information through its website [healthworkforcestudies.com](http://healthworkforcestudies.com), as well as via webinars and conferences it organizes for researchers, policy makers, members of the media and other stakeholders.

“The College of Nursing is delighted to have the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Workforce Studies and Dr. Buerhaus here at Montana State,” said Helen Melland, dean of the college.

“An understanding of workforce needs is important to the College of Nursing as we prepare future nurses,” she said. “The research performed by Dr. Buerhaus and others in the center can help us better understand healthcare. Ultimately, it will benefit patients and care providers.”

An internationally renowned nurse economist, Buerhaus’ research includes forecasting nurse and physician supply; developing and testing measures of the quality of care in hospitals; determining public and provider opinions on issues involving the delivery of health care; and assessing the quantity and quality of health care provided by nurse practitioners.

Now housed in the MSU College of Nursing, the center is funded entirely by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, a private organization based in the San Francisco Bay area. The foundation works to achieve significant, lasting and measurable outcomes in the areas of scientific discovery, environmental conservation, and patient care improvements.



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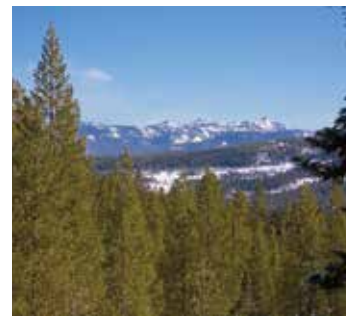
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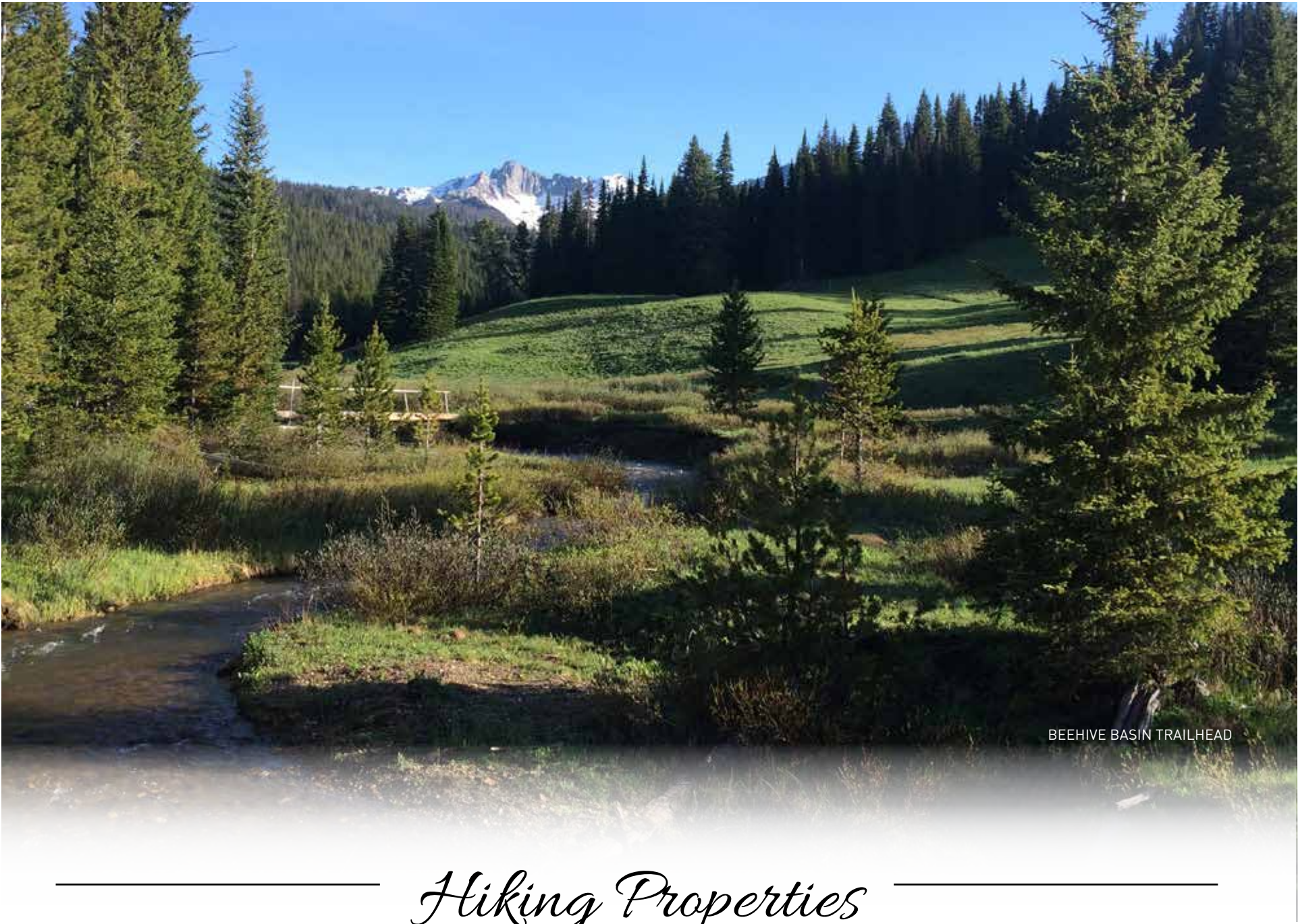
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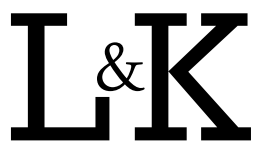
**Lot 107 West Elk Valley Rd.\*  
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*Access to private club trails from property*  
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**Buck Ridge Lodge  
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Section 3:  
EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Wild Rivers Film Tour premieres in western Montana

GREATER YELLOWSTONE COALITION

American Rivers and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition will host the Wild Rivers Film Tour in Livingston on May 12, in Bozeman on May 26, and in Red Lodge on June 11.

The film tour celebrates the 40th anniversary of Montana's four Wild and Scenic Rivers and is meant to inspire Montanans to take action to protect more of the state's iconic waterways.

The Wild Rivers Film Tour showcases four provocative and soulful films that weave adventure, conservation, angling and paddling into one night of entertainment. The tour includes three short films –“Legacy,” “Cast,” and “The Important Places” – as well as a feature-length film, “Our Local Epic.”

“Our Local Epic” chronicles the harrowing first descent of a class V whitewater canyon by a team of kayakers including Patagonia founder Yvon Chouinard, and one man's mission to protect the Clark's Fork of the Yellowstone River from being dammed, ultimately leading to Wyoming's first Wild and Scenic River designation. “Our Local Epic” was an official selection in the 2016 Wild and Scenic Film Festival in California and at the 2015 Telluride Mountain Film Festival.

Additional short films highlight a father-son connection to the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon; a beautifully shot story about sense of place and family through fly fishing the Wise River in the Big Hole Valley; and a legendary fishing guide's quest to protect the Snake River headwaters around Jackson, Wyo.

Proceeds from the Wild Rivers Film Tour will benefit Montanans for Healthy Rivers – a coalition of businesses, sportsmen and conservation groups working together to designate new Wild and Scenic Rivers in Montana.

Montanans for Healthy Rivers has galvanized support for Wild and Scenic protections for more than a dozen of Montana's most cherished streams, including East Rosebud Creek; the three forks of Rock Creek; and the Gallatin, Madison, Smith and Yellowstone rivers. The three forks of the Flathead River and the Upper Missouri River through the Breaks were the last - and only - Montana rivers to be recognized as Wild and Scenic when Congress passed a bill designating them as such in 1976.

“This inspiring collection of river films features stories shot on location in the Greater Yellowstone. They pull at our heart strings and encourage us to consider the value of

conserving Montana's streams,” said Charles Wolf Drimal, waters conservation associate for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition.

“As the angling and boating season begins, the film tour sparks an excitement for returning to the waters while reminding Montanans that the places where we play deserve protection for future generations,” said Michael Fiebig, associate director of the American Rivers Northern Rockies office.

*Tickets are available at the door or in advance at [greateryellowstone.org/events](http://greateryellowstone.org/events). The May 12 Livingston showing will be held at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts; the May 26 Bozeman showing will be held at the Emerson Cultural Center; and the June 11 Red Lodge showing will be held at the Bull and Bear Saloon. The doors for all shows will open at 6:30 p.m. with the first film rolling at 8 p.m.*

*American Rivers and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition both contribute to the leadership of Montanans for Healthy Rivers. American Rivers works to protect and restore the nation's rivers and streams. The Greater Yellowstone Coalition is dedicated to protecting the lands, waters and wildlife of the 20-million-acre Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.*







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# Gallatin Roller Girlz unleash the beasts at first home bout of 2016

GALLATIN ROLLER GIRLZ

BOZEMAN - Join the Gallatin Roller Girlz for the adventure of the summer as they kick off the 2016 home season with Jurassic Block on Saturday, May 14 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds' Haynes Pavilion. GRG's Mountain Mayhem team faces off against the Portneuf Valley Bruisers of Pocatello, Idaho.

Paleontologist, archaeologist and dinosaur costumes are encouraged for the event. Costumed attendees aged 18 and older get first crack at limited trackside seating – aka suicide or nose bleed seats – and all attendees wearing Jurassic-themed attire will receive a coupon for free ice cream.



The Gallatin Roller Girlz are kicking off the home season with a Jurassic-themed bout against the Portneuf Valley Bruisers of Pocatello, Idaho. PHOTO BY PATRICK J. DEVINE

This family friendly event features food by Bubby's, a no-host bar from Bar IX, raffles, games and prizes. DJ Chachi will supply the tunes.

A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit The Community Cafe, a project of the Human Resources Development Council and Montana's only pay-what-you-can cafe.

The nonprofit GRG achieved Women's Flat Track Derby Association full member status in September 2015. This is a sanctioned WFTDA bout, and affects GRG rankings at national and international levels.

*Tickets for Jurassic Block are available at the door or in advance at grgderby.com and Cactus Records. Kids 10 and under enter for free. Doors open at 7 p.m., the bout starts at 7:30 p.m., and there's an after party to follow at Bar IX.*

*For more information about women's flat track roller derby and the Gallatin RollerGirlz, check them out on Facebook at GallatinRollerGirlz or at grgderby.com.*



# Pianist George Winston to play benefit concert for Hopa Mountain

HOPA MOUNTAIN

On Wednesday, May 18, renowned pianist George Winston will perform a benefit concert in support of Hopa Mountain, a Bozeman-based nonprofit. Held at the Emerson Cultural Center’s Crawford Theater, the show will begin at 7 p.m.

This concert will include songs from Winston’s spring and summer collections as well as melodic folk piano songs, Vince Guaraldi’s “Peanuts” pieces, and songs inspired by the New Orleans rhythm and blues piano and Harlem stride piano traditions.

Winston will also be holding a food drive for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank before the concert and non-perishable food will be collected at the door.

Since 1972, Winston has released 13 solo piano albums, and his latest releases are “Love Will Come -The Music Of Vince Guaraldi Vol. 2” and “Gulf Coast Blues and Impressions 2 – A Louisiana Wetlands Benefit.”

For more information about the May 18 benefit concert in Bozeman, call Hopa Mountain at (406) 586-2455 or email [info@hopamountain.org](mailto:info@hopamountain.org). Tickets can be purchased in advance at Cactus Records (online and in the store) and at the door. To learn more about Winston or listen to his music, visit [georgewinston.com](http://georgewinston.com).

Hopa Mountain invests in rural and tribal citizen leaders, adults and youth that are working to improve education, ecological health, and economic development. Visit [hopamountain.org](http://hopamountain.org) for more information.



George Winston, a widely known pianist with strong Montana roots, will play a concert in Bozeman on May 18. PHOTO BY JOE DEL TUFO.

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 29 –  
THURSDAY, MAY 12**

**\*If your event falls between  
May 12 and May 27, please  
submit it by May 5.**

**Big Sky**

**MONDAY, MAY 2**  
American Legion Post 99  
Meeting  
Lone Peak Theater, 5:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**  
Gallatin River Task Force  
Donor Lounge  
Caliber Coffee, 8 a.m.

Gallatin River Task Force  
Donor Lounge  
Hungry Moose Market & Deli,  
10 a.m.

Gallatin River Task Force  
Donor Lounge  
Lone Peak Brewery, 3 p.m.

Gallatin-Big Sky Weed  
Committee Donor Lounge  
Beehive Basin Brewery, 5 p.m.

Spring Bingo  
The Gallatin Riverhouse Grill  
Early Bird 6 p.m., Regular  
6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**  
Biz to Biz  
First Security Bank, 9 a.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**  
Trivia Night  
Lone Peak Cinema, 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**  
End of Season Shred Party  
Big Sky & Greater  
Yellowstone Welcome Center,  
11 a.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**  
Big Sky Chamber Board Meeting  
Big Sky Chamber, 8:30 a.m.

GRAS HR Consulting  
First Security Bank, 11:45 a.m.

**Spring Bingo  
The Gallatin  
Riverhouse Grill  
Early Bird 6 p.m.,  
Regular 6:30 p.m.**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**  
Storm Water Management  
During Construction  
River Rock Lodge, all day

Wine Wednesday  
Mountain Maven, 11 a.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**  
Biz to Biz  
First Security Bank, 9 a.m.

**Bozeman**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**  
Sacajawea Orchid Show  
JC Penney's Courtyard, noon

Blunderbuss Science & Maker  
Faire  
The Baxter Hotel, 4 p.m.

**Bobcat Fest  
Downtown Bozeman,  
5 p.m.**

Left for Dead  
Willie's Distillery, 5:30 p.m.

Poetry Slam Open Mic Night  
Bozeman Public Library, 6 p.m.

4th Annual Physics Bowl  
Wild Joe's Coffee House, 6 p.m.

The Adventures of Robin Hood  
The Ellen Theatre, 7 p.m.

Jacob Cummings  
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Farch + Chairea + Heartless\_3  
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Quenby & The West of  
Wayland Band  
Eagles Lodge, 9 p.m.

Cory Leone Johnson  
Sacajawea Bar, 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**  
Permaculture Design Series  
Broken Ground, 9 a.m.

Bluderbuss Science & Maker  
Faire  
The Baxter Hotel, 10 a.m.

Sacajawea Orchid Show  
JC Penney's Courtyard, 10 a.m.

Bozeman Summit School Fun  
Run & Family Fun Day  
Bozeman Summit School, 11 a.m.

Science on Screen:  
Jurassic World  
The Ellen Theatre, 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Blunderbuss Makey Makey  
Battle of the Bands  
MAP Brewing Company, 6 p.m.

Walleyes Unlimited 15th  
Annual Banquet  
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.

Kalyn Beasley  
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

The Chord Rustlers Chorus  
Emerson's Crawford Theater,  
7 p.m.

Quenby & The West of  
Wayland Band  
Eagles Lodge, 9 p.m.

YURT and WRINKLES  
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**  
Sacajawea Orchid Show  
JC Penney's Courtyard, 11 a.m.

Montana Manouche Quartet  
Sola Café, noon

Aaron Williams  
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 2**  
David Sedaris Trivia Night  
MAP Brewing Company, 6 p.m.

Music Mondays with Lang  
Termes  
Red Tractor Pizza, 6:30 p.m.

Improv on the Verge  
Verge Theater, 7 p.m.

Movie Screening:  
The Big Lebowski  
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**  
Give Big Gallatin Valley  
Gallatin County, all day

West Coast Swing-  
Intermediate Class  
The MAC, 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**  
Music & Mussels  
Bridger Brewing, 5 p.m.

Bridges to Hope Screening –  
Community Conversation  
MSU Procrastinator Theater,  
5:30 p.m.

Pickin' in the Parks  
The Story Mansion, 6:30 p.m.

Masontown  
Live From the Divide, 9 p.m.

Night Moves  
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 10 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**  
MOR Annual Member's Meeting  
Museum of the Rockies, 7:30 a.m.

Montana Brewers Spring  
Rendezvous  
Gallatin County Fairgrounds,  
4 p.m.

Bluegrass Thursdays with The  
Bridger Creek Boys  
Red Tractor Pizza, 7 p.m.

The Hayes Collective  
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Ritual with Voices of Ruin  
Zebra Cocktail Lounge, 9 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**  
The 2016 Tracy Awards  
Emerson's Crawford Theater,  
1 p.m.

Dan Dubuque  
Willie's Distillery, 5:30 p.m.

Ovando  
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Heather Lingle Band  
Eagles Lodge, 9 p.m.

Coty Hogue  
Live From the Divide, 9 p.m.

Tales from Ghost Town +  
Mutilated Puppy Fetus + RATS  
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Overtime + Jselvs + Percfise 1  
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 9 p.m.

Diamond  
Sacajawea Bar, 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**  
3rd Annual Reach Yard Sale  
Reach Inc. Work Center, 7 a.m.

Teacher Appreciation Day  
Museum of the Rockies, 9 a.m.

Permaculture Design Series  
Broken Ground, 9 a.m.

**Gem and Mineral  
Show  
Gallatin County  
Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.**

Robin Hood (A Puppet Show)  
Verge Theater, 2 p.m.

Dan Dubuque  
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Party Thieves  
Faultline North, 8 p.m.

Heather Lingle Band  
Eagles Lodge, 9 p.m.

Funk Meltdown  
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

The Kitchen Dwellers  
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 9 p.m.

Acony Belles  
Sacajawea Bar, 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**  
HAVEN Mother's Day 5K  
Bozeman Ponds, all day

Gem and Mineral Show  
Gallatin County Fairground,  
10 a.m.

Mother's Day Brunch  
Rockin' TJ Ranch, 10 a.m.

Moda Fashion Truck Grand  
Opening  
The Baxter Hotel, 3 p.m.

Lang Termes  
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 9**  
Country Dance Bootcamp  
The MAC, 6:15 p.m.

Music Monday's with The Kelly  
Sisters  
Red Tractor Pizza, 6:30 p.m.

Open Mic  
Townshend's Bozeman  
Teahouse, 7 p.m.

Country Triple-Step Class  
(Polka)  
The MAC, 7:30 p.m.

An Evening with David Sedaris  
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse,  
7:30 p.m.

Movie Screening: Superbad  
Eagles Lodge Ballroom,  
8:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**  
Tours for Tots: Backbones of  
Yellowstone  
Museum of the Rockies,  
10 a.m.

Gallatin History Museum  
Benefit Barn Tour  
Gallatin History Museum,  
11 a.m.



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**  
Resilience Conference  
MSU SUB Ballroom, all day

Bozeman SCORE Business Workshop  
Bozeman Public Library, 11:45

Tours for Tots: Backbones of  
Yellowstone  
Museum of the Rockies, 2 p.m.

Music & Mussels  
Bridger Brewing, 5 p.m.

Gallatin History Museum Lecture:  
Soiled Doves, Part II  
Museum of the Rockies, 6 p.m.

Pickin' in the Parks  
The Story Mansion, 6:30 p.m.

Wine Dinner  
Rockin' TJ Ranch, 7 p.m.

Lowest Pair  
Live from the Divide, 9 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**  
Resilience Conference  
MSU SUB Ballroom, all day

MSU JJCBE Women's Circle of  
Excellence Conference  
MSU Jabs Hall, 8 a.m.

Tours for Tots: Backbones of  
Yellowstone  
Museum of the Rockies, 10 a.m.

Extreme History Project Lecture:  
The Beaucoup Site  
Museum of the Rockies, 6 p.m.

Bluegrass Thursdays with The  
Bridger Creek Boys  
Red Tractor Pizza, 7 p.m.

Play: Just Add Water  
The Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Missy Raines  
Live from the Divide, 9 p.m.

In the Whale + Shawn James & The  
Shapeshifters  
Zebra Cocktail Lounge, 9 p.m.

**RECURRING EVENTS:**  
Pints with Purpose  
Bridger Brewing, Mondays at 5 p.m.

Burgers & Bingo  
Eagles Lodge, Friday Nights at 5:30 p.m.

Open Mic Night  
The Haufbrau, Sundays, Mondays, and  
Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m.

Karaoke  
American Legion, Mondays at 9 p.m.

Karaoke  
Eagles Lodge, Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

Yoga for All  
Bozeman Public Library, Tuesdays at  
11 p.m and 12 p.m.

Open Mic with Eric Bartz  
Lockhorn Cider House, Tuesdays at  
7 p.m.

Bingo  
American Legion, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Free Friday Nights: Children's  
Museum  
Children's Museum, 5 p.m.

Livingston &  
Paradise Valley

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**  
Taste of Livingston  
Park County Fairgrounds, all day

Bramble & Rye  
Neptune's Brewery, 5 p.m.

Musical: 9 – 5  
Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.

The Fossils  
The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Western Electric  
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**  
**Sweet Grass Spring Fling –  
Arts and Crafts**  
**Big Timber Civic Center, 9 a.m.**

Cottonwood Line  
Katabatic Brewing Company, 5 p.m.

Musical: 9 – 5  
Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.

The Dirt Farmers  
The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Western Electric  
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**  
Musical: 9 – 5  
Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 3 p.m.

#WeWillListen Fundraiser  
Chico Hot Springs, 5:30 p.m.

Born for This: Chris Guillebeau &  
Friends  
The Shane Lelani Center for the Arts,  
7 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 2**  
The Horde & The Harem  
The Murray Bar, 5 p.m.

Bluegrass Jam  
Katabatic Brewing Company, 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**  
Beer for a Cause: MT American Civil  
Liberties Union  
Katabatic Brewing Company, all day

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**  
Shelter Day: Adoptable Pets  
RX Coffee, all day

Some Day Miss Pray  
Katabatic Brewing Company, 5 p.m.

Danny Bee  
The Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**  
Mother of all Garage Sales  
Park County Fairgrounds, all day

Musical: 9 – 5  
Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.

El Wencho de Mayo Party  
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

Heather Lingle Band  
The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**  
Mother of all Garage Sales  
Park County Fairgrounds, all day

Amber Ikerman  
Katabatic Brewing Company, 5 p.m.

Musical: 9 – 5  
Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.

El Wencho de Mayo Party  
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

Transzend  
The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 8**  
Mother of all Garage Sales  
Park County Fairgrounds, all day

Musical: 9 – 5  
Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 3 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 9**  
Live Music: TBA  
The Murray Bar, 5 p.m.

Bluegrass Jam  
Katabatic Brewing Company, 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**  
Beer for a Cause: Touch the Sky  
Katabatic Brewing Company, 12 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**  
Catching Magpies  
Katabatic Brewing Company, 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**  
**Wild Rivers Film Tour**  
**Shane Lalani Center for the  
Arts, 6:30 p.m. doors**

The Singer & The Songwriter  
The Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

**West Yellowstone**

**MONDAY, MAY 2**  
Martial Arts Classes  
Povah Community Center,  
5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**  
Martial Arts Classes  
Povah Community Center,  
5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**  
Martial Arts Classes  
Povah Community Center,  
5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**  
Water Aerobics  
Holiday Inn Swimming Pool, 12 p.m.

Yoga for Everyone  
Povah Community Center, 6:15 p.m.

Adult Co-ed Volleyball  
WY School Gym, 7 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 9**  
Martial Arts Classes  
Povah Community Center,  
5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**  
Martial Arts Classes  
Povah Community Center,  
5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**  
Martial Arts Classes  
Povah Community Center,  
5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**  
Water Aerobics  
Holiday Inn Swimming Pool, 12 p.m.

Youth T-Ball & Baseball  
City Park, 4 p.m.

Yoga for Everyone  
Povah Community Center, 6:15 p.m.

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# Visit Big Sky launches app to connect users to businesses, events

VISIT BIG SKY

Visit Big Sky recently launched a free Big Sky-focused app for Android and iOS smartphones. Big Sky, Montana On The Go is designed to enhance the Big Sky experience for visitors and locals by keeping users up-to-date on what is happening in the area throughout the year.

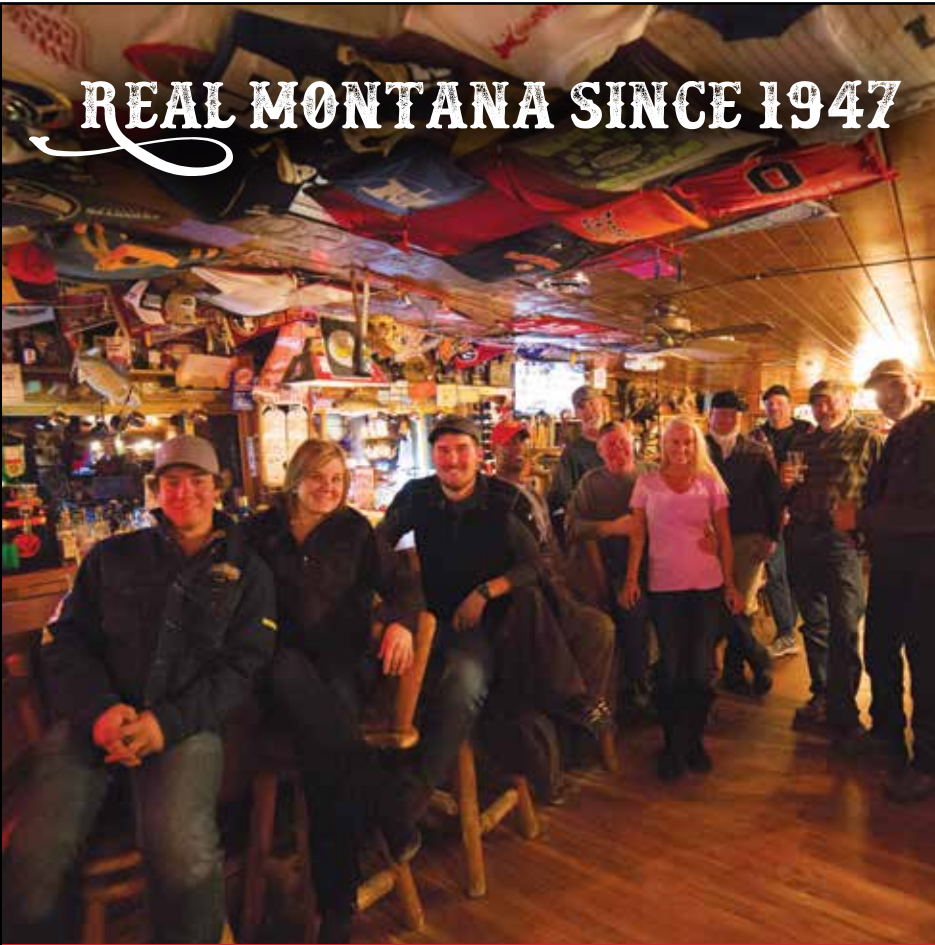
The app can help people find a local restaurant, brewery or retail shop, discover outdoor activities, or learn about a Big Sky event. By including push notifications and geofencing, users will have mobile access to accurate information about what's happening in Big Sky based on time and date or location. Information is searchable and can be used in both a list and map format.

Big Sky, Montana On The Go also features a "Go Local" function that provides current specials and events. This feature will help visitors and locals take advantage of happy hours, dinner specials, retail sales, live music or special events. Big Sky businesses can use the Go Local function to reach a larger audience by promoting their specials and events. Businesses must first get a security code from Visit Big Sky staff to post specials or events.

Visit Big Sky is holding an app kickoff contest through May 1. To enter, download the app, click the menu in the top left corner, and select the contact us page. Click the [info@visitbigskymt.com](mailto:info@visitbigskymt.com) link and send us an email with "app inquiry" in the subject line and contact information including your name and phone number. Upon sending, you will be automatically entered to win a \$500 prize on a First Security Bank reloadable card.

*Big Sky, Montana on the Go can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Learn more about it at [visitbigskymt.com/app](http://visitbigskymt.com/app) or contact visitor services manager Marci Lewandowski at (406) 995-3000 or [marci@bigskychamber.com](mailto:marci@bigskychamber.com).*

*Visit Big Sky is a private, non-profit organization responsible for marketing Big Sky as a leisure and convention destination. Visit Big Sky is funded from the Big Sky Resort Tax, administers Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development lodging tax funds and collects private industry investments from business partners for public relations and advertising programs.*



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The Gallatin-Big Sky Weed Committee will be hosting a  
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# Targhee music festival lineups announced, tickets on sale now

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Fifteen bands will play Targhee Fest this year and for those unable to attend the entire festival, one-day tickets will be available for purchase June 27.

The festival will kick off Friday, July 15 with performances by Kimock, Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams, Hot Tuna Electric, and Moe.

On July 16, Jamie McLean Band, Jerry Joseph and the Jackmormons, Jayhawks, Sister Sparrow and the Dirty Birds, Bettye LaVette, and Grace Potter will take the stage.

HoneyHoney, Josh Ritter and the River City Band, JJ Grey and Mofro, and the Drive-By Truckers will close out the festival with performances on July 17.

A month later, the Grand Targhee Bluegrass Festival offers music fans another three-day event that has become a regional entertainment staple. Single-day tickets will be available July 25.

On Friday, Aug. 12, the festival will open with performances by The Lil' Smokies, Pokey LaFarge, The O'Connor Family Band, and The Infamous Stringdusters featuring Nicki Bluhm.

The following day features the music of Mary Gauthier, Sara Watkins, Steep Canyon Rangers, the David Grisman Sextet, The Waybacks featuring Nicki Bluhm, and the Sam Bush Band.

The lineup for Aug. 14 includes Betse & Clarke, HillBenders presents The Who's "Tommy," Lord Huron, and Trampled By Turtles.

*Early pricing for three-day tickets are available in limited quantities and the price includes entry*



The Drive-By Truckers will close out Targhee Fest with a performance on Sunday, July 17. PHOTO BY DAVID MCCLISTER

*to the festivals each day as well as access to the shuttle from Driggs, Idaho to Grand Targhee Resort. Visit [grandtarghee.com/summer-music-festivals](http://grandtarghee.com/summer-music-festivals) to purchase tickets or to find more information about camping options.*

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- First practice: May 2, 4 p.m. at Community Park Softball fields

**NOW HIRING**  
**Big Sky Fire Department – NOW HIRING**  
Big Sky Fire Department has an opening for a Part-time Administrative Assistant. An original, completed application must be submitted to the Big Sky Fire Department Office Administrator by May 20, 2016 @ 3:00pm. If mailing/shipping, the envelope must be postmarked by May 16, 2016. For complete details, the position posting, description and application is available on our website <http://bigskyfire.org/administrative-assistant/>  
Application packets are also available for pick-up at 650 Rainbow Trout Run, Big Sky, MT 59716



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**Big Sky Cub Scout GEAR SWAP!**  
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# LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mail ballot election will be held to elect two full term trustees for the Rural Fire District Election Board of Trustees for Big Sky, with a ballot return date of May 3, 2016.

The election will be conducted solely by mail ballot by the Gallatin County Election Administrator. Ballots will be mailed only to active registered voters within the Big Sky Rural Fire District on April 13, 2016. To receive a ballot, you may need to update your voter registration. Please call 582-3060 if you have questions regarding your voter registration.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail or in person to the Gallatin County Election Administrator, Gallatin County, 311 W. Main Street, Room 210, Bozeman, Montana 59715 during regular business hours (exclusive of holidays), through May 2, 2016. On Election Day, May 3, 2016, the office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On Election Day, May 3, 2016, the only place for deposit of voted ballots will be the office of the Gallatin County Elections by 8:00 p.m. in order to be counted. All ballots will be tallied in the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator on May 3, 2016.

A qualified voter who will be absent from the District during the time the election is being conducted may:


- (a) vote in person in the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator as soon as the ballots are available and until noon on April 12, 2016; or
- (b) make a written request prior to noon on April 12, 2016, signed by the applicant and addressed to the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator requesting the ballot be mailed to an address other than that which appears on the registration records. All ballots to be mailed will be mailed no later than April 13, 2016.

An elector may obtain a replacement ballot if his ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received by the elector by personally appearing at the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator and by:

- (a) signing an affidavit form stating the reason for the request for replacement; and
- (b) if the reason given for replacement is “spoiled ballot,” by returning the spoiled ballot to the office of the Gallatin County Election Administrator.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2016

Charlotte Mills, Election Administrator, Gallatin County, Bozeman, Montana



# GALLATIN COUNTY

## GALLATIN COUNTY

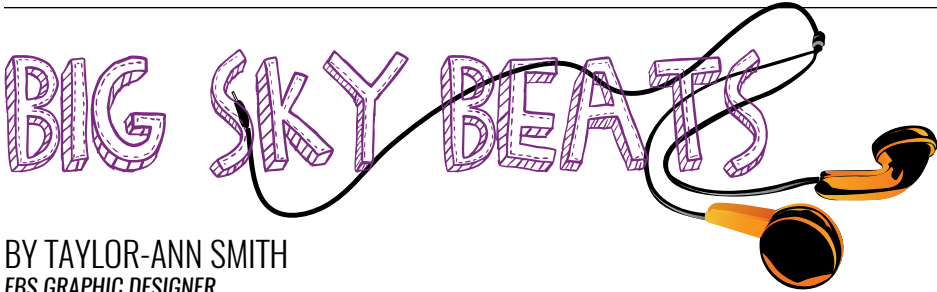
### Notice of Meeting

The Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Zoning Advisory Committee (“BSAC”) will consider the following items at its monthly meeting on Monday May 2, 2016 at 9:30 AM, at the Big Sky Water and Sewer District office, 561 Little Coyote Rd, Big Sky, MT. The BSAC is an advisory arm of the Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Planning and Zoning Commission and invites the Big Sky Community to attend meetings and participate in discussions concerning Big Sky planning matters.

- 1.Public Forum (items not on agenda)
2. Nedved Accessory Structure Conditional Use Permit. Request by Troy Nedved for conditional use permit approval for to allow for a 980 square foot accessory structure, which is larger than what is permitted by Section 31.1.A of the Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Zoning Regulation. The property is 0.94 acres, zoned RC-SF-1 and described as Lot 1 Block 4 of Ramshorn View Estates Phase 1, located in Section 8, Township 7S, Range 4E, Gallatin County, Montana, addressed at 58 Scenic Drive.

Questions and comments should be directed to the Gallatin County Planning Department, 406-582-3130 or e-mail to [tim.skop@gallatin.mt.gov](mailto:tim.skop@gallatin.mt.gov)





BY TAYLOR-ANN SMITH  
EBS GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Find out what tunes we’re bumping! In Big Sky Beats, Explore Big Sky staff offers suggested tracks for your next playlist. Whether you need to freshen up your music library, want to expand your collection, or just need some tunes for a spring barbecue, we’ve got you covered.

One of my favorite ways to enjoy a night on the town is with cheap drinks, in crowded basement bars with blown out speakers. I’ve found that some of my favorite weekend nights were spent in a random venue full of folks dancing to a mostly unknown band playing their hearts out.

Some of the most passionate musicians I’ve seen play are in punk bands. Charged with political lyrics, fast tempos, and bold attitudes, punk music has always had a place in my music library. The genre not only gets me motivated to work out but also reminds me to be passionate about everything I do.

The playlist below features a few of my favorite punk bands I’d love to see live someday in a crowded bar:

- 1. “No Weaknesses,” The Dirty Nil
- 2. “Duality,” Bayside
- 3. “Better Off This Way,” A Day To Remember
- 4. “Broken Bones,” Anti-Flag
- 5. “The Lost Souls,” A.F.I
- 6. “Glow,” Alien Ant Farm
- 7. “This Addiction,” Alkaline Trio
- 8. “Howl,” Beware of Darkness
- 9. “Chain Me Free,” The Matches
- 10. “Wicked Ones,” Dorothy

Visit [explorebigsky.com/beats](http://explorebigsky.com/beats) for a sampling of the playlist.

# American Life in Poetry: Column 579

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE

Early each spring, Nebraska hosts, along a section of the Platte River, several hundred thousand sandhill cranes. It’s something I wish everyone could see. Don Welch, one of the state’s finest poets, lives under the flyway, and here’s his take on the migration. His most recent book is “Gnomes,” (Stephen F. Austin State University Press, 2013).

**With Spring In Our Flesh**  
By Don Welch

With spring in our flesh  
the cranes come back,  
funneling into a north  
cold and black.

And we go out to them,  
go out into the town,  
welcoming them with shouts,  
asking them down.

The winter flies away  
when the cranes cross.  
It falls into the north,  
homeward and lost.

Let no one call it back  
when the cranes fly,  
silver birds, red-capped,  
down the long sky.

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# BACK 40

For Explore Big Sky, the Back 40 is a resource: a place where we can delve into subjects and ask experts to share their knowledge. Topics include regional history, profiles of local artists and musicians, snow and avalanche education, how-to pieces for traditional or outdoor skills, and science.

**Noun:** wild or rough terrain adjacent to a developed area **Origin:** shortened form of “back 40 acres”

## The Eddy Line The Mother’s Day caddis conundrum



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The skis are stored away, the chairlifts have stopped spinning, and mornings in area

campgrounds are chilly and filled with low-hanging campfire smoke. It is legitimately fishing season – but as we experienced early in April, our freestone rivers can succumb to early runoff.

The fish gods have a demented sense of humor – as quickly as our rivers can start fishing well, they can become muddy torrents due to snowmelt. Fishing the Mother’s Day caddis hatch can be equally frustrating.

The fly shops, online outfitters and magazines rave about this annual hatch – this writer is also guilty as charged. Being at the right place at the right time for an early season caddis hatch, like the Mother’s Day hatch, makes up for all of the days watching a muddy river flow past. However, this legendary hatch is unpredictable and doesn’t always occur on or near Mother’s Day, which is May 8 this year.

Here’s some help to find yourself in the right place at the right time.

**Be a weather hawk.** Explain to your jealous boyfriend or girlfriend that you’re not on Tinder, but instead you’re browsing weather reports for Bozeman, Big Sky, Livingston, and Ennis. Fishable conditions on area rivers and hatching caddis often ride a very thin line of cooperation.

The ideal scenario for water clarity and caddis are daytime highs in the 50s or 60s, and nighttime lows below 40 F. Once the daytime highs hit 70 degrees, the risk of muddy water increases. I like the 60-30 rule: daytime highs in the 60s and nighttime lows in the 30s.

**Geek out on stream flows.** Working with numbers and charts has never been my thing, but this time of year I’m all about them. If I watch the weather closely, I watch stream flows even closer. As air temps rise and fall, stream flows follow suit. While a gradual shift in either direction is fine, a major rise in flows will cause a river to be muddy.



Coming off the water in droves, caddis will be seen on many of our local rivers into mid-May. Whether you’re in the right place at the right time, and on a river that is fishable, is equal parts ideal weather conditions and educated guess. PHOTO BY SEAN MERELY/MONTANA FISHING GUIDE SCHOOL

The ideal scenario is a gradual drop in stream flow, which is caused by cooler temps stalling the snowmelt. Then a gradual increase in air temps increases water temperatures and spurs the caddis to hatch. Stream flow charts illustrate this – study them, because they will be your best friend until mid-May, when runoff usually commences in earnest.

**Don’t fall for the hatch too hard.** Just as quickly as things can work in your favor, they can work against you. You can watch the weather and stream flows as much as you want, but planning is an upstream battle. For example, the weather and stream flow forecasts could be in your favor on a Friday, but by Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, temps could rise and you’re fishing muddy water. Roll with what the fish gods give you. And if you’re lucky you can:

**Catch the caddis bug.** Hatches don’t plan themselves for weekend days. Given the small window of fishable conditions, be prepared to call in sick. Like a powder day, fishing the Mother’s Day caddis hatch means you need to forego responsibility at a moment’s notice. My best spring caddis days all came when I should have been doing something else – but I was sure glad I didn’t listen to reason.

**Have a plan B.** If you’re planning to fish the Mother’s Day caddis hatch on the Yellowstone or Lower Madison, make backup plans. The Upper Madison is always a good option, as well as the Paradise Valley spring creeks. For every year that I’ve hit the hatch right, there are three years where the stars just didn’t align.

Springtime caddis hatches can be worth the hype. They can also be an exercise in angling frustration. How you choose to handle the adversity is up to you – you can leave this area for cleaner waters like the Bighorn and Missouri rivers with the masses, or roll the dice and stay local. It’s like sitting through a hurricane. If you end up in the eye, it’s legendary. Fortunately, the Mother’s Day caddis hatch is safer than a hurricane.

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