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NEWS IN BRIEF



BY EBS STAFF

Bingo!

Riverhouse holds weekly comps

Every Tuesday during the offseason in Big Sky, the Gallatin Riverhouse Grill hosts Bingo night. Now in its third season, competition proceeds benefit Big Sky's chapter of the American Legion: Post 99.

During the second bingo night of this offseason on Oct. 13, between 60-70 players sat down at the long tables in the Riverhouse, said Greg "Carnie" Lisk, co-owner of the barbeque joint located south of Big Sky on Highway 191, adding that he expects numbers to increase as the season wears on.

Cards begin selling at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday, and the first game drops at approximately 6:30 p.m. Callers announce 10 games each night, including a "blackout round," which Lisk says holds the largest jackpot of the evening. On Oct. 13 the jackpot reached \$300, but the more people play the bigger the pot grows.

"Of course there's no snow yet," Lisk said, "but locals still want to go out and have fun. Winning \$300 is like winning the lottery around here."

Medical center says no to recycling site

The Big Sky Medical Center will not be hosting the recycling center. Currently on Aspen Leaf Drive in Big Sky Town Center, the recycling site was slated for removal Oct. 1, but stayed in place pending the BSMC deal that never was.

A letter received by EBS on Oct. 12 from Cheryl Ridgely, Bozeman Health Chief Strategy and Business Development Officer, indicated that "prohibitive costs, logistic complications, and timing with construction staging" were factors in the decision.

"Regrettably, a public announcement was made by several community groups regarding relocation of the Big Sky recycling site to the Bozeman Health Big Sky Medical Center property, before we could complete an evaluation of the feasibility of taking on this endeavor," the letter stated.

In a Sept. 30 phone interview, Big Sky Medical Center Administrator Tracy Reamy confirmed with EBS that the hospital would host the recycling center.

"We will be taking [recycling] at Big Sky Medical Center," Reamy said. "It's just a matter of time."

Community stakeholders will hold another meeting to discuss the future of recycling in Big Sky on Oct. 22.

Shooting range denied resort tax, for now

In a special meeting held Oct. 14, the Big Sky Resort Area District tax board voted 3-2 to withhold \$10,000 of resort tax from the Friends of Red Cliff Shooting Range. The money was appropriated in June with a condition that before funds were disbursed, the U.S. Forest Service would agree to extend the boundary of the shooting range into the Big Sky Resort Area Tax District.

In a Sept. 4 memo and subsequent communications with BSRAD board members, the Hebgen Lake Ranger District stated the shooting range could not be moved to another location in the district, and the boundary of the range could not be extended, due to environmental and public safety concerns.

Friends of Red Cliff Shooting Range asked the board to amend the condition on their contract to allow work outlined in the application to continue. The money was requested for land cleanup and improvement, construction materials, and continued maintenance.

In the Oct. 14 meeting, BSRAD board members told the shooting range group that the board would entertain lifting the condition if the Friends came back to the board with a business plan outlining educational programming that is conducted within the district.

Big Sky Chamber to present housing plan

State and county entities are joining the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce this month for a presentation proposing a community housing plan.

The Montana Department of Commerce and Gallatin County officials will hold the public event at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center on Oct. 22 at 4 p.m., and plan to discuss cost analysis, funding options, and a "current conceptual housing plan," according to a Big Sky Chamber press release.

Under Gallatin County, the chamber applied for a state-issued Community Block Development Grant, which allows for more planning.

Studies conducted by the U.S. Forest Service and Montana State University date back to the 1970s, and established areas designated for affordable housing. One such area, a trailer court on Lone Mountain Trail west of the Conoco, was leveled to make room for the Dot Brandt 5 Bar B Ranch.

In June 2013, the Big Sky Resort Area District tax board appropriated the chamber \$80,000 to hire Colorado consulting firm Economics and Planning Systems to perform a housing development study. The next year, the Chamber applied for another \$165,000 of public resort tax to move forward with its Big Sky housing plan.

"The presentation will ... offer the public an opportunity to ask questions, give opinions, and discuss the proposed plan," according to the chamber press release.

Big Sky Resort re-breaks summer visitation record

On Sept. 27, Big Sky Resort closed its Mountain Village facilities after setting a new visitation record for the third consecutive summer.

The resort estimated a 10 percent increase in revenue over last year, and the big numbers are attributed to an expansion of family-friendly activities, special events, and Yellowstone National Park's record-breaking visits this summer, according to an Oct. 5 press release.

"A lot of factors went into the success of our summer season," said Lyndsey Owens, marketing director for the resort, citing increased exposure of its Basecamp to Yellowstone activities, and events such as the Vine and Dine Festival and The Rut Mountain Runs. "The whole community did well with many visitors drawn to the new trails and community events."

Big Sky Resort expanded its mountain bike trails system this summer, with the Upper South Fork Trail – where riders descend from Andesite Mountain to Town Center – attracting both local and regional bikers to the resort.

Most mountain facilities, and all mountain recreation, will be closed until Big Sky Resort reopens for the winter season on Thanksgiving Day.

Former resort employee charged with embezzlement

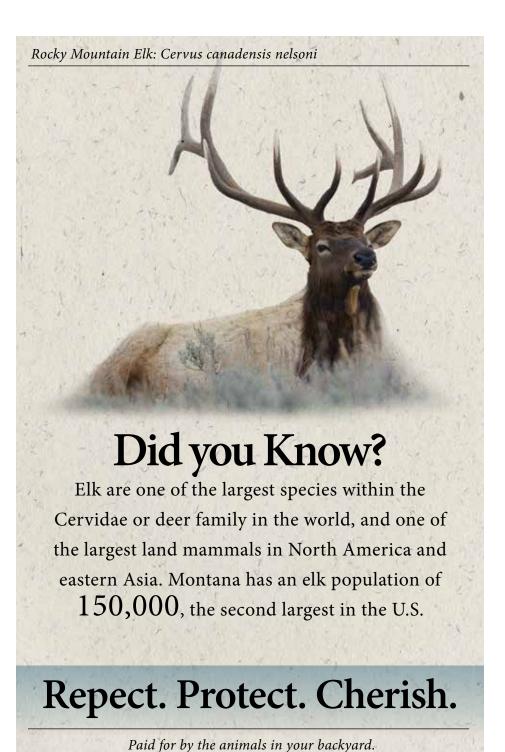
A former Big Sky Resort employee has been charged with stealing nearly \$15,000 worth of security deposits from foreign workers who were living in the resort's Whitewater Inn.

The Gallatin County Attorney's Office filed a felony theft charge the second week of October against Simon Ineus Carvil, as first reported by the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.

Dax Schieffer, director of human resources for Big Sky Resort, contacted The Gallatin County Sheriff's Office on May 21, according to charging documents. Schieffer reported being contacted by several foreign employees of the resort who had lived at the Whitewater Inn on Highway 191 while they were temporarily employed. They charged that their \$300 cash security deposits were not returned.

The missing deposits, totaling \$14,550, were made between November and March. Carvil was a housing manager and responsible for taking security deposits at Whitewater Inn. Carvil denied taking any money, but couldn't explain how the deposits had gone missing on his watch.

No date has been set for Carvil's initial appearance in Gallatin County District Court.



Germain for resort tax board

So many pieces of our town of Big Sky are made possible by the funds collected in the form of Big Sky resort tax. I know that residents and visitors very much appreciate everything that is funded by this tax. How the money is allocated is a big job handled by the Big Sky Resort Area District tax board. This is why it's important to carefully consider who we elect to the board, and ensure they are qualified, educated and motivated to do the job, and to do it well.

If you've not had the opportunity to meet Kevin Germain, I highly recommend you take the time to learn about him and why he is the perfect man for the job. I have been fortunate enough to work with him for many years. I know Kevin's experience with planning and development in the Big Sky area make him an excellent candidate. Kevin is a calm, cool and collected individual who through his passion for life in Big Sky will carefully listen to residents and put our interests first.

When it comes time to vote for the BSRAD board candidates, Kevin's already got my vote. I hope he'll have yours too.

Michelle Frederick Big Sky

In support of Germain for resort tax board

As a candidate for the Board of the Big Sky Resort Area District, Kevin Germain is a standout. I know Kevin as an engaged citizen of the Big Sky community, an active volunteer in a wide variety of organizations, and a friend.

Kevin brings an effective combination of his positive attitude, pragmatic business sense, and a sincere interest in the betterment of our community to all of these activities. I am confident that he will do the same if elected to the Resort Tax Board, and urge support of him with your vote.

Steven J. Johnson *Big Sky*





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BSSD Students of the Month: September

As part of its Student of the Month program, the Big Sky School District honored four students in September for their leadership.

Teachers choose two "students of the month" from kindergarten through fourth grades and two in middle and high school, recognizing them based on a different theme every month.

The students are honored during an assembly before teachers and fellow students. In addition, the k-4 honorees are rewarded with a burger from The Corral, and the chosen middle and high school students get pizza from Blue Moon Bakery.



K-2 Student of the Month - Lily Turner, second grade

Lily provides leadership for her classmates on a daily basis and leads them by example. Since the beginning of the school year she has turned in all of her homework; contributes thoughtfully to classroom discussions; displays kindness to everyone around her; and demonstrates respect for her teachers and other adults in the school.

Lily works to always be her best self whether the setting is academic or extracurricular, and has a strong desire to learn and grow. Each of these characteristics makes her stand out among her peers.



3-4 Student of the Month - Sawyer Wolfe, fourth grade

Leaders demonstrate positive daily practices that others can observe and use as models for behavior and academic expectations at school. They are role models for students and teachers by showing respect, making positive choices, and going above and beyond regular responsibilities of community members. Sawyer Wolfe is new to the district but has already demonstrated these qualities.

Sawyer is respectful to his teachers, peers and himself. He's often recognized in the hallways for doing the right thing while demonstrating kindness in classroom activities and outdoor leadership on Friday expeditions. As a result, many others follow his practices. All district students and staff should strive to accomplish the leadership goals Sawyer demonstrates.



Ophir Middle School Student of the Month - Michael Romney, seventh grade

Michael has been a model student this year. Aside from being a focused student and kind friend, he proves an ambitious and hardworking practitioner of the creative arts. He has excelled in his middle school visual arts class and wowed us all with his solo piano performance for NPR's "From the Top." Michael is a great example of what can be accomplished with hard work and a positive attitude.



Lone Peak High School Student of the Month - Julia Barton, 10th grade

Leadership includes honesty, creativity, communication and the ability to delegate, and Julia has demonstrated each of these. She shows honesty in her work, and when given a task in a group setting she keeps her classmates on task. Julia ensures everyone moves in the right direction; creates unique and interesting work that is exciting to read; and isn't afraid to communicate with those around her – whether in class discussion or helping another student better understand an assignment.

Also a leader on the volleyball court, Julia's leadership shines when she cheers teammates, encourages them to be aggressive, and when she builds them up. She pushes herself and is always looking to improve. Julia is not only a role model and a leader for her peers, but also for future Big Horns.



CALL FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

For the upcoming issue, Montana Poet Laureate Tami Haaland provided use of her poem, "Traveler," as inspiration for photo submissions.

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BY DUSTIN SHIPMAN BSSD SUPERINTENDENT

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

Lone Peak High School celebrated homecoming week earlier this month. I was reminded of what this special week means for a young high school program as I witnessed traditions reinforced and created.

Homecoming is a time for alumni to return home to support sports, academics and community. Our first LPHS alumni are just exiting postsecondary education, so our customs are still in their fledgling stages; however, we have many traditions that should be highlighted.

Our homecoming week was a huge success, and gets bigger and more involved every year. Participants from the school, Big Sky businesses, community groups and our students participated in our parade – students and teachers worked hard all week to plan, build and present floats to the community. We held a dance attended by nearly all of our high school students, spirit days all week, and victories by our volleyball and football teams.

The Big Sky School District is also establishing a tradition of academic excellence. While many districts in Montana are struggling to graduate all their students from high school, we're working hard to ensure that each of our kids is not only graduating, but also going on to live a life of full of choices.

The next time you come to the school, visit the display case near the gymnasium where a new placard recognizes the colleges and universities our graduates have attended – it's quite an impressive list considering our 48 LPHS graduates.

Traditions come with time, energy, commitment, and most importantly support. As a first-year participant in the community, it's evident to me that Big Sky has a commitment to the blossoming heritage of the school district. We are ripe to build on that momentum while continuing to create, refine, experiment and engage in building something special through pride and excellence.

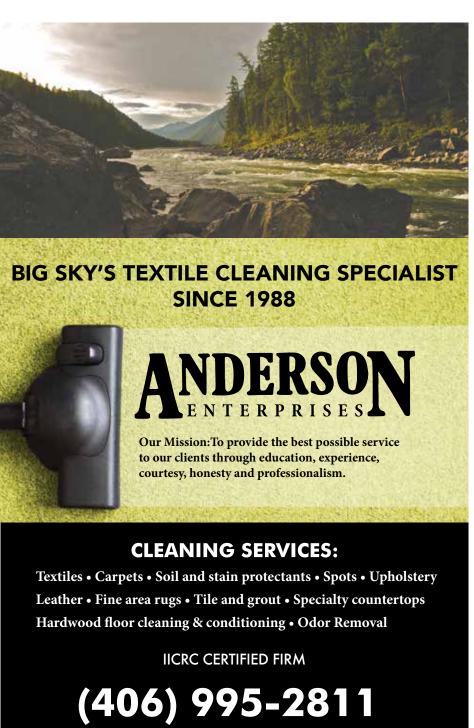


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Big Sky Resort tax board elections Ballots mailed to voters Oct. 16, due Nov. 3

The Big Sky Resort Area District tax board has three seats up for grabs the first Tuesday in November. EBS asked each candidate to submit a short bio introducing themselves to our readers and explain why they should serve Big Sky on the

Incumbents Jamey Kabisch and Mike Scholz are hoping to retain their seats, while Kevin Germain, Tallie Lancey and Grace Young are running for the first time. Sitting board members Ginna Hermann and Heather Budd will be up for reelection in May 2018.

Over the past 10 years, resort tax collections have increased 50 percent to a high of more than \$4.1 million in fiscal year 2014-2015. Despite the significant public resources the board appropriates to Big Sky community organizations, voting for these positions has been historically low.

In an attempt to encourage voter turnout, and highlight the issues facing the resort tax board, EBS editors moderated a debate on Oct. 15 at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center. The debate was held after EBS went to press on Oct. 14, but a video recording of the event can be found at explorebigsky.com. - T.A.



Kevin Germain

I have worked in planning and development in Big Sky for more than 12 years, the majority of the time for Moonlight Basin, and now for Lone Mountain Land Company. My family became full-time Big Sky residents last year when we moved from Ennis and my three children are students in the Big Sky School District.

As an active member of the Big Sky community, I'm well versed in local issues and uniquely qualified to serve as your representative on the Resort

Tax Board. Currently, I'm a board member of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce; Big Sky Mountain Trails, Recreation and Parks Special District; Moonlight Community Foundation; Big Sky Natural Resource Council; Jack Creek Preserve Foundation; and am a member of the Custer Gallatin National Forest Working Group.

I'm also an avid outdoorsman who loves skiing, hunting, fly fishing, trail running, mountain biking, and most of all, spending time with my family. I have a master's in civil engineering and bachelor's in geohydrology from Montana State University.

I am committed to supporting initiatives that will improve our growing community, such as affordable housing; improving and expanding recreational areas and trails; protecting our natural resources; and the environmental and economic sustainability of Big Sky.



Tallie Lancey

Originally from Ohio, I studied philosophy at Washington and Lee University in Virginia. Shortly after moving to Big Sky in 2005, I learned that there is no "they" in Big Sky, there is only "us." Big Sky residents are responsible for our own successes and failures. This perspective motivates me to run for the Big Sky Resort Area District tax board position.

I'm an optimistic, problem-solving, team-building woman, and have a track record to prove it. I've been a substitute teacher at Ophir schools

for five years; served on the Arts Council board for six years and as its president for two; and on the Warren Miller Performing Arts Council board for three years. I've attended BSRAD board meetings for the last seven years and understand the application and allocation process.

Professionally, I'm a broker with Big Sky Sotheby's International Realty and my husband Ken co-owns Grizzly Outfitters Ski and Backcountry Sports. I have tremendous respect for the people who have created Big Sky as we know it today, and I'll continue to shape its future with other community leaders.

If elected, I will cultivate public-private partnerships, embolden Big Sky's best organizations, and personally work with local businesses to educate their customers about the importance of resort tax.



of the struggles business and families have to live and work in our community.

I was elected to the Big Sky Resort Area District

quality of life, and we found it. After arriving in

Big Sky, I worked at First Security Bank for eight

years and am currently the CFO of Lone Peak

the past decade has given me an understanding

Board in 2011 and have been involved in many other community boards and activities over the past 10 years. I've enjoyed serving the resort tax district the past four years and if reelected I will continue to be a good steward of the district's funds.

I feel that I bring a balance of collaboration and accountability with the organizations the district works with and I'm comfortable asking tough questions to entities that request funds. Most of all, I'm concerned about the long-term health and success of our community.

Mike Scholz

Jamey Kabisch

For the past 43 years, I've been active in the growth of Big Sky through my ownership of Buck's T-4 Lodge and my participation on many of the community's boards and organizations. In that time, I've developed skills and knowledge that enable me to help the community allocate the resort tax's valuable resources.



The experience of helping to draft the initial resort tax law, as well as lobbying for its

passage in 1988, have been valuable for understanding the law's intent as it pertains to Big Sky. By serving on numerous boards that have applied for resort tax funding, I've gained valuable insight into the issues applicants must consider when applying.

I've seen the need for a balanced approach to funding community needs demonstrated many times and, when used properly, the resort tax gives Big Sky the opportunity to better serve residents and visitors.

Receiving the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce's Chet Huntley Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 was an honor, and is indicative of my dedication to and involvement in Big Sky during the past four decades.

I hope that the community feels my efforts, work and decisions on the Resort Tax Board over the last four years justifies their vote for another term.



Grace Young

I have been an active member of the Big Sky community for nearly 14 years and own a home in South Fork with my husband Mason. Originally from Virginia, I studied forestry while attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and am the business office manager for Big Sky Landscaping, as well as the bookkeeper for Big Sky Snowman.

I am passionate about giving back to the community and have volunteered for many organizations in Big Sky, such as the Big Sky PTO; Morningstar Learning Center; the South Fork Phase 1 Homeowner's Association board; and Women In Action. My passion for mental health – a result of witnessing my mother's work in the field - impelled me to become a founding member of Women In Action, and later serve as board president.

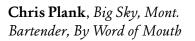
Impressed by what I've seen this community achieve, I feel the resort tax and Resort Tax Board allocations are significant driving factors in Big Sky's accomplishments. My experience working with several different types of businesses over a number of years gives me a unique perspective on the many faces of Big Sky. This puts me in a position to make honest, organized, well-examined decisions for the benefit of the community, while being conscientious and approachable.



In two recent incidents on Oct. 5 and 9, tractor-trailer trucks crashed on Highway 191 in Gallatin Canyon.

How do you think these accidents could be mitigated in the canyon?





"Maybe lower the truck speed limit and increase penalties for speeding truckers. There could be a certain window of time when semi traffic is allowed in conjunction with other traffic."



Lucy Hoffman, Big Sky, Mont. Server, Andiamo Italian Grille

"The possibility of building another lane would enable vehicles to be routed around accidents or slow moving tractor-trailer trucks. [But] it's a tough situation to negotiate with a mountain on one side and a river on the other."



Mike Sollott, Big Sky, Mont. Investment Manager

"Have them come through at certain hours, or limit the size of trucks that travel through. Ideally, re-route traffic and find another way for them to travel. Maybe an alternative route would be through Ennis."



I am asking for your vote in the upcoming election for the Big Sky Resort Tax Board. As an active member of the Big Sky Community, I am well-versed in the local issues and uniquely qualified to serve as your representative:

- Board Member of the Big Sky Chamber: Big Sky Mountain Trails, Recreation and Parks Special District: Moonlight Community Foundation: Big Sky Natural Resource Council: Jack Creek Preserve Foundation: and member of the Custer-Gallatin National Forest Working Group
- Avid outdoorsman who loves skiing, fly fishing, trail running, mountain biking, and most of all, spending time with my wife and our 3 schooll-aged children
- Master's Degree in Civil Engineering & Undergraduate Degree in Geohydrology from MSU

I am committed to supporting initiatives that will improve our growing community, such as affordable housing, improvement and expansion of recreational areas and trails, protection of our natural resources, and the environmental and economic sustainability of our community.



Big Sky Community Library news

BY KATHY HOUSE EBS CONTRIBUTOR

Big Sky Community Library is beginning its 16th year serving the community. October and November will see the annual FOL membership drive and the Friends are always looking for new members to support the library. If you're interested in becoming an FOL member, a form is available at bigskylibrary.org.

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 10 a.m. in the Big Sky Community Library. A progress report will be presented for the library's fiscal year and FOL members will reelect officers for the 2015-2016 calendar.

Please join us for refreshments as we celebrate 15 years of success. This is a great way to get involved and meet new people.

Summer reading program success

The "Every Hero has a Story" summer reading program was once again a huge success. With an average of 40 attendees for the six differ-

ent programs, visitors and circulation were at record-breaking numbers for summer use. The 25 students who visited the library at least six times throughout the summer and completed the reading requirements were treated to a special party this month to celebrate a fantastic summer of reading and programs.

New Releases

There are several new releases available in the library for circulation. Watch for the "new" sticker on all recently acquired books. Here are a few:

"H is for Hawk" By Helen Macdonald This book explores the story of Helen Macdonald, who purchases a goshawk named Mabel, and battles with the reality of losing her father, a falconer.

"The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" By Marie Kondo

This No. 1 New York Times best-selling guide to decluttering your home from Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo takes readers step-by-step through her revolutionary Kon-Mari Method for simplifying, organizing, and storing.

"Being Mortal" By Atul Gawande Practicing surgeon Atul Gawande examines the limitations and failures of medicine in reference to aging, frailty, and death.

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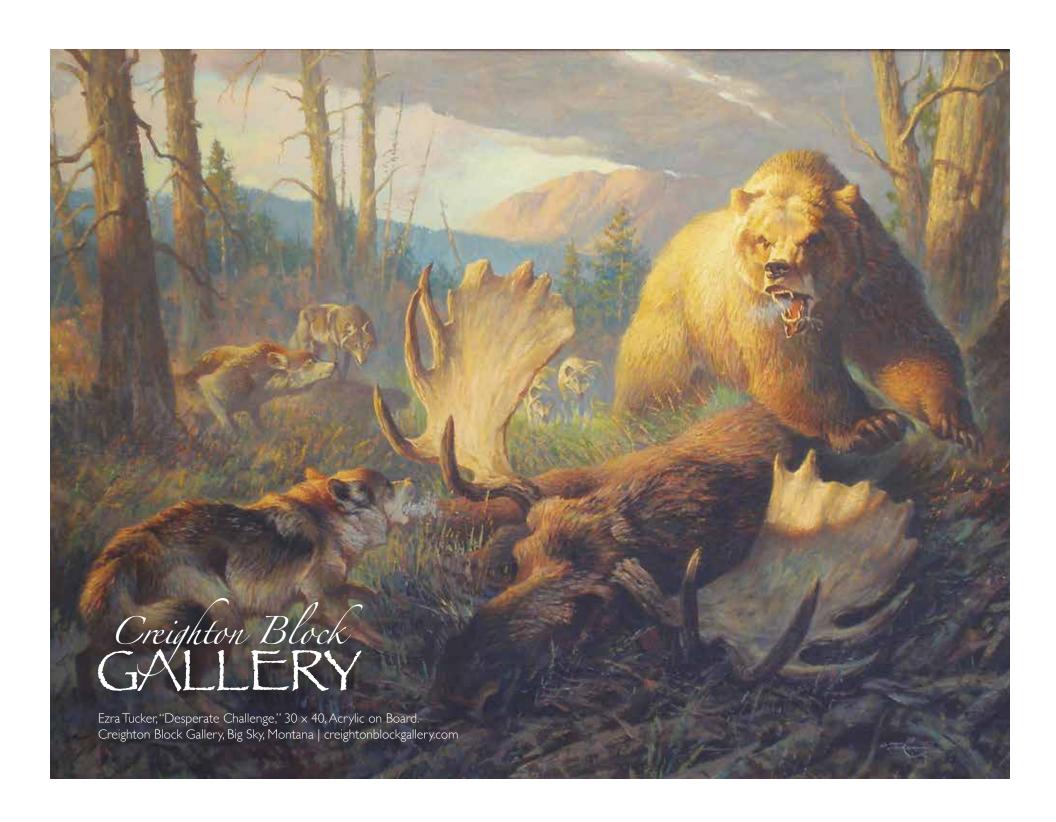
Leah Burris Memorial

Close to \$1,000 has been raised for our dear late friend and active FOL volunteer, Leah Burris, recognizing her friendship and dedication to our small community. These funds will go towards purchasing new materials for the library.

Hours:

Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

Monday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Story time 10:30 a.m.) Tuesday and Wednesday: 4-8 p.m.



Yellowstone sets new visitation record

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PAK – With less than three months left in 2015, visitation to Yellowstone National Park this year has surpassed the previous record for total annual visitation set in 2010. As of Oct. 8, the park has seen more than 3.8 million visits in 2015, which exceeds the total visits recorded in the previous busiest year 2010, when the park tallied just over 3.6 million visits.

Yellowstone hosted a total of 680,213 recreational visits in September alone, an increase of 18.97 percent over September 2014 numbers. Total park visitation for the first nine months of 2015 reached 3, 814,178, a 15.97 percent increase over 2014 levels.

Each of the park's five entrances showed an increase in vehicles for the month of September as well, compared to 2014 levels. The west entrance recorded the largest increase in September visits, at 16,384 more than September of last year.

"This is certainly a noteworthy event," said Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Dan Wenk. "We are delighted to see that more and more visitors are making their way to Yellowstone to experience the park. However, it creates additional challenges for our staff [that] work hard to protect this amazing place while providing top-notch services for visitors."

Park managers say the visitation increase is due in part to the National Park Service's "Find Your Park" public awareness campaign, marketing and tourism promotions by the states of Montana and Wyoming, and lower gas prices as possible influences in the record number of visits to Yellowstone this year.



Tourists explore the South Rim Trail along the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone. PHOTO COURTESY OF NPS

	Recreational	Recreational	
	Visits	Visits	Change
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Section 2:SPORTS, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENT







Bringing home Big Horn football

BY ACRA SAMUELS EBS CONTRIBUTOR

BIG SKY – As clouds loomed over Big Sky on Oct. 3, the Lone Peak High School Big Horns hosted the St. Regis Tigers for their 2015 homecoming game, and the Big Horns did not disappoint the huge crowd in attendance.

The Big Horns executed with offensive precision from the outset. After the Tigers went three and out on their first possession, junior quarterback Eddie Starz scampered 40 yards for six points, and freshman Milosz Shipman kicked the points after touchdown for an 8-0 lead.

After another three-and-out St. Regis series forced by the stifling Big Horn defense, junior fullback Bridger Babcock scored on a 5-yard run, followed by a Shipman kick making the score 16-0. Sophomore Liam Germain took off for a 75-yard touchdown run with 2:51 left in the first quarter to make it 24-0.

The Samuels brothers came up big on defense during the next series when senior Chase forced a fumble that sophomore Holden recovered. Starz then tossed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Babcock with 1:22 left in the half.

But the Big Horns' scoring rampage wasn't over yet. On the next series, Starz caused a St. Regis fumble and with 38 seconds left in the half Holden Samuels plunged into the end zone from the 5-yardline, followed by Shipman's two-point kick to give LPHS a 40-0 lead at the half.

In the second half, LPHS scored on a Babcock fumble recovery; two Germain touchdown receptions from Starz; and three touchdown runs by Chase Samuels, junior Devin Quinn, and sophomore Zach Cone.

The Tigers scored two late touchdowns to make it an 86-14 Big Horns homecoming victory.

The Big Horns defense was led by Chase Samuels who had three sacks, two forced fumbles and one recovered fumble; Zach Estes with an interception; as well as Holden Samuels and Starz, who each had an interception and fumble recovery.

Shipman tallied 20 points for the Big Horns by making 10 kicks after touchdown.

Friday Oct. 16, the Big Horns travel to Alberton, then host Sheridan for their final regular season game on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 12:50 p.m. The Lone Peak High School Booster Club will again hand out 100 souvenir footballs at the Oct. 24 game.



Lone Peak High School homecoming king and queen, Chase Samuels and Katie Reid, pose on Oct. 3 after the Big Horns' 86-14 victory in Big Sky. PHOTOS BY THERESA DA SILVA



Zach Cone charges for yards during the Big Horns' lopsided homecoming win over St. Regis.



Liam Germain outraces the Tigers' defense en route to a Big Horn touchdown.

Miners roll in Sheridan, shutout in West

BY ACRA SAMUELS EBS CONTRIBUTOR

SHERIDAN/WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. – The Ophir Miners middle school football team traveled on Oct.. 5 with a 2-2 record to take on the Panthers in Sheridan, Mont. The weather was nearly as perfect as the Miners' performance, as the entire 17-man roster got in on the action, and Ophir played its most complete game of the season.

On the Miners' opening kickoff return, seventh-grader Evan Iskenderian rumbled 40 yards before fumbling it back to the Panthers on the 1-yard line. But on the next series, eighth-grade defensive standout Nick Wade pinned the Sheridan offense in the end zone for a safety.



The Ophir Miners' Pierce King kicks off to the Sheridan Panthers on Oct. 5.

Iskenderian soon made up for losing the football on the kickoff, exploding for a 50-yard touchdown run and catching the point-after-touchdown conversion pass from eighth-grader Frankie Starz. On defense, Starz picked off a Panther pass and on the ensuing play threw a strike to Iskenderian for another touchdown. The Miners led 15-0 at the end of the first quarter.

On the first play of the second quarter, eighth-grader Nick Brester ripped a 45-yard touchdown run to make it 21-0. The Miners' defense was stout throughout the game, and in the second quarter Starz intercepted another pass while Wade blocked and recovered a punt. The Miners also recovered an onside kick.

The rest of the scoring in the first half came on an Iskenderian run; a 34-yard touchdown pass from Starz to Iskenderian; and seventh-grader Jack Lovely stuffing in the extra point to make it 34-0 at the half.

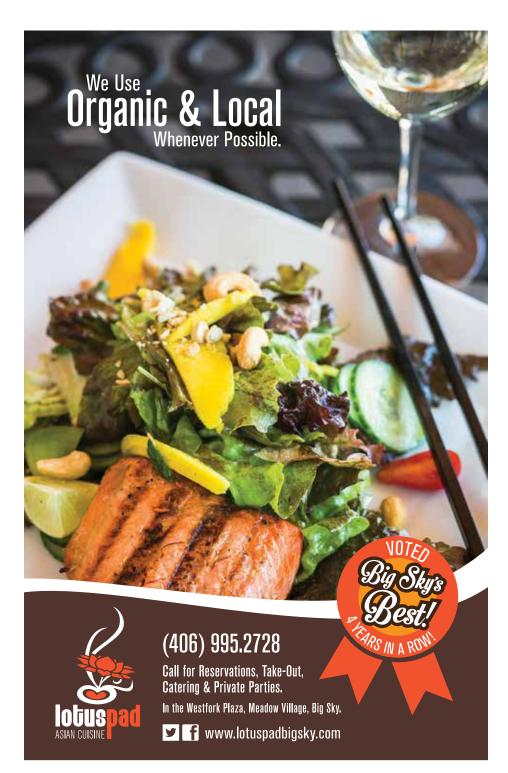


Ophir's Max Boman juking the Panthers' defense during a 47-13 Miners' victory in Sheridan. PHOTOS BY MONA LOVELY

After halftime, Iskenderian was at it again rushing for the first score of the half, followed by sixth-grader Cody McVey's scoring run for the extra point. Sheridan managed to get their offense going and scored twice in the half before eighth-grader Max Bowman bolted 55 yards for the final score to secure a 47-13 Miners victory.

On Oct. 11, Ophir traveled to West Yellowstone for a rematch with their rivals from the south. But outsized and outmatched, they fell 59-0 to the Wolverines.

The Ophir Miners host Gardiner in a rematch on Monday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m.





BIG SKY SPORTS SCHEDULE

Volleyball

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Sept. 4	Home	Manhattan Christian**	L: 0-3
Sept. 5	Away	@ Harrsion / Willow Creek**	W: 3-1
Sept. 17	Away	@ Shields Valley**	W: 3-2
Sept. 19	Home	Belgrade	L: 1-3
Sept. 25	Away	@ Ennis**	L: 0-3
Sept. 26	Home	Gardiner**	W: 3-1
Oct. 1	Home	West Yellowstone** / Homecoming	W: 3-0
Oct. 10	Home	Twin Bridges**	W: 3-2
Oct. 14	Away	@ West Yellowstone**	W: 3-0
Oct. 15	Away	@ Sheridan	JV 5:45 V 7:00
Oct. 17	Home	Park High / Senior Night	JV 1:00 V 2:30
Oct. 20	Home	Lima	JV 5:45 V 7:00
Oct. 24	Home	White Sulphur Springs** / Spike for the Cure Benefit	JV 5:30 V 7:00
Oct. 28-31	Away	@ Manhattan Christian District 8C Tournament	TBA

** District 8c volleyball games

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Ophir MS / LPHS Football

Aug. 28	Away	@ Westby/ Grenora (Mon-Dak)	LPHS	L: 24-54
Sept. 5	Home	West Yellowstone**	LPHS	W: 38-16
Sept. 18	Away	@ Lincoln**	LPHS	W: 50-0
Sept. 25	Away	@ Hot Springs**	LPHS	L: 14-71
Oct. 3	Home	St. Regis** / LPHS Homecoming	LPHS	W: 86-14
Oct. 5	Away	@ Sheridan	OMS	4:00
Oct. 9 or 10	Away	@ Valley Christian (Missoula) **	LPHS	W: forfeit
Oct. 12	Away	@ West Yellowstone	OMS	L: 0-59
Oct. 16	Away	@ Alberton**	LPHS	7:00
Oct. 19	Home	TBA	OMS	4:00
Oct. 24	Home	Sheridan** / LPHS Senior Parent Day	OMS LPHS	10:00 12:50
Oct. 31	TBD	1st round state playoffs	LPHS	TBA
Nov. 7	TBD	2 nd round state playoffs	LPHS	TBA
Nov. 14	TBD	Semi-finals state playoffs	LPHS	TBA
Nov. 21	TBD	State Championship Game	LPHS	TBA

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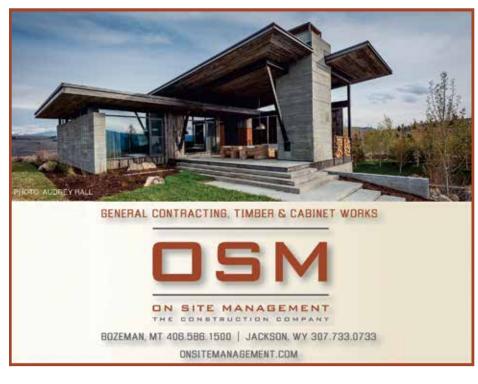
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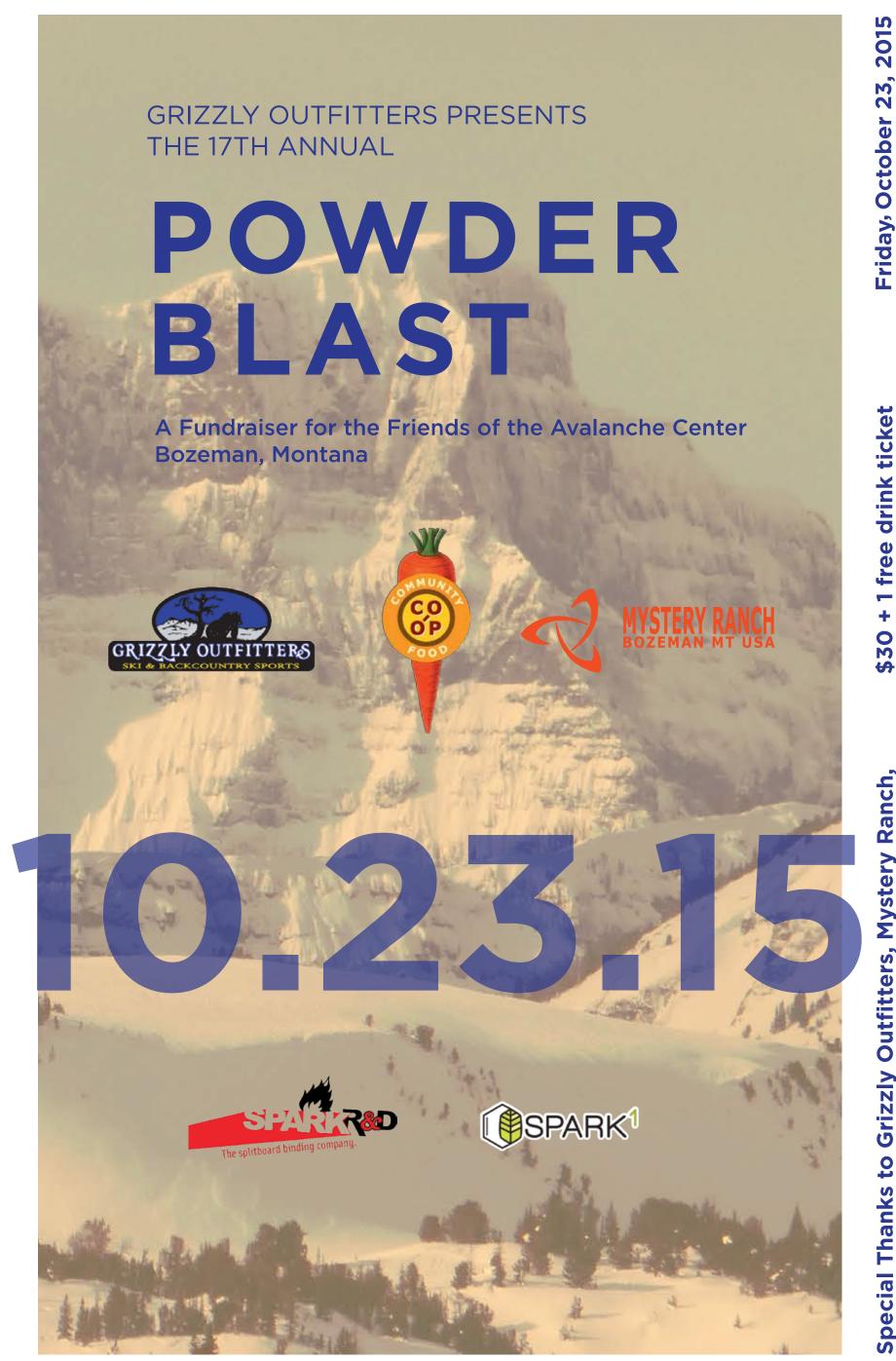
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Quick starts lead to consecutive Bobcat home victories

BY COLTER NUANEZ EBS CONTRIBUTOR

BOZEMAN – Since the outset of Big Sky Conference play, the No. 16 Montana State Bobcats have proven if they start fast, they're hard to catch.

During each of MSU's two Big Sky victories, the Bobcats have won the coin toss and wasted no time taking the lead. In a 45-28 victory over Cal Poly on Sept. 26, the Bobcats shot out to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter before cruising to a homecoming win.

In a 35-13 win over Sacramento State on Oct. 10, the Bobcats scored touchdowns on their first two possessions and rode the momentum to victory.

In each game, MSU elected to take the ball to begin the game. Against Cal Poly, the Bobcats knew an early lead would both benefit the hosts and impede a ball-control team like the Mustangs. Cal Poly runs a triple-option offense that eats up the clock, and once MSU had a three-score lead, the Mustangs helped defeat themselves.

Against Sac State, MSU knew 14 points could be a magic number against a reeling Hornets team that came into the game on a four-game losing streak and averaging just 13.5 points per game against Division I opponents.

"It's high-risk to take the ball first and you really need to be able to do something with it," MSU ninth-year head coach Rob Ash said. "It was a strange start to the game because we had the ball once, they had the ball once, and only one minute [had] gone off the clock. It was a fabulous start on both sides, just what we needed."



Montana State safety Desman Carter makes a tackle on Oct. 10, during the Bobcats' 35-13 home win over Sacramento State. PHOTO BY THERESA DA SILVA

Montana State's offense is one of the most potent, explosive attacks in all of college football. The Bobcats are averaging 43.2 points per game, the sixth-best mark in the Football Championship Subdivision. MSU is rolling up 565 yards a game of total offense – third most in the country – as junior quarterback Dakota Prukop leads the nation in total offense per game.

But the Bobcat defense has struggled, particularly on the road and when playing without a lead. MSU gave up 55 points in a five-point loss on Sept. 19 to Eastern Washington, and 49 points in an eight-point loss at Northern Arizona on Oct. 3.

Against Sac State, the Bobcats knew an early lead would do wonders, since the Hornets have sput-

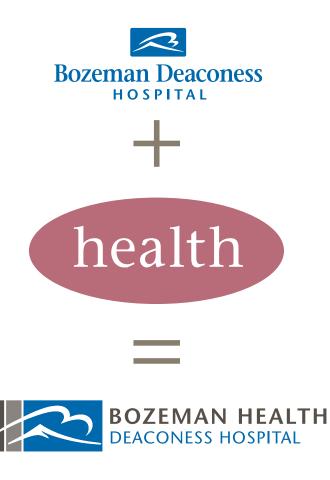
tered offensively all season and MSU's defense entered the game searching for confidence. The Bobcats wasted no time as Prukop found sophomore Mitchell Herbert for a 79-yard catch-and-run touchdown on the second play of the game.

The Bobcat defense then forced a punt and MSU responded with another scoring drive, this one capped by a 9-yard rushing touchdown by sophomore wide receiver Justin Paige on a double-reverse play. The Bobcats cruised from there.

"We expected to score on the drive but not that fast," Prukop said after throwing for 277 yards, rushing for 69 and accounting for three touchdowns. "Our offense wants to get points on the board and have a fast start because when we have a fast start on offense, I know it gets the defense going too."

The victory over Sac State moved Montana State to 2-1 in Big Sky Conference play, and 3-2 overall. As of press time on Oct. 14, the Bobcats were undefeated (3-0) this season at Bobcat Stadium but winless away from Bozeman. MSU plays at No. 17 Portland State on Oct. 17 and returns home for a non-conference game Oct. 24 against East Tennessee State.

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Dated this 16th day of October 2015 Charlotte Mills, Election Administrator, Gallatin County, Bozeman, Montana **18** Oct. 16 - 29, 2015

Three reasons to try DFS

BY BRANDON NILES EBS SPORTS COLUMNIST

You may have noticed the incessant advertisements promoting daily fantasy sports leagues. While many claim that DFS is just gambling, there's no arguing it's become a wildly popular enterprise.

Fantasy websites have changed strategies over the past three years to catch up to the market, and leading fantasy sports experts like ESPN's Matthew Berry have integrated DFS advice into their long-running columns.

After participating in traditional fantasy sports for more than 20 years, I decided to dabble in DFS this season – I've enjoyed it thus far and would recommend it to those looking for some added fantasy fun. However, I wouldn't suggest it for people looking to make quick money, or those struggling with gambling addiction. I believe DFS should be considered solely entertainment.

Here are three reasons to give DFS a shot if you're on the fence:

No Commitment

DFS is a one-off experience, choosing your players for one week of NFL action. This allows you to draft a new team the following week if you crashed and burned, or to keep using your favorite players if you like rooting for them.

The biggest flaw in traditional fantasy football leagues is drafting a bad team at the beginning of the season, and being stuck with it all year – barring some shrewd work on the waiver wire and trade market. This can make fantasy owners disengaged from the process if their first-round picks get hurt early in the season, and can take away the fun of fantasy sports.

Low Risk

DFS can be risky to partake in if you spend a lot of money, and some leagues are costly to get into, raising the stakes tremendously. However, there are many free and low-cost leagues that start at \$1 to join. I've been playing \$3 leagues each week this year, making my maximum potential loss for the entire NFL regular season only \$51.

The money makes it a little more interesting, but the low entry fees reduce the risk for those not willing to wager a boatload of cash. Also, you're only committed to the contests you enter, and if you don't like it you can always retrieve the rest of your deposit.

Fun

DFS leagues expand on a concept that's been rapidly growing for decades. By engaging in any type of fantasy sports, fans have more to watch for and more to be excited about as the season unfolds. As a fan of teams that rarely sustain winning streaks, fantasy sports are a way for me to remain engaged all season. Sometimes joining a fantasy league can lead to becoming a bigger sports fan.

DFS and fantasy sports in general are not for everyone, but if you already like fantasy and have been wavering about diving into this relatively new wrinkle in the field, I think there are enough positives to make it worthwhile.

Start with the free leagues and see what you think, it might help you make it through the season. Especially if your top three fantasy draft picks were the injured trio of Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles, Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant, and Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

Brandon Niles is a longtime fan of football and scotch, and has been writing about sports for the past decade. He is a fantasy football scout for 4for4 Fantasy Football and is co-host of the 2 Guys Podcast.

Editors' note: DFS money tournaments are illegal in Montana. Watch your P's and Q's.



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Diversity the new uniformity



BY JOHANNE BOUCHARD EBS BUSINESS COLUMNIST

In the past, diversity in a business was akin to tokenism, and for some, "diversity hires" are still capitulations to a quota.

Today, diversity is the new normal – a way to help businesspeople grow and evolve to help organizations be more effective.

Many leadership teams and boards of directors now welcome women and minorities, and experience the invaluable contribution and perspective they can bring. The value can be realized in the breadth of knowledge and experience a diverse group can provide: planning, strategy, decision-making, marketing, and efficiency, among others.

Consider if everyone on your board of directors was roughly the same age and of similar professional backgrounds. How can you possibly coalesce, think outside the box, and truly achieve the possibilities for the good of your stakeholders?

Imagine a company trying to stay relevant in the digital era without having someone in leadership who understands digital technology.

If everyone around the board table is so similar that there isn't true discourse, you end up with proposals and agreements from one point of view.

Consider how prioritizing diversity can create a healthy, sustainable and prosperous organization with a foundation and cultural fabric that mirrors our diverse society. In order to optimally serve our communities, our organizations must be equally diverse.

My approach to diversity is holistic. During any selection process, I emphasize what the ideal candidate would offer to any open position, whether it's an executive or board member vacancy. Who is already represented, and what voices would round out the chorus to make it harmonious? Understanding who you already have and where you could use additional strength is usually enough to introduce diversity into any group.

If you have a strong team of seasoned veterans, it's possible that a younger voice would add value. If you have a majority of men – or women – perhaps

adding gender diversity would open new horizons for growth and profit. If your organization serves an international audience but your leadership is all flying the same flag, it's time to recruit abroad or enlist someone with international experience.

Being farsighted is a key attribute of good leadership, and recognizing that the norms for representation have evolved – and will continue to evolve – serves any leadership team. Diversity of knowledge, skills and expertise is utterly important.

President Lincoln understood the value of having political diversity in his presidential cabinet more than 150 years ago – Lincoln deliberately built his cabinet with men who were his political rivals – and we can certainly embrace that spirit of seeking a variety of perspectives today.

Selecting varied voices when creating, planning, executing, leading and manifesting possibilities – inclusive of all genders, ages and ethnicities – will enrich us all. Let us not be afraid of embracing change and tapping into our potential by fully leveraging the talent and perspectives that others offer.

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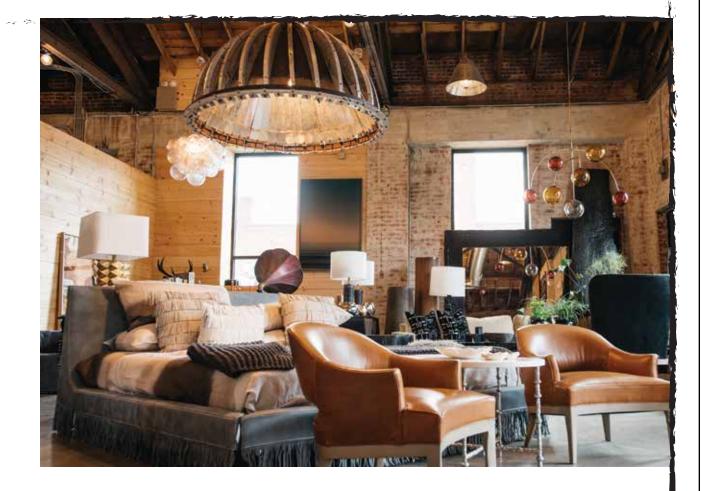
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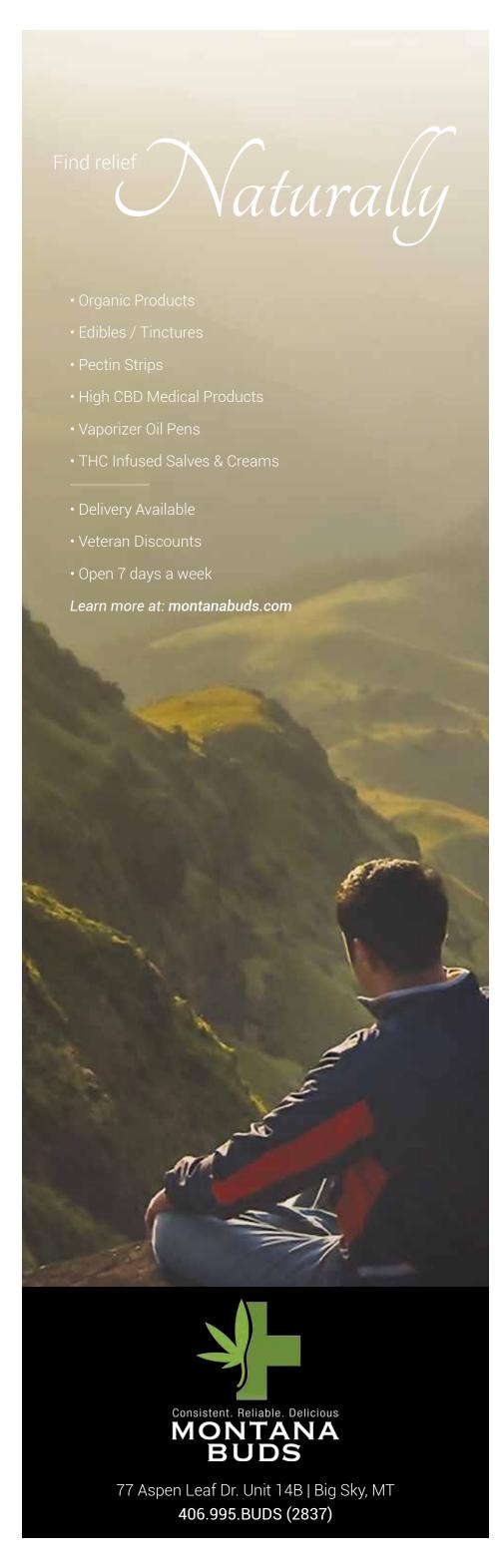
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Wine: a whole new world



BY SCOTT MECHURA EBS FOOD COLUMNIST

Thousands of hospitality professionals nationwide, and many here in Big Sky, have passed the Court of Master Sommeliers level one exam effortlessly. But for some of us it wasn't so easy.

The Court of Master Sommeliers is a prestigious organization to say the least. Just a few years after issuing its first successful masters exam in the United Kingdom in 1969 the Court established itself as the premier wine-professional examination body.

Many hospitality professionals in Big Sky have advanced their education far beyond the level one, and have a vast knowledge of wine and spirits as well as tremendous skill sets. I admire the drive to further their education and hone their craft.

They are servers and bartenders, otherwise known as front of house professionals; some are on the retail side selling beer, wine, and spirits for a living.

For me, this exercise proved less "effortless." Aside from the fact that I learn better through hands-on activities, my exposure to the world of wine education as a chef – or back of the house professional – has been whatever I've chosen to study or simply picked up along the way in restaurants. I've gained some of my knowledge on vacations to recognized wine regions such as Northern California or Bordeaux, France.

When I studied for my Certified Beer Judge exam in 1996, I was fully immersed in the world of malt, yeast, and hops. As an avid home brewer, I was already judging beer and was working part time in a brewery while remaining active in a beer club that met regularly. Having studied for my BJCP Beer Judge Certification Exam for a year, I was confident I'd pass the first time, which I did.

In previous columns, I've written that beer is more complex than wine in terms of the process, and I still hold firm to that. But embarking on the new adventure of tasting, study, and terroir – a French term referring to a wine grape's origin – is quite a task for even the most devout wine drinker.

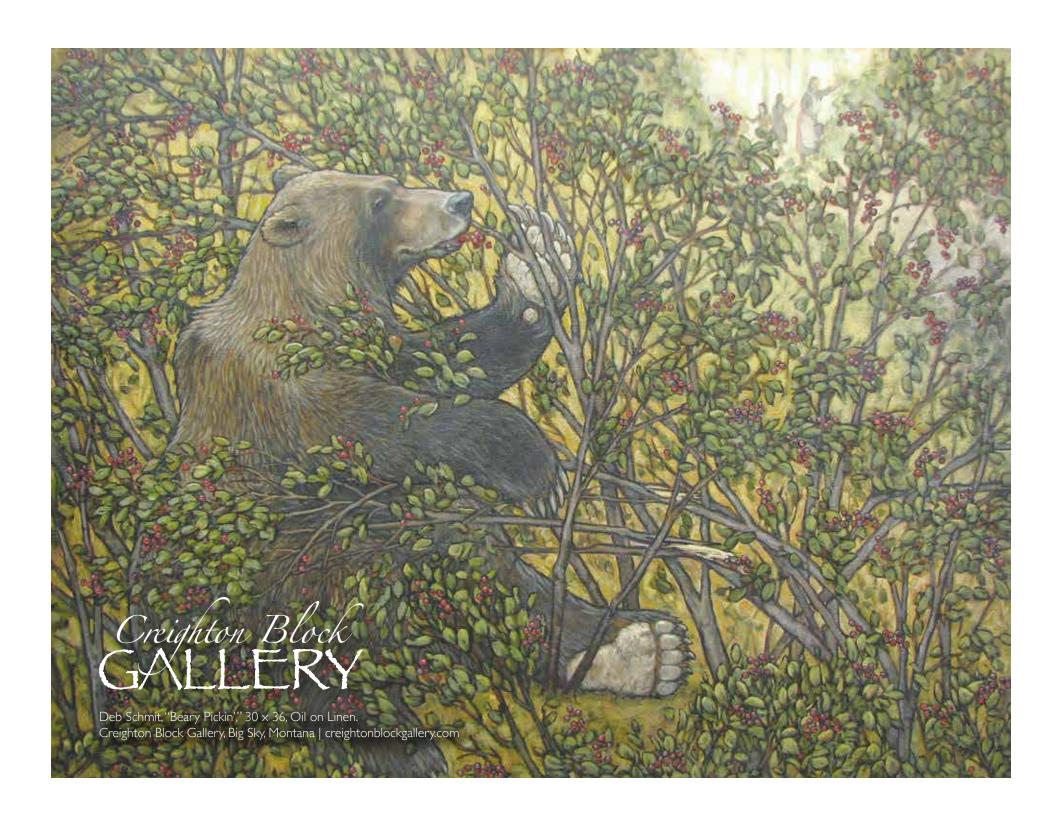
This is not because as Americans we associate wine expertise with arrogance, the old world, or high society, though many of us do. Instead, wine is complicated due to its history, quality, and luxury combined with minute nuances as seemingly insignificant as which side of the riverbank the grapes were grown on.

In addition, one characteristic singlehandedly overwhelms the average wine drinker more so than even the haughtiest beer drinker: its vintage. While there are some beers that age gracefully and, in fact improve with age, beer vintage is not typically a topic of conversation in my professional or social circles. When was the last time you had a discussion about whether you preferred the 2002 Summit Pale Ale over the 1999?

I'm happy to say I passed my level one exam through the Court of Master Sommeliers a few weeks back, but it was an arduous task; exhilarating and encouraging, but arduous.

Passing this test is two fold. It has given me even more respect for the Master Sommeliers of the world, of which there are only 230; and provided me the drive to pursue the world of wine in all its expansive history and glory.

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.



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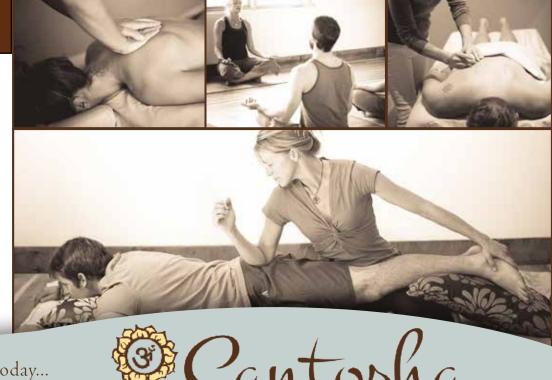
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MONDAY

9-10:15am All Levels Yoga

4:15-5:15pm Yoga for Kids (9th-12th grade)

5:45-7pm 10/19: All Levels Yoga 10/26: Ski Conditioning Yoga

TUESDAY

7-8am All Levels Yoga

8:15-9:15am Core Focused Pilates

> 9:30-10:45am All Levels Yoga

4:15-5pm Yoga for Kids (5th-8th grades)

WEDNESDAY

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

> Awareness Wednesday 7-8pm

THURSDAY

7-8am Zumba 8:15-9:15am Roll it Out Pilates 9:30-10:45am All Levels Yoga

FRIDAY

8:30-9:30am Level II Yoga 10-11:30am The Practice (1st & 3rd Friday of the month) 3:15-4pm Yoga for Kids (3rd-5th grades)

4:15-4:45pm Yoga for Kids (K-2nd grades)

SATURDAY

9-10:15am Ashtanga Flow



GMOs: Your right to know



BY JACKIE RAINFORD CORCORAN EBS HEALTH COLUMNIST

Pro-GMO companies are spending big money right now on Capitol Hill to persuade your senator to vote against your right to know if your food contains

genetically modified organisms. A bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in June that would prevent mandatory labeling of GMO foods goes to the Senate next.

Unlike traditional agriculture where animals are crossbred or plants are cross-pollinated, GMO companies use technology to genetically combine species that cannot breed naturally. This creates unstable organisms, and the effects on humans are yet to be seen – it wasn't until 1994 that GMO products were introduced to the U.S.

More than 60 countries, including all of the European Union, significantly restrict or outright ban the production and sale of GMOs. The U.S., however, has approved GMOs based on studies conducted by the same corporations that created them and profit from their sale.

Farmers growing GMO crops are continually using more chemical herbicides as their plants

become resistant to them. The International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified glyphosate, the herbicide most widely used on GMO crops, as a "probable human carcinogen," and classified a second herbicide– a component of Agent Orange used in the Vietnam War known as 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid – a "possible human carcinogen."

Consider the effects of these carcinogens on our soil, water and pollinating insects like monarch butterflies and honeybees.

Companies that in 2014 spent \$63.6 million to lobby against labeling are ignoring these studies. These companies include: Coca-Cola North America, Kraft Foods Global Inc., Kellogg Company, PepsiCo Inc., Campbell Soup Company, General Mills Inc. and The Grocery Manufacturers Association, among others.

Today, approximately 94 percent of U.S. corn, soybeans and cotton – cottonseed oil is often used in food products – is genetically modified. More than 75 percent of processed foods in U.S. supermarkets contain GMO ingredients, and they're in much of the food eaten by our livestock.

With this knowledge, do you want to know if your food contains GMOs? A June 2015 abcnews. com poll found that 93 percent of Americans want GMOs labeled.

So here's where we are with labeling laws:

H.R. 1599, a bill called the "Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2014" was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on July 24, and Montana's Republican U.S. Rep. Ryan Zinke voted in its favor.

The title of this bill is incredibly misleading. In reality, it calls for a "voluntary labeling system," blocks the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from implementing mandatory GMO labeling, and allows food companies to continue to make misleading "natural" claims for foods that contain GMOs.

Those who oppose H.R. 1599 have dubbed this bill the "DARK Act" as in "Deny Americans the Right to Know".

It is up to the American people to take matters into their own hands and opt out of the GMO experiment.

Collectively, we can prevail over corporate giants who do not have our best interests at heart. Vote with your voice, ballots and dollars.

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The importance of continuing ed



BY DR. JEFF DANIELS EBS MEDICAL COLUMNIST

In most professions, the learning process is continuous from the first exam at school until you hang it up for good. In a rapidly changing world, especially in the field of medicine, continuing education is critical to being a good doctor.

Doctors learn all the time: from patients, reading journals, talking to colleagues, and even from watching television commercials for all those new and expensive drugs – I know somebody will ask me if this \$600 toenail fungus treatment they've seen advertised is right for them.

I recently attended a continuing medical education conference hosted by the University of California - San Francisco, called "Clinical Strategies in Primary Care." You might think I used this as an excuse to visit that wonderful city, but I've attended several other CME events at this university, and I've learned a lot through them.

This conference consisted of 24 one-hour lectures – starting early in the morning and continuing into the evening – for three consecutive days. Here's some of what I learned from the many lectures I attended:

I discovered that not every woman over 40 needs a mammogram every year or two, and to be wary of the pitfalls of mammography, such as over-diagnosis and over-treatment of minor, non life-threatening cancers. Also, we should be doing more CT scans for lung cancer in chronic smokers, and a condition called nonalcoholic fatty liver is the most common liver disorder in the U.S., with weight loss the only proven treatment.

I learned new approaches to deal with student athletes who sustain concussions, including putting the brain at maximum rest – this means no schoolwork, TV, or video games until symptoms improve – and why some schools are discontinuing high-risk sports, like football.

A lecture on the heart inundated us with new guidelines developed from randomly controlled trials and published in scientific, peer-reviewed journals. These guidelines mainly involve targets for cholesterol, weight, and blood pressure, and most current studies validate what doctors have been doing for many years.

For women experiencing the symptoms of menopause, a supplement called black cohosh may work better than a placebo to help alleviate hot flashes. I also learned about the best and safest approaches to hormone replacement therapy.

I discovered the latest guidelines for stroke treatment using clot-busting drugs, as well as a new stroke-prevention technique for accessing and removing blood clots through blood vessels – called endovascular therapy this is the newest approach to stroke management.

In a lecture on common infections, I learned that a bug called Fusobacterium necrophorum is just as common as strep, can cause the same symptoms, but with worse outcomes if not treated properly, such as pneumonia and even death. We don't have an easy test for this, and it's something to be suspicious about when the illness looks like strep but the rapid test we perform in the office is negative.

There were many more lectures, and I brought back a considerable amount of information to share with my staff and the students we teach, as well as our patients. All of this came from just three days in San Francisco.

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



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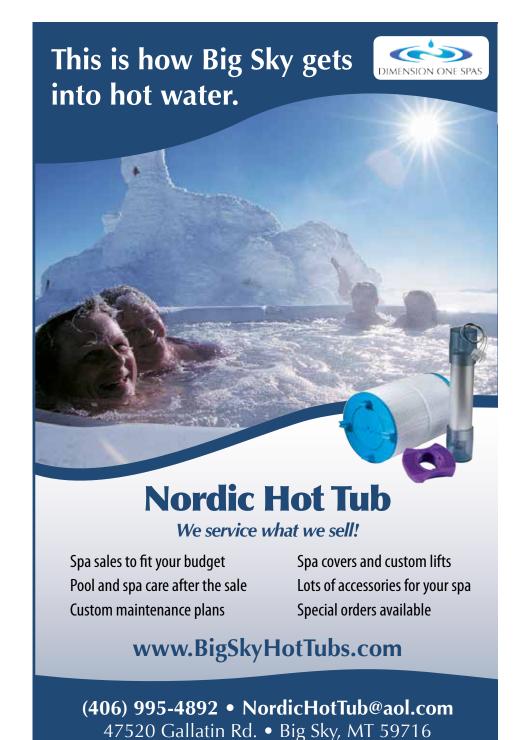
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Land and Water Conservation Fund



Expired Sept. 30
This key to preserving America's recreation lands faces
December fight in Congress.

DESIGNED BY TAYLOR-ANN SMITH



In the late 1950s, national parks were becoming overcrowded. To combat this problem, the bipartisan Land and Water Conservation Fund Act was signed into law in 1964 to improve outdoor recreation areas for Americans. It authorized money each year to buy "inholdings"—private land within the borders of parks—to make public lands whole.



Who pays for the fund: oil & gas companies

When energy companies drill for (publicly owned) oil and gas offshore, they pay a portion of their royalties from those leases to the federal government.



Who does NOT pay for it: the American taxpayer

Congress designed the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) this way so that there would always be money available—without burdening the American taxpayer.

WHAT IS PROTECTED

Land and Water Conservation Fund money is meant to be spent each year on buying inholdings or lands for:



National parks & forests



Trails and local parks



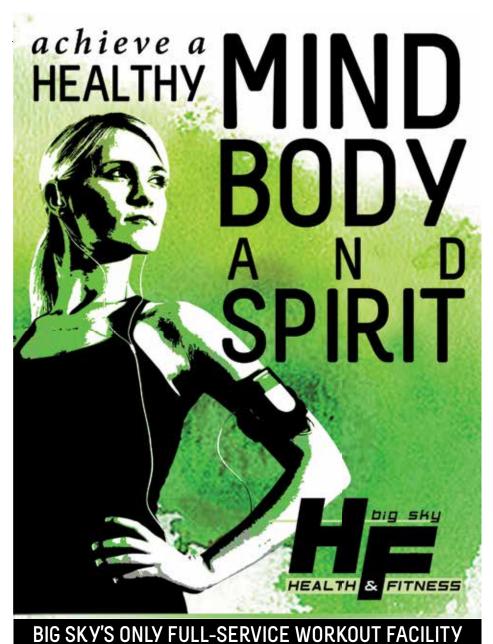
Wildlife refuges & other federally protected places

Across the lifetime of LWCF, Congress has only appropriated about 45% of the trust fund for its intended purpose of preserving public lands:

 $Adapted\ from\ an\ infographic\ provided\ by\ the\ Wilderness\ Society:\ wilderness.org/clock-ticking-land-and-water-conservation-fund$

The Land and Water Conservation Fund's authorization expired Sept. 30 after some Congressmen called for changes in the way the money is disbursed, but funding for it and other government programs will continue until at least Dec. 11 under a stopgap federal spending bill approved by Congress in early October.

The program would have to be reauthorized by Congress in its December budget agreement. All three Montana Congressmen support the LWCF. – T.A.



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Locals Fishing Report from Gallatin River Guides

Brought to you by Jimmy Armijo-Grover, General Manager



As I write this report I can't help to think about my upcoming trip to Turneffe Flats Lodge in Belize! Not only is a great excuse to get out of dodge and enjoy a great saltwater fly fishing destination, but it also marks the end of a great season here at Gallatin River Guides and all of Big Sky. This year was busier than ever thanks to all of you!

There's no reason for fishing season to ever end in Big Sky, but there are a couple of important dates to keep in mind. November 1st will be the last day to fish in Yellowstone National Park for the 2015 season followed by Montana's general season closure on November 30th. The Montana closure doesn't affect most of the major rivers like the Gallatin, Madison and Yellowstone, but most of their tributaries will close for the season. Make sure to refer to the fishing regulations for more specific information.

For the next month or more many anglers will be focused on areas where they have an increased chance of targeting fish that are preparing or in the process of spawning. And for good reason, it is one of the easiest ways to target big trout. That being said, it is always good to step back an consider some of the consequences of interfering with the trout spawn.

Most importantly these fish are busy ensuring the future of our fishery and the more pressure we put on them the less successful they will be. Secondly many anglers will be wading back and forth over spawning redds that are covered in trout eggs. Fish are very efficient at getting away from predators when they are mature, but just like we have a very vulnerable period as fetuses, trout and other fish are arguably even more vulnerable as eggs and fry. Please take the time to consider what you are walking through and if you suspect that there is a spawning redd in front of you please take an extra few minutes to find a better spot to cross the river or avoid wading as much as possible if you are unsure.

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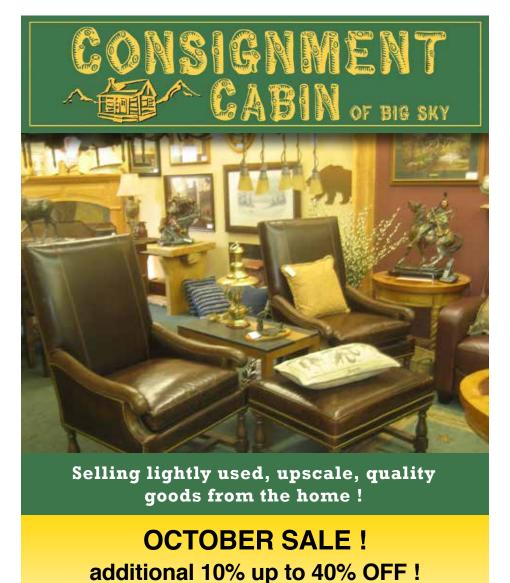
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House committee approves measure to open parks to paddling

BY MATTHEW BROWN ASSOCIATED PRESS

BILLINGS (AP) – The U.S. House Natural Resources Committee voted Oct. 8 to lift long-standing restrictions on kayaks, rafts and other "hand-propelled" vessels on hundreds of miles of rivers and streams in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

Conservation and angling groups opposed paddling in those areas, saying existing restrictions preserve the solitude and wildness of the parks' waterways while allowing boats on many lakes and some rivers. The measure from U.S. Rep. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., passed on a 23-15 vote and now goes to the full House.

In response to conservationists' concerns, the committee approved an amendment that Lummis said limits how many miles of streams and rivers park officials would review for future use by paddlers.

"This would reduce by over 90 percent the amount of analysis and the river miles that would be subject to being analyzed for allowing kayaking in the park," Lummis said.

But the National Parks Conservation Association disputed her statement, saying park officials still would look at up to 6,500 additional miles of waterways for potential use. The group urged lawmakers not to advance the legislation.



Kayaking the Gallatin River. OUTLAW PARTNERS PHOTO

The changes set a minimum number of miles for where paddling would be allowed, according to a memo from committee staff.

The amendment listed sections of 50 rivers and streams where paddling would be permitted, including remote waterways such as the Firehole, Gallatin, Lamar and Snake rivers. Portions of some of those rivers already are open for recreational use outside the park and, in the case of the Snake River, inside Grand Teton.

"Many of these rivers and streams are well-known to people in Montana and Wyoming," said Kristen Brengl, policy director for the parks association. "They are places where cutthroat trout, grizzly bears – you name it – tend to congregate. We've spent all this time protecting these species, and this isn't the best way to manage Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks."

The restrictions the bill targets were imposed in Yellowstone in 1950, when most rivers and streams were closed to prevent overfishing, park officials said.

Tens of thousands of paddlers visit areas in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks every year, officials said. That includes 60,000 paddlers each year that use the Snake River through Grand Teton, and more than 2,000 a year in Yellowstone, according to prior testimony from U.S. Interior Department officials.

Lummis' amendment would not allow inner tubes and other unconventional watercraft. The bill also calls for federal officials to coordinate the recreational use of hand-propelled vessels on the Gros Ventre River within the National Elk Refuge.

Last year, the full House approved Lummis' previous attempt to lift restrictions on watercraft in the two parks, but the bill failed in the Senate. National Park Service officials said at the time that the bill would have prevented park administrators from using their professional judgment to decide where vessels should be allowed.

The agency declined to comment on the latest version of Lummis' proposal. Park Service spokeswoman April Slayton said it does not take positions on legislation unless called before Congress to testify.







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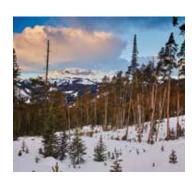


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Section 3:EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT,
OUTDOORS







SHIFT Fest features conservation leaders

BY JESSIE WIESE EBS CONTRIBUTOR

JACKSON, Wyo. – A diverse crowd of outdoor stakeholders gathered in Jackson, Wyo.'s Center for the Arts from Oct. 7-10 to discuss the importance of conservation work at the third annual SHIFT Festival.

Christian Beckwith, the director of SHIFT, introduced the conference on Thursday explaining that participants would not only contribute to creative solutions to major issues impacting our time – such as climate change and access to nature – but would also hear from world-renowned industry leaders. Beckwith emphasized the importance of decision-making guided by science rather than emotions or economics.

SHIFT was organized around three themes: conservation leadership, responsible recreation and outdoor access. Several panel discussions focused on these pillars, and panelists discussed everything from a lack of inner city access points to nature, to the continued growth and urbanization of the American West.

"Eighty-five percent of the population in America is urban and the conservation movement is aging, [and] not evolving as quickly as other movements across the U.S. ... such as technology," said Luther Prost, founder of the conservation organization Sonoran Institute, and chair of the Outdoor Alliance.

Panelists representing the U.S. Forest Service explained that 52 percent of the agency's annual budget is now being spent to fight wildfires, resulting in severe cuts to its other programs, especially recreational trails.

On Friday, author and journalist David Quammen teamed up with National Geographic magazine photographer Charlie Hamilton James to describe the state of Yellowstone National Park. The two are collaborating for the magazine's November 2015 Yellowstone issue, which will be entirely dedicated to the park.

"Yellowstone National Park is in better condition now than it has been in 143 years," Quammen said. "But [it] is incrementally affected through 10,000 scratches, some of which are climate change, invasive species and record visitor numbers."

With record numbers of Americans traveling to national parks and 73.9 million international visitors a year, SHIFT panelists discussed ways to pay for these impacts, and to improve access and condition of these lands. Peter Metcalf, president of outdoor gear company Black Diamond Equipment, had a few ideas.

"User fees at national parks could be continued for those past the age of 62, to allow the baby boomer generation to continue to pay until they are 75," Metcalf said. "A group like the Civilian Conservation Corps could also be very helpful."

Friday closed with a banquet where the theme turned from public lands to sustainable agricultural practices. Several local food vendors and producers were present, discussing the goal of reducing reliance on non-local food production since Jackson – as well as Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks – is seeing record numbers of visitors.

Mark Bittman, a journalist, food writer, and author of 16 books, delved into the political and personal food choices individuals can make to shift ecological and personal health.

"Ninety percent of disease is chronic not genetic, and 40-80 percent of what we see in the grocery store does not meet the definition of food in the dictionary," Bittman said. A keynote panel with Bittman and Yvon Chouinard, founder of outdoor apparel company Patagonia, discussed the importance of eating plant-based foods and knowing how and where it's grown.

Saturday involved a morning of outdoor stewardship and service on several projects in the Jackson area and ended with Chouinard facilitating screenings of innovative, conservation-based films.

Stacy Bare, a veteran Army civil affairs team leader, North Face athlete and National Geographic Adventurer of the Year recipient, spoke about conserving the wild places we love.

"We need to fight for a cause, not against others' efforts," Bare said, "and see this movement as a fight from love, where victory is not the goal, but [rather] continual improvement."



Mark Bittman and Yvon Chouinard discuss the importance of knowing how and where your food is grown on Oct. 9, during a keynote discussion at the third annual SHIFT Festival in Jackson, Wyo. PHOTO BY DAVID J. SWIFT



→ BIG SKY



Great Pumpkin Giveaway

Oct. 24, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Big Sky Chamber of Commerce will be giving away free pumpkins, hot cider and Halloween treats to kids in the Big Sky community.

BSFD Halloween Festivities

Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

The Big Sky Fire Department will host a haunted house, craft activities and give away treats to Big Sky's elementary and middle school aged children.



BOZEMAN



Tales from the Verge: Terrified

Oct. 24-25, 8 p.m.

Verge Theater continues the tradition of live story-telling with two evenings of original stories. This event features a collection of Bozeman actors, playwrights, comedians, and authors recounting true stories they never intended to tell in public. Touching, funny, embarrassing, thought-provoking and entirely true, performers and host Ryan Cassavaugh will explore the evenings' theme of "Terrified." *Visit vergetheater.com to purchase tickets.*

Day of the Dead Parade

Oct. 25, 5 p.m.

The fourth annual Day of the Dead Parade, hosted by Element Tattoo, takes place at Lindley Park. Dress up and paint your face in the traditional Dia de los Muertos style to celebrate those who came before us. The parade begins in Lindley Park with offerings of flowers taken to the cemetery, followed by a walk downtown to Tarantino's Pizza to continue the celebration. This year's parade theme will be the "Nightmare Before Christmas."

Halloween Spooktacular

Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.

The Bozeman Symphony creates symphonic spookiness and ghoulish melodies at the Halloween Spooktacular. Audience members are strongly encouraged to come in costume to help create the perfect otherworldly atmosphere. Visit bozemansymphony.org to purchase tickets.

Malloween

Oct. 31, 3-6 p.m.

The Gallatin Valley Mall hosts an indoor trick-ortreat event with free candy, family photos, and a pumpkin painting contest. Bring the kids trick-or-treating indoors for a safe and "spooktacular" time!

ONGOING EVENTS



Rocky Creek Farm / Bozeman

Open until Halloween, this farm east of Bozeman has hayrides, straw forts, a petting zoo, pumpkin patch, cider house, and a 2-acre corn maze. Stop by Tuesday through Sunday for the perfect fall adventure.



Corn Maze / Bozeman

Get lost in the maze and take a hayride in one of Bozeman's biggest fall traditions. Open Friday through Sunday until Oct. 31, discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.



Explore Big Sky

New-school bluegrass swings into Bozeman

FAULTLINE NORTH

BOZEMAN - Pert Near Sandstone swings into Bozeman with their raw-energy bluegrass for a Nov. 3 show at Faultline North. Take old-time music off the back porch, put it in the hands of a group that works hard and plays harder, and you've got this new-school bluegrass band.

Pert Near Sandstone rejuvenates American string-band music with tightly crafted original material that lends itself to the modern audience, while being good stewards of the old-time and bluegrass traditions. The band is just as at home playing fully acoustic in the traditional style as they are plugged in at an indie rock venue.

From saloons to theaters, hollering into a single microphone and laying thick rhythm on driving fiddle melodies, their sweat-inducing, footstomping live performances keep crowds begging for more.

Pert Near Sandstone emerged from the same roots-based musical hotbed in Minneapolis, Minn., that gave birth to Bob Dylan, The Jayhawks and Spider John Koerner. Originally created by four friends from the same hometown, the band formed over weekly, whiskey-fueled picking sessions in an old house in St. Paul.

Without intentions of becoming a nationally touring act, they started playing shows and their chemistry followed them everywhere. Word spread of the band's uncanny ability to whip audiences into frenzies, and they were invited to play some of Minnesota's most legendary venues including First Avenue, the Cedar Cultural Center, and the historic Orpheum Theater.

The band's formative years on the road paved the Pert Near path as they traversed the country, winning over audiences the old-fashioned way face-to-face. The band has maintained a full touring schedule appearing at national festivals and sharing the stage with legendary talents like Del McCoury, Wilco and Yonder Mountain Stringband.

In 2008, Pert Near Sandstone was hand picked by Garrison Keillor to appear as the featured musical guest on NPR's "A Prairie Home Companion," where Keillor proclaimed, "The group has become a force on the Minnesota roots music scene and beyond."

Faultline North is located on Gallatin Park Drive in Bozeman. Doors open for the all-ages show at 8 p.m. and music begins at 9 p.m.





EVENTS CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 16 – THURSDAY, OCT. 29

*If your event falls between Oct. 30 and Nov.12, please submit it by Friday, Nov. 6.

Big Sky Friday, oct. 16

Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Lone Peak Football Sunday Lone Peak Cinema, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

Big Sky Toastmasters Big Sky Chapel, 12-1 p.m.

Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

Big Sky Community DinnerBig Sky Chapel, 6-7 p.m.

Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Lobster Feast Lone Peak Brewery, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

Preferred Housing Plan Presentation WMPAC, 4:00 p.m. Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

Trivia Night Lone Peak Cinema, 8 p.m.

Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Great Pumpkin Giveaway-Big Sky & Greater Yellowstone Welcome Center, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Moving Sale East Slope Outdoors, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

Lone Peak Football Sunday Lone Peak Cinema 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

Big Sky Fire Department Halloween Festivities Big Sky Fire Department, 6-8 p.m.

Bozeman

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

Glow in the Park Family Run + 5K Bogert Park, 5:30 p.m.

The Lil' Smokies Faultline North, 10 p.m.

The Dirt Farmers Eagles, 9 p.m.

SigFig Show Cold Smoke Coffeehouse, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

Montana Bridal Tour Montana Bridal Tour, 10 a.m.

Farm to School Festival Rocky Creek Farm, 10:30 a.m.

2015 Bozeman Photo Expo Hilton Garden Inn 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Yamas + Niyamas Workshop Your Yoga Bozeman, 10:30 a.m.

Ladies' Night Owenhouse, 6 p.m.

The Dirt Farmers Eagles, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

Sunday FUNDay Verge Theater, 2 p.m.

Broadway in Bozeman: Riverdance Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 7 p.m.

Restorative Aerial Yoga workshops Bozeman Aerial Fitness, 4 p.m.

Bozeman Corn Maze Behind Murdoch's on 7th, 12-5 p.m.

Elements of Story-Craft workshop by Anika Hanisch Residence 707 Montana St. Belgrade, 1-4 p.m.

Bridger Mountain Big Band Eagles, 7 p.m.

Big Sky Revival Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

Nappy Roots Cat's Paw, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

Jake Shimabukuro Emerson Center, 8 p.m. BPW Annual Celebration The Commons, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

Warren Miller's Chasing Shadows film Ellen Theatre, 8 p.m.

Autumn Under the Big Sky Heyday, 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

Night Owls Copper Bar & Grill, 8:30 p.m.

Paint and Sip Party Fireflies Pottery and Art Studio, 6 p.m.

Ira Wolf Live from the Divide, 7 p.m.

MSU Symphony Orchestra Concert Reynolds Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Bozeman Ski Ball Riverside Country Club, 6:00 p.m.

Goth Ball 2015: Communion Eagles Lodge, 8 p.m.

Bobcat Band Day Bobcat Stadium, 11 a.m.

Coming OUT Drag Show and Dance MSU Strand Union, 6 p.m.

Gold Fish Racing Pour House, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

Bozeman Corn Maze Behind Murdoch's on 7th, 12-5 p.m.

Yoga for Meditators Bozeman Dharma Center, 2-4 p.m.

Hawthorne Roots Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

Granddad (AK), Chairea, Tiny lota Whistle Pig Korean, 9 p.m.

Brews & the Big Sky: Montana Made, Montana Brewed

Museum of the Rockies, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Life Drawing Emerson Center, 6-8 p.m.

The Social Animals Filling Station, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

Pickin' in the Parks Story Mansion,6:30-9:30 p.m.

Open Mic Haufbrau, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 29

Shinedown & Breaking Benjamin Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 7:00 p.m.

Bonus Bogert Farmers' Market Bogert Park, 4-7 p.m.

Jeremy Morton 14 North Gastropub, 7:30 p.m.

Stuart Weber + Angella Ahn Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Karaoke Eagles, 8:30 p.m.

Livingston & Paradise Valley

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

Rick Steinke Benefit Elks Lodge, 5 p.m.

Woman in Black Blue Slipper Theatre, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

Woman in Black Blue Slipper Theatre, 8 p.m.

Leif Christian Katabatic Brewing, 5:30 p.m.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters Pairing Party The Depot Museum, 6 p.m.

Jazz/ Hip-Hop Dance Class Level 2 Shane Center, 11-11:50 a.m.

Band of Drifters Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

Bluegrass Jam Katabatic Brewing, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

Tap Dance Class Shane Center, 6-6:50 p.m. Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

Community Co-Ed Softball Pioneer Park, 6:30 p.m.

Pioneer Park, 6 p.m.

Beer for a Cause Katabatic Brewing, 4-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

You Knew Me When Katabatic Brewery, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

You Knew Me When Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

Heather Lingle Band Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Soup to End Silence Fundraiser The Shane Ballroom, 6-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Aran Buzzas Katabatic Brewing, 5:30 p.m.

Jazz/ Hip-Hop Dance Class Level 2 Shane Center, 11-11:50 a.m.

One Leaf Clover Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

Writers Workshop Elk River Books, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 26

Earnest Lovers, Murray Bar, 5 p.m. Bluegrass Jam Katabatic Brewing, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

Tap Dance Class Shane Center, 6-6:50 p.m.

Beer for a Cause Katabatic Brewing, 4-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

The Holy Broke Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

lan Thomas Katabatic Brewing, 5:30 p.m.

Yellowstone Bend Citizens Council Party TBA, 7 p.m

West Yellowstone

SATURDAY, OCT. 17 Beer Fest in West Holiday Inn, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

Hang-over Breakfast Holiday Inn, 7-10 a.m.

Community Co-Ed Softball Pioneer Park, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20 Yoga for Everyone Povah Center, 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22Adult Co-Ed Volleyball
W. Yellowstone School Gym,

7 p.m.

Knit Night

Send It Home, 6-8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Volleyball W. Yellowstone School, 4 p.m.

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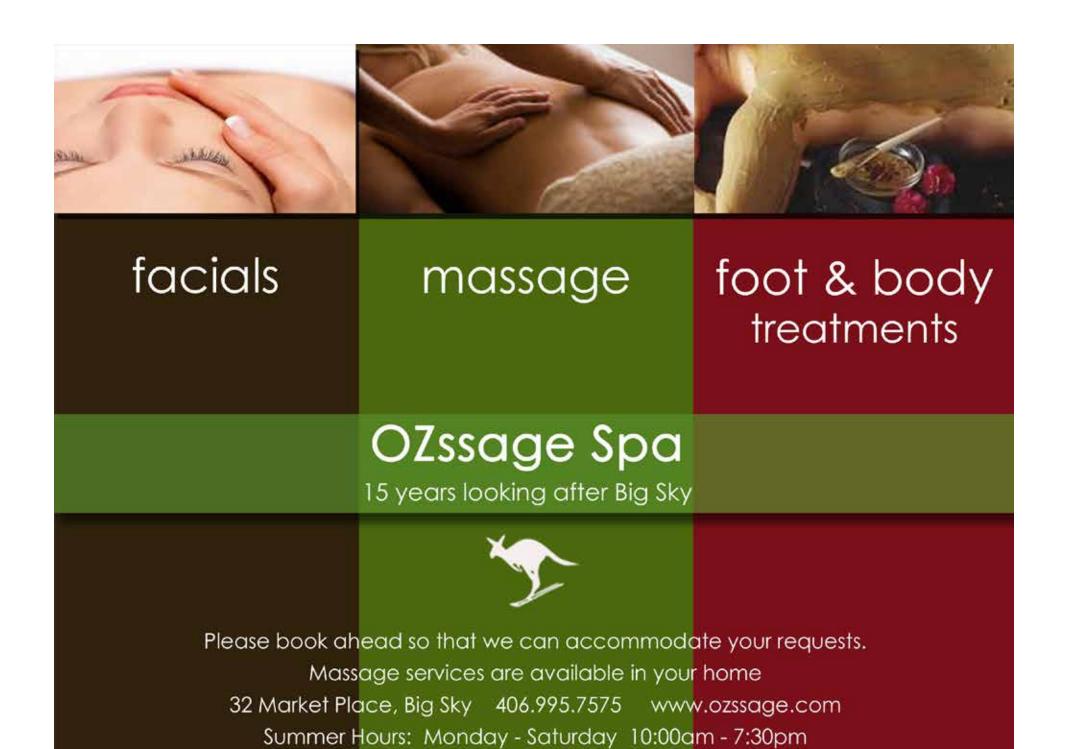






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'Wolf Moon' rises in MissoulaNeil Young and POTR play sold-out October show

BY ERIC LADD EBS PUBLISHER

MISSOULA – A sold out Adams Center crowd welcomed Neil Young with a standing ovation on Oct. 1 as he started a 12-stop, West Coast tour.

Young has teamed up with the band Promise of the Real to deliver a preachy, hard-driving new album called "The Monsanto Years" as they attack issues like genetically modified organisms and corporate greed.

The musicians arrived in Montana a few days early to practice songs from the new album as the musicians enjoyed hikes up Missoula's "M" trail, and jammed under the harvest supermoon looming above town.

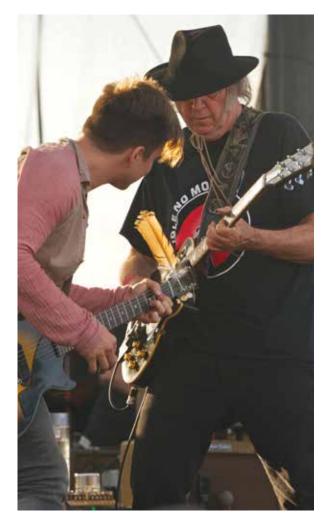
The 69-year-old Young started the concert with a four-song solo performance before Promise of the Real joined him for an unscripted three-hour concert that left the crowd cheering for more. Young has taken POTR on

the road, and acted as mentor for this up and coming band led by Willie Nelson's son, Lukas.

Throughout the show, Nelson and Young exchanged powerful guitar riffs including a nearly 20-minute rendition of "Down by the River." Nelson is quickly becoming a crowd favorite and received a strong ovation as he concluded a solo piano performance.

One of many show highlights included the new song "Wolf Moon," that includes lyrics giving praise to the moon and the "big sky" – an appropriate song for the Montana crowd.

The fall tour includes stops along the West Coast, concluding with an Oct. 25 performance at the Bridge School Benefit Concert.
Young co-founded the event to raise funds for the Bridge School, a Hillsborough, Calif., organization that educates children with severe speech and physical impairments.



Neil Young and Lukas Nelson jam at the Harvest the Hope concert in Nebraska in September 2014. Image first published in the winter 2014-15 edition of Mountain Outlaw magazine. PHOTO BY DANIEL BULLOCK

'Wolf Moon' lyrics

Wolf moon thank you for risin' Big sky I'm grateful for your parting clouds

I know some hearts were broken
Big crows still flying in your sky
Herds of elk roam upon your meadows
And your eagle soars across my eyes
While you withstand the thoughtless
plundering

Wolf moon keep on shinin'
Your days rolling by in timeless grace
Your heart just keeps on heating
Inside the heauty of this place
Less fish swimmin' in your oceans

Old ice floating in your seas Still you hold against the constant plundering Wolf moon

Wolf moon thank you for risin' Big sky I'm grateful for your parting clouds

Seeds of life your glowing fields of wheat Windy fields of barley at your feet While you endure the thoughtless plundering

Powder Blast welcomes winter Annual fundraiser for avalanche center Oct. 23

BY TYLER ALLEN EBS SENIOR EDITOR

BOZEMAN – Whether or not early snows drape the region's high peaks in late October, one annual event forecasts the impending winter. The Friends of the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center's Powder Blast fundraiser signals to snow enthusiasts that its time to sharpen their boards and tune up their sleds.

Bozeman's Emerson Cultural Center will host the 17th annual event on Oct. 23 with a silent auction, raffle, catered dinner, and draft beer from Big Sky's Lone Peak Brewery and Livingston's Katabatic Brewery.

New to the fold this year is music by local icon DJ Missy O'Malley, as well as Big Sky's Grizzly Outfitters Ski and Backcountry Sports taking over as title sponsor from Montana Import Group.

The Powder Blast is the Friends of the GNFAC's biggest fundraiser of the year. A nonprofit formed in 1992, the Friends raises money for avalanche education, weather stations and beacon parks, among other needs identified by the center. This year's event also signals a changing of the guard at GNFAC.

One of the region's three avalanche forecasters, Mark Staples, was hired in August as the new director of the Utah Avalanche Center after eight years serving southwest Montana. "Mark moved on with a huge promotion to be the director of [the UAC]," said GNFAC Director Doug Chabot. "It's a large avalanche center, [and] very well known and respected ... Mark is very qualified for it."

Alex Marienthal will replace Staples this winter as a forecasting intern before the Forest Service in March opens up hiring for the position on a permanent basis. With an internship jointly funded by the Friends and the USFS, Marienthal will join Chabot and Eric Knoff as they assess the snowpack this winter and write daily forecasts, among other duties.

Marienthal has a master's in snow science from Montana State University, was on the Bridger Bowl Ski Patrol snow safety team, and is the avalanche education coordinator for the Friends. "He's very qualified to have that position," Chabot said.

The three snow safety professionals cover a large forecasting region, from the southern Madison Range near Hebgen Lake, north to the Gallatin and Bridger ranges, and east to the mountains around Cooke City. This season, the forecasters will encourage backcountry users to increase the number of observations they submit to the center.

"We need more obs," Chabot said, referencing the shorthand term for snowpack observations. "Our forecast area is so big that we need help from the recreating public ... to let us know what they saw. We don't need technical observations, what we need are basic snow and weather obs."

Information valuable to the center include snowfall amounts, wind effects, and if observers see any avalanches while in the backcountry. The results of stability tests and snow-pit evaluations are welcome but not necessary, Chabot said.

This winter follows a 2014-2015 season of low snowfall in the Western mountains, which resulted in reduced avalanche fatalities – there were 11 U.S. deaths last season compared to an average of 30, according to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center website.

The GNFAC advisory area saw two fatalities last year. The first was a buried snowmobiler south of Cooke City on Nov. 26. The second occurred on April 11, when a skier died of trauma after being swept over cliffs by a small slide on Beehive Peak north of Big Sky.

"Small slides can be deadly when you're in serious terrain or near terrain traps," Chabot said. "Even during times of low snow we still have to be vigilant with our assessment. Anytime there's snow on the ground there's avalanche potential."

Regardless if the first big snowstorm hits southwest Montana before Oct. 23, the Powder Blast is an opportunity to support avalanche safety all winter.

The 17th annual Powder Blast starts at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 23 in the Emerson's Crawford Ballroom.

Visit mtavalanche.com for tickets or more information.

Offseason is 'on' at WMPAC

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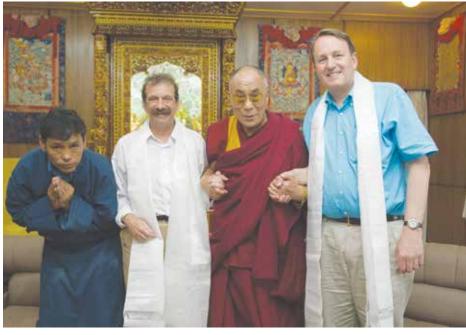
While the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center gears up for its third winter season beginning in December, Big Sky locals who stick around for the shoulder season this fall will find thrilling entertainment down the canyon.

For offseason 2015, WMPAC will present three events in collaboration with the Big Sky School District's Adult Education Program and Montana State University's music department.

Friday Oct. 23, Dr. Zorba Paster, host of the NPR show "Dr. Zorba Paster On Your Health," will present an engaging talk at 7 p.m. about health and what well-being really means, followed by a community Q-and-A session.

On top of his weekly, Public Radio International show, Paster provides weekly medical analysis on WISC-TV Ch. 3 in Madison, Wisc., and is the editor of "TopHealth," a monthly health newsletter consumed by more than 1 million readers.

Paster cowrote "The Longevity Code: Your Prescription for a Longer, Sweeter Life" with New York City author Susan Meltsner, and says living a long and healthy life is more complicated than just eating well and exercising. In addition, Paster provides annual preventative healthcare for the Dalai Lama at the Rochester, Minn. Mayo Clinic.



From left: Tibetan Delek Hospital Administrator Dawa Phunkyi, Zorba Paster, the Dalai Lama, and Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Tuberculosis Research Dr. Dick Chaisson. PHOTO COURTESY OF ZORBA PASTER

Two days later, on Sunday, Oct. 25, WMPAC will present at 7 p.m. the MSU Symphonic Band, conducted by Tobin Stewart, as a new off-season relationship with MSU to present some of the region's finest musicians.

On Nov. 8, MSU will send Stephen Versevaal's percussion quartet to WMPAC to keep our toes tapping through November.

Tickets for each off-season program can be purchased online at warrenmillerpac.org







BY PATRICK STRAUB EBS FISHING COLUMNIST

My last column described the process of becoming a dedicated streamer angler, a slow

transition that typically yields one big fish rather than many little fish – quality over quantity. Streamer angling requires certain psychological and physical adjustments to your fishing game.

Streamer addicts have to cast more skillfully, possess specific rods, and use weighted flies. In this column, I illustrate how to get more out of your streamer fishing, and whether you choose to become a "streamer junkie" or not, is up to you.

Keep a hand on the line. When streamer fishing, your line hand – the one not holding the rod – is crucial. This will help you keep "in touch" with your fly. With your rod hand, keep your fly line tucked under your index and middle fingers, while you're stripping the fly in.

Strip the line from behind your rod hand and never lose touch of the line – strikes happen fast. Most missed fish are the result of the angler losing contact with the fly line. Anchoring the line with your rod hand index finger will help you set the hook quicker.

Vary your retrieve. For many anglers the fun comes in feeling the fish strike your fly. This usually doesn't happen until you strip your fly in. Vary your retrieval speed and the action you put into it – a general rule is to strip slowly



White is a good color when choosing a streamer because it's easy to see when a trophy is chasing your fly. PHOTOS COURTESY OF GALLATIN RIVER GUIDES

in slower water, and vice-versa in faster water. Also, lift your rod up slightly at the end of your retrieve by flicking your rod tip up like you were flipping a pancake. Let the fly drop before your begin another strip. But be prepared: most fish strike as the fly is dropping back down the water column.

Strip-set with conviction. If the conditions are ideal and your technique is correct, you'll get a lot of hits, which will result in many misses. By always being in touch with your fly you'll increase your hook-ups by using a simple strip-set, and using it with purpose. When a hit occurs, violently strip the fly line and yank the rod to the side. Think about driving the hook into the fish. It happens fast, but the

most important thing is to strip the line more than moving the rod. Be aggressive, you're the predator going in for a kill.

Fight fish with purpose. Large fish have a strong sense of self-preservation and often find ways to elude capture. Be diligent and attentive with your rigging and knot tying, and don't let line-tangle disasters happen. Learn the limits of your rig and put the heat on fish whenever possible. Don't horse them in, but don't baby a big trout either. Landing a fish as quickly as possible is much better for them, and your odds of getting it to net greatly increase. Most trout are lost either early or late in a fight.

Finally, keep your rod tip at a right angle to the fish. Pressure is best applied down and angled across the stream, while ensuring the rod tip is bent – you won't pull the fly out of the fish's mouth, and you're not fighting the current while the fish is.

There are many terms for diehard streamer anglers, the most popular being "streamer junkie." If you're wondering why, get on the river and when that first trout attacks your streamer you'll understand why the tug is the drug.

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 Pat operates the Montana Fishing Guide School and the Montana Women's Fly Fishing School.



Big flies attract big trout, but when you're streamer angling it's important to fish those big flies correctly.

GEAR REVIEW



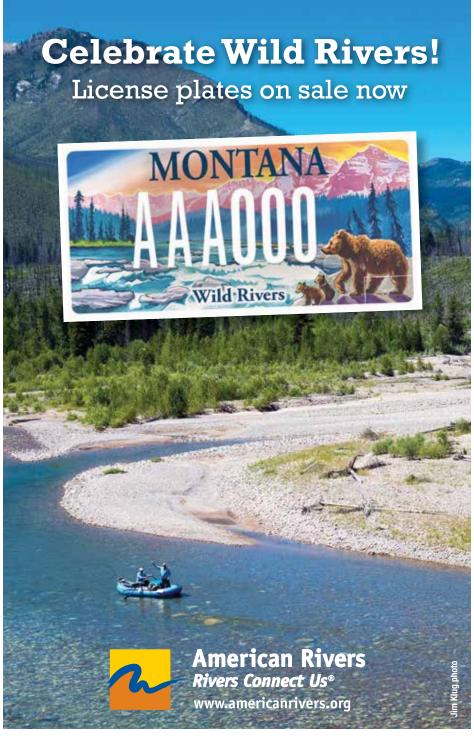
Eddie Bauer Hangfire Jacket

Fall weather in Montana is as predictable as a Scorpio during a full moon. The mornings are cold, often below freezing, and the mid-day sun can heat up the air to as much as 70 degrees. It can also snow. Or rain.

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Find out what tunes we're humping! In Big Sky Beats, Explore Big Sky staff offers suggested tracks for your next playlist. Whether you need to freshen up your music library, want to expand your collection, or just need some tunes for the next road trip, we've got you covered.

It's nearly impossible for me to workout without music. We all have "get-in-the-zone" songs, and there's a scientific reason why.

According to a 2013 article on The Guardian newspaper website called "Running with music: the case for and against," listening to music during a workout distracts you and can positively affect your efforts. The distraction of music can benefit an athletic performance by up to 15 percent by making participants less aware of their exertion and pains.

We associate certain songs with memories, and channeling those memories or the music's emotion, boosts improves physical performance, according to Dr. Nina Kraus, a professor of neurobiology at Northwestern University in Illinois who studies the effects of music on the nervous system.

"Humans and songbirds are the only creatures that automatically feel the beat of a song," Kraus says. "Our bodies are made to be moved by music and move to it."

The playlist below will give you the distraction you need for a powerful workout, and will get you into the mood to groove:

- 1. "Your Body Is A Weapon," The Wombats
- 2. "Take U There (feat. Kiesza) Missy Elliott Remix," Jack Ü, Skrillex, Diplo
- 3. "Right Hand," Drake
- 4. "Still Waiting (feat. Delaney Jane)," Hunter Siegel
- 5. "I Don't Get Tired (#IDGT)," Kevin Gates feat. August Alsina
- 6. "Easy Love," Sigala
- 7. "Black Gloves Bloody Beetroots Remix," Goose, The Bloody Beetroots
- 8. "Jungle Remix," X Ambassadors, Jamie N Commons, Jay Z
- 9. "Pass Out," Tinie Tempah
- 10. "Split (Only U)," Tiësto, The Chainsmokers

Visit explorebigsky.com/beats for a sampling of the playlist.

American Life in Poetry: Column 551

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE

In our 10 years of publishing this column, I don't believe we've ever printed a poem about lullabies. Now is the time. Patrick Phillips lives in Brooklyn. Here's a poem from "Elegy for a Broken Machine," published by Alfred A. Knopf.

The SingingBy Patrick Phillips

I can hear her through the thin wall, singing, up before the sun: two notes, a kind of hushed half-breathing, each time the baby makes that little moan—

can hear her trying not to sing, then singing anyway, a thing so old it might as well be Hittite or Minoan,

and so soft no one would ever guess that I myself once sang that very song: back when my son and then his brother used to cry all night or half the morning, though nothing in all the world was wrong.

And now how strange: to be the man from next door, listening, as the baby cries then quiets, cries and quiets each time she sings their secret song,

that would sound the same ten thousand years ago, and has no meaning but to calm.

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How to field dress an elk

BY MIKE EVERETT FBS CONTRIBUTOR

In Montana, the difference between a great hunting season and a mediocre one usually depends on whether you're lucky enough to slap a tag on an elk – king of the Treasure State.

If you do harvest an elk, you'll also understand it's no easy task. Even if you shoot one close to a road – which rarely happens – you'll soon realize that field dressing a large animal can be real work. I won't be covering the "guttless" method – where you don't actually gut the elk, instead you skin it and cut out the meat – because I prefer to take the trim meat. These are the smaller cuts I like to grind up into burger or sausage.

Begin by making a shallow incision between the animal's hindquarters, at the base of its stomach. Cut through the layer of skin and slide your knife up to the base of the brisket at the bottom of the rib cage. Always leave evidence of sex naturally attached in accordance with state law – do this by cutting around the testicles or mammary glands and leave them on the hide.

After the first incision, cut the muscle layer the same way as the first cut, but take care to not puncture the intestines because it could ruin the meat.

At this point, move the intestines out of the way and cut through the diaphragm. Reach into the elk's chest cavity, cut the windpipe above the lungs, and remove the organs – the heart and liver can be set aside for consumption. Be careful not to cut the urine bladder; I pinch it off and cut it out before anything spills. To remove the intestines from the anal cavity, cut around the anus and pull it out.

Once you remove the organs it's time to start quartering. Start by skinning the elk in halves –

skin up the back of the elk, from tail to the base of the head. Then skin out the hindquarter, chest and front shoulder to the neck so the entire half of the elk is exposed. Remove the lower parts of the quarter from the ankles down and then remove the quarters from the carcass. Always place the quarters in game bags since keeping the meat clean is essential to having a high-quality end product.

Now remove the backstraps. Run your knife vertically along the spine from the base of the elk's hips to the top of its shoulders. Then make a horizontal cut from the top of the ribs to the base of the spine in the same fashion. You can separate the membrane using your finger in both cuts to get started. Remove the trim meat in between the ribs and on top of the ribs, also known as flank steak – it makes great sausage.

Now remove the neck meat by cutting and removing it from along the spine. Lastly cut out the tenderloins, which are located inside the

cavity just in front of the hips. I do this at the end because it's easy to get to them with all of the trim meat and quarters removed. Flip the carcass over and repeat on the other side.

From here you begin butchering, and it's worth keeping it simple. Neck, trim meat and front shoulders become burger and sausage. Tenderloins and backstraps are steaks. The hindquarters get separated into three categories: cuts with no gristle membrane get steaked; cuts with one membrane become roasts; and cuts with multiple membranes become stews.

After all the work is done you'll realize why there is no "easy elk." But cut those tenderloins into steaks, fry them in bacon grease, and you won't have a single regret.

Mike Everett is a water resource specialist with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation based in Lewistown, Mont., and has been bunting elk in Montana for 16 years.



- **1. Tenderloin and backstrap**Best for steaks
- 2. Front shoulder

Commonly used for burgers, sausage, and roasts

3. Hindquarter

Cut for steaks, sirloin tips, and roasts

- 4. Brisket
- 5. Neck, rib, and shank

Typically carved for burgers or chunked for roast