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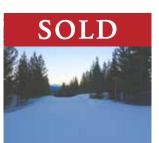
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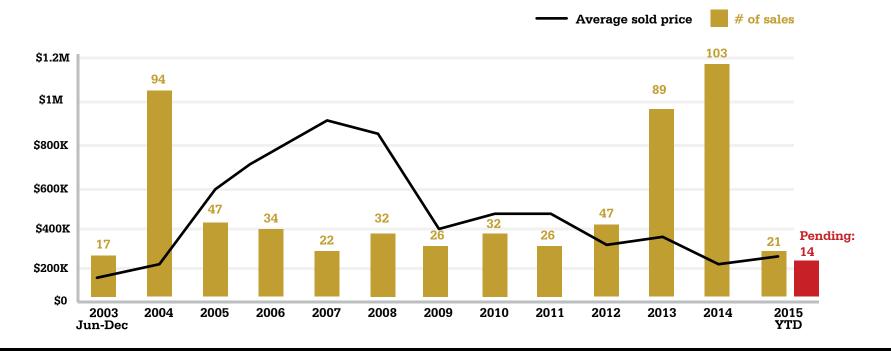


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#### **News from our publisher, Outlaw Partners**

# Welcome to outlaw.partners

# Redesigned website showcases Outlaw services

BY MEGAN PAULSON OUTLAW PARTNERS COO

The Outlaw Partners is proud to announce the release of our newly redesigned website and subsequent launch of outlaw.partners, reflecting a new "generic top-level domain" (gTLD) recently approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers.

Until November 2013, there were just 22 domain extensions available, including .com, .net and .org. Eventually there will be more than 700 new extensions specific to industry, interest, city or region.

After nearly 30 years of the World Wide Web, it can be difficult to find an ideal web address since many of the best domains are taken. ICANN, the nonprofit body that governs the Internet, authorized from 2013-2015 the creation of hundreds of new domain extensions to increase choices and encourage innovation.

The new website features Outlaw's four main service components: media, marketing, video and events. Dive into the expanded video and client portfolios, take a look at Outlaw's mission and team, and explore resources like advertising rates and opportunities, distribution networks, Outlaw news updates, and other helpful marketing tips.

We've provided direct connections to our social media channels, and followed a responsive design so all devices are compatible and offer a seamless browsing experience.

Since a website is never truly "finished," be sure to check back often for expanded online content and portfolio for newly launched projects. In the meantime, we'd love to hear your feedback on the new design.

And if you're interested in learning more about building a website or preregistration for your own gTLD, drop a line to our Director of Sales E.J. Daws at ej@theoutlawpartners.com.



# Robert Earl Keen to headline Big Sky PBR music fest

BIG SKY - Robert Earl Keen will take the stage in Big Sky as the main attraction during a multi-act concert on the final day of the Professional Bull Riders event this summer.

The Saturday Aug. 1 concert will follow two days of PBR and will feature a number of bands that Big Sky residents and visitors won't want to miss. The Jamie McLean band will be one of the opening acts for Keen, and additional performers will be announced in the coming weeks.

Keen, the eclectic singer-songwriter with roots spanning from country to rock and folk to bluegrass, has 18 albums under his belt and recently played on March 20 at the Jackson Hole Rendezvous Festival in Jackson, Wyo.

"It was high-energy country rock and filled the main street of Jackson Hole with fans singing along with [Keen's] classic tune, 'The Road Goes On Forever,'" said Eric Ladd, Outlaw Partners CEO and publisher of EBS. "He's a polished and seasoned performer."

To see Keen under the shadow of Lone Mountain will be a major summer highlight, Ladd says.

"It'll be the largest music festival to come to Big Sky since Willie Nelson," he said, referencing the 2010 show in the community park.

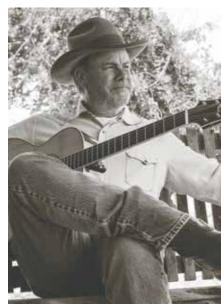


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Tickets for the concert, as well as the PBR, will go on sale June 1 and typically sell out quickly.

The Big Sky PBR last summer was named Touring Pro Division Event of the Year for the second year running. The event this summer moves up a notch onto the BlueDef Velocity Tour, a division that "has become the second most important bull riding tour in professional sports" behind the Built Ford Tough Series, according to the official PBR website. – *J.T.O.* 

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# **BSSD Superintendent Jerry House resigns**

BY MARIA WYLLIE EXPLORE BIG SKY ASSOCIATE EDITOR

BIG SKY – Big Sky School District Superintendent Jerry House announced his resignation, effective by July 15, at the March 19 school board meeting.

"After 44 years of being an educator, it's time to go spend some time with my wife," said House, 71. "It's time to move on."

Matt Jennings, who's served as a school board trustee for three years, says House has been monumental in bringing the school district up to speed.

"He's been a great leader for us, and it's going to be hard to see him go," Jennings said.

House left Ranger, Wash., after the 1999-2000 school year before moving to Whitefish where he worked for a decade as Whitefish School District Superintendent. A few days after retiring from his job there, the BSSD Board of Trustees asked House to interview for the superintendent position, contracted for one year.

However, after spending the 2011-2012 school year with students at Ophir Elementary School and Lone Peak High School, House wasn't ready to leave.

"It was a matter of building a foundation for this school and the staff," House said. "We have high expectations for academics and social behavior, and [we have] great support from the community, so I was excited to stay here."

Although his tenure was longer than expected, it was relatively short for a school superintendent. But in that time House helped start a number of traditions including homecoming, prom, parades and Spirit Week.

"His contributions have been immeasurable as far as moving our school forward with different programs, curriculums, and keeping our staff motivated and pushing them to the next level," Jennings said.

Tom Yahraes, who began working as assistant

superintendent for the 2014-2015 school year is currently being groomed to take over as superintendent, House says, providing his credentials are in place by the start of the school's new fiscal year in August.

Yahraes's promotion is based on board approval and will be voted on at the May school board meeting when House plans on making the recommendation. House and the board have been working together on plans for the transition.



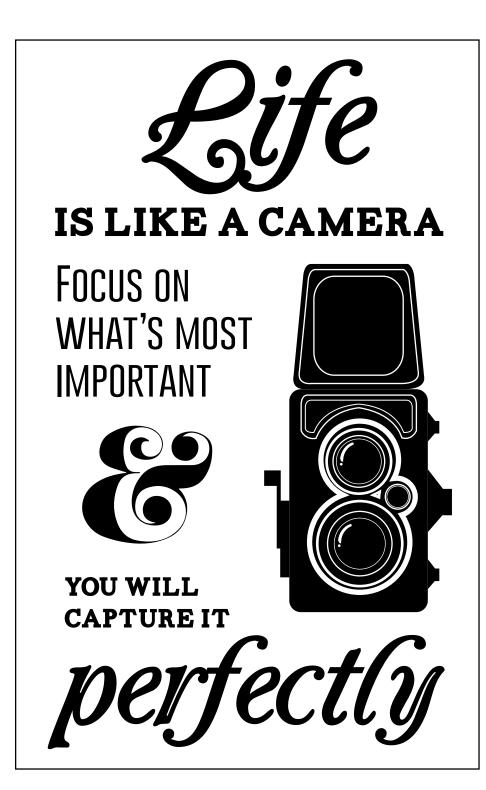
Although Big Sky School District Superintendent Jerry House only planned on staying for a year, his passion for the kids and the community inspired him to continue working with the staff in building a strong foundation for such a new school. PHOTO BY WES OVERVOLD

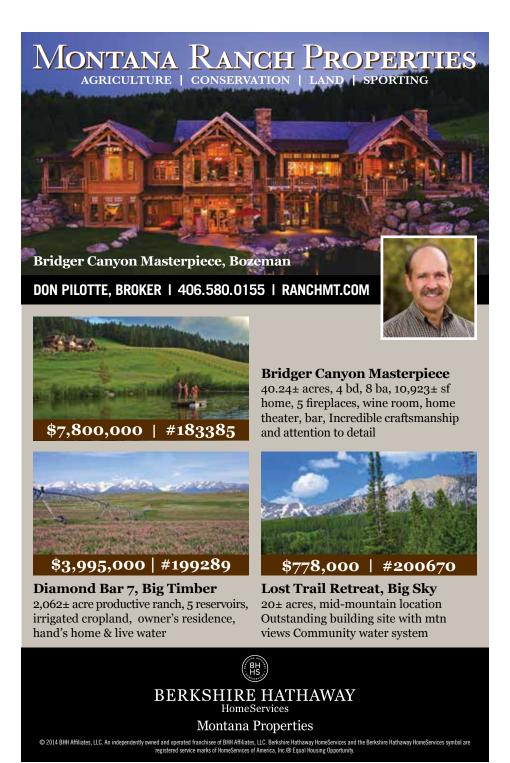
Following the resignation, House says he and his wife Deborah are looking forward to reconnecting as a couple. They are returning to their home in Whitefish, which sits on the Whitefish Golf Course – ideal for House, who is an avid golfer.

But Whitefish won't be their final stop, he says.

"What we're looking forward to is mobility," House said. "[We're] going to travel and do things that we haven't done because of jobs and kids."

First on the list is a trip to Tuscany, Italy.

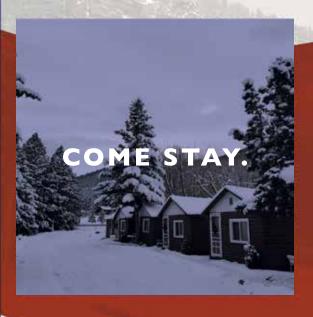






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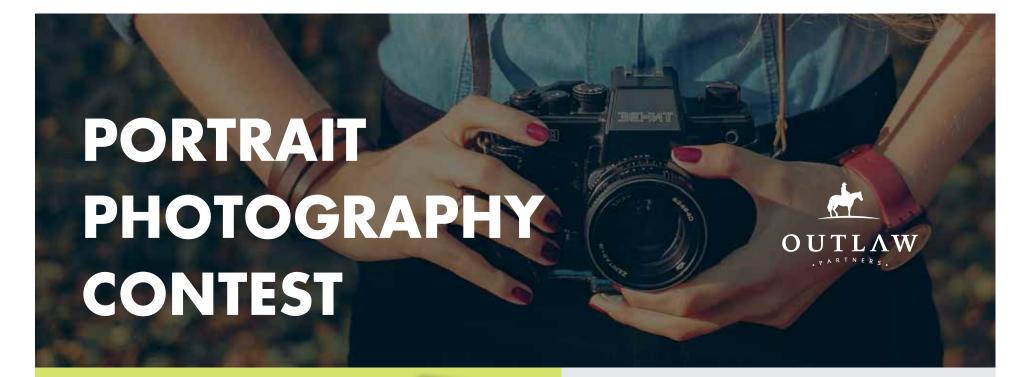


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**Amy Langmaid**, Big Sky, Mont. Owner of Rhinestone Cowgirl

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**Cherrie Downer**, Big Sky, Mont. Barista at Spur Coffee

"It allows me to keep in contact with a lot of my friends over seas...It's enabled me to branch out a little more in seeing other parts of the world. On the negative side, it gives you a sense of less privacy and the overwhelming bombardment of images and sounds that can be annoying."



**Vicky Nordahl,** Big Sky, Mont. Owner/Manager of Lone Peak Brewery and Taphouse

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# **BSSD** tech program setting state standard

BY TYLER ALLEN EXPLORE BIG SKY SENIOR EDITOR

BIG SKY – Jeremy Harder's fourth graders on March 20 were intently following his instruction for tying butterfly-shaped knots in parachute cord, attempting to make wilderness survival bracelets.

The complexity of the knot was evident in some of the students' frustration, but Harder encouraged them by saying they could YouTube the instructions, or visit paracord.com, when they got home.

Learning with the Internet, or other technology, is no stranger to these young students. Each of Harder's fourth graders uses a Google Chromebook tablet during daily instruction. By fall 2015 the goal is for every student in the Big Sky School District to have access to his or her own device as part of the 1:1 technology program, according to Technology Education Teacher Matt Bakken.

"We're the first [three] schools in Montana to be certified in digital citizenship," Bakken said, referring to BSSD's Lone Peak High School, Ophir Middle School and Ophir Elementary.

Students are taught that what they post on the Internet will be there forever, and they learn about cyber bullying and citing information they find on the web properly in their own work.

## \$300,000

in Yellowstone Club Community Foundation grants

Bakken said the school formed a technology committee three years ago, with a three-year vision to implement the 1:1 program. A \$200,000 Yellowstone Club Community Foundation grant awarded last spring allowed the district to purchase devices and invest in professional development, as well as fund the Mobile Device Management System, which is software that controls the devices.

A continuation grant of \$100,000 from YCCF will allow the district to buy the rest of the devices this summer to complete the 1:1 rollout.

"The biggest challenge is the infrastructure to support it all," said Technology Director Andrew Blessing, who was hired at the end of February, referring to the Internet bandwidth and wireless framework that students will need, especially as enrollment grows in the future.

"We keep learning and evolving just as the kids are," Blessing said. "We went from about 80 computers [last year] to 360-380 devices once the rollout is complete this summer."

Blessing said content filtering is another challenge. Teachers need access to educational sites while the technology team has to make sure students can't access inappropriate content. The school is trying to move in a direction where the teachers have more power to access curriculum they'd like to use without having to vet it through the tech team.



## 90 Google Chromebooks

+ 90 more next school year

Harder attended the second annual EdTechTeam Napa Valley 1:1 Institute featuring Google Apps for Education (GAFE), Jan. 10-11 in Napa, Calif. Harder, who was certified along with BSSD math teacher Nancy Sheil as a Google Educator in October, said he was the only attendee from outside California, where some teachers were just beginning to use applications he'd been teaching for two or three months.

On March 28-29 at Montana State University, Harder presented Google tools for science and math to a group of k-12 science teachers from around the state. He will also present some of the curriculum he's integrated into his class at the first Montana GAFE summit in Missoula on May 2.

On Fridays, from 7:45-8:15 he holds a voluntary tech meeting for other teachers, and hosts a conference for parents every couple of months.

"This month only three parents showed up," Harder said in March. He joked that this could be a result of parents being overwhelmed with the technology, but the students in his class seem to get it.

Brielle Gunderson says she uses Chromebooks to write notes when they're working on Newsela, a news-based literacy program, and they often use the online file sharing system Google Drive to work on presentations, write papers and build graphs.

"For me, [Drive is] easy to use," Gunderson said. "I can access it at home, and sometimes I [use it to] work on homework."

Kate King has a personal computer at home and is familiar with much of the software and programs used in Harder's class. But her home



**30** Apple iPads

+ 60 more next school year

computer is pretty slow, she said, and the Chromebooks are a lot faster and easier to use.

Harder's class uses the technology 80 percent of the day, four days a week, he said, for English language arts, social studies, science and math. During that time an app called "Move It" pops up every 15 minutes. The app signals when it's time for students to stretch their legs and gives them fun activities – like choreographed dance moves – to get them moving.

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Currently, all Lone Peak High School students have Surface Pro 3 tablets they're allowed to take home. At Ophir Middle School, Harder's class has a cart of 30 Chromebooks, and there are two roaming carts with 30 Chromebooks apiece for the rest of the fourth through eighth graders. The carts are mobile-charging systems that update the devices' software and are locked when the students aren't using them. At Ophir Elementary the kindergarten through third grade classes share one cart of 30 iPads.

The school district plans to buy 90 more Chromebooks and 60 more iPads in the near future, according to Bakken.

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House said he's impressed at how quickly the teachers in the district are learning the new technology and curriculum. He attributes much of that to the collaboration between the teachers, including Harder's Friday morning sessions.

A recent \$20,000 donation to the school will also help. Jim Mace and his wife Pam Russell – second homeowners in Big Sky – donated the funds in early March for faculty training in technology and curriculum.

"If you want good quality people in [Big Sky] you need to educate their children," said Mace in a phone interview from his home in Reno, Nev. "The rule is you need to teach the teachers, so the teachers can teach the kids."

# Bill thought to assist Big Sky housing crisis dies in Senate

HELENA – A bill in the Montana Legislature, which some hoped could be a promising crutch for Big Sky's growing housing crisis, died April 1 on the Senate floor.

House Bill 262, called "Revise resort tax laws," would have allowed resort districts, resort areas, and resort area districts such as Big Sky, to raise resort taxes by up to 1 percent. Revenue collected from the additional tax increase would need to be earmarked for historical building preservation or workforce housing.

After the Senate Taxation Committee passed the bill on March 25, it moved on to the full Senate, which defeated it in a 25-25 tie. A majority vote is needed for bills to move through to the governor's desk.

"It all came down to the timing of them stopping the vote," said Kevin Germain, a member of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce Housing Subcommittee, which aims to find solutions to the area's housing issues. "At one point it was up 27-23."

Rep. Kerry White (R-Bozeman) first introduced HB 262 on Jan. 20, as a way to provide additional resort tax revenue that would preserve historical buildings in areas that collect resort tax. He later added "or workforce housing" to the bill, one of a number of amendments HB 262 has seen.

Germain said the bill received resounding support from Sens. Debby Barrett (R-Dillon) and Jedediah Hinkle (R-Bozeman), but that it wasn't enough.

"They really stood up for Big Sky," Germain said, adding that at this point supporters are seeking solutions. "We're looking [for] opportunities to resurrect it and don't know what they are." – *J.T.O.* 



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# **BDHS** recruits medical director for new Big Sky facility

BY JOSEPH T. O'CONNOR EXPLORE BIG SKY MANAGING EDITOR

BIG SKY – While construction workers at the Big Sky Medical Center site are on track for a late fall 2015 completion, the project's underwriters are building a foundation for its treatment plan.

Bozeman Deaconess Health Services in February hired Dr. Phil Hess as the center's medical director, one of five doctors it expects to employ at BSMC. The first physician BDHS hired was Dr. Maren Dunn, who owned and operated Gallatin Family Medicine in Big Sky before BDHS acquired Dunn's practice on Jan. 1.

Dunn will continue to see patients in her Meadow Village clinic until she moves her practice into



Dr. Phil Hess takes a second away from work at the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center in Anchorage Alaska. Hess was hired as the medical director for the Big Sky Medical Center and is expected to begin work in August. PHOTO BY CONNIE QUINOVEVA

the new Big Sky facility. She will be adding inpatient services to her current outpatient practice, while the four other doctors, including Hess, will provide outpatient and 24-7 emergency care.

Hess has more than 18 years experience as a physician, including work in the private sector as well as rural health clinics and critical access hospitals. He lived in Helena for 10 years, treating patients at St. Peter's Hospital and through a private practice before moving to Cordova, Alaska in 2008.

"That's when I started doing the real small town work," Hess said. "This was full-on being a small town doc."

Feeling the isolation in the rural Alaska town, Hess relocated in 2010 to Anchorage, where he acted as medical director for a rural clinic and an emergency room physician at a second facility. A return to Montana is something Hess has considered for years, and he says the plan finally fell into place.

"Big Sky's not nearly so isolated [as Cordova]," said Hess, whose daughters Danielle and Erin are both enrolled at Montana State University. "I sniffed around at some opportunities until Selina Irby [BDHS physician recruiter] called me. It seemed like perfect timing on a number of levels."

Hess was part owner of a Glacier condo in Big Sky while living in Helena, and he and his daughters learned to ski at Big Sky Resort in the winters.

Eight years ago, Hess talked to Dr. Jeffrey Daniels, who runs the Medical Clinic of Big Sky, about relocating to the area, but at the time Daniels didn't have openings. Hess says he's looking forward to the serendipitous return that will bring him closer to his daughters and offer sunnier days than he saw in Alaska.

"Life is ironic and fun," said Hess, who's also an avid mountain biker. "Big Sky is one of my favorite places in Montana, no doubt about it."

Hess and his partner Natalie Osborne plan to move to Big Sky in July and he'll start working with BDHS to implement plans for BSMC in early August.

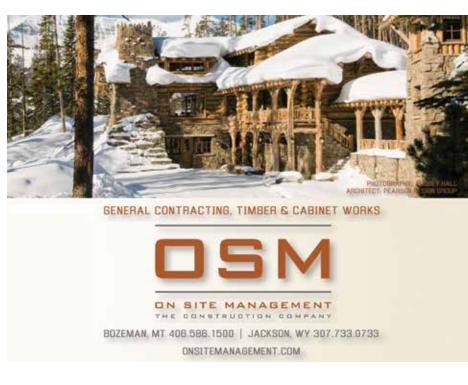
As medical director for the new facility, Hess will be responsible for scheduling physicians and support staff, recruiting, implementation of the electronic health record, and interfacing with the community for outreach and marketing.

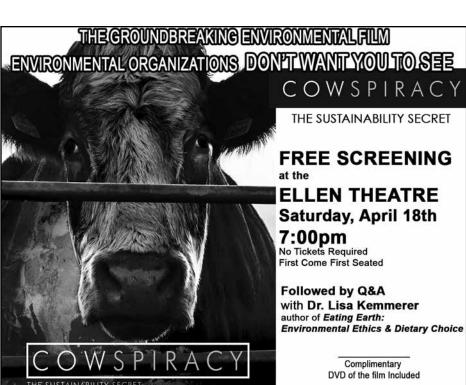
With small-town medical expertise and a background running treatment facilities, Hess' portfolio lends itself to a community medical center such as BSMC, according to BDHS Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Chen.

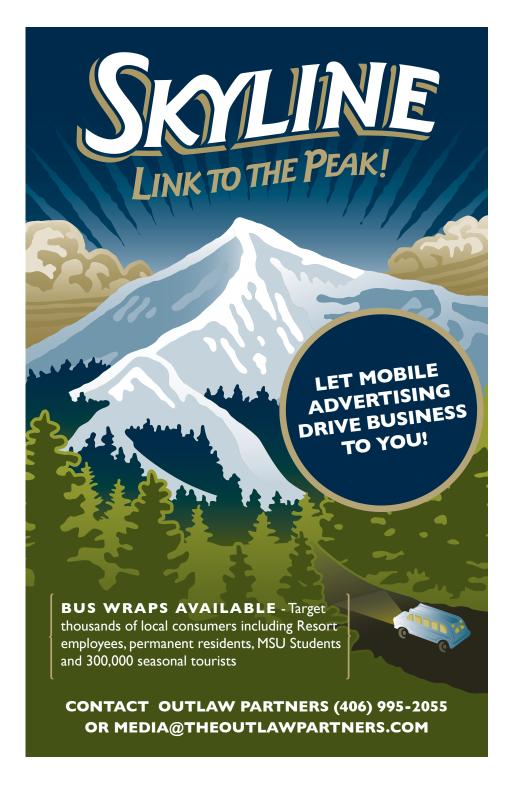
"One of our goals was to have a very well-rounded group of physicians [who have] the ability to do both primary and acute care," said Chen, who leads the recruitment program for BSMC. "Speaking with [Hess'] other colleagues, they look to him for leadership and to make things happen. He's exactly what we were looking for in terms of skillset."

Hess knows there's work ahead to gain the trust of Big Sky residents and visitors, but says that getting to know community members is a priority.

"I think as a new facility it's going to take a little time to establish itself," said Hess, but points to the outreach and marketing efforts he plans to implement. "Our clients and patients will really get to know our faces and we'll get to know theirs."







# Pie Auction celebrates 35 years, raises nearly \$100,000

BY MARIA WYLLIE EXPLORE BIG SKY ASSOCIATE EDITOR

BIG SKY – The 35th annual Pie Auction, put on by the Big Sky School District's Parent Teacher Organization, took place March 21 at Buck's T -4 and raised nearly \$100,000. It exceeded the PTO's fundraising goal of \$75,000 and was the second most successful Pie Auction in the event's history.

Approximately 140 people placed bids last year, while this year had more than 200 bidders.

As of March 31, the total tally for the 2015 event was a net income of almost \$97,000. The Pie Auction saw a 36 percent increase over last year's gross income and a 52 percent increase in net proceeds.

"We're especially proud of this since it reflects our board's commitment to controlling expenses," said BSPTO President Sandi Cunningham in an email.

The BSPTO is a nonprofit group with a mission of providing enrichment, supplements and special programs to the students and staff of the Big Sky School District. Funds raised from the Pie Auction are used to finance existing programs like the After School Program, field trips, ski days, sports, and the eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C., among others.

The use of any additional funds will be determined by the BSPTO Board. Cunningham says they've already had a few requests, such as purchasing a new stage for graduation. In addition, the BSPTO is putting a reserve program in place so that money is set aside every year in case they don't meet their fundraising goals.

This year's Pie Auction included a record number of sponsors, and set records in raffle ticket sales and income from the live and silent auctions.

Cunningham said she's pleased the BSPTO was able to achieve its goal in creating an inclusive event that attracted not only locals, but also visitors to Big Sky.

"I have an inherent respect for a community that can come together and support something like this," said Cunningham, who moved to Big Sky last summer. "In the end, we all benefit."



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# Teton park road opens to non-motorized travel

BY JACKIE SKAGGS grand teton national park spokeswoman

MOOSE, Wyo. - Grand Teton National Park road crews have cut through the snow cover on the Teton Park Road between the Taggart Lake parking area and Signal Mountain Lodge - a distance of 15 miles - and completed this portion of the annual spring plowing operations on March 27.

Annual plowing of the Teton Park Road is a process that can take several weeks to complete, depending on the depth and consistency of the snowpack. Due to the relatively thin snow cover this year, removal operations on the road took just one week this year.

The park road has melted down to pavement in most places and is now open to non-motorized recreation such as walking, biking and roller-blading. Springtime visitors can look forward to access on this park road for nearly five weeks before it opens to private vehicles for the summer travel season on Friday, May 1.

Although the road is open for nonmotorized use, springtime recreationalists must be alert for park vehicles that periodically travel this roadway for administrative purposes. Road crews are still in the process of clearing other auxiliary roads and wayside areas, and visitors are cautioned to keep a safe distance from heavy equipment that may be operating at various locations.

Dogs are permitted on the park road, but owners are required to keep pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet, and must use waste disposal bags to pick up after their dogs. Mutt Mitt stations are in place at the Taggart Lake parking area.

Bears are now out of hibernation and active again in Grand Teton National Park and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. Park visitors need to be alert for bears and take appropriate precautions when using the Teton Park Road and other park areas. Visitors should exercise common sense and good judgment, stay alert, and follow these recommended safety tips while biking, hiking or spring skiing:

- Make noise
- Travel in a group of three or moreCarry bear spray and know how to
- Maintain a 100-yard distance from bears at all times
- Never approach a bear under any circumstances

People should also report bear sightings or sign to the nearest visitor center or ranger station. Timely reporting will help park staff to provide important safety messages about bear activity to other visitors.

# Tread lightly on trails and roads this spring

BY MARIAH LEUSCHEN-LONERGAN CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

BOZEMAN – With warmer weather, the spring thaw is well underway. The Custer Gallatin National Forest reminds recreationists to tread lightly and respect the conditions of roads and trails during the spring break-up period.

Free Motor Vehicle Use Maps are available at all district offices providing opening and closing dates for area roads and gates. Seasonal designations do not change from year to year, however this season's lack of snow has curtailed snowmobiling opportunities in many areas – including grooming by Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association on Wapiti Trail #2522 and Buck Ridge.

"We appreciate the excellent grooming that Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association has provided through the 2015 winter season," said Bozeman Trails Manager Brian McNeil. "With winter conditions waning, spring break-up can often times cause the most damage to trails, with wet saturated soils, loose rocks and debris common across many area trails."

Seasonal trail crews will come on in early June and will be maintaining trails after they have dried out, McNeil said, encouraging recreationists to tread lightly, using trails that are drier and help limit extreme rutting or erosion.

Between April 1 and June 15, many trails across the Bozeman and Hebgen Lake Ranger Districts will also experience a seasonal change. Buffalo Horn Trail #1, Porcupine Creek Trail #34, and Teepee Creek Trail #39, all in the Gallatin Canyon south of Big Sky; along with Swan Creek Trail #186 and Bear Canyon Trail #440 - that both reopen July 15 - are closed to pack and saddle livestock and mountain bikes during the seasonal timeframes. Many other roads and trails on the forest may also be wet and muddy this time of year, so use caution and common sense when planning your trip.

For those hitting the trails for the first time this spring, remember a few extra items including food, water, survival gear, extra layers and bear spray. Have bear spray readily accessible outside your pack and know how to use it.

For information about road and trail conditions, contact the Bozeman Ranger District at 3710 Fallon Street or by phone at (406) 522-2520 or the Hebgen Lake Ranger District at (406) 823-6961.

Visit fs.usda.gov/custergallatin for more information on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

# MSU, partners receive \$14.5 million for gravitation center

MSU NEWS SERVICE

BOZEMAN – Montana State University is part of a national network that recently received \$14.5 million to create and operate a center for detecting gravitational waves, an achievement expected to offer radical new insights about the universe.

The National Science Foundation announced March 30 that it had awarded the grant to the North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (NANOGrav) to establish a Physics Frontiers Center. MSU astrophysicist Neil Cornish is a senior member at the center, and his research group will receive \$403,000 under the award.

"The funding from the NSF to Dr. Cornish and his colleagues is well-deserved," said Renee Reijo Pera, MSU's vice-president for research and economic development. "This funding supports the establishment of the Extreme Gravity Institute at MSU which is one of our key research priorities."

MSU professor Ron Hellings did foundational work in the area of gravitational waves some 40 years ago, according to Cornish, and the well-known term for the angles between pulsars, called the Hellings and Downs Curve, is named after him.

The NANOGrav PFC will be a virtual center to look at black holes so huge they take up to years to complete their orbits, Cornish said. It will provide a unique opportunity for astronomers and solar physicists to work together.

According to the research team, the NANOGrav PFC will address a transformational challenge in astrophysics: the detection of low-frequency

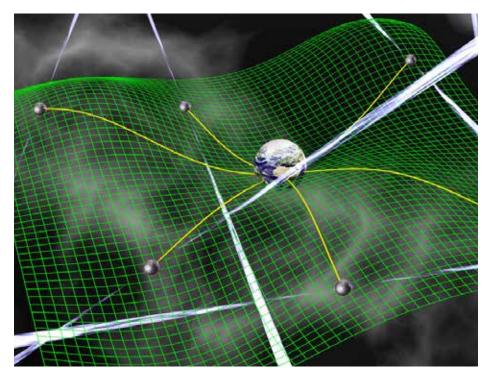
gravitational waves. Gravitational waves are elusive ripples in the fabric of space-time, which theories predict should arise from extremely energetic and large-scale cosmic events, such as orbiting pairs of massive black holes found at the centers of merging galaxies; phase transitions in the very early universe; or as relics from cosmic inflation, the period just after the Big Bang when the universe we can see expanded rapidly from a minuscule volume in a tiny fraction of a second.

In Einstein's theory of gravity, these events produce waves that distort, or ripple, the actual fabric of the cosmos as they emanate throughout space.

They have such a long wavelength significantly larger than our solar system - that we cannot build a detector large enough to observe them. Fortunately, the universe itself has created its own detection tool, millisecond pulsars the rapidly spinning, super-dense remains of massive stars that have exploded as supernovas.

These ultra-stable stars are nature's most precise celestial clocks, appearing to "tick" every time their beamed emissions sweep past the Earth. Gravitational waves may be detected in the small but perceptible fluctuations – a few tens of nanoseconds over five or more years – they cause in the measured arrival times at Earth of radio pulses from these millisecond pulsars.

NANOGrav was founded in 2007 and at the time consisted of 17 members in the U.S. and Canada. It has since grown to 55 scientists and students at 15 institutions. The NANOGrav PFC will provide funding for 23 senior personnel, six postdoctoral researchers, 10 graduate students, and 25 undergraduate students across 11 institutions.



This image shows a network of pulsars being used to search for gravitational waves, or ripples in space-time predicted by general relativity. IMAGE COURTESY OF NANOGRAV

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# Montana Legislature sees fewer bison bills

## Familiar measure remains at forefront

BY MICHAEL WRIGHT um school of Journalism legislative news service

HELENA – Only two bills related to bison still have life at the 64th Montana Legislature, a change from recent legislative sessions.

Movements to restore free-roaming bison populations in Montana have worried ranchers and landowners for years. Fears of brucellosis and property damage percolate, while conservationists argue the animals are a valuable wildlife resource and ought to be free to roam.

Only six bison-related bills were introduced this session, while the 2011 and 2013 sessions each saw more than 10. Four of the bills have already died, one made it to the governor's desk, and another – a measure already tattooed with two previous vetoes – is in a House committee.

Nick Gevock, conservation director for the Montana Wildlife Federation, said he thinks ongoing projects from the National Park Service and the state might be one reason why there are fewer bison bills this session.

A plan between the NPS, the state and some tribal governments has existed since 2000 for management of the Yellowstone area bison, and updates to the plan are in the works. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the NPS are working on a new environmental impact statement, and are taking public comment on six options for disease and population control. They've received more than 40 responses so far, and expect a surge in comments before the June 15 deadline.

FWP is also working on the first statewide management plan for the animals, an attempt to identify potential bison relocation areas, and plans to release an environmental impact statement later this year.

Sen. Mike Phillips, D-Bozeman – a bison fan who carried two of the dead bills this session – said fewer bills doesn't mean there's nothing to watch in the Legislature.

"That there hasn't been a lot of bison bills doesn't mean there haven't been important ones," Phillips said.

#### The bills that died

Phillips sponsored two bills dealing with bison. One, Senate Bill 342, would have defined when bison could be removed from private property. Now, when bison are on private property, officials from FWP or the Department of Livestock haze the bison back into the park.

Phillips said the Department of Livestock needs clearer guidelines on when they should chase bison off

"I still get complaints from landowners who say Department of Livestock is crossing the line," said Phillips, who's concerned that people who welcome bison on their property are having them chased away unnecessarily. There are about 4,000 bison in the Yellowstone area, and because they migrate naturally, they can be found outside the park from time to time.

Brucellosis is only contagious through afterbirth, so it's only transmitted after a female bison has a calf. Phillips' bill would only allow the state to haze



Yellowstone National Park Bison in the rut PHOTO COURTESY OF NPS

adult female bison when they are within a quarter mile of livestock, and only between Feb. 15 and June 1.

The bill was tabled in committee. Opponents said it might let bison get too comfortable roaming onto private land.

The other dead bill, Senate Joint Resolution 3, would have asked the federal government to remove Brucella abortus – the bacteria that causes brucellosis – from a national list of bioterror agents. Phillips said keeping it on that list makes it harder for researchers to study the disease, because they need an expensive facility to do so.

But Phillips killed the resolution himself, saying a piece of it implied that the state would fully eradicate brucellosis in Montana, which he called a "pipe-dream," since it would require a plan focused on ridding wildlife of the disease. Andrea Jones, an FWP spokesperson, said about half of the Yellowstone-area bison had been exposed to the disease.

Phillips said he'd fix that part of the bill and bring the same resolution in the next session, which convenes in January 2017.

Two other bills regarding bison came from Native American lawmakers.

Rep. George Kipp, D-Heart Butte, carried House Bill 527, which would have required the state to make an agreement with the Blackfeet Tribe to humanely dispose of bison carcasses. The bill was tabled the same day it was heard.

House Bill 495, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Meyers, R-Box Elder, would have required a \$5,000 bond on any bison moved by FWP to pay for any property damage caused by the animal.

FWP and wildlife groups opposed the bill during the hearing.

Mark Azure, president of the Fort Belknap Tribal Council, said the bill was unnecessary in an interview last week. He said they already have insurance on the more than 600 bison they have spread across 22,000 acres. He added that they have paid only a few claims on the animals.

#### Two bills remain

The bill that might become law hardly ruffled any feathers during its run through both houses. House Bill 194, sponsored by Rep. Alan Redfield, R-Livingston, would require a forage analysis – a measurement of what food will be available – for any bison relocation.

FWP official Ron Aasheim said a forage analysis is already implemented during any bison relocation, but the department didn't oppose the bill. Neither did the governor's office, which may bode well for the bill as it awaits the governor's decision.

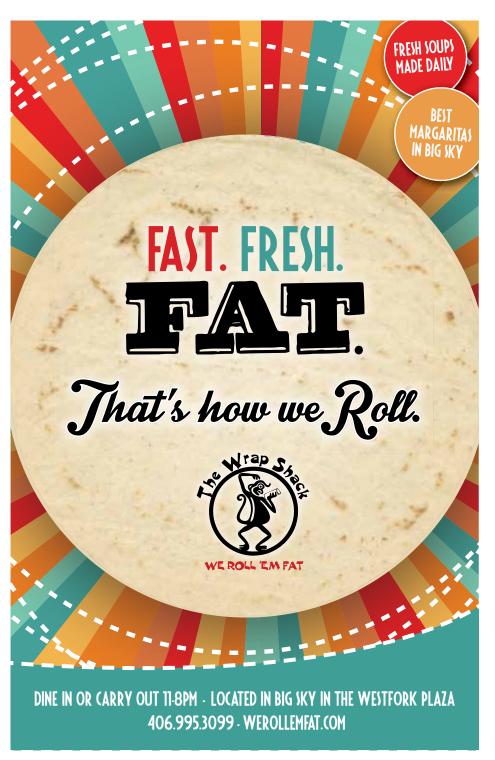
Senate Bill 284, sponsored by Sen. John Brenden, R-Scobey, would require the state to get county commissioners' approval before moving bison into their county. He said the bill is all about local control, and thinks it's unfair to let a state agency decide what's best for the counties.

Jay Bodner, of the Montana Stockgrowers Association said the bill would help ensure that locals have a voice in those decisions.

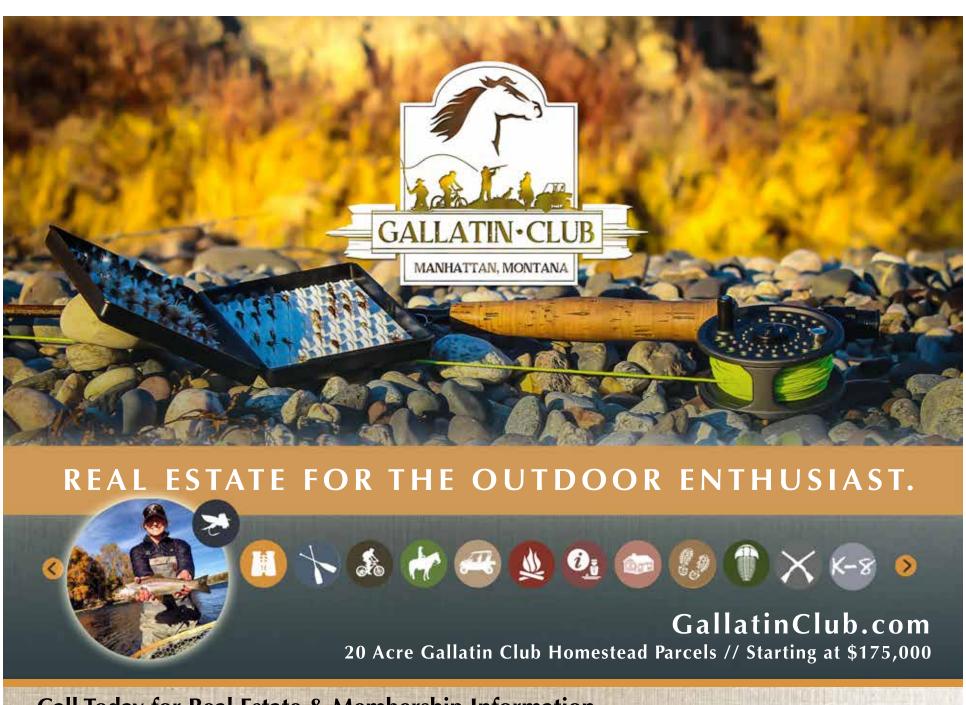
FWP opposed SB 284, saying it gave counties too much power, since they could effectively block any sort of bison transfer to their counties.

Phillips said giving the counties that power doesn't make sense and "turns wildlife management upside down"

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# **Section 2:**BUSINESS, SPORTS AND HEALTH







# Depicting Montana through art and architecture

# The Lark motel opens in downtown Bozeman

STORY AND PHOTOS BY TAYLOR-ANN SMITH EXPLORE BIG SKY GRAPHIC DESIGNER

BOZEMAN – At the corner of Grand Avenue and Main Street, the new Lark Motel is an ideal starting point for exploring Bozeman. Don't expect to see an antler chandelier dangling from the ceiling and rawhide on the floors – this motel presents Montana the way Montanans see it.

It's more than a new place to stay on Bozeman's Main Street – The Lark replaced the Imperial Motor Inn that closed in 2009, and is a visual representation for the town's unmistakable community bond. Opened on April 2, the new motel is a place for the traveler and not the tourist – a contrast to the traditional motor inn, according to Brian Caldwell, a partner, investor, and lead architect for The Lark.

"We wanted to take all these negative aspects of a typical motel – tiny hallways, cheap furniture, dingy spaces – and make them into the positive traits of this building," Caldwell said.

Also the co-owner of the Bozeman-based architecture firm Thinktank Design Group, Caldwell says the fundamental layouts for The Lark are explicitly focused on human interactions and layering of privacy.

Hallways leading to the rooms are not tight and straight like typical motels. Caldwell and his team angled the walkways and included walls that lead you away from the bedrooms and towards the surrounding landscape of the building. They also developed layers of separation to create privacy – including a desk in the rooms that features a dividing wall so the view of the bed is blocked from the window.

The Lark, while innovative in its creativity – Bozeman's MercuryCSC marketing firm was heavily involved in the project's graphic design – is also rife with Montana charms displayed in new manners. Each guestroom



At the corner of Main Street and Grand Avenue, The Lark is ideally located in downtown Bozeman with an open patio and fireplace to enjoy the views.

features an infographic depicting facts about Bozeman and Montana in a unique layout, created by various local designers. One room includes a depiction of the largest recorded fish caught in the state, scaled to size, and arranged across the main wall.

The wall of another room shows a simple map of the highest peaks in Montana that compares their relative sizes. Patrick Hoffman, a ceramicist and art teacher at Bozeman Senior High School, was the lead curator for these installations. He explains that he sought out participants at local

creative and design firms in Bozeman and was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm to join the project.

"The Lark did an outstanding job at spreading the love for locals throughout the building," Hoffman said, adding that one room has a full-scale depiction of a moose. "The walls were our canvases, and we went big. We really took the time to make sure each piece fit exactly as it should. Some were initially only a couple feet big once installed. But then we'd go back, adjust the dimensions, and make them really impactful by spanning the length of the wall."

Each bathroom in the motel features an abstract piece by local artist and MSU art professor Sukha Worob, who based his installations off his recent study on density. Worob photographs Bozeman community members and creates handcast rubber stamps that are then used to create a population of figures directly



The main lobby features a range of unique Montana charms to add character to the space and tell the story of the region.

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on the wall. He personally installed each piece, customized to the particular bathroom.

Aside from the thoughtful rooms, guests are also made to feel at home in the motel's common areas. One can enjoy fresh food from Victory Taco – a vintage 1948 food truck operated by the owners of Roost Fried Kitchen that has a permanent home in the parking lot – while sitting next to the open-air fire pit, with a view of bustling Main Street.

Inside the lobby, minimalist leather and wood furniture surround Montana knickknacks ranging from books to cameras. Guests can sip fresh coffee from local roaster Little Red Wagon Coffee, while perusing a variety of regional maps and guides.

"This was our first inception-to-completion project and it was truly the community that made it happen," said Erik Nelson, Caldwell's business partner at Thinktank. "We're here to show you how to experience Bozeman for what it is, rather than what everyone expects it to be."

The Lark does just that.



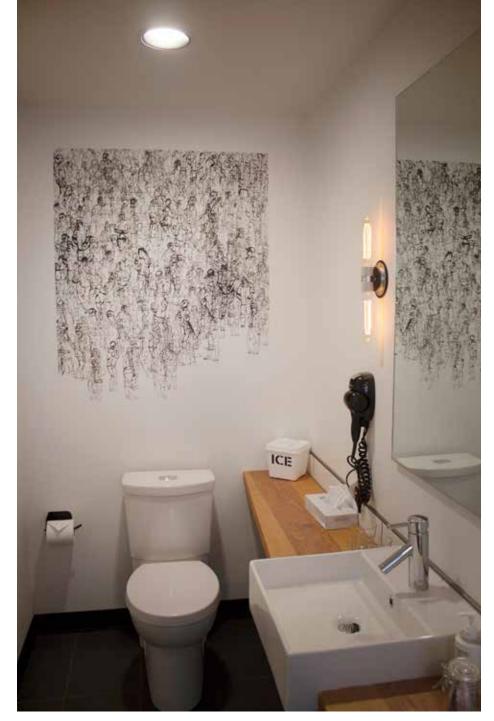
This second-floor room features an infographic of Montana's highest mountains and their relative size. On the adjacent wall is a map that shows guests how to access the peaks.



Space and function were carefully considered when creating The Lark.



Montana is known for big fish – this guestroom displays the largest recorded catches in the state, to scale.



Local artist and MSU professor Sukha Worob contributed installations in the bathrooms, which feature stamps inspired by Bozeman community members.

## When it's time to lead



BY JOHANNE BOUCHARD EXPLORE BIG SKY BUSINESS COLUMNIST

In a recent column, I wrote about the value of overcoming fear in your life and career. After it was published, I discovered that my lifelong fear of heights and exposure had dissolved. The act of sharing it publicly contributed to this.

But having the opportunity to lead two male skiers into Lenin – a steep, double-black diamond ski slope off Big Sky Resort's Lone Peak Tram – really allowed me to overcome my fear.

Focusing on the safety, confidence and inspiration of others – and ensuring that they'd have a positive first experience without fear – melted my own fears away. It was a powerful experience. Since then, new possibilities abound – I've skied the terrain alone, under more challenging conditions, and ridden the tram without good visibility, all while feeling at ease.

I began to consider the times in life when we are called to lead, and how being forced to take charge often supersedes any fears. Business leaders and civil workers often take daily responsibility for a number of people bound to their decisions and actions.

When you focus on the risks and responsibilities, you can become immobilized. But the passion to create, the necessity for action or solutions, or the need to save lives, usually inspire and strengthen these individuals, allowing them to manage the complexities of their choices on the fly. We have all witnessed the power of great leadership in the face of crisis – without having been trained under the exact challenges of the situation, a leader can still have the resolve to know what to do.

But what if your instinct to overcome fear doesn't kick in immediately? What if the best you can muster is the outward appearance of confidence, not actual confidence? I've counseled numerous business leaders as they asked these same questions, dealing with imminent decisions that could fuel the success of an organization, or stifle it. Here's what I recommend in times of indecisiveness, crisis, conflict, fear or confusion:

#### • Step back

Don't react immediately. Take the time to gain clarity about how to best proceed while assessing the consequences of your choices and decisions.

#### • Trust yourself

You don't have to be experienced in every situation you're confronted with. Tap into your inner wisdom and trust yourself.

#### • Get centered

You must find the capacity to lead with the composure that inspires others' confidence to trust and follow you. Learn to overcome being frazzled, radical or erratic.

#### • Take initiative

Be prepared to take the first step and to share your vision. Trust others. Trust that the ones you lead have the capacity to surmount their fears, to readily contribute with new insights, and to act with courage.

#### • Delegate wisely

Through clarity and centeredness, be clear about what you should delegate to others. Delegation can be a lifesaver in times of stress or crisis, and it will be crucial under competitive pressures and deadlines.

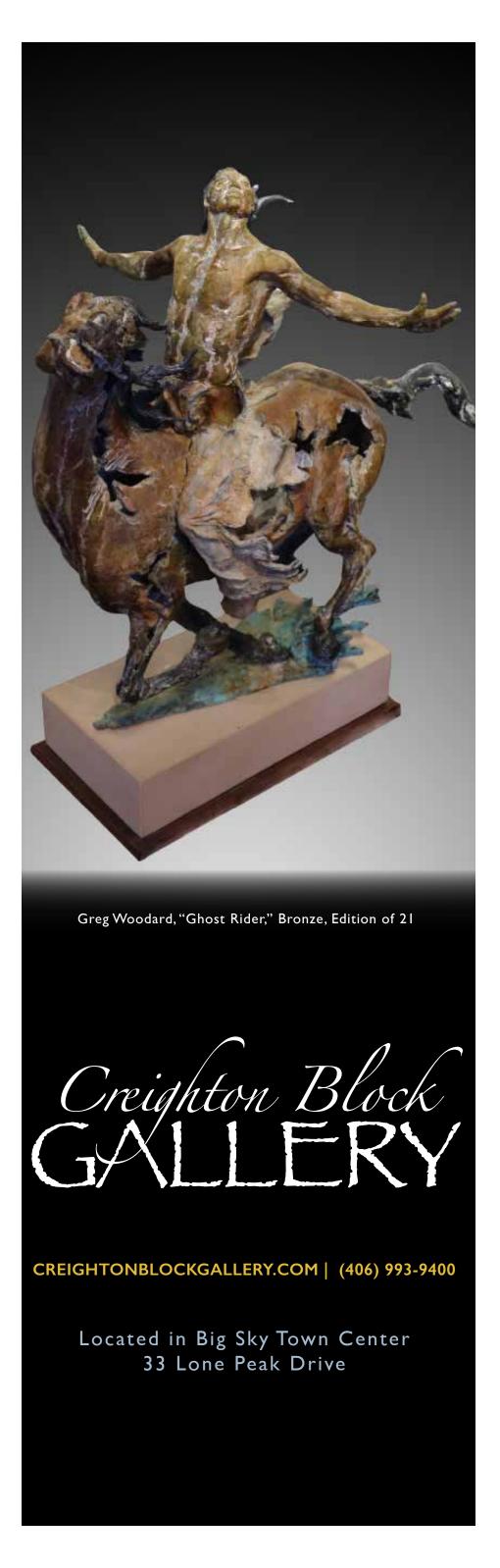
#### Keep breathing!

Even if the situation doesn't allow for you to excuse yourself, learn to take deep breaths and repeat to yourself that, "You will get through this," while recognizing that you must bring the best out of yourself and others in the process.

Throughout my career, I've never held a role or position that someone else had held before. I've always had to blaze trails for the organizations I've led, for my employees and for my clients. We must know what we can do, and have the confidence to lead with experience and knowledge.

In leading or in serving others, we have a great ability to overcome our own fears and obstacles. By acting for others, we become better ourselves.

Johanne Bouchard, a former high-tech executive, is a leadership advisor to CEOs, executives and entrepreneurs, as well as an expert in corporate board composition and dynamics. An avid skier, Bouchard and her husband have a second home in Big Sky. See more at johannebouchard.com.





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# **Prudential Montana joins Berkshire Hathaway network**

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BOZEMAN/MISSOULA - Prudential Montana Real Estate on March 31 joined the network of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, based in Irvine, Calif. and part of the HSF Affiliates LLC family of real estate brokerage franchise networks. The firm will operate as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties.

The independently owned Prudential Montana, which opened in the late 1950s, generated \$664 million in sales volume and closed on 2,401 units last year. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices has grown to nearly 35,000 agents and 1,100 offices operating in 47 states since its launch in September 2013. The network last year was named "Startup of the Year" in the American Business Awards -Stevie Awards competition, among entrants from a wide range of U.S. industries.

"We proudly step forward to an exciting, new era as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Montana Properties," said Mike Basile, Bozeman broker and co-owner of the former Prudential affiliate. "Our brand is built on core values of trust, integrity, stability and longevity."

Montana Properties' agents gain access to Berkshire Hathaway Home-Services' Global Network Platform - a suite of online tools, applications and services - plus ongoing business consultation, professional education and marketing support.

"Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices will resonate nicely in every market segment, from single-family homes to the finest of ranches and luxury properties," said co-owner and Missoula broker Dan Ermatinger. "The brand has significant appeal and will further raise the profile of our agents and listings."

Montana Properties' new yard signs are now appearing at listings throughout greater Bozeman and Missoula, and in Big Sky, Ennis, Sheridan, Twin Bridges, Hamilton, Florence, Livingston, Seeley Lake, Polson and neighboring communities.

Montana Properties becomes the first full-service, statewide real estate company in Montana. The brokerage is locally owned and operated with 13 offices and more than 200 agents.



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# Big Horn basketball players earn big accolades

LPHS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

BIG SKY – Six Lone Peak High School basketball players were selected in March for the District 11/12C All-Conference Team. Sophomore Dasha Bough and senior Justin McKillop were named First Team All-Conference, and sophomore Luisa Locker, senior Trevor House, junior Tucker Hensley and sophomore Eddie Starz were named Second Team All-Conference.

To form the team, each of the district's 22 coaches nominates players from their own teams, and a list of these players is reviewed during a coaches meeting at the district tournament. LPHS head coaches Nubia Allen and Al Malinowski had the opportunity to advocate for each of their nominees.

Each coach then compiles a list of the 22 players from other teams, and the players accrue points based on their relative positions on each list. The points are tallied, and the top 11 players are named First Team All–Conference, with the balance rounding out the second team.



Justin McKillop PHOTOS BY JILL BOUGH

"Our girls gained recognition throughout the season as a team to watch," said Lady Big Horn Head Coach Nubia Allen. "We lost by only seven points in [the] district tournament to the eventual state champions, the Gardiner Lady Bruins. Our girls faced the most competitive district in the state this year and with the loss of only one senior, expectations are high for next season."

Lady Big Horn Assistant Head Coach Connie Lunt says they've already set up open gym time for the returning basketball players, and have organized participation in offseason tournaments.



Dasha Bough

"The girls are hard working, and looking to improve skills and gain additional experience," Lunt said.

The boys' team this summer sees the departure of six seniors who have been leaders since the inception of the program.

"It was a great season and we accomplished a lot as a team," Starz said. "Even though we have six seniors departing, I am looking ahead now to next season and the opportunities that will come with it."





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# **Bell clinches tri-divisional victory**

BIG SKY – Big Sky Ski Education Foundation racer Reece Bell, for the second year in a row, skied to an overall victory at the Tri-Divisional Championships held at Big Sky Resort, March 19-22. The competition brought together the best ski racers from the Intermountain Division, Northern Division, as well as Alaska.

Bell placed fifth on Friday in the women's super-G, with a time of 50.65, and fellow BSSEF racer Annika Severn-Eriksson was close behind her in sixth, with a time of 51.30. Bell notched a first place finish in Saturday's giant slalom with a combined time of 1:48.68. Severn-Eriksson managed a seventh place finish with a time of 1:52.17.

Bell locked up her U14 division victory with a 17th place finish in the slalom on Sunday.



Annika Severn-Eriksson carves through a gate at Big Sky Resort. Severn-Eriksson landed a sixth place finish in the super-G and seventh place in the giant slalom for BSSEF.



BSSEF racer Reece Bell bashing a slalom gate on her way to a Tri-Divisional Championships overall repeat at Big Sky Resort. PHOTOS BY THERESA DA SILVA



BSSEF racer Will Hodgson puts his skis on edge during the tri-divisional slalom race on March 22.





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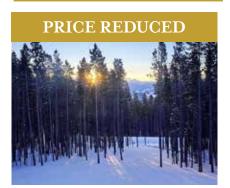


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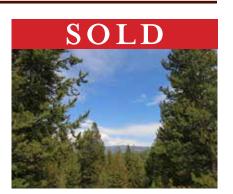


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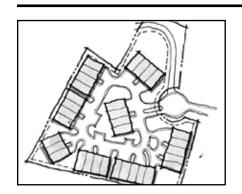


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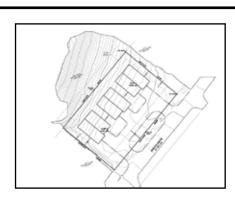


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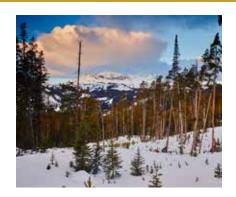
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Ranch Lot 93 / \$350K / 4.84 ACRES



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#### **BIG SKY**



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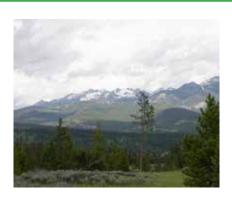


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#### **BIG SKY**



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## Bozeman siblings dominate at biathlon national competition

BY KATIE SMITH Lone Peak Pr

BOZEMAN – Bridger Biathlon Club athletes Ariana and Cale Woods of Bozeman competed March 20-22 at the U.S. Winter Biathlon National Championship in Truckee, Calif. Ariana, 15, earned a silver medal in the sprint competition on Friday, while 12-year-old Cale picked up gold in the novice competition on Saturday.

"This is such an incredible moment for these two athletes, and for Bozeman," said BBC coach Stuart Jennings. "The amount of drive and effort they put in over this past season really paid off."

Ariana earned her first silver medal in biathlon during the 7.5-km sprint race, despite having trouble with a malfunctioning target. After she believed she missed all five shots during her prone shooting stage, Ariana raced to make up time penalties. She skied into second place after officials ruled the target malfunctioned and adjusted her score accordingly.

On Saturday, Cale competed in the novice division, where participants ski without rifles during the race and shoot twice in the prone position. He was one of the youngest competitors in the novice class and won the race both on his shooting – nine out of 10 hits – and skiing.

"Ariana and Cale have really set the stage for a resurgence of biathletes coming out of Bozeman," Jennings said. "We couldn't be more proud of these two, and we can't wait to see what's in store for the future."

Ariana and Cale spend their winters training with the BBC for biathlon instruction, and the Bridger Ski Foundation for skiing technique. This was their first biathlon national championship, and it will not likely be their last. Their successes should motivate their BBC teammates and fuel growth of biathlon in Bozeman.

Visit bridgerbiathlonclub.org for more information about the Bridger Biathlon Club and the programs offered.



Cale Woods, member of the Bridger Biathlon Club, lines up his shot at a BBC race this winter. Cale won gold in the novice category during the U.S. National Biathlon Championships in Truckee, Calif. PHOTOS BY STEFANIE WOODS



Bridger Biathlon Club athlete Ariana Woods won a silver medal in the 7.5k sprint during the U.S. National Biathlon Championships.

## Locals Fishing Report from Gallatin River Guides

Brought to you by Jimmy Armijo-Grover, General Manager



April...one of my favorite months to fish in southwest Montana. Usually a month to shake off cabin fever (though not an issue for most this spring) and get serious about fishing again.

Water temperatures are creeping up sparking more trout and insect activity. We're already seeing good midge

hatches as well as some little black stones and baetis. For you hardcore dry fly fisherman you'll finally have something to live for again!

Remember that rainbows and cutthroat trout spawn this time of year, so please very conscious about where you are stepping. Trout redds are usually located in shallow riffles and are lighter in color. They are the home of future trout that can easily be crushed by eager anglers. If you enjoy fishing it is in your best interest to protect this precious resource.

On the Gallatin the usual suspects will do, such as the Pat's Rubber Legs, but make sure to have some baetis patterns in your box. For dries Wilcox's Lowrider, Para Adams, BWO Sprouts in sizes 16-20. Subsurface try the Green Machine, Pheasant Tails and the Tung Sunkist in 16-20.

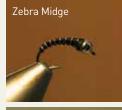
You will also find good fishing on the Upper Madison between McAtee, the Lower Madison from Ennis Lake down, the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers. Also a good time of year to break out the streamer rod for those of you who put it away!

Happy Fishing!













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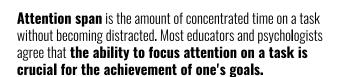
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# HEALTH & WELLNESS

#### "ATTENTION IS A RESOURCE—A PERSON HAS ONLY SO MUCH OF IT."

- Matthew Crawford, American writer and research fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture



Avg. attention span in

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Avg. attention span in 2013

**12 SECONDS** 

**8 SECONDS** 

9 SECONDS

Avg. attention span of a goldfish

This decrease is due in large



Average office workers check their email inbox **30**x/hr



Typical mobile users check their phones

> 150x/day



of social media users check their timeline while eating





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Multiple studies indicate that daily meditation improves working memory and sustained attention.

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Any man who can drive safely while kissing a pretty girl is simply not giving the kiss the attention it deserves.

-Albert Finstein

Trying to focus on more than one thing causes a **40%** drop in productivity  $\blacksquare$ a 10% drop in IQ

as they did in 1960



Apps like **Quality Time** and **Moment** track and limit one's time spent on mobile devices. **Moment Family** has a feature that inhibits screen use at family dinner time.

# Million

(11%) of American children ages 14-17 have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), a **42%** increase over the past 8 years

## Take control of your attention.

- Do one thing at a time
- Set an intention
- Give thanks
- Move slowly and deliberately
- Get outside
- Take deep breaths
- Limit internet and social media time
- Practice active listening

# Is gluten-free a trend?

BY SCOTT MECHURA EXPLORE BIG SKY CONTRIBUTOR

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Over the last 30 years, from my days as a young cook to those as a chef, I've seen many food trends, innovations and movements. A few that come to mind are the popularity of Southwestern cuisine in the early '90s; the Atkins diet of limited carbohydrates; and the South Beach diet, which temporarily eliminates then slowly reintroduces carbohydrates while decreasing protein portions.

I see food trends come and go, and in chefs' circles we often try to predict how long a particular trend will last. We usually all agree: not very long. And we're usually right.

The gluten-free diet seems to be front and center as the current haute food trend. As a chef, I initially believed it to be just that, a trend. But maybe now it's time to eat crow.

A couple years ago, my wife was suffering from what was eventually diagnosed as Hashimoto's disease, which comes with a list of symptoms too long to mention. The first order of business from her naturopathic doctor was to eliminate wheat – to "go gluten-free."

What a silly concept, my chef brain thought. Wheat, barley, and other grains are good for you, right? We have been eating them for 10,000 years. I played along, however, wanting to support her, to eat like her so she felt more comfortable. "Who knows? I may even learn something," I thought.

After about two weeks of eating gluten-free, I remember one day telling her how I felt the same as before and that I thought it was all a bunch of

"nonsense." The naturopath told me to be patient, informing me it takes more like three to five weeks for gluten to leave your system.

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Chefs are not known for patience. Besides, we know what food is good and flavorful, as well as what's healthy. While I patiently adhered to my glutenfree diet for another two to three weeks, I was certain I'd be able to call out the naturopath and tell her it was still nonsense. But I couldn't. I was more focused, I had more energy, and when I ate a fairly large meal after not eating all day (it's a chef thing), I didn't feel like I'd just consumed a bowling ball.

The truth is that while we have, in fact, been eating grains for 10,000 years, we didn't eat them for the previous 90,000 to 100,000 years. We began heavily modifying our wheat sometime in the 1960s to a point where our bodies barely recognize it, let alone are able to digest it. This brings us where we are today: a society that suffers collective health challenges that were rare a few decades ago.

Over the years, I've dealt with many special requests and menu variances. Some still surprise me – I once had a meal sent back because the guest hated the color of the dish their entrée was plated on.

But as a chef, I would like to see the gluten-free diet take its rightful place among the dietary challenges we face today, such as tree nut and dairy allergies, and diabetes, to name a few. So don't be afraid to ask for a gluten-free meal for fear you'll be viewed as trendy. In the end, will a gluten-free diet be only another passing fad? I certainly hope not.

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.

# EVENTS

JPCOMING

#### -----BIG SKY-----

#### **COMMUNITY CLEANSE INFO SESSION**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 SANTOSHA, 7-8 P.M.

#### -----BOZEMAN--

#### THE ART OF SPROUTING

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

BOZEMAN WELLNESS CENTER, 5:30-6:30 P.M.

#### **EDIBLE BACKYARD SERIES**

APRIL 8, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. – SESSIONS II APRIL 11, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. – DAY-LONG FORMAT APRIL 15, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. – SESSION III BROKEN GROUND

#### FEDERAL FOOD BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

MSU SUB BALLROOM, 8:30 A.M.

#### **HEALTH BENEFITS OF CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY**

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 5:30 P.M. BOZEMAN WELLNESS CENTER

"COWSPIRACY: THE SUSTAINABILITY SECRET"

0&A WITH DR. LISA KEMMERER

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 7 P.M. THE ELLEN THEATRE

#### **WORLDWIDE VEGAN BAKE SALE**

APRIL 18, 3-7 P.M. THE ELLEN THEATRE

#### -----LIVINGSTON-----

LIVE AND LET LIVINGSTON POTLUCK

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 4:30 P.M.

LIVINGSTON FOOD RESOURCE CENTER



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BY JACKIE RAINFORD CORCORAN EXPLORE BIG SKY HEALTH COLUMNIST

Have you ever decided you would go on a diet, quit drinking alcohol or stop eating sugar, and find yourself bingeing the night before you start? And

then, when you're done with "quitting," you binge again? I call this the "binge-quit-binge" cycle and I'm prone to it as well.

With a long family history of substance-use disorders – the politically correct term for drug addiction and alcoholism – I've been fiercely warned against sliding down the slippery slope of alcohol dependence.

In response to this warning, I read a book called "The Easy Way to Stop Drinking" by Allen Carr. His solution is abstinence, the same solution offered by Alcoholics Anonymous.

My response to the book was binge-quit-binge.

During January of 2014, I took a break from drinking for the entire month – also known as "Janopause." It taught me that I'm not dependent

on alcohol; instead, I'm a habitual drinker. In other words, I didn't have withdrawals, but I had to reprogram my 5 p.m. happy hour habit that I've practiced for more than 20 years.

However, once the month ended, I was back to drinking red wine at 5 p.m., but this time with more fervor. According to the Mayo Clinic, moderate drinking is up to one glass of wine a day. My consumption exceeds that.

This January, I decided not to take the same route of abstinence but have still been struggling with whether or not I'm supposed to give up alcohol for good

My mind was put to rest this week after reading an article in the April 2015 Atlantic magazine titled "The Irrationality of Alcoholics Anonymous" by Gabrielle Glaser. She writes that AA takes a "one size fits all approach."

It became clear to me that moderation is a viable solution and the concept of all or nothing is what trips up many drinkers, and keeps them in the cycle of binge-quite-binge. Perhaps this is why the success rate of AA is estimated at 5-8 percent, according to Lance Dodes, a retired Harvard Medical School psychiatry professor.

There are some drinkers who do have a serious chemical dependency on alcohol. For reasons yet unknown, their brains are wired a bit differently, and abstinence might be the best solution for them. But there is treatment beyond AA meetings.

Glaser discusses drugs that restrict alcohol cravings. She tried the inexpensive drug naltrexone on herself to test its effectiveness. It eliminated her desire to drink, without side effects. I wouldn't take a drug unless it was absolutely necessary, but this is a healthy option for someone who feels like they can't stay in control. As with most prescription drugs, there are side effects that should be considered.

There are other therapies that effectively teach behavior modification. Licensed counselors address triggers and offer practical strategies to help drink in moderation or abstain if a person chooses. The key is that they put the power back in the individuals' hands rather than outside of themselves. It's liberating.

If you're prone to the binge-quit-binge cycle, try taking a good look at your pattern and what activates it. Do you need outside help? Is moderation a feasible option for you? Are there other solutions outside of what you've already considered? My goal is to stay inside of the moderate drinking range with ease and grace. We'll see how it goes.

Jackie Rainford Corcoran is an IIN Certified Holistic Health Coach, public speaker and health activist. Contact her at jackie@thetahealth.com, or find more at thetahealth.org.



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Ballet

5-6:15pm All Levels Yoga MONDAY

8-8:45am Sound Bath Meditation

9-10:15am All Levels Yoga

6-7:15pm All Levels Yoga TUESDAY

7-8am
All Levels Yoga
8:15-9:15am
Pilates
9:30-10:45am
All Levels Yoga
5:30-6:15pm
Sound Bath
6:30-8pm

All Levels Yoga

WEDNESDAY

6-7am
All Levels Yoga
9-10:15am
All Levels Yoga
5:30-6:30pm
Gentle Yoga

4/8: 7pm Awareness Wednesday: Cleansing THURSDAY

7-8am All Levels Yoga 8:15-9:15am Pilates 9:30-10:45am All Levels Yoga

6:30-8pm Yoga Therapeutics/ Yoga Nidra FRIDAY

8:30-9:30am Level II Yoga 10-11:30am

5:30-7:30pm The Practice (1st and 3rd Friday of the Month)

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SATURDAY

9-10:15am All Levels Yoga **explorebigsky.com** Explore Big Sky April 3 - 16, 2015 **31** 

# **Know your vole**Tunneling yard pests

EMILY LOCKARD EXPLORE BIG SKY CONTRIBUTOR

Do you notice small surface pathways in your lawn now that the snow has melted? What about tiny holes with little creatures running around day and night? If so, you may have voles on your property. Voles are also known as field mice or meadow mice. There are many different species, but they are small – less than 8.5 inches in length – can be short- or long-tailed and range from dark brown to gray in color.

Voles tend to have boom-and-bust population cycles and can breed year round, but usually do so in spring and summer. They don't hibernate, so even if you didn't notice them all winter they were busy tunneling under the snow. They create underground tunnels that connect to their burrows, which is where they store food such as seeds and plants.

Voles consume a variety of plants, but most commonly grasses and forbs. Voles are prey to many predators including coyotes, snakes and hawks.

Normally voles don't occupy buildings or structures, but they can cause damage to trees, lawns, agricultural fields and other vegetation. Unfortunately, there are no easy ways to keep these little creatures in check. Recommended control methods include but are not limited to exclusion, trapping and toxicants.

Exclusion is a viable option for small gardens and can be accomplished with mesh wire fencing with holes 1/2 inch in diameter or less. Bury the wire 6 inches deep to prevent voles from burrowing under the fence.

Trapping is a good option if you're controlling them in your yard or lawn. You can trap voles by placing mousetraps on surface runways. Bait the traps with peanut butter or apples and cover them with a wooden box or half a milk jug with entrances and exits if you're concerned about children or small pets getting to them. Trapping is not effective for large populations and can be time consuming, but is a useful tool for smaller numbers of voles.

For control of a large vole population, toxicants may be most effective. Always read the label and follow instructions before using a toxicant to ensure you are using it correctly. Toxicants can be found in different forms such as pellets or treated grain with specific instructions on how they should be placed, such as in the burrow or in a bait station.

Zinc phosphide is a restricted-use pesticide and requires a license to purchase and use. It's a single-dose toxicant meaning it's effective after one dose, though it may be necessary to pre-bait before use so the voles are willing to consume the bait.

Another type of toxicant is anticoagulants. Anticoagulants work by reducing the ability of blood to clot, causing internal bleeding and eventually death. Anticoagulants that don't require a private applicator license are available, but they can take multiple feedings and five to 15 days to work. Anticoagulants come in different forms, so read the label and apply them according to the instructions.

Toxicants can have unintended consequences for non-target animals through primary or direct consumption of the toxicant, as well as secondary consumption of a poisoned vole. Following instructions will reduce risks to wildlife like seedeating birds, and pets such as dog and cats.

Control methods that aren't recommended include repellents, fumigants and shooting. Encouraging predators that feed on voles may help control the populations, but because of their high reproductive potential, voles aren't usually controlled by predators.

MSU Extension-Gallatin County Agriculture Agent Emily Lockard focuses on education and outreach with agricultural producers, small acreage landowners and gardeners.

Visit gallatinextension.com and click the horticulture link on the left side of the page for more information on voles and vole management or call the MSU Extension – Gallatin County office at (406) 388-3213.

# Free screening of 'Cowspiracy' at The Ellen April 18

# Documentary investigates impacts of factory farming

A WELL FED WORLD

BOZEMAN – Filmmakers Kip Andersen and Keegan Kuhn have announced the Bozeman premiere of their new film "Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret," with a free screening on Saturday, April 18 at 7 p.m. at The Ellen Theatre.

The documentary is 90 minutes long and will be followed with a Q-and-A session led by Dr. Lisa Kemmerer, author of "Eating Earth: Environmental Ethics and Dietary Choice." Tickets are not required; seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

"Cowspiracy" is a groundbreaking, featurelength, environmental documentary following an intrepid filmmaker as he uncovers the most destructive industry facing the planet today – and investigates why the world's leading environmental organizations are too afraid to talk about it.

At a time when whole regions are in drought, oceans are dying, and severe weather is becoming the norm, "Cowspiracy" seeks to find the real reasons why this is happening and what we can do about it.

As eye opening as "Blackfish" and as inspiring as "An Inconvenient Truth," this shocking yet humorous documentary reveals the devastating environmental impact large-scale factory farming has on our planet.

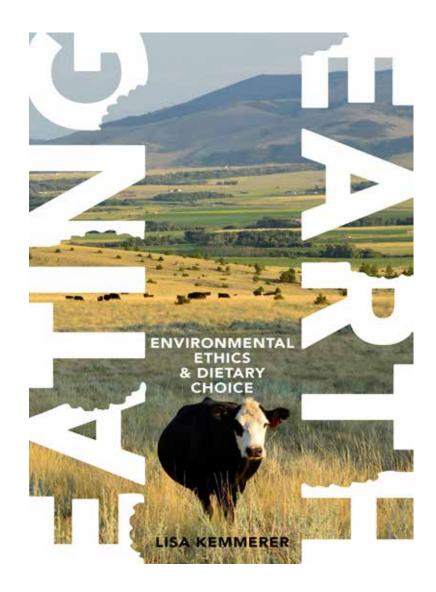
Kemmerer's new book helps readers understand what they can do to offset the negative impacts of animal agriculture on the environment. She said she hopes it will help develop awareness that individuals' personal choices make a difference to our environmental health.

"What [we] choose to eat for lunch matters to the planet," said Kemmerer, who also teaches ethics and religion at Montana State University–Billings. "Rather than looking to what corporations are doing, we can [ask] 'What can I do to make the earth more sustainable?' Diet is key as it turns out."

Complimentary film DVDs and refreshments will be available during the fifth annual Worldwide Vegan Bake Sale, taking place in The Ellen's lobby from 3–7 p.m.

Everything sold at the bake sale will be 100 percent plant-based. There will also be many gluten-free, organic, and raw items. All proceeds will go to the nonprofit "Live and Let Livingston," to maintain their ever-growing lending library of cookbooks and documentaries, educational resources and monthly potlucks/cooking demos.

Visit cowspiracy.com for more information.





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# The Eddy Line

# Fly fishing on a budget? You betcha!



BY PATRICK STRAUB EXPLORE BIG SKY FISHING COLUMNIST

A young guide came to me the other day and asked, "What's your favorite fly rod?"

"The one I'm fishing at the time," I answered with a smile, recalling the various rods I own.

The bare bones of fly fishing are a rod, reel, fly line, leader and tippet, and a fly. If you have the money, you can buy more rods, but also waders and wading boots, a vest or wading pack, sunglasses, headwear, gear bags, a net, a thermometer – the list goes on. But, let's stick to the essentials.

**Start with flies.** Fish can't tell what brand of fly rod you use or how expensive your waders cost, but they can see your fly. The best way to get flies on the cheap is to tie them yourself. Once you learn the fly patterns you'll be using, it's simply a matter of learning to tie some flies, or shelling out a few bucks to get what you need to catch fish.

**Consider leaders and tippets.** Why is this important when weighing costs? Because it's frustrating to fool a fish into taking your fly, only to have it break off due to poor quality tippet or leader. With the invention of knotless tapered leaders a few decades ago, anglers were able to fish a leader that already included a tippet section. However, most anglers use a knotless, tapered leader and tie on a section of

tippet material.

Over the long
term – say
a season or
two – you save
money if you
buy multi-packs
of leaders in a
few lengths and
sizes, and have
a selection of
tippet spools in
various sizes.

You wouldn't buy a Ferrari and put Wal-Mart tires on it, right? A high-quality fly line will upgrade any rod. For about \$75 you can find fly lines that are durable and cast well. But don't stop caring about

your fly line the moment you stop fishing. Be sure to clean it after each time on the water.

**Use a quality fly rod.** When creating a budget for your fly-fishing gear, consider spending a good chunk of change on your rod. Of the necessities, a rod will be your most expensive purchase. With the plethora of makes and models, seek advice from your local fly shop. Cast a variety of rods and, if possible, demo a few before you buy.



Learn to tie your own flies or invest in an arsenal of fly patterns that are common to the rivers you'll be fishing. PHOTO BY WES OVERVOLD

The reel is essential, but need not be **elaborate**. Most fly-fishing situations call for a quality reel, but not necessarily the most expensive one. A reel's main purpose is to store excess line, allowing it to come off the reel when a fish is making a run. Buy one with a decent drag system and parts that are protected from grit and grime. Ideally a highquality, fully encased and sealed drag system is preferred, but big fish can be landed on reels with less quality systems. Durability is important, perhaps even more than drag mechanics. Oftentimes a reel's durability can be felt by handling the reel in the store - if it feels strong in your hand, it will most likely get the job done.

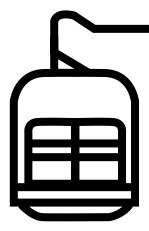
These days my quiver of rods and reels fills a moderately sized coat closet. In that closet is the first fly rod and reel combo I purchased nearly 30 years ago, and a glance at the rod case conjures many memories. The reel still works and my pocketbook would be fatter had I quit at these two. But, I'd be having a lot less fun.

Pat Straub is the author of six books, including "The Frugal Fly Fisher," "Montana On The Fly," and "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Fly Fishing." He and his wife own Gallatin River Guides in Big Sky and with a partner, owns a guide service on the Missouri River.



You don't need to break the bank on gear to get a nice trout like this to take your fly, but it's nice to have a decent reel if it decides to run. PHOTO COURTESY OF NPS

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# **WORD FROM THE RESORTS**

Giving you the news directly from the region's top ski resorts



#### BY SHEILA CHAPMAN BIG SKY RESORT PR MANAGER

Just when we thought spring was here to stay, Old Man Winter swooped in with approximately 23 inches of snow during the last week of March, making for some of the year's best powder days.

With nearly a month of skiing left, there are still plenty of events on the books at Big Sky Resort.

The Easter Sunday sunrise service is April 5 at the top of Swift Current chairlift, which will start loading at 6:30 a.m. for the 7 a.m. service. This is truly an inspiring event for all who attend.

Military Appreciation Week is April 3-16, offering great lodging discounts for active or retired military personnel with identification. The resort also offers discounted military lift tickets throughout the season, and even deeper discounts with the Sky Card for active or retired military personnel.

Check out the Ski Mountaineering Race on April 11 at 7 a.m., in the Swift Current chairlift area. This invitation-only, skin-up, ski-down, and repeat race will summit Lone Mountain twice. It will be an open competition in 2016, so come see if you might be up for the challenge next year.

The highly anticipated 12th annual Pond Skim marks the finale of another ski season at Big Sky Resort. Pond Skim 2015 is Saturday, April 18 at 3 p.m. near the base of Ramcharger chairlift on the Ambush headwall.

Bronze Pass holders ski free March 30 to April 19, and Sky Card holders receive discounted pricing April 6–12, and ski free April 13-19.

The Early Season Pass Sale ends April 30 to get the best deals for the 2015/2016 ski season!

Visit bigskyresort.com/events for up-to-date event information.



A skimmer hits the pipe with style in last year's Pond Skim. PHOTO BY ERIK MORRISON



Bridger Bowl Ski Area will host an Easter sunrise service on Sunday, April 5 at 7 a.m. at the top of the Sunnyside chairlift, which will run from 6:30-6:45 a.m. Afterward, the Jim Bridger Lodge will hold an Easter brunch buffet at 7:30 a.m., and the Sunnyside chairlift will reopen to the public 30 minutes early, at 8:30 a.m.

April 5 is also closing day at Bridger, a departure from the traditional Monday close. Given the recent warm temperatures, ski

patrol has had to occasionally close upper mountain terrain due to concerns about wet avalanches, according to Emily Lind in the Bridger Bowl marketing office.

Bridger was reporting a 60-inch base when EBS went to press on April 1. If you hike up the mountain after the season closes, remember that backcountry conditions exist and there is no avalanche control. -T.A.



# BY JENNIE WHITE GRAND TARGHEE RESORT MARKETING MANAGER

With the longer days of spring officially here and the season coming to a close, it's time to soak up the sun, lap the groomers, and session the park. Grand Targhee Resort will be open through April

19 and is throwing in three bonus days, April 24-26, for the Crazy Horse Snowmobile Hill Climb. The Dreamcatcher chairlift will spin for all three bonus days.

Passes for the 2015-2016 season are now on sale and it's the best time to lock in the lowest prices of the year – plus you can ski or ride through closing day. You'll also enjoy summer lift access with more than 47 miles of multi-use trails, including 11 miles of downhill biking trails.

But before you really start thinking about summer, there's still plenty of great events and live music happening this season. April kicks off with the Patty Layser Mary's Nipple Challenge and the Teton Slopestyle on April 4, and the Golden Egg Hunt and Easter Brunch at the Branding Iron on April 5. From April 8-12 you'll catch the future of freeskiing at the IFSA North American Jr. Freeride Championships and the Annual Cardboard Box Derby.

Closing weekend celebrations start April 17 with the Hooligans at the Trap Bar and The Teton Sink or Skim Pond Skim – a weekend not to be missed. We'll see you on the mountain.



## BY PAUL ROBERTSON LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH GENERAL MANAGER

It's been an event-filled season at Lone Mountain Ranch. The trails in the meadow closed around March 20 due to a lack of snow, but there are still lots of great options for skiing on the upper trails, which will be open until April 5.

The theme for this winter was: "It's a new day at the old ranch." We hosted many return guests and welcomed lots of new visitors – all while hosting a wedding, Brooks winery and Willie's Distillery dinners, sleigh rides, lots of live music and our annual Glide & Gorge.

We're all looking forward to a little "R&R" during the off-season, and you should too. Now that the ranch is offering nightly lodging, guests who visit really enjoy being here for just a day or two – it's the perfect respite from the busy lives we all live.

Lone Mountain Ranch is the ultimate "staycation" destination for Big Sky and Montana residents, and it's a good base for exploring the numerous dining options in Big Sky. There are also some nice spring hikes near the ranch this time of year if you're looking to stretch your legs. Fishing on the Gallatin has been great too.

Bring a book, curl up by the fire, and treat yourself to some wine, as well as a massage and some great Montana fare all within a short distance from the ranch. We hope to see you here – you work hard and you deserve a break!

# Yellowstone joins national 'Find Your Park' movement

# National Park Week is April 18-26

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Launched on March 30 by the National Park Service and the National Park Foundation, "Find Your Park" is a public awareness and education campaign celebrating the milestone centennial anniversary of the NPS in 2016, and setting the stage for its second century of service.

"Find Your Park" invites the public to see that a national park can be more than a place – it can be a feeling, a state of mind, or a sense of American pride. Beyond vast landscapes, the campaign highlights historical, urban and cultural parks, as well as the NPS programs that protect, preserve and share nature, culture and history in communities nationwide.

"Find Your Park" is also the theme for this year's National Park Week, April 18-26. To celebrate National Park Week and National Junior Ranger Day, Yellowstone staff will provide distance learning and in-park programs, as well as visit regional schools and outreach events. Expedition Yellowstone will host four schools for multiday, curriculum-based programs.

Park rangers will attend numerous events including April 22 Earth Day celebrations in regional towns; the April 17-18 Kyi-yo Pow-Wow in Missoula; an April 25 "Chicks in Science" event in Billings; and the Junior Archaeology Family Day in Bozeman on April 25.

During National Park Week, all youth visiting the park will have the opportunity to obtain the National Junior Ranger patch, which is earned by participating in ranger-led activities or completing the Yellowstone Junior Ranger paper.

"As the nation's first national park, Yellowstone is a prime location to celebrate National Park Week," said acting Yellowstone Superintendent Steve Iobst. "Come find your park and help build the next generation of supporters and advocates."

Yellowstone National Park joins parks, programs and partners across the country to encourage everyone to find their park and share their stories online at findyourpark.com.

Visit nationalparkweek.org to learn more about how you can celebrate National Park Week across the country.

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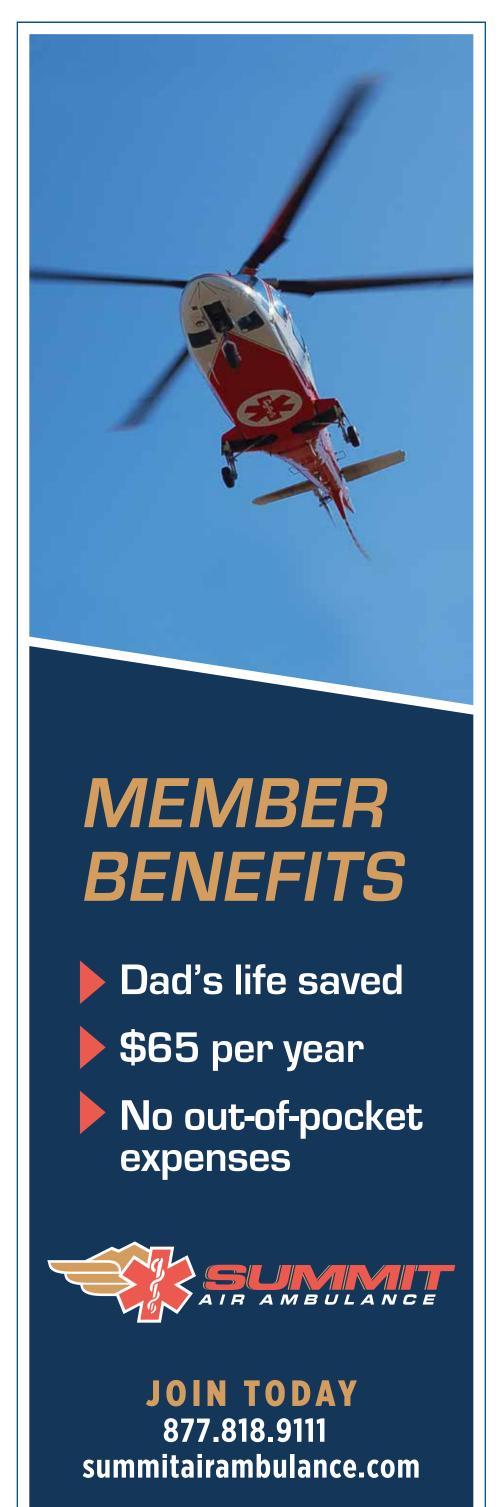
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# EVENTS CALENDAR

#### PLANNING AN EVENT? LET US KNOW! EMAIL MARIA@THEOUTLAWPARTNERS.COM, AND WE'LL SPREAD THE WORD.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 – THURSDAY, APRIL 16

\*If your event falls between April 17 and May 1 please submit it by Friday, April 10.

#### **BIG SKY**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

# Mother's Day Flower Sale

March 30 - April 13

The Blue Water Task Force is conducting a Mother's Day flower sale March 30 - April 13 to help fund the final installation of trees. shrubs and perennials for the stormwater conservation garden at the Big Sky School District. Flowers and herb gardens can be purchased either through Ophir students or by calling the Task Force office at (406) 993-2519. More information and flower order forms are available at bluewatertaskforce. org/support.php

Military Appreciation Week Big Sky Resort (thru April 16)

Catfish Friday Lone Peak Brewery, all day

Kent Johnson Whiskey Jack's, 3:30 p.m.

Ladies Night Rhinestone Cowgirl, 6-8 p.m. Lone Peak Cinema, 8 p.m.

Live Music @ Carabiner Lauren Regnier & Jeff Bellino, 4 p.m. Julia Roberts, 8:30 p.m.

Mike Haring Chet's, 4:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service Big Sky Chapel, 7 p.m. Electric Sunday Riverhouse, 7 p.m.

Big Sky's Got Talent WMPAC, 7:30 p.m.

Live Music Ousel & Spur, 9-11 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

Après Music Scissorbills, 3:30 p.m.

Brian & Ben Whiskey Jack's, 3:30 p.m.

Art Party Creighton Block Gallery, 5 p.m. Easter Vigil Big Sky Chapel, 8 p.m.

Lone Mountain Trio Carabiner, 4 & 8:30 p.m.

Dos Mayos Chet's, 4:30 p.m.

Après Music Choppers, 5:30 p.m.

Tom Marino Band Riverhouse, 6:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's Today Broken Spoke, 10 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Chairlift, 7 a.m.

Easter Activities Big Sky Resort, 9 a.m.

Easter Lunch Buffet LMR, 11:30 a.m.

Easter Services @ Big Sky Chapel With All Saints Choir, 9:30 a.m. All Ages Evening Service, 5:15 p.m.

On Mountain Church Services BSR, 1:30 p.m.

Music w/Stumpy Scissorbills, 3:30 p.m.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Riverhouse, 4 p.m. Easter Dinner LMR, 5 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 6

Montana Exit Carabiner, 4 p.m.

Diamond Chet's Bar, 4:30 p.m.

Karaoke Black Bear, 10 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

Mike Haring Whiskey Jack's, 3:30 p.m.

Taco Tuesday Black Bear, 4 p.m.

Open Mic By WOM, 10 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

Live Music @ Carabiner Kevin Fabozzi, 4 p.m. Mike Haring, 8:30 p.m.

Diamond Chet's Bar, 4:30 p.m.

Community Cleanse Info Session Santosha, 7-8 p.m.

Karaoke Broken Spoke, 9:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Load Bearing Walls Whiskey Jack's, 3:30 p.m.

Live Music @ Carabiner Mike Haring, 4 p.m. Kevin Fabozzi, 8:30 p.m.

Milton Menasco Duo Chet's, 4:30 p.m. Rum Boogie Scissorbills,10 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Catfish Friday Lone Peak Brewery, all day

Kent Johnson Whiskey Jack's, 3:30 p.m.

Lauren Regnier & Jeff Bellino Carabiner, 4 p.m.

Mike Haring Chet's, 4:30 p.m.

Cottonwoodline Riverhouse, 6:30 p.m.

**Big Sky Shootout Screening**Lone Peak Cinema, 8p.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Shedhorn SkiMo Big Sky Resort, 7 a.m. Après Music Scissorbills. 3:30 p.m.

Brian & Ben Whiskey Jack's, 3:30 p.m.

Lone Mountain Trio Carabiner, 4 & 8:30 p.m.

Dos Mayos Chet's, 4:30 p.m.

Whiskey A Go-Go Music by DJ 5 Star BSR Mountain Village, 5-8 p.m.

Après Music Choppers, 5:30 p.m.

Electric Sunday Riverhouse, 8 p.m.

One Leaf Clover Broken Spoke, 10 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

On Mountain Church Services BSR, 1:30 p.m.

Music w/Stumpy Scissorbills, 3:30 p.m.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Riverhouse, 4 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 13

Montana Exit Carabiner, 4 p.m. Diamond Chet's, 4:30 p.m.

Service Industry Night Lone Peak Brewery, 6-8 p.m.

DJ Yeti-Dan Black Bear, 10 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Mike Haring Whiskey Jack's, 4:30 p.m.

Taco Tuesday Black Bear, 4 p.m.

Open Mic By WOM, 10 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY. APRIL 15**

Live Music @ Carabiner Kevin Fabozzi, 4 p.m. Mike Haring, 8:30 p.m.

Diamond Chet's, 4:30 p.m.

Karaoke Broken Spoke, 9:30 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

Load Bearing Walls Whiskey Jack's, 3:30 p.m. Live Music @ Carabiner Mike Haring, 4 p.m. Kevin Fabozzi, 8:30 p.m. Milton Menasco Duo Chet's, 4:30 p.m.

Business After Hours The Peaks Building, 5-7 p.m.

Rum Boogie Scissorbills, 10 p.m.

#### Bozeman

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Bozeman Soup The Baxter, 6 p.m.

MSU Pow Wow Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.

Equus Black Box Theater. 7 p.m.

Mandy Rowden Wild Joe's, 7 p.m.

Flute Festival MSU Reynolds Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Avenue Q: The Musical The Verge, 8 p.m.

Futurebirds Filling Station, 9 p.m.

The Mighty Flick Eagles, 9 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY. APRIL 4**

Winter Farmer's Market The Emerson, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

MSU Pow Wow Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 12-6 p.m.

Yellowstone Ballet Company: The Little Mermaid Willson Auditorium, 1 & 6:30 p.m.

Puppets: The Greatest Fairytale Never Told The Verge, 2 p.m.

Flute Festival MSU Reynolds Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Equus Black Box Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Avenue Q: The Musical The Verge, 8 p.m.

Unlimited Gravity & Project Aspect With Special Guests The Zebra, 9 p.m. New Kingston Filling Station, 9 p.m.

The Mighty Flick Eagles, 9 p.m.

Citizen Jack w/Chris Kelly Colonel Black's, 9 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

Tom Robinson (harp) Community Food Co-Op, 10:30 a.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 6**

Trivia Night Bacchus, 8 p.m.

Wild Rabbit Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

The Art of Sprouting Bozeman Wellness Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Free Tax Help MSU, 5:30-7 p.m.

Movie Night: Bugs w/Benefits Bozeman Public Library, 7 p.m.

Josh & Travis Bacchus, 8-10 p.m.

Micky & the Motorcars Filling Station, 8 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Thoughts on Beethoven's 9th Symphony Pre-concert Lecture ERA Landmark, 5 p.m.

Moon & Mountain Co-op, 5-7 p.m.

Edible Backyard Series Broken Ground, 6:30 p.m.

Mont. Book Award Presentation & Reception Country Bookshelf, 7 p.m.

Brasstastic! – Brass Ensembles MSU Reynolds Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Old Salt Union Live From the Divide, 8 p.m.

Sim-Bitti Colonel Black's, 10 p.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

MSU Spring Rodeo Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

"What We Do In The Shadows" The Emerson, 7:30 p.m.

Micky & The Motorcars Filling Station, 8 p.m. The Brown Bottle Two Bacchus, 9-11 p.m.

Satsang & New Reb Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Spring Rodeo After Party Mixers Saloon, 9 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Federal Food Board Meeting MSU SUB Ballroom, 8:30 a.m.

Free Friday Night Children's Museum, 5 p.m.

Danny Bee (Big 'Ol) Wild Joe's, 7 p.m.

Broad Comedy The Emerson, 8 p.m.

Stop, Drop & Laugh! Christopher Titus The Ellen, 8 p.m.

Curtis Grimes "The Voice" Finalist Silver Spur Arena, 8 p.m.

The Boy on Harroun Street: Tales of Not Quite Growing up The Verge, 8 p.m.

Madeline & Hawthorne Roots w/ Polecat Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Quenby & West Wayland Eagles, 9 p.m.

ShoDown Mixers Saloon, 9 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

Spring for Food Gallatin Valley Food Bank, 9:30 a.m.

Edible Backyards Workshop Broken Ground, 10 a.m.

1000 New Gardens Dig Day Cooper Park, 11 a.m.

#### Bridal Walk

Downtown Bozeman, 11 a.m

Puppets: The Greatest Fairytale Never Told The Verge, 2 p.m.

A Conversation w/George Chakiris "West Side Story" Screening The Ellen, 6 p.m.

Open Mic Night Wild Joe's, 7 p.m.

Music by Lily Ball THRIVE Fundraiser Hilton Garden Inn, 7 p.m.

MSU Spring Rodeo Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

Ode to Joy w/Bozeman Symphony, Symphonic Choir, & MSU Chorus Willson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Equus Black Box Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Broad Comedy The Emerson, 8 p.m.

Cure for the Common w/ Hollowtops CD Release Party Faultline North, 8 p.m.

Hillstomp Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Quenby & West of Wayland Eagles, 9 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

Lindsay Turnquist Co-op, 10:30 a.m.

MSU Spring Rodeo Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

Ode to Joy w/ Bozeman Symphony, Symphonic Choir & MSU Chorus Willson Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.

Jordan World Circus Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 3 p.m.

Shook Twins Live From the Divide, 8 p.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 13**

Trivia Night Bacchus, 8 p.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

Brandon Warner Bacchus, 8-10 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

Alternative Fuels Workshop Bozeman Public Library, 9 a.m.

Sexual Assault & Fostering a Culture of Prevention MSU SUB Ballroom, 1:30 p.m.

Aaron Williams Co-op, 5-7 p.m.

Edible Background Series Broken Ground, 6:30 p.m.

Publishing Workshop Country Bookshelf, 6:30 p.m.

Far Afield Concert w/Bozoon Belgrade Public Library, 7 p.m.

Menopause – The Musical Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Sim-Bitti Colonel Black's, 10 p.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

Author Event w/Jessie Close Country Bookshelf, 7 p.m.

"Bella Vista" MSU Gaines Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Larry Hirshbirg Bacchus, 9-11 p.m.

## Livingston & Paradise Valley

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

The King's Feast Chico Hot Springs, 6 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Smokestack & Foothill Fury Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Sam Nassetts Idle Ranch Hands Chico Saloon, 9:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Spare Change Open House UIL Draft Horse Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

Bobb Clanton Katabatic, 5:30 p.m.

Scavocado Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Sam Nassetts Idle Ranch Hands Chico Saloon, 9:30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Easter Services @ Music Ranch Montana Outdoor Service, 7:15 a.m. Indoor Breakfast, 7:45 a.m. Indoor Service, 9 a.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 6

Bluegrass Jam Katabatic, 5:30 p.m.

#### Beer for a Cause:

Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness Foundation Katabatic, 4 p.m.

Taco Tuesday w/Swingley Jazz The Mint, 6:30 p.m.

Wild Rabbit Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

Hawthorne Roots Katabatic, 5:30 p.m.

Bingo Night The Mint, 6 p.m.

Mandy Rowden Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Ladies Night Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Gary Small & The Coyote Brothers Murray Bar, 9 p.m. DownTime Chico Saloon, 9:30 p.m.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

Milton Menasco Katabatic, 5:30 p.m.

Gary Small & The Coyote Brothers Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

DownTime Chico Saloon, 9:30 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 12**

Live and Let Livingston Potluck Liv. Food Resource Center, 4:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 13

Bluegrass Jam Katabatic, 5:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Beer for a Cause: Montessori Island School Katabatic, 4 p.m.

Taco Tuesday w/Swingley Jazz The Mint, 6:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Larry Hirshbirg Katabatic, 5:30 p.m.

Bingo Night The Mint, 6 p.m.

Toney Rocks Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Business After Hours Bank of the Rockies, 5 p.m.

lan Thomas Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

#### **West Yellowstone**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

#### Yellowstone's Cycle Only Days Yellowstone National Park,

thru April 16

Bingo Night The Branch, 6 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Annual Easter Egg Hunt Povah Community Center, 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**Easter Sunday

#### MONDAY, APRIL 6

Karaoke Night Wild West Saloon, 8:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 13 Karanka Night

Karaoke Night Wild West Saloon, 8:30 p.m.

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## Bridal Walk returns to Bozeman April 11

DOWNTOWN BOZEMAN ASSOCIATION

BOZEMAN – The Downtown Bozeman Bridal Walk returns for its 11th year on Saturday, April 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Main Street, where brides and their entourages are invited to plan their Montana wedding.

The Downtown Bozeman Association is hosting the event, along with Main Street retailers and community sponsors including the Bozeman Daily Chronicle; ABC/FOX Cowles Montana Media; XL Country; and Allegra Printing.

"[The] Bridal Walk is a great way to kickoff spring in Downtown Bozeman," said Ellie Staley, program director of the Downtown Bozeman Association. "We have consistently had great weather and really great involvement from our businesses that can offer everything from rings to gowns, food and more."

Stop by the Baxter Hotel anytime during the event to register and pick up a guide and a bag of goodies to help you navigate the Bridal Walk. Then, stroll down Main Street and discover nearly 40 participating businesses that can help you with all of your wedding needs.

Partake in wine and cake tastings along the way, and have the chance to win many in-store giveaways and raffles, including a \$500 shopping spree to be used at any of the event's participating businesses.

Another great activity to enjoy during the Bridal Walk is the "Bridal Walk Photography Contest."

Many of the businesses this year will display bridal-themed images, which have been taken by local photographers whose contact information and voting ballots will be on hand for your planning needs.

Awards, plaques and prizes will be presented to the winners of the "most scenic image," "most unique image" and "best overall image." Help us give these photographers the recognition they deserve, while finding the perfect one for your wedding.

"We generally get between 250-300 brides who come with their friends and family, so we expect over 1,000 people in downtown for the day," Staley said.

Maps and booklets can be picked up at any of the participating businesses two weeks prior to the event. This event is free and will go on rain or shine.

Visit downtownbozeman.org or by call (406) 586-4008 for additional information, including vendor registration and a list of participating businesses.

## Whiskey tasting at Big Sky Resort is 'A-Go-Go'

BY SHEILA CHAPMAN BIG SKY RESORT PR MANAGER

BIG SKY – Dust off the go-go boots and short dresses. Big Sky Resort is hosting its first ever Whiskey A-Go-Go on April 11, featuring whiskey tastings from five Montana distilleries and a fun night of music with DJ 5 Star from 5-8 p.m. in the Mountain Village plaza.

The Montana distilleries represented at the event will be Bozeman's RoughStock, Wildrye, and Bozeman Spirits, as well as Willie's from Ennis and Headframe Spirits from Butte.

RoughStock Distillery was Montana's first legal distillery opened since Prohibition and the first to make whiskey in Montana in more than 100 years. Its process highlights the locally grown grains without an overbearing oak influence.

Using a copper pot still made by Bavarian Holstein Stills in Germany, Willie's Distillery keeps it simple with Montana grains, pure Montana water, select yeast, and a good dose of heart and soul. Special ingredients include wild Montana honey, native berries and botanicals. Bozeman Spirits Distillery is known for its blended Montana 1889 Whiskey, named after the date Montana became a state. The distillers use pure water from the Montana mountaintops and bring it to the bar top.

Headframe Spirits uses the most cutting-edge processes in the microdistilling industry from its mash and ferment procedures to the distillation equipment. Its Neversweat bourbon won a double gold award from The Fifty Best tasting contest in 2013, beating out major brands in a blind taste test.

Wildrye Distillery "ain't yer Grandpa's Moonshine," according to its website, and specializes in the production of unique spirits prepared almost entirely from Montana ingredients. The distillers grow and pick their own sweet corn on their family farm in Corvallis, Mont.

Although each of these distilleries have tasting rooms, Big Sky Resort is offering one place to taste them all, with the party music to match.

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In addition to the artist booths, there will be live entertainment, food, an art raffle, a 50/50 raffle, "Meet the Author" book signings, and children's face painting.

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### **Busy spring for Bozeman's big screens**

**BOZEMAN FILM SOCIETY** 

BOZEMAN - The Bozeman Film Society will screen the rollicking vampire mockumentary, "What We Do In The Shadows" on Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Emerson Center for the Arts and Culture's Crawford Theater.

It's hard out there for a vampire - sunlight is a literal pain, dining on human blood can get messy, and primping for a night out on the town is tricky when you can't see your own reflection in a mirror.

Aside from these supernatural hang-ups, "Flight of the Conchords" alumni Taika Waititi's and Jemaine Clement's "What We Do in the Shadows" shows us that bloodsuckers have more banal problems too - like getting along with roommates. The film is not rated, runs 86 minutes and doors open at 7 p.m. Enjoy a no-host social with drinks and pizzetta in the lobby from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

On Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in Montana State University's Gaines Hall, BFS and MSU School of Film and Photography team up to bring Missoula-based filmmaker Vera Brunner-Sung to Bozeman. The evening will include a free screening and discussion of Brunner-Sung's first fiction feature, "Bella Vista."

Shot in Missoula, the film premiered at the 2014 International Film Festival Rotterdam in the Netherlands. Thirty-something Doris, who teaches English to a group of international students in Missoula, finds herself increasingly alone. While she grasps for the connection that might save her, her students understand what it takes to belong. BrunnerSung – the writer, director and producer – has shown her award-winning, short, experimental documentaries at festivals, galleries and museums around the world.

"With a beautifully photographic eye, provocative shifts in perspective, and a sensory approach to questions of location, history, and language, 'Bella Vista' is a remarkable debut that puts Brunner-Sung on the feature-film map, no doubt ready to drift onto another," according to Christina Ree with the San Diego Asian Film Festival.

Enjoy "An Evening of Song and Dance" on Thursday, April 23 at the Emerson, as BFS presents two acclaimed documentaries: "Ballet 422" and "The Wrecking Crew."

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., peek into the highly guarded world of professional dance. "Ballet 422" shadows Justin Peck, the 25-year-old choreographer of the New York City Ballet, as he undertakes the Herculean task of creating the company's 422nd original piece, while simultaneously fulfilling his role as a Corps de Ballet member. Rated PG, the film runs 72 minutes.

At 7:45 p.m., catch the awesome rockumentary "The Wrecking Crew." What the Funk Brothers did for Motown, "The Wrecking Crew" did for the West Coast sound - only bigger. The favorite songs of a generation are all here, presented by the people who created them. The 95-minute film is rated PG.

Visit bozemanfilmsociety.org for more information about the films and where to purchase tickets.



Joe Kirchner shredding the keytar during Pinky and the Floyd's Emerson Crawford Theater performance on March 7, 2014. PHOTO BY TYLER ALLEN

### **Pinky presents 'Division Bell' at Willson April 18**

BOZEMAN - Pinky and the Floyd on April 18 will perform "The Division Bell," Pink Floyd's 1994 studio album release, at the newly renovated Willson Auditorium on Main Street in Bozeman.

The Willson reopened in February after a \$3.5 million renovation and will host the Bozeman-based Floyd tribute band's fifth annual spring theater performance. The show will include an additional set of Pink Floyd classics, and comes on the heels of the band's April 10 concert in Whitefish and April 11 show in Missoula. - T.A.





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## Bozeman filmmakers document 'The Hatter' at South By Southwest

BY ANNA SAGATOV EXPLORE BIG SKY CONTRIBUTOR

AUSTIN, Texas – From March 9-22, Austin, Texas attracted thousands of musicians, filmmakers, entrepreneurs, and creative types for the annual South by Southwest Music, Film, and Interactive festival (SXSW).

SXSW is the largest music festival of its kind in the world, and this year featured more than 2,200 official performers and brought more than 51,000 registered attendees to Austin. SXSW has been the big break for performers such as John Mayer, Katy Perry, and The Strokes. The scene also drew a pair of southwest Montana artists to the event.

Bozeman filmmakers Elliot Lindsey and Eric Kucinski headed south to this creative epicenter to shoot footage for their film "The Hatter," the second installment in a four-part series about artisans creating handcrafted goods, called "The Makers."

The plot for "The Hatter" documentary centers around Bend, Ore.'s Cate Havstad, who made a custom Western-style hat for folk musician Shakey Graves – Linsdey and Kucinski documented this notable musician receiving and wearing his handmade hat.

"The Makers" took a circuitous route to becoming reality, evolving into a film series after several factors fell into place. Lindsey procured a high-speed camera in 2013 and decided to film a clip of his friend – "The Saddlemaker" – Brian Esslinger's tattooed knuckles that read "HANDMADE." A 2014 grant from the Montana Film Office turned the passion project into something serious, and "The Makers" was born.

"The Saddlemaker," the series' first installment, premiered at Bozeman Spirits Distillery in early March and drew a sizeable crowd that was enthralled by the visually striking footage and captivating storytelling. Havstad has a fascinating story of her own which drew the filmmakers to capture footage of her trip to Austin.

Havstad has been making hats for just two years, but has become respected, amassing a significant client list. She became interested in the process when her dog chewed up a beloved felt hat and she wanted to learn to reshape it, so she undertook a yearlong apprenticeship with a milliner. After mastering the craft, she sold a custom hat to Graves - who met her at a folk festival where she was selling her hats - and finished it in time for him to wear it at this year's SXSW festival.



"The Hatter" filmmaker Elliot Lindsey in February, standing by the side of the road outside of Austin, Texas. PHOTO BY ERIC KUCINSKI

When the filmmakers

arrived in Austin, they went straight to Graves's house to film. Havstad presented Graves with his hat, and then Graves and his guitarist Patrick O'Connor played a private session for the film in the backyard of his Austin home.

After shooting the scenes with Graves, Havstad and the filmmakers escaped the suffocating festival crowds. They spent the rest of the week at a small gathering with an emphasis on Americana culture at an abandoned ghost town 15 minutes outside of Austin. Approximately

50 musicians, artists and vendors congregated there, and Havstad took down hat measurements for future clients in between rounds of poker and dancing to the live music.

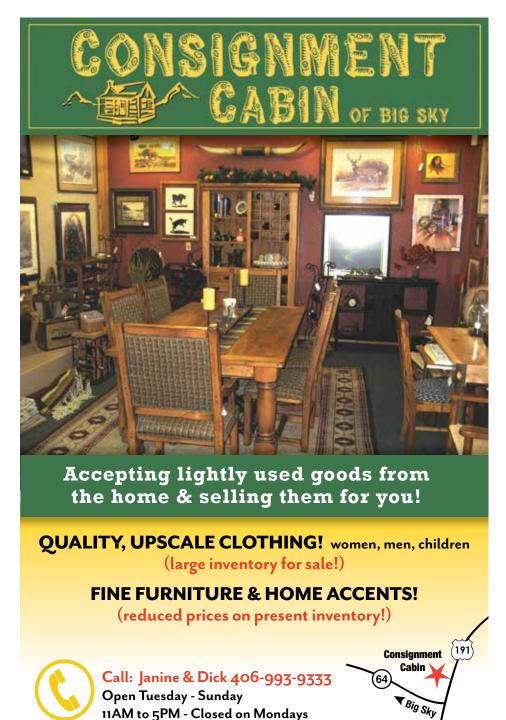
The sounds of slide guitar and heavy bass drum

reverberated off the walls. Men sported long hair and motorcycle jackets, and the women wore vintage blue jeans and woven blankets.

While observing this world of Americana and documenting Havstad's story, Lindsey and Kucinski captured the beauty with their cameras. "The Hatter," with its intriguing characters in an enchanting setting, is a film not to be missed. The filmmakers expect to release "The Hatter" this summer.



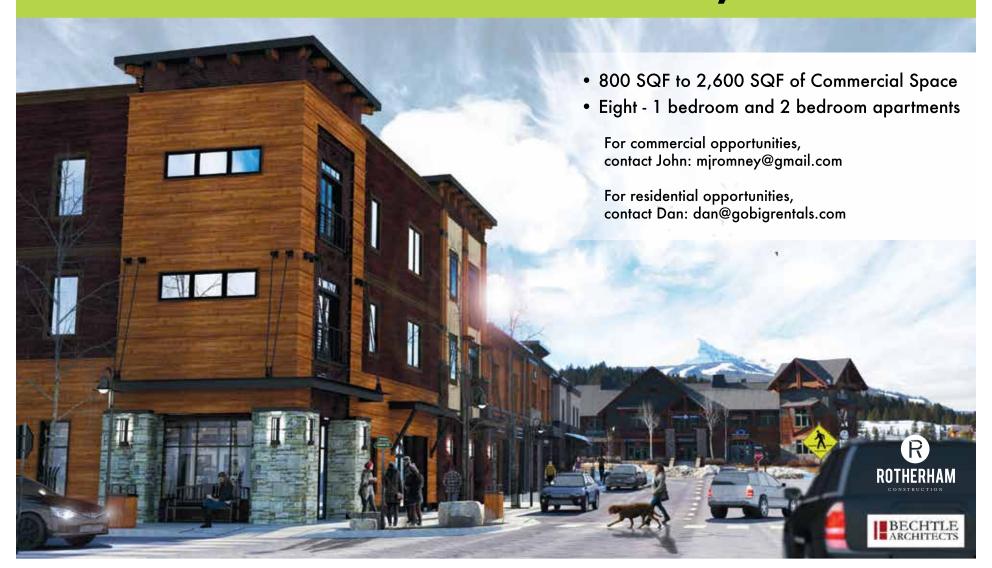
Folk artist Shakey Graves (left) and his guitarist Patrick O'Connor perform for "The Hatter" filmmakers in Graves' Austin backyard in March. Graves is wearing a custom hat made by "The Hatter" Cate Havstad. PHOTO BY ERIC KUCINSKI

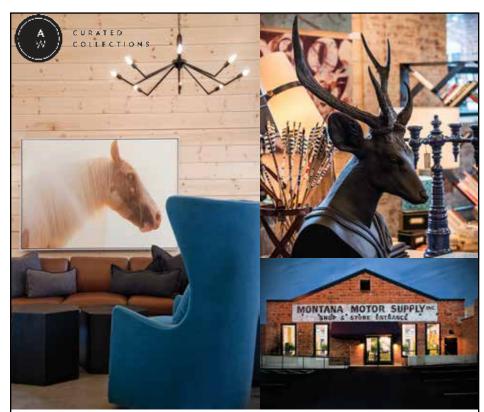


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# Targhee announces summer music lineup

BY JENNIE WHITE GRAND TARGHEE RESORT MARKETING MANAGER

ALTA, Wyo. – Grand Targhee Resort on March 23 announced band lineups for the 11th annual Targhee Fest and the 28th annual Grand Targhee Bluegrass Festival. Targhee Fest will take place July 17-19, and the bluegrass festival will be held Aug. 7-9.

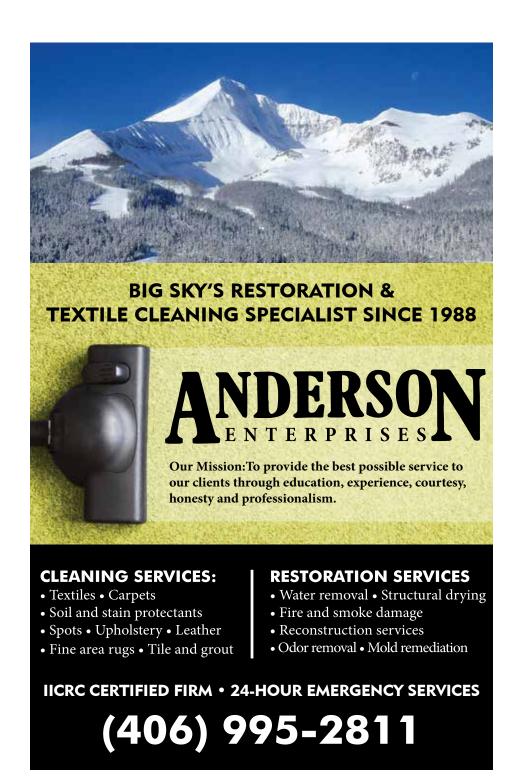
Bands signed on for Targhee Fest include Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real, Taj Mahal Trio, James McMurtry, Patty Griffin, Amy Helm and the Handsome Strangers, Mavis Staples, Gov't Mule, and Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers. Look for more bands to be announced at a later date.

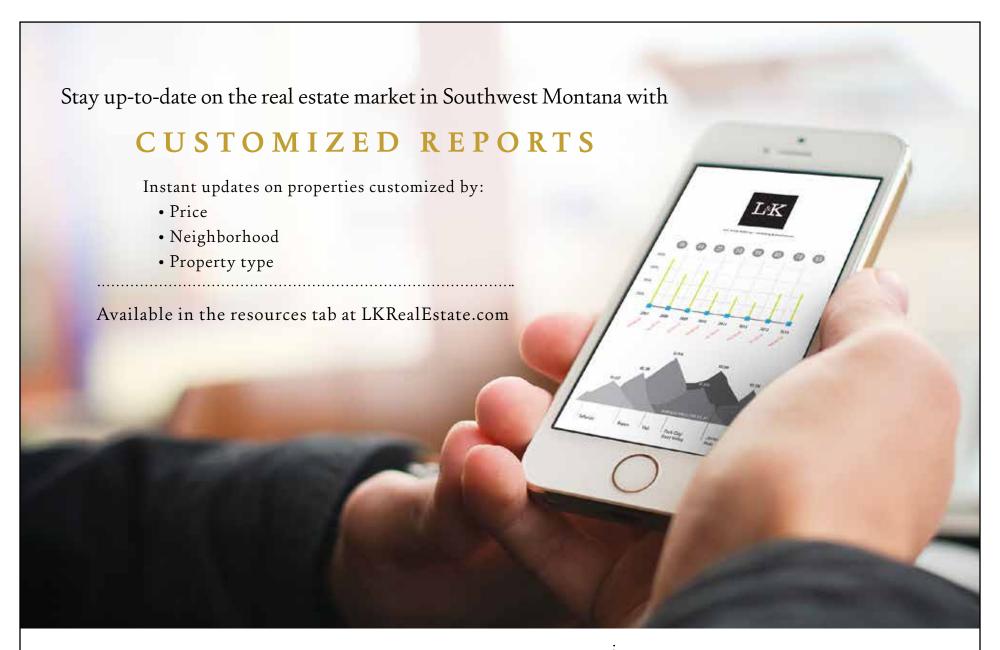
The Grand Targhee Bluegrass Festival will feature acts including Keller Williams' Grateful Grass, Lake Street Dive, Elephant Revival, The Infamous Stringdusters, Mr. Sun, Jerry Douglas Presents: The Earls of Leicester, Bela Fleck and Abigail Washburn, Donna The Buffalo, Hot Rize, Willie Sugarcapps, Two Bit Franks, and Greensky Bluegrass.

The 10th annual Targhee Music Camp will take place Aug. 3-6, offering classes for players of all abilities, namely guitar, mandolin, banjo, bass, fiddle, singing and songwriting. Some of the best acoustic musicians and teachers in the world will be on hand, including Tim O'Brien, Jim Lauderdale, Tony Trischka, and Blue Diamond Strings. A number of scholarships are available for locals, youth and general pickers.

On Monday, April 6, Grand Targhee Resort will offer three-day tickets for the festivals at the lowest rate, which are available in limited quantities. Camping passes include four nights of camping for tents or RVs. Camping opens at 3 p.m. on the Thursday prior to each festival.

Visit grandtarghee.com for tickets, lodging packages or more information.





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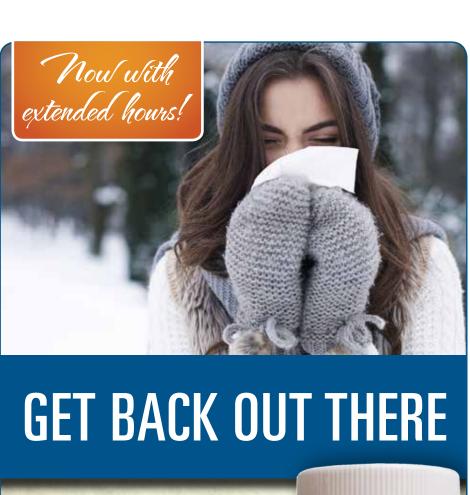
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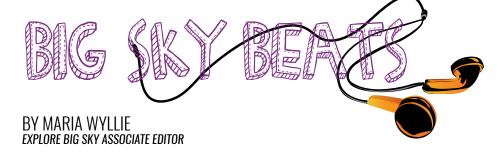
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Find out what tunes we're bumping! In "Big Sky Beats," Explore Big Sky staff and guests talk soundtracks for winter in the Rockies, and guests can share what they listen to when they shred.

Montanans spend a lot of time outside but we spend significant time in the car too, due to the state's geography. Whether you're skiing at Big Sky Resort, exploring the Bridger Mountains, or getting away to Yellowstone National Park for the weekend, you probably have to get in a car before you can begin your adventure.

Having a good music playlist is crucial for all that car time. Here, we offer you a mix of great driving tunes, including classic artists like Paul Simon and Bob Seger, as well as newer musicians such as Houndmouth and Meditative Animal. With the exception of Greensky Bluegrass, these tracks all fall within the rock genre - whether they're Classic, Alternative, or Indie. Mostly feel-good songs, they'll all help that car time fly by and get you in the right attitude before starting your day.

- 1. "Broken Bones," Mark Knopfler
- 2. "Go Down Gamblin'," Blood, Sweat & Tears
- 3. "Timed Temperance," Meditative Animal
- 4. "Heavy Fuel," Dire Straits
- 5. "Riptide," Vance Joy
- 6. "Hell to Pay," Boz Scaggs feat. Bonnie Raitt
- 7. "Turn the Page," Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band
- 8. "Me and Julio Down By the Schoolyard," Paul Simon
- 9. "Sedona," Houndmouth
- 10. "Handguns," Greensky Bluegrass

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## **American Life in Poetry:**

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BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE

Some of us will be eating ham on Easter, and I thought I'd offer you a poem about a champion pig, by Jill Breckenridge, a Minnesotan who has written a series of poems based on that state's fair. Her most recent book of poems is called "Sometimes," Nodin Press, 2015.

#### **Pretty Ricky**

By Jill Breckenridge

He's 1200 pounds of pink pork covered by black bristles stiff enough to needle and sew with, Pretty Ricky, all six feet of him spread out, asleep, no fancy dancer, neither twirler nor prancer, just eats and sleeps, the biggest boar at the Fair, oblivious to gawkers, smirkers, cholesterol, or weight watchers, fat off the hoof, fat lying flat, good only for breeding and eating, he won't even stand to show off all the pork cuts displayed on the poster behind him: ham, it says, from the butt, oldest meat of civilized man; kabobs from the shoulder, roasted on swords by early Asian nomads; spareribs, sausage, and bacon from the belly. Pretty Ricky urges me to swear off pork, but it's lunchtime and my stomach wanders off to a foot-long or a brat with 'kraut. I think twice, three times, waffle back and forth between meat and a veggie wrap, as, in front of me, many meals stretch out, dozing.

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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.

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## Plug into the sun

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BRAD VAN-WERT EXPLORE BIG SKY CONTRIBUTOR

In April of 1954, researchers at Bell Laboratories – a research and development center formerly operated by AT&T – demonstrated the first practical silicon solar cell, the precursor of all solar-powered devices.

The New York Times reported on the discovery in its April 26, 1954 issue writing that, "It may mark the beginning of a new era, leading eventually to the realization of one of mankind's most cherished dreams – the harnessing of the almost limitless energy of the sun for the uses of civilization."

Now, 60 years later we are truly beginning to see this new era flourish. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the number of installed solar energy systems grew by 418 percent from 2010-2014, more than quadrupling capacity in just four years.

Take a look around, and you'll notice that solar is everywhere. But still, many wonder how it all works.

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Funny thing about Montanans though – usually if the sun is out, we are too. What then?

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Brad Van Wert is a self-proclaimed writer who likes to eat a lot – he has a career in renewable energy, so he isn't one of those starving types. Van Wert has lived in Bozeman for 15 years and started Harvest Solar in 2012 with his partner Kyle MacVean. Collectively, they have installed hundreds of solar systems ranging from small, off-grid systems to large, commercial systems.

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