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ON THE COVER:

EBS Managing Editor Joseph T. O'Connor takes advantage of a storm cycle that settled over southwest Montana in late March. Here he is sampling the goods under the Thunder Wolf chairlift at Big Sky Resort on March 23. PHOTO BY WES OVERVOLD.

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CORRECTION: In the March 9 special edition of EBS devoted to the Yellowstone Club wastewater spill, Stephanie Lynn was not credited for the content of an infographic titled "How do we keep our watershed healthy?" Lynn is the education and communications coordinator of Gallatin River Task Force.

“The best way to escape from a problem is to solve it.”

-Unknown



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Sarah Palin sets sights on reality courtroom TV show

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HELENA (AP) – Move over, Judge Judy. Alaska’s mama grizzly is getting a gavel.

A production company spokesman says former Gov. Sarah Palin has signed a deal to make a pilot for a reality courtroom TV show.

Warm Springs Productions spokesman Howard Bragman said Tuesday that the company will use the pilot to try to find a buyer to air the show five days a week starting in fall 2017.

Bragman says Palin is a natural for the role because she’s telegenic and not afraid to give her opinion. She has no legal training.

The Montana-based production company specializes in outdoors shows and programming for the National Rifle Association. This would be its first reality courtroom show.

Palin also starred in “Sarah Palin’s Alaska,” a reality show that ran for a single season on TLC from November 2010 to January 2011.

Food waste documentary screens at Lone Peak Cinema

BIG SKY COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

Gallatin County Solid Waste Management District, the Big Sky Community Food Bank and Lone Peak Cinema have teamed up to present a public screening of the film “Just Eat It” on April 7 at 6 p.m.

This is a documentary about food waste, rescue and insecurity in which two people challenge themselves to live exclusively on rescued food. Gallatin Waste Management is hosting free showings of the film throughout Gallatin County, and offering information about reducing food waste locally.

The district and Big Sky Community Food Bank will lead a discussion to share information about helping neighbors and ourselves while reducing waste.

Admission is free but food donations to the Big Sky Community Food Bank are encouraged.

Visit foodwastemovie.com for more information about the film.

BSSD board sets sights on reserve fund levy

EBS STAFF

BIG SKY – A ballot asking voters to approve an \$830,000 reserve fund levy to finish Ophir Elementary’s facilities will appear in Big Sky School District residents’ mailboxes on April 15. The levy, approximately 8.17 mills, would cover the cost of completing unfinished parts of the school including the library, locker rooms and music room.

A mill is used to calculate the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property. If the levy passes, the owner of a property assessed at \$300,000 would pay just over \$33 annually for five years during the five-year loan repayment period.

Ballots will be counted May 3.

In May 2013, voters approved a \$10.2 million bond to fund the purchase of two lots and the construction of Ophir’s new building. According to BSSD board chair Loren Bough, problems with soil at the site led to at least \$800,000 in unanticipated construction expenses to shore up an unstable foundation. As a result, there was a budget shortfall and parts of the school have remained unfinished since it opened last September.

“The need is really visible the minute you walk into the school,” said BSSD Superintendant Dustin Shipman. “We have upwards of almost 5,000 feet of unfinished classroom space, no library, no common area, no designated music room, no landscaping. We’re asking the community to partner with us in finishing what we started with the kids and community.”

Last March, voters rejected an \$840,000 levy similar to the one BSSD is asking for now. The Gallatin County Election Office counted 660 ballots, 283 in favor of the levy and 377 against it; 47.5 percent of eligible voters participated.

The next school board meeting will be held April 13 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the LPHS conference room.

Tester and Bullock announce funding to help conserve wildlife

OFFICES OF GOV. STEVE BULLOCK AND SEN. JON TESTER

HELENA – On March 21, Sen. Jon Tester and Gov. Steve Bullock announced that Montana will receive more than \$850,000 for the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), which focuses on non-game wildlife conservation. Tester and Bullock praised the announcement, saying the funds were necessary to maintaining the state’s world-class outdoors and wildlife populations.

“Our outdoor way of life is a fundamental part of our economy and our heritage,” Tester said. “That’s why we need successful initiatives like SWAP to sustain Montana’s scenic beauty, thriving wildlife population, and major economic engine.”

“We’ve come a long way in protecting our clean air and water and safeguarding our land and wildlife – and the tens of thousands of Montana jobs that rely on them,” Bullock said. “Montana’s outdoor economy generates \$5.8 billion every year, so it is critical to do everything we can to maintain our Montana way of life.”

In the past, funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s State Wildlife Grant Program have supported various environmental initiatives, including monitoring at-risk species and working with interested private landowners on habitat conservation projects.

The state will also match up to 35 percent of the \$850,000 award, bringing SWAP’s total funding for the year to approximately \$1.5 million.

Big Sky locals to shave their heads for kids with cancer

REVOLUTION HOUSE MEDIA

BIG SKY – The St. Baldrick’s Foundation will host one of its signature head-shaving events in Big Sky on April 6. Locals will shave their heads in solidarity with kids with cancer and raise money for lifesaving research.

Every three minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer, and one in five won’t survive. Events like this one have allowed St. Baldrick’s to fund more than \$178 million to support the development of childhood cancer treatments.

“The small, yet big-hearted community of Big

Sky is ready to show the kids of St. Baldrick’s, kids unfairly suffering from cancer, solidarity and financial support for cancer research,” said local volunteer organizer Sean Lucy.

For those not quite ready to bare it all, individuals and businesses can financially support the organization that day with a donation or through the Big Sky event’s page on stbaldricks.org.

The Big Sky head-shaving event will be hosted at Hair Shop located at 115 Aspen Drive, Unit 1, on April 6 from 2-4 p.m.

Gov. Bullock to give keynote address at chamber’s June meeting

BIG SKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Big Sky Chamber of Commerce announced March 25 that Gov. Steve Bullock will be the keynote speaker for its annual “Big Sky, Big Idea” meeting on June 15 at 6 p.m.

The 19th annual event will be held at Big Sky Resort’s Yellowstone Conference Center, and this year’s meeting will celebrate the value of open lands to Montana families and businesses.

“I am proud of the efforts we have made to protect our clean air and pristine waters,” wrote Gov. Bullock in November 2015 when officially recognizing

July as Montana Open Land Month, “these efforts truly do make Montana the Last Best Place.”

The chamber’s June meeting is an opportunity to learn about and connect with the Big Sky business community. It is the chamber’s largest event of the year with more than 200 business people typically in attendance. Several awards will be given to businesses and individuals who demonstrate exemplary leadership and give back to the community.

For more information, contact Big Sky Chamber of Commerce Membership Director Margo Magnant at (406) 995-3000 or margo@bigskychamber.com.



News from our publisher, Outlaw Partners

New designer joins Outlaw team

BY AMANDA EGGERT
EBS STAFF WRITER

Outlaw Partners added graphic designer Carie Birkmeier to its creative team in March, and she's working on logo and advertising design, and layouts for Outlaw's publications: Explore Big Sky newspaper, as well as Mountain Outlaw and Explore Yellowstone magazines.

Birkmeier, 24, said she's always been artistically inclined.

Her focus shifted from ink drawing and watercolor painting in high school to digital representations in college. She majored in graphic communications at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich., where she learned "big picture" elements of visual communication, like collaborating with clients to tell the story of their brand.

"[I enjoy] getting to know a business to the point where you can perfectly represent them in a design," Birkmeier said.

She appreciates design on a finer scale, too – Birkmeier says she often finds herself critiquing the visual elements of her everyday life. "I'll call out a font if I recognize it. It's kind of nerdy of me, but it happens."

After graduation from NMU, Birkmeier devoted a year to another passion: cooking. She was in the first graduating class of The Les Cheneaux Culinary School, a program named after its home on an archipelago of islands in Michigan's eastern Upper Peninsula.

"[Cooking] is another creative outlet for me," she said. "I like being creative with flavors ... and moving around [the kitchen], releasing energy in that way."

Shortly after finishing Les Cheneaux's small program – there were eight students in her class – Birkmeier moved to Big Sky with her college roommate and Ernie, her 2-year-old standard poodle/golden retriever mix.

She lined up a job as a chef at Big Sky's Rainbow Ranch while she was still in culinary school. After several months of cooking on the line at an often- hectic clip, she decided she wanted a change of pace and was excited to find a design job in Big Sky.

Since joining Outlaw, Birkmeier has worked on a logo for Big Sky Community Organization (formerly BSCC), layouts and ad design for Explore Yellowstone, and an infographic on climate change (see page 31). She also called upon her culinary expertise to write the review of Michaelangelo's Ristorante Italiano appearing on page 21.

"All of the projects that have been thrown at me have been super diverse," she said of her time at Outlaw to date.

For inspiration, Birkmeier regularly surfs Dribbble, a website billed as "show and tell for designers."

She said she's enjoyed hitting Big Sky Resort's slopes and is looking forward to exploring new aquatic pursuits in nearby rivers and lakes.

Her family has a cottage on Michigan's Upper Peninsula, 40 minutes from the Canadian border. She learned to sail on Lake Huron and started racing competitively when she was 14.

This will be the first summer Birkmeier, who was born and raised in Delphos, Ohio, won't spend at the family cottage.

In lieu of sailing, Birkmeier already has her eye on a substitute water activity: fly fishing.

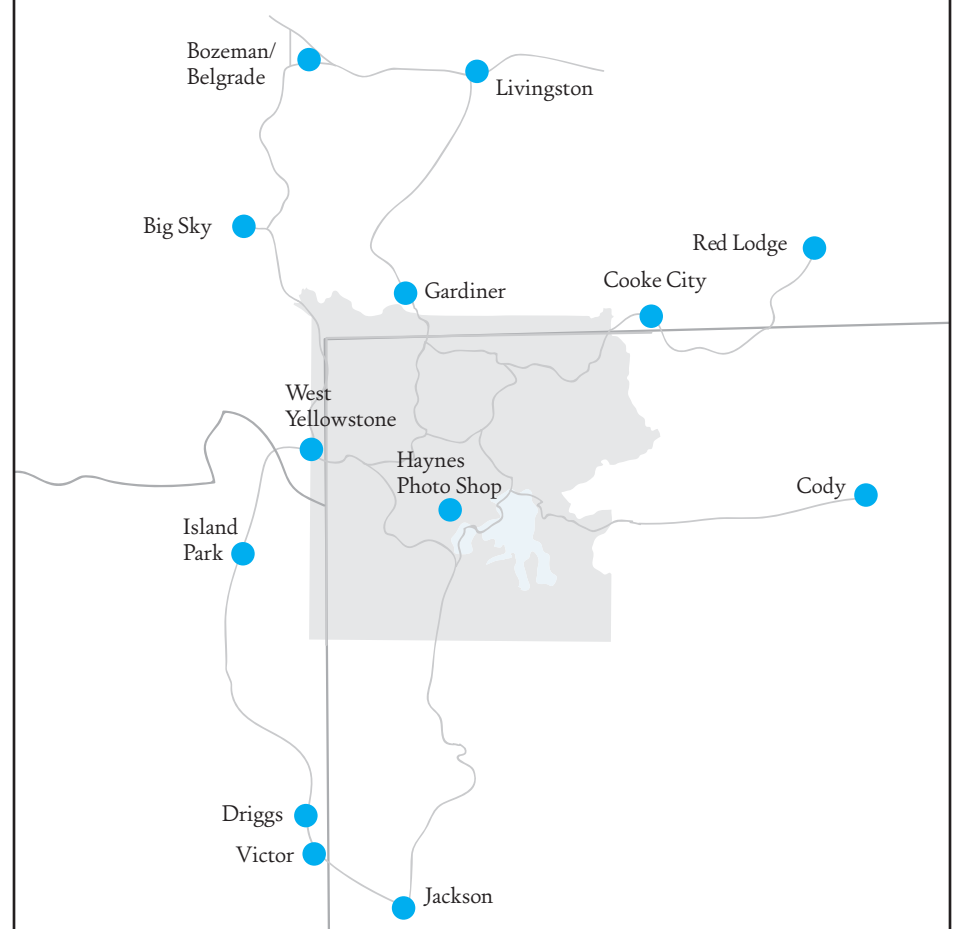


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Last March, Big Sky School District voters rejected a \$840,000 reserve levy to fund the completion of Ophir Elementary School. On April 15, a ballot with a similar proposal for \$830,000 will arrive in Big Sky mailboxes.

Will you vote in favor of the levy? Why or why not?"



Kathy Moran, Big Sky, Mont.
Office Manager, Montana Living ~ Big Sky Real Estate

"I will not vote for the levy. Poor planning on their part should not hurt me. When I personally want things in life, sometimes I have to wait while I save up the money. And I truly do not believe that the [children's] education will be affected by the levy not passing. Learn to make do."



Shana Seelye, Big Sky, Mont.
Showroom manager, Carol Sisson Designs

"I will vote in favor of the levy because our children deserve the best education we can give them and ready access to basic resources like a library in their school building."



Kenny Alley, Big Sky, Mont.,
Cook, Corral Bar, Steakhouse and Motel

"I'm not voting for it. My property taxes are skyrocketing. I can't afford to live here anymore because of that. I don't even have any kids."

Letter:
It's time to incorporate Big Sky

The time for incorporation has come. The most recent census numbers from 2010 – the same year my wife and I moved here – recorded Big Sky's population at approximately 2,300 people.

Big Sky has grown exponentially since then, and I would not be surprised to learn that our current population is at least 3,000 people. And we are staring down the barrel of another population and development explosion. Publisher Eric Ladd's letter in the March 9 special edition of this publication spurred me to write this letter, and while I have only "struggled without organized leadership" for six years, the longer I live here the more obvious the need for a localized town government.

Many discussions have come up in the last year concerning traffic, lack of affordable housing, and the loss of the free recycling center. I have talked with many of my neighbors and friends who seem to agree incorporation is a good idea. The only argument I have heard against it is that the town boundaries would be hard to draw because Big Sky exists in two counties. Five years ago I might have agreed, but with the addition of the hospital and larger hardware store I feel the Town Center and Meadow Village could stand on their own as a town with the Mountain Village and canyon being outlying areas.

I've created an online forum at bigskyincorporation.freeforums.net to have a real-time discussion about this issue. I welcome anyone to join the conversation and let's see where it goes – I realize it will not be an easy process.


Eric Schwartz
Big Sky



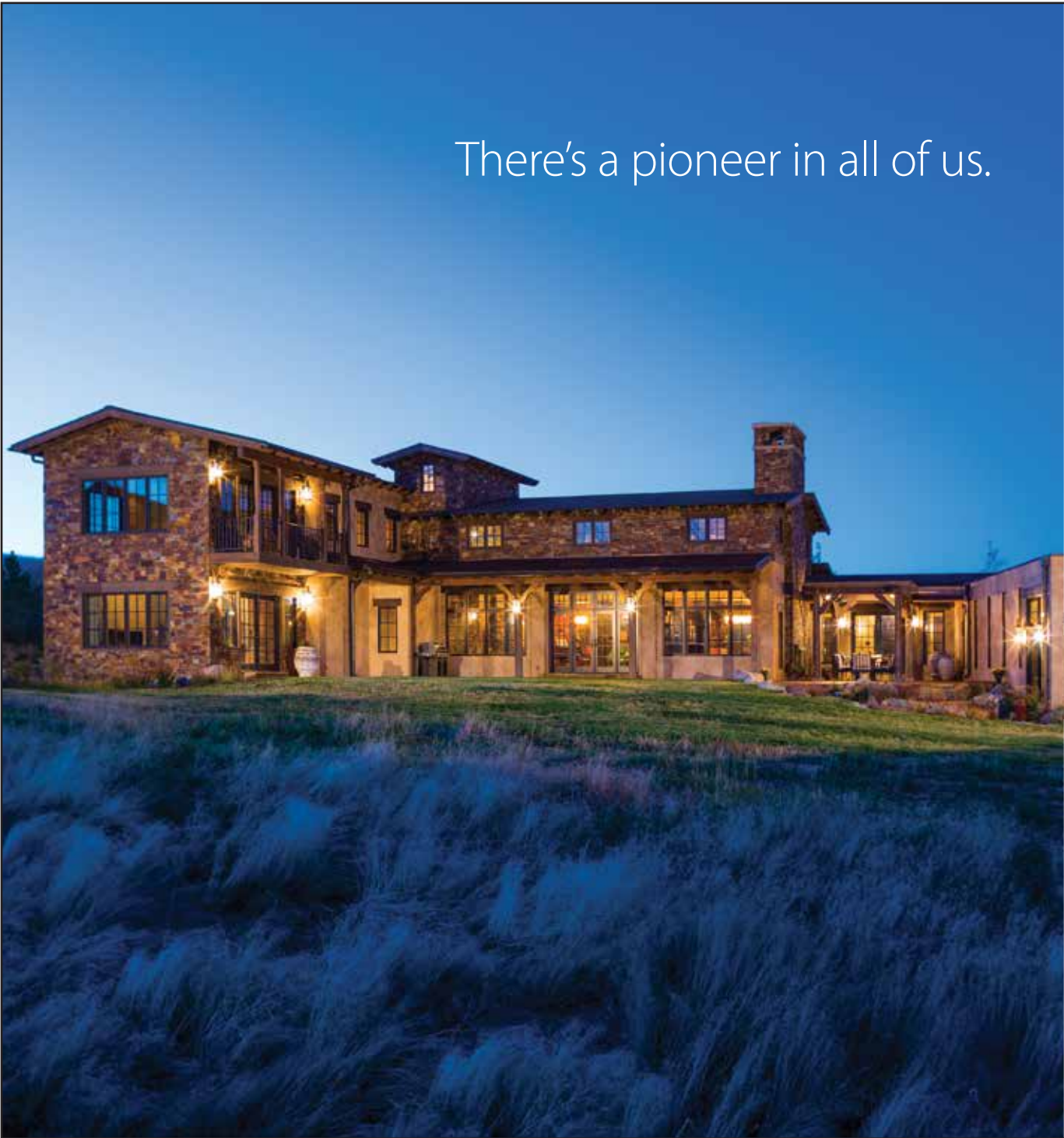
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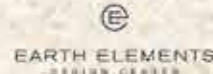
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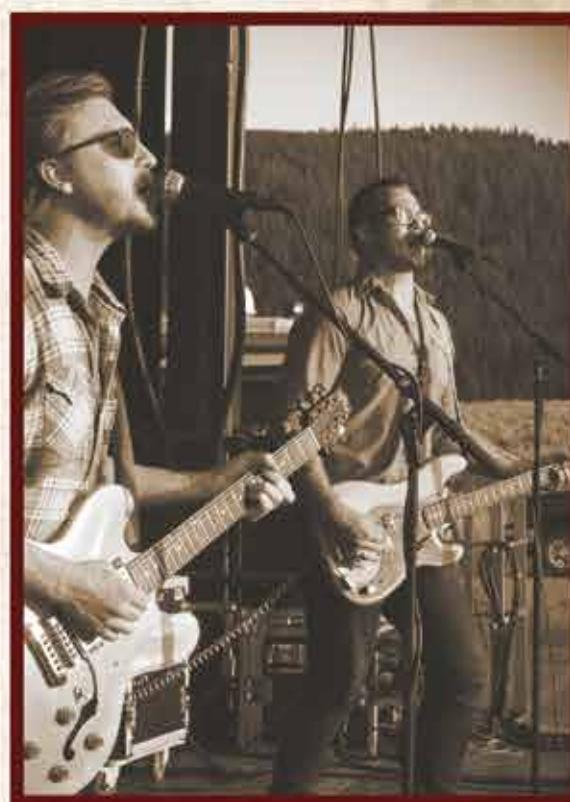
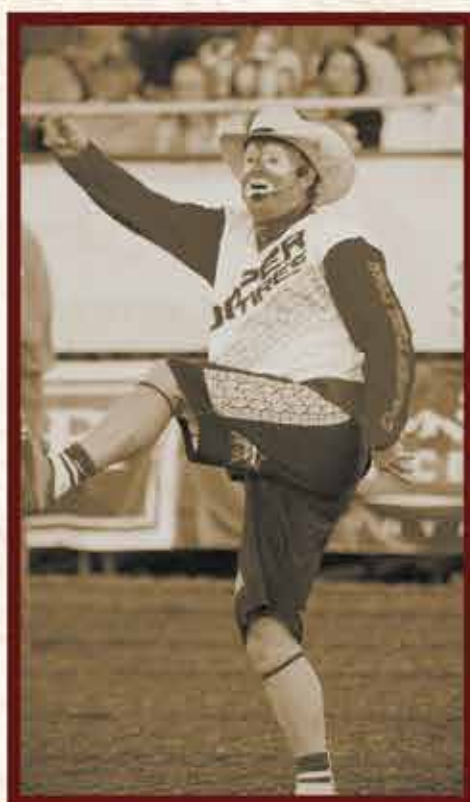


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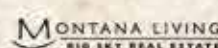
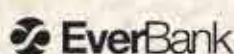
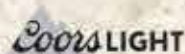


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BSWSD trustees weigh impact fees, wastewater disposal options

BY AMANDA EGGERT

EBS STAFF WRITER

BIG SKY – Additional wastewater disposal options and fee structures for connecting new development into Big Sky’s water and sewer system dominated discussion at a March 22 Big Sky Water and Sewer District board meeting.

The board weighed the merits of various wastewater disposal options, a prominent topic in the community in the wake of the Yellowstone Club wastewater pond spill last month that sent approximately 30 million gallons of treated effluent into the Gallatin River.

BSWSD General Manager Ron Edwards said designs for another wastewater storage pond – this one a 20-million-gallon reservoir that would provide irrigation for the Spanish Peaks golf course – are underway, but have not yet been submitted to Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

Edwards said he supports construction of the Spanish Peaks pond because of the golf course component, but is leery of bringing another Yellowstone Club wastewater pond online, an option the district could pursue according to the terms of a 2001 agreement between BSWSD and Yellowstone Club.

“I’m over storage ponds,” Edwards said. “I’m over relying on third parties to manage this stuff ... We need another piece of this that is 100 percent under our control ... and that piece is a pipeline to [the Gallatin] River.”

BSWSD had a DEQ-issued permit to discharge into the Gallatin in 1998. That permit allowed for the discharge of 15 million gallons into the river during peak runoff, Edwards said, calling the amount, “ ... three days of Bozeman discharge, essentially.”

The permit was never used; lawsuits filed by Montana River Action and other environmental groups prevented the pipeline from being built.

Although Edwards acknowledges it’s still a contentious issue, he said, “I think it may be viewed differently this time around.” Referencing area growth, he added, “I see it as inevitable given the involvement of Big Sky.”

If granted, the permit would allow for a winter-only discharge. Edwards estimates pipeline construction would cost about \$2 million, but said it’s been a couple years since the district has run the numbers. “I’m not advocating [for] it as the first line of use,” Edwards said. “It’s having a plan C available.”

“I’m not thrilled with idea of building another pond outside of our control,” said BSWSD General Manager Ron Edwards. “We need a piece of this that we have 100 percent control over ... and that piece is a pipe to [the Gallatin] River.”

Disposing of wastewater via snowmaking is another option the board discussed. During a March 28 phone conversation with EBS, Edwards said there’s currently no snowmaking using wastewater and “it doesn’t sound like there’s going to be, either.”

Fee structures for connecting new development to water and sewer infrastructure were also discussed at the March 22 board meeting.

Malcolm Munkittrick, an analyst with fiscal, economic and planning consulting firm TischlerBise, presented several approaches the district could use to recover the cost of existing infrastructure, fund future infrastructure, or address both current and future needs.

Impact fees allow developers to use existing, unused water and sewer capacity by paying a predetermined rate per unit. The preliminary rate Munkittrick came up with based upon current and projected demand is \$3,000 per single-family equivalent.

A plan-based approach identifies specific improvement projects designed to expand existing capacity. It would use property tax levies to repay a bond secured to fund such improvements. If the plan is approved, the district must build the infrastructure outlined in the plan or refund the money secured for its construction.

Current impact fees are based on sewer access only and cost \$3,500 per single-family equivalent. If the board adopts the proposed changes, water and sewer impact fees will be levied separately, with \$2,100 going toward sewer capital recovery and \$900 earmarked for water capital recovery.

Under the current fiscal policy, the district is unable to collect fees from certain exempt developments like Town Center and West Fork Meadows due to existing agreements and past legal rulings regarding sewer access. Under the new plan, the district would be

able to collect \$900 for water access from these developments when a permit is issued.

The BSWSD is required to hold a public hearing before fee changes are implemented, according to Edwards, who said it’s been three years since the last such meeting.

Edwards said set costs for these impact fees haven’t been firmly established yet, and it’s likely that any changes would be rolled into the district’s annual budget, which is still in draft stage. The district’s fiscal year starts on July 1.

Other BSWSD agenda items included a backlog of 300 single-family equivalent wastewater permits. Edwards needs input from the plant’s engineer regarding plant capacity and the board’s approval to issue the permits, 277 of which stem from a new lodge under construction in Spanish Peaks.

Kristin Gardner, executive director of the Gallatin River Task Force informed the board that a project is underway to garner community input on potential wastewater solutions and other water-quality and conservation issues. She said independent consultant Karen Filipovich has been hired to interview local stakeholders.

By phone on March 28, Gardner told EBS that the project, formerly known as the Wastewater Solutions Group, has been renamed the Big Sky Sustainable Water Solutions Forum to more accurately reflect the breadth of its scope.

Funding for Phase 1 of the project, to the tune of \$15,000, has been provided by the Yellowstone Club and Lone Mountain Land Company. If Filipovich and her technical advisors find enough interest in a collaborative approach to address water issues, the project will move forward.

The list of stakeholders to be interviewed is long and includes county commissioners, local developers, government agencies like Montana DEQ, BSWSD policy makers and a handful of nonprofits.

Gardner said the Wastewater Solutions Group addressed similar issues from about 2007 to 2012. She said the economic downturn and the lack of a full-time facilitator slowed the project, but she’s hopeful that a designated consultant will lead to greater momentum behind this effort.

Ron Edwards will host two public informational meetings about the Yellowstone Club wastewater spill for community members unable to attend the March 9 meeting. They will both take place at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 7 in the BSWSD conference room.



BY DUSTIN SHIPMAN
BSSD SUPERINTENDENT

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

We are nearing a key time of the year in the Big Sky School District – our seniors are getting ready for their next journey in life, and the rest of our students are preparing to finish this school year and begin planning for the next.

This is not exclusive to students, either. Teachers are beginning to plan for next year; we are hiring new staff; and the school board and administration is planning for future programs and facility work. In that context, at February’s board meeting, the board trustees made a decision to seek an \$830,000 building reserve levy in order to finish Ophir Elementary School.

The vision of an excellent facility to ease overcrowding in the district began in spring 2013, when the community overwhelmingly passed a bond to build Ophir Elementary School. The project began with a groundbreaking in spring 2014 attended by local educators and business leaders.

Prior to purchasing the land, a significant soil test was overlooked and additional foundation work was required – the planned building budget fell short. However, the school opened in fall 2015 with significant spaces left unfinished. Currently, the school functions without a library, common learning area or a dedicated music space, and there is more than 4,900 square feet of unfinished classroom space.

The Big Sky School District currently has the highest enrollment in its history and all the data indicates a continued upward trend as Big Sky grows and more families with school-age children become a part of the community.

The district is seeking \$830,000 to deliver on the promise made to students and the community in 2013. In short, we are asking the taxpayers in the district to partner with us in finishing what we started. The district has experienced growth, not only in enrollment, but also in programs and community usage of facilities. The completion of the space is key for our students in reaching the peak of excellence in all that they do.

I will be hosting three town hall meetings to discuss the details of the levy and what it means for taxpayers. Please join me at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria on one of the following evenings: Wednesday, April 6; Wednesday, April 13; or Tuesday, April 26.



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Big Sky Community Housing Trust formed

Initial land donation addresses affordable housing

BY TYLER ALLEN
EBS SENIOR EDITOR

BIG SKY – On March 23, the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce and the Human Resource Development Council announced the formation of the Big Sky Community Housing Trust to address affordable housing needs in this growing resort community.

Local businessman Loren Bough has provided an initial land donation of 10 acres in the South Fork neighborhood with the intention to build housing for year-round workers that provide essential services to the community. This would include teachers, law enforcement officers and medical personnel, such as firefighters, according to Bough.

“Affordable home ownership for full-time families makes Big Sky vibrant and a better place to live for all of us,” Bough said in a March 23 press release.

“It’s just a matter of executing, and how we can get the process rolling in terms of eligibility,” he said in a phone interview.

Affordable housing has been a challenging issue in the community for a number of years, and a 2014 study found that 83 percent of Big Sky’s workforce commutes from elsewhere in the region.

The HRDC is working to obtain 501(c)(3) nonprofit status for the housing trust, which can take anywhere from six weeks to six months, according to HRDC Community Development Manager Brian Guyer. In January, HRDC hired Guyer to focus on affordable

housing in Big Sky and West Yellowstone. “[Since] Big Sky is unincorporated, the tools that other resort communities use to build and maintain affordable housing are not available, but it doesn’t mean it’s impossible,” Guyer said.

While a builder for the development is yet to be decided, Bough said the trust’s current thinking is between 28 and 32 units, each with two, three or four bedrooms.

The Big Sky Community Housing Trust will host a meeting April 8 at 2:45 p.m. to discuss affordable housing with potential homebuyers either currently living, or hoping to live, in the Big Sky School District. The intention is to get feedback from individuals to see if price points and home sizes are in line with their expectations.

Guyer said both he and Kitty Clemens, executive director of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce, would also be available upon request for ad hoc meetings with community members in the coming weeks. Details on the size and price of the planned units will be made available as the project progresses.

The chamber has been working on affordable housing in Big Sky since 2011. Clemens said her first meeting with HRDC about the issue was in early 2013 when the chamber hosted a series of housing idea exchanges with the community.

The chamber was allocated \$165,000 of Big Sky Resort Area Tax District money in June 2014 “to kick-start a demonstration housing project,” according to its application, in fiscal year 2014-2015. However, the chamber rolled the money over to fiscal year 2015-

2016 during last year’s allocation process due to a Community Development Block Grant awarded shortly after obtaining the resort tax funds.

The chamber kicked in \$12,000 of its own budget, and along with the \$30,000 CDBG grant secured by the HRDC, a Preliminary Architectural Report was conducted last year. The leading option that emerged from the PAR was an 18-condo development behind the tennis courts in Meadow Village, but the land was not available for sale at a price that would result in affordable housing.

Clemens says the \$165,000 allocated to the chamber will not be rolled over during this June’s allocation process.

“The entire resort tax rollover will be used ... exactly as spelled out originally,” she said. This includes preliminary site engineering, reviewing developer proposals and finalizing site plans.

Lone Mountain Land Company will be the development partner of the Big Sky Community Housing Trust, but both Clemens and Guyer said the priority for homeowners would not be employees of LMLC.

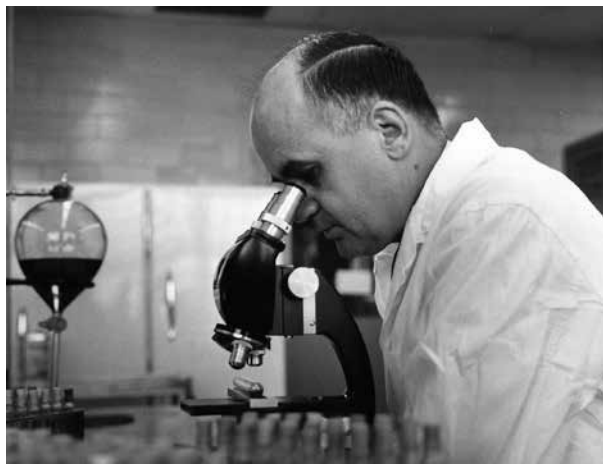
“This is a project to find housing for the most eligible candidates for affordable housing in Big Sky,” Bough said. “The exact criteria for eligibility is being worked out in conjunction with HRDC.”

“The trust – at the behest of Loren Bough – will target essential employees,” Guyer said. “These donations are often times guided by the donor.”

Vaccine development experts speak at MSU symposium April 22-23

MSU NEWS SERVICE

BOZEMAN – Some of the nation’s most noted experts in vaccine development will speak at Montana State University April 22-23, during the Maurice Hilleman Vaccine Symposium. The event is free, and the public is invited to attend all presentations, including a keynote lecture on the evening of April 22.



MSU's Department of Microbiology and Immunology will host a symposium April 22-23 featuring some of the nation's most noted experts in vaccine development. The symposium is named for Maurice Hilleman, a 1941 MSU graduate who saved the lives of millions by developing a wide array of vaccines. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HILLEMAN FAMILY

At the symposium, internationally recognized experts will give research updates on vaccine work for worldwide problems, such as HIV and Ebola, as well as updates on vaccine efforts of particular relevance to Montana, including brucellosis. Research efforts led by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Merck & Co., Inc., will also be summarized.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, April 22, with a talk by Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He is also the Maurice R. Hilleman Professor of Vaccinology and a professor of pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Offit’s talk, entitled “Maurice Hilleman: The Perilous Quest to Save the World’s Children,” will be given at the Museum of the Rockies’ Hager Auditorium.

The talk will focus on the work of Hilleman, for whom the symposium is named, a 1941 MSU graduate who saved the lives of millions by developing a wide array of vaccines.

A Miles City native, Hilleman graduated top of his class at what was then Montana State College with dual degrees in chemistry and microbiology. His name often accompanies those of Jonas Salk and Louis Pasteur as pioneers who fundamentally changed the game in human health. The abstract on a National Institutes of Health obituary for Hilleman, who died in 2005, describes him as: “Microbe hunter, pioneering virologist, and the world’s leading vaccinologist.”

The symposium will continue Saturday, April 23, with talks given by a number of vaccine researchers and experts. All Saturday presentations will be given in MSU’s Procrastinator Theater in the Strand Union Building and will also be streamed online. Parking at MSU is free on weekends and after 6 p.m. on weekdays.

“With recent outbreaks of diseases preventable by vaccines that have occurred in this country and other countries around the world, a research symposium focused on vaccines, with a general talk focused on the life’s work of Maurice Hilleman, is timely,” said Mark Jutila, head of the MSU Department of Microbiology and Immunology. “Infectious disease research at MSU is one of its core research strengths and continues to grow, with programs of relevance to national priorities and priorities in Montana, as well.”

For more information about the symposium contact Lisa Leadon, operations director in the MSU Department of Microbiology and Immunology, at (406) 994-2020 or lisa.leadon@montana.edu.

Federal cutbacks reduce funds for national forest trail work

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOZEMAN (AP) – Changes made at the federal level that alter the way money is doled out between the different regions of the Forest Service could have a significant impact at the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

The budget is down approximately \$90,000 for trail work, the first of three budget cuts that are expected to reduce forest trail work funding there by about \$300,000 over the next two years.

The budget cuts vary by region. By 2018, the region that includes all of the federally managed forests in Montana will get 30 percent less than it has in the past few years. Some forests in western Montana, however, are getting more money for restorative work because of wildfires last year.

Forest Service spokeswoman Marna Daley said the agency’s regional office in Missoula took some of the cuts, reducing the impact, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported. “We are down forest-wide in our trails program, but not as significantly as we could have been,” Daley said.

The Forest Service is already hiring workers for this year, and officials say they don’t expect significant problems completing trail projects this year. As budgets get tighter, there will be less money for hiring workers, Daley said. In 2015, the Custer Gallatin National Forest had approximately \$900,000 for trails work. By 2018, that budget is expected to drop to about \$610,000. The total budget for the forest this year is approximately \$20 million.

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Sheriff tells Oregon standoff backers to stay out of arrest

BY MATT VOLZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELENA (AP) – The last named defendant in the armed occupation of an Oregon wildlife refuge was still at large March 22, drawing calls for supporters to flock to his Montana hometown and a local sheriff to urge outsiders to stay out of it.

Supporters of the 41-day standoff this winter over U.S. land restrictions used social media to rally behind Jake Ryan, urging the sheriff to resist federal efforts to apprehend him and for people to head to the small northwestern town of Plains to pray with Ryan’s family.

Sanders County Sheriff Tom Rummel, trying to head off any new armed conflicts, warned stand-off supporters to stay away during negotiations for Ryan’s arrest.

“There is no standoff, and I want to keep it that way,” Rummel told The Associated Press. “I don’t need anybody showing up in my county

that’s only going to add tension to the situation.” A federal judge released Ryan’s name Monday as the 26th defendant charged in connection with the occupation at Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Ryan and another man are accused of using heavy equipment to dig a trench through a Native American archaeological site at the refuge.

He and Travis Cox were the only people facing charges who had not been arrested as of March 22.

The sheriff, like the occupation supporters, is wary of federal officials. Rummel once gave his support to failed legislation in Montana that would have required any federal agent to get written permission from a sheriff before making an arrest or conducting a search in that sheriff’s jurisdiction.

However, he has sought to be a facilitator in this case. In response to Ryan’s supporters, Rummel released a statement March 21 saying he intends to provide for Ryan’s safety and rights. He said an

attorney hired by Ryan’s family is working with the FBI on the charges.

Ryan’s mother, Roxsanna Ryan, said she does not know where her son is. A few of Ryan’s friends have shown up at their home to wait with the family, but she declined to give details during a brief interview with the AP.

“We’re just waiting and waiting on something to happen,” she said. “Until that happens, we’re not going to reveal a lot.”

Ryan participated in the armed standoff that launched Jan. 2 to demand the government to turn over public lands to local control and oppose prison terms for two ranchers convicted of setting fires. The occupation ended Feb. 11 with the surrender of four holdouts.

Ryan faces charges of depredation of government property, conspiracy to impede officers and possession of weapons in a federal facility.

Supreme Court rejects GOP appeal to close Montana primaries

BY MATT VOLZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELENA (AP) – The U.S. Supreme Court on March 23 rejected a Republican Party appeal seeking to close Montana’s primary elections in June, meaning any registered voter will be able to select a GOP ballot.

The Montana Republican Party and eight central county central committees want to require primary voters to register as Republicans before being allowed to participate in the June 7 elections. Two lower courts had denied their request for an emergency injunction, resulting in the long-shot appeal to the nation’s high court.

The court takes up very few petitions it receives, but in this case, Justice Anthony Kennedy had requested more information about the issue. That had given GOP attorney Matthew Monforton a glimmer of hope that the court would intervene, but it denied the appeal without comment a day after all the arguments had been filed.

“We’re going to just continue on and seek relief with regard to crossover voting in the 2018 primaries,” Monforton said.

The Republican plaintiffs’ lawsuit, which is still pending in a lower court, argues the system violates their First Amendment right to associate. They contend the state’s open-primary system allows Democratic, independent or third-party voters to affect the outcome of their elections and Republican candidates must alter their message to appeal to those crossover voters.

Senate Majority Leader Matthew Rosendale and House Majority Leader Keith Regier testified last year that a closed-primary system would help conservative Republicans keep party moderates out of the Legislature.

Attorneys for the state have argued that the Republican plaintiffs have failed to provide evidence of their claims of crossover voting and the century-old primary system should not be changed based on the party’s assumptions that it happens.

Only in very rare circumstances has an election’s outcome been changed by voters aligned with another party deliberately trying to affect it, Secretary of State Linda McCulloch said.

“I think it’s a myth,” McCulloch, a Democrat, said of crossover voting. “I think it’s really a matter of independent voters sometimes voting Republican, sometimes for Democrats.”

Changing the system so close to the elections would have been problematic, she added. It would require many months to properly contact all 635,000 voters in the state about the change, she said.

U.S. District Judge Brian Morris initially ruled against the Republicans in December, saying they have too many unproven claims about crossover voting to issue an injunction but allowed the case to proceed to trial. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was next to reject the request for an injunction, saying the Republican plaintiffs had not shown their case is likely to succeed or that they would be irreparably harmed if the primaries remained open.

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THE FAMILY DOCTOR IS IN, IN BIG SKY

GOP lawmakers: Governor should pay more for campaign flights

BY BOBBY CAINA CALVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HELENA (AP) – Montana Gov. Steve Bullock has offered to pay back some of the costs of using a government-owned airplane to get to campaign events that coincide with state business, but some Republican lawmakers say that is not good enough and the Democrat should cover more of the bill.

Previous governors have used the plane as part of their electioneering but insist that those trips are secondary to previously scheduled official business.

Bullock said last week that he would reimburse the state \$2,672 for time the pilots spent waiting while he attended campaign activities, including fundraisers, on 21 trips between last April and this March. Under new protocols issued March 18, the governor said he would compensate the state for any future use of the aircraft mixing state and campaign business.

It costs about \$500 an hour to operate the Beechcraft King Air twin-turboprop, and state Rep. Brad Tschida and some other Republican legislators say paying for the pilots’ wait time is not the only cost that should be factored in to the reimbursement.

They want the governor to count the expense for his security detail and other government employees who accompany him. But they acknowledged that it is difficult to pinpoint an exact amount.

“It’s still an open question whether the governor’s numbers are accurate,” Tschida said. “It’s hard for me to determine what the extra costs are. Is it the

cost for flight time? Is it the cost of the pilot? Is it the cost of the equipment? At this point, there’s a question about the reasonable value that should be reimbursed.”

The state has four pilots on its roster, including three on-call co-pilots. Their hourly wages range from \$20.92 to \$36.07, and they are paid more for overtime.

University of Montana political scientist Robert Saldin said there are legitimate questions to raise, but too many “people are bent out of shape” over the governor’s plane use.

“There are gray areas about where state business begins and where it ends, and when campaign business begins and where it ends. Those lines aren’t crystal clear,” he said.

The state-owned plane allows the governor to travel quickly across the large state, and Bullock has used it less than previous administrations, Bullock spokesman Tim Crowe said in an email.

Since 2013, the state-owned airplane has made at least 415 round trips from Helena, including 19 out-of-state trips to places as far away as the San Francisco Bay Area, according to flight logs supplied by the governor’s office.

In comparison, the aircraft made more than 500 round-trip flights during the first term of Democratic Gov. Brian Schweitzer. Before that, former Gov. Marc Racicot, a Republican, reimbursed

the state for trips that included campaign events and chartered a private aircraft when the purpose of those trips was primarily for campaigning.

The controversy over the governor’s plane use surfaced after The Associated Press reported last month that Bullock flew to attend a fundraiser in Billings after his official business, which included a media interview and making sandwiches with Riverside Middle School students.

The Bullock campaign will pay back \$42.83 for that Feb. 10 trip, one of the 21 flights marked for reimbursement.

The AP could not independently verify whether additional trips could qualify for reimbursement because Bullock’s office has declined to release the governor’s schedule in its entirety, including campaign events. His campaign has also refused to disclose the information.

Andy Huff, Bullock’s chief legal counsel, said campaign events are non-official business not subject to public records requests. But critics say the governor’s office needs to be more forthcoming about his schedule and use of government resources.

Republican Rep. Ryan Osmundson said if Bullock does not disclose more information about his use of the plane, lawmakers will push the issue during the 2017 session by subpoenaing Bullock’s calendar, if necessary.

“He’s obligated by law to let us know what he’s doing with tax dollars. There’s nothing private about that,” Osmundson said.

Billings art museum receives national recognition

YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM

BILLINGS – The Yellowstone Art Museum has achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition afforded to U.S. museums.

The AAM’s 45-year-old accreditation program is the field’s primary vehicle for quality assurance, self-regulation, and public accountability. It strengthens the museum profession by promoting practices that enable leaders to make informed decisions, allocate resources wisely, and remain financially and ethically accountable in order to provide the best possible service to the public.

“[The AAM’s accreditation] is a credit to the staff, board, donors, artists, and volunteers who have built the fine museum that the YAM is,” said Robyn G. Peterson, executive director of the museum. “We look forward to taking our place among the small percentage of the nation’s museums who have earned this accolade.”

Of the country’s estimated 35,000 museums, approximately 1,000 are currently AAM accredited. The Yellowstone Art Museum is one of only seven museums accredited in Montana.

To earn accreditation a museum first must conduct a year of self-study, and then undergo a site visit by a team of peer reviewers. The AAM’s accreditation commission – an

independent and autonomous body of museum professionals – considers the self-study and visiting committee report to determine whether a museum should receive accreditation.

“Accredited museums are a community of institutions that have chosen to hold themselves publicly accountable to excellence,” said Laura L. Lott, AAM president and CEO. “Accreditation is clearly a significant achievement, of which both the institutions and the communities they serve can be extremely proud.”

The Yellowstone Art Museum hosts a contemporary art auction and a summer arts and crafts fair each year, and the facility is open year-round, six days a week from Tuesday to Sunday. Eight to 10 new temporary exhibitions open each year and the YAM offers regular special adult programs, as well as both school-based and family-oriented children’s programs.



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The main facility, along with a secondary building, encompasses 50,000 square feet in downtown Billings to house an extensive 7,500-piece permanent collection. This includes the Montana Collection, the largest assemblage in the world relating to author-illustrator Will James, as well as the Poindexter Collection of New York Abstract Expressionism.

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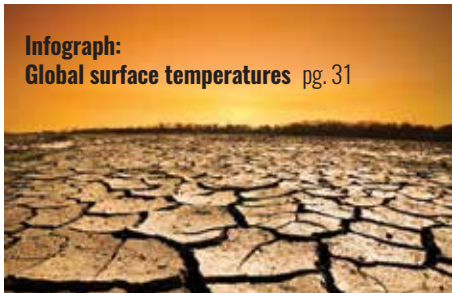


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Bozeman Curling Club brings ancient game to Gallatin Valley

BY MEGAN PAULSON
EBS STAFF

BOZEMAN – One of the world’s oldest team sports has found a permanent home in Bozeman. Since it was formally established in August 2015, Bozeman Curling Club has been promoting and advancing the understanding and development of curling in the Bozeman area.

Curling originated in 16th century Scotland, where games were played in winter on frozen ponds and lochs. The earliest-known curling stones came from the Scottish regions of Stirling and Perth, and date as far back as 1511.

Bozeman Parks and Recreation started an outdoor curling league in 2013 and BCC has since evolved into much more. The club has seen remarkable participation in two “Learn to Curl” events this season with more than 120 participants total. It also held its first mini bonspiel – or tournament – the “Bozspiel” March 19-20, at the Haynes Pavilion.

“We had a fantastic turnout this season,” said BCC board member Ryan Anderson. “It’s great to see so many people having fun and interested in the sport.”

Forty-three participants attended the first Learn to Curl held on Jan. 23, and 42 players took the ice for the second event on March 26. Anderson noted 34 participants were first-timers – a testament that the sport is here to stay, he said.

The mini Bozspiel tournament was held over two days and had 36 participants, where the Button Blasters edged out House Rock for the championship win.

BCC is part of the Montana Curling Network and as a nonprofit organization, is set up exclusively for charitable, educational purposes.

“Our primary goal is to teach the game of curling to the Bozeman area community, operate, equip and support curling players, teams, leagues and events,” said BCC Board President Nathan Green. “It’s a blast! We are looking forward to expanding even more curling opportunities for the community as Bozeman’s ice rink facility expands in the future.”

Visit bozemancurlingclub.com for more information on Bozeman Curling Club and related events.

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Garrett Turner throws a stone for the Button Blaster’s championship win.

Curling basics

Curling is a sport in which two teams of four players each slide 40-pound granite rocks – also called stones – down a sheet of ice toward a target at the other end. Each team tries to get more of its stones closer to the center of the target than the other team. The four players are called the lead, the second, the third and the skip.

Throwing rocks: Each player on the team throws (slides) two stones in each “end.” (An end is similar to an inning in baseball.) Each team throws eight stones in an end. The players alternate throwing with the player on the other team who plays the same position they do.

Curling rocks: When you throw a rock down the ice, depending on its rotation - which is applied intentionally - it will curl, or bend, one way or the other. How much, or little, a rock curls depends largely on the conditions of the playing surface.

Sweeping: Sweeping in front of the rock with a broom makes the rock curl less and travel farther. The lead, sec-

ond, and third all take turns sweeping the ice. The “skip,” which is like the team’s quarterback, is the only one who doesn’t regularly sweep.

Keeping score: Once all 16 rocks have been thrown down the narrow sheet of ice, the score for that end is counted based on the final positions of the stones in the “house” (the group of circles on the ice that looks like a bull’s eye).

Only one team can score in an end. A team scores one point for every rock that it has closer to the center of the house than the other team.

Strategy: Generally, the skip determines a team’s strategy. During the game, the skip stands at one end of the sheet and tells his or her other three players where they should place their shots. A team’s strategy doesn’t always go according to plan!

And that’s part of what makes curling so much fun. No two games are alike – the unpredictability is always appealing.

Curling Equipment

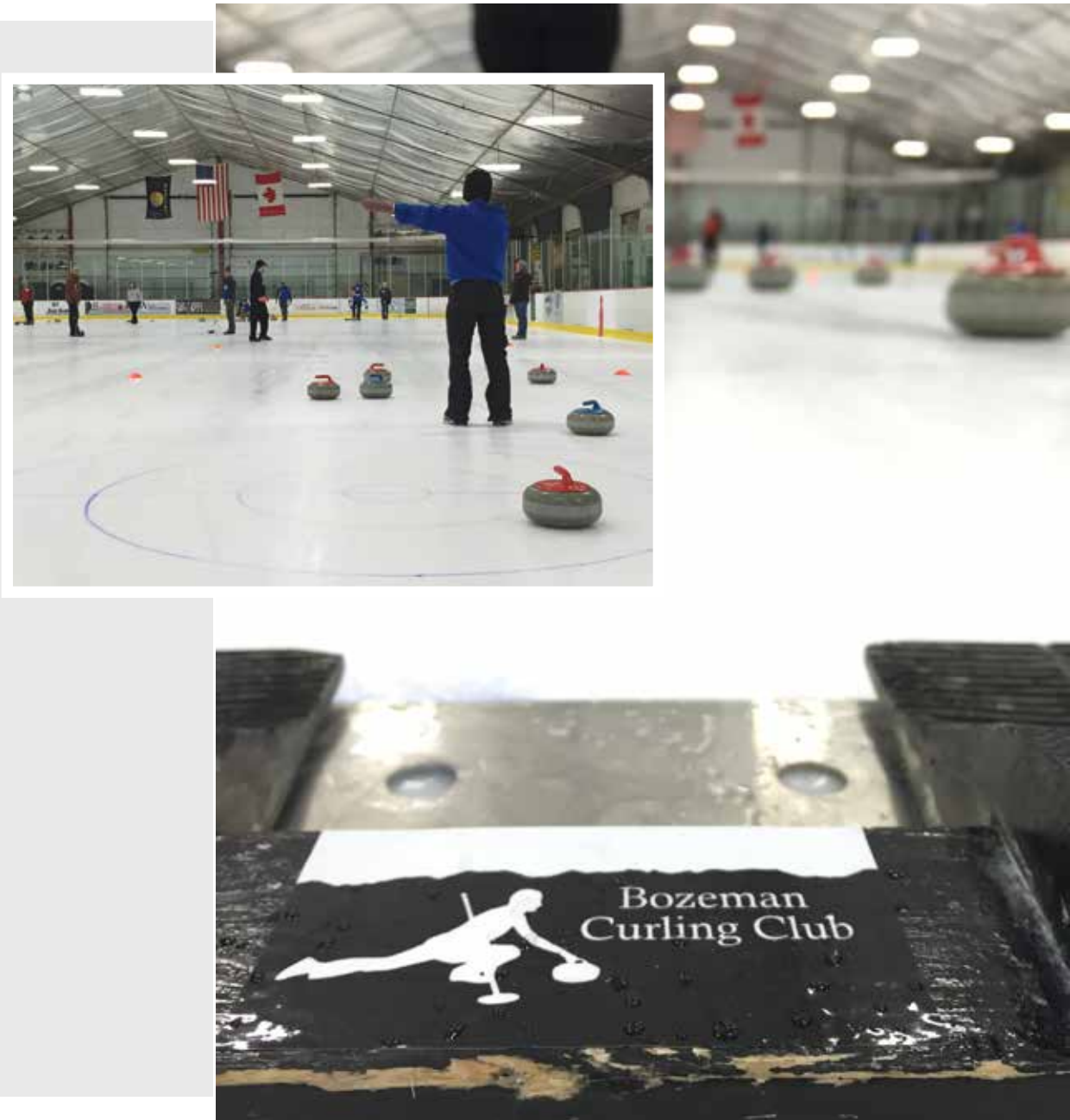
Broom or brush: There are two types of brooms. The most common is a brush or “push broom.” With its long bristles, the “corn,” “straw,” or “Canadian” broom looks much like a normal broom. The broom is used to sweep in front of the stones to increase sliding speed on the ice.

Ice: For indoor tournaments the artificially created ice has its surface sprinkled with water droplets, which freeze into tiny bumps on the surface. Called “pebbled ice,” this surface helps the stone’s grip and leads to more consistent curling.

Rink: The rink is 42.07-meters long and 4.28-meters wide with a circular target at either end.

Shoes: Special curling shoes are common and they should grip the ice well. While shooting, slippery surfaces such as Teflon are used on the sliding foot –some are built into the shoes and others are strapped on over the shoes.

Rock: Also known as a stone, a curling rock is made of rare, dense granite that is quarried on Scotland’s Ailsa Craig. Each rock weighs 19.1 kilograms and is polished.



Top: The skip directs teammates on placement of the next stone during the Bozspiel tournament.
Bottom: Similar to a starting block, hacks line each end of the ice sheet to assist curlers in delivery.



EYE ON THE BALL

Buddy Hield should be the No. 1 draft pick



BY BRANDON NILES
EBS SPORTS COLUMNIST

For the past few years, NBA scouts and media have been keenly watching the progress of young phenom Ben Simmons, a tremendous athlete destined to be a basketball star. Simmons entered his freshman year at Louisiana State University this season as the consensus No. 1 draft prospect, with little debate over his superstar potential.

Some pundits have started looking at talented Duke University wing Brandon Ingram, and Croatian big man Dragan Bender as possible top picks, but Simmons is still expected to hear his name called first when the draft kicks off in June.

However, following March Madness, all three of these players have been knocked down on my draft board.

University of Oklahoma shooting guard Buddy Hield blew away the competition during the tournament. Not only did he post impressive numbers, including a 36-point explosion against Virginia Commonwealth University, he looked like a man among boys each time he stepped on the court. When I look for a player with No.

1-pick potential, the biggest question I ask is, “Who looks like they don’t belong on the court?” Hield is that guy.

Hield is not considered an elite prospect by most media sources. Several have him ranked in the top 10, but very few believe he’s in the conversation with Ingram or Bender, let alone the exalted Simmons. Critics argue he’s too old at 22 years old, and that he has a low ceiling. Some say he’s too small at 6-feet-4-inches tall to be a top-level pro shooting guard. Some say he’s a bad defender. I say the critics are wrong.

With most top-level players choosing to enter the draft after their freshman year, guys like Hield who stay in college four years are viewed as having less talent. However, the same criticism was said about Portland Trail Blazers’ star point guard Damian Lillard when he came out of Weber State University in 2012, and Lillard has emerged as a top-five player at his position.

Defense is often a problem for rookies, but can be improved with good coaching. Also, with the NBA emphasizing perimeter shooting and small-ball lineups, being slightly undersized isn’t really a big deal. At 6 feet 4 inches, Hield may be on the lower end of the prototypical height for a two-guard, but Miami Heat superstar Dwyane Wade is the same height, and he’s been one of the best in the game for over a decade.

What Hield lacks in size and youth, he more than makes up for with shooting and explosiveness. Hield drives to the basket with purpose and is dangerous from the outside. His experience in college has helped him maximize his athleticism as a rebounder, he makes good decisions with the ball, and his court awareness is elite at this stage of his career.

While Simmons was stuffing box scores, threatening triple-doubles on a losing team night after night, Hield was being a leader on the court and playing his heart out, advancing Oklahoma to a number two seed in the tournament. While I love Ingram’s skill set, and Simmons and Bender certainly have upsides, Hield is the closest thing to a sure-fire star in the upcoming draft.

The top pick should be the guy you can hang your hat on and expect to lead your team to victory by sheer will. He should be coachable, resilient, and have that proverbial “it” factor. Buddy Hield has demonstrated all of this and more. With Hield, you get a star-caliber player who can take over a game when you need him to, and can still grow into an elite two-way player at the next level. To me, there’s no argument.

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Caliber Coffee pairs caffeine and community

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JESSIANNE WRIGHT
EBS CONTRIBUTOR

BIG SKY – When visitors enter Opie Jahn’s new Big Sky coffeehouse, they are greeted by a wave of energy that emanates from the business owner himself. Jahn and his wife Annie Burd run Caliber Coffee’s storefront in the West Fork Meadow shopping center.

Jahn greets his customers with enthusiasm and familiarity, either from behind the counter as he prepares coffee from his own roasted beans, or from the comfort of his eclectic array of couches and chairs. With Ozzy Osbourne playing in the background, Jahn waves his fingers madly at the espresso machine, with a wide smile on his face.

“The coffee costs money,” he said. “The shows and my opinion are free.”

His décor also serves as a greeting, with chalkboard menu signs, burlap coffee bags, a vintage moustache couch and a couple of animal wall mounts, all welcoming customers to a space of comfort and energy.

Jahn began his roasting business in 2014, in response to his obsession with a good cup of coffee, after having used it to help him quit drinking alcohol. First thing in the morning, he would pull out the scales and the thermometer and get to work roasting his own coffee at home.

“It developed into a monster,” Jahn said.

With encouragement from his friends, Jahn took a course on roasting and started his business, Caliber Coffee, Inc. Two years later, on Feb. 1 of this year, he expanded the business by opening the new coffeehouse, located near Gallatin Alpine Sports on Snowy Mountain Circle. And Jahn knew going into the endeavor, he would be spending a lot of time at the new location.

“My dad has a saying,” he said. “The best part about owning your own business is you only work half days. It doesn’t matter which 12-hour shift.”

With this in mind, he set about decorating Caliber Coffee based on his own tastes and



Caliber Coffee owner Opie Jahn making a custom beverage in his coffeehouse that opened Feb. 1

interests. He wants to feel comfortable, as if he’s in his own living room, he said.

Customers have responded well to the new space. Vito Valentinetti is a Caliber Coffee regular, and he’s stopped in nearly every day since it opened.

“I’d been waiting for a dedicated coffeeshop to open here at this location,” Valentinetti said. A website designer, he enjoys having a space he can work at outside of his home.

“They built a cozy, cool place to hang out,” Valentinetti said.

“We’re not done yet,” Jahn said. He pointed to an expanse of maps pinned to the wall. “I want to be more than a coffeehouse. I know I look like a tattooed hippie, but really I’m a redneck.”

An active member of Big Sky Search and Rescue, as well as a former ski and hunting guide, Jahn hopes to create an environment of adventure and community.

“Before you go on your adventure, I want you to be able to get a sandwich for your pack, coffee to fuel your day and all the information on area conditions,” Jahn said. He already prints and hangs the regional avalanche and Gallatin River fishing reports. Eventually, he would like to have a logbook for customers to share their experiences and tell stories about their adventures, including details about conditions.

In addition to providing backcountry knowledge, Jahn would like to see a sense of community grow at his shop. Referring to our screen-connected society, he said he wants a real social network at Caliber Coffee, where people get off their phones and communicate face to face.

Currently, Caliber Coffee is the meeting place for a local knit and crochet group, and if other area groups need a meeting place, or just a space to hang out, Jahn is open to the idea.

“Come in and talk to me,” he said.

Caliber Coffee is located at 80 Snowy Mountain Circle in Big Sky and is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Jahn hopes that Caliber will become a community-meeting place, in addition to a comfortable venue to enjoy a hot beverage.

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Michaelangelo's offers unique dining experience

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I've had few dining experiences where I thought about a meal for days after the fact, but Michaelangelo's Ristorante Italiano did just that. Siblings Michael and Emily Annadonno are doing Italian fare right in Big Sky's Meadow Village, with Michael handling the chef duties and Emily managing the front of the house.

Walking through the modern entryway I was greeted by an impressive, floor-to-ceiling wine display. The high ceilings and striking stone and woodwork are complemented by a warm, roaring fire. Tables are nestled into private nooks, providing diners with a sense of privacy as they enjoy conversation with friends and family.

After being seated by the fire, I enjoyed a house cocktail called El Piace – a mild limoncello-infused martini with a slight herbal note, made with Bozeman Spirits Huckleberry vodka. Then I was presented with a variety of warm breads, accompanied by olive oil and balsamic vinegar. If you've never ordered a chef's choice in a restaurant, I highly recommend it. Though there were several menu items that were appealing, I knew that Chef Annadonno wouldn't steer me wrong.

Razor thin, expertly sliced ahi tuna – flown in fresh from Hawaii – adorned the plate of my first course, Carpaccio di Tonno con Rucola e Vincotto. Briny capers provided a bright saltiness that complemented the rich, fatty tuna. The plate was topped with an arugula salad, which gave the dish a bitter and fresh component. A balsamic reduction and lemon argumato completed the offering, and added a delicate sweetness that rounded out the flavors perfectly. The goal of an appetizer is to stimulate the palate, and this plate certainly delivered.

My second course was equally well rounded, with deep flavors that attest to Chef Annadonno's skill and experience. Ravioli di Bufala con Funghi brought a piece of Montana to the plate, maintaining northern Italian flavors while incorporating locally sourced bison and wild Montana mushrooms. The deep, earthy, slightly acidic sauce that accompanied this dish was one of the highlights of the experience.

In one of those "I'm so full, but it's so good" moments, I approached my third course, Saltimbocca alla Romana con Torta di Risotto. My server expertly paired my entree with a glass of Gavi di Gavi, La Caplana from the Italian Piedmont. The mineral notes and crisp acidity were the perfect match for this dish, a contrasting choice to cut the lush quality of the veal. This hearty dish would be the ideal way to round out a long, cold day on the mountain.

Michaelangelo's menu is heavily influenced by Northern Italian cuisine, but traces of Montana make an appearance. Each course brought a surprise to the table, presenting authentic Italian flavors rather than the American-Italian style of cooking most of us have become accustomed to. If you crave spaghetti and meatballs, you're going to have to look elsewhere.

The service was effortless, attentive without hovering. My server was extremely well informed and answered my questions with an obvious knowledge and understanding of the menu. The entire staff worked flawlessly to ensure a superior guest experience.

Michaelangelo's is sure to become a staple for locals and tourists alike, with its complex yet approachable menu including a variety of price points. Whether you're a vegetarian, gluten-free, or a full-blown carnivore, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

And if you don't try the Ravioli di Bufala con Funghi, you are seriously missing out.

Carie Birkmeier graduated from Michigan's Les Cheneaux Culinary School and worked as a chef at Big Sky's Rainbow Ranch.



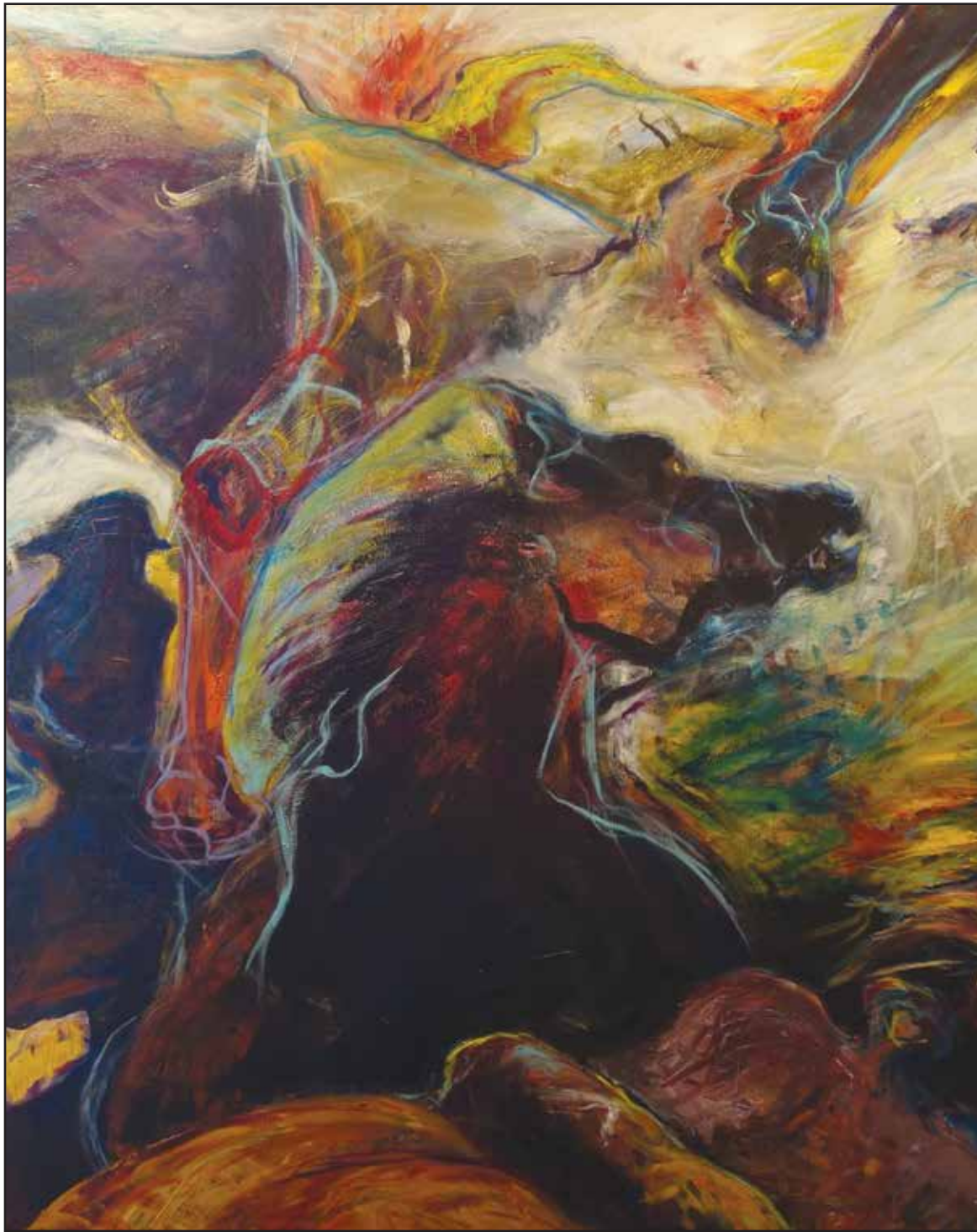
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Mise en place: It’s all in your head



BY SCOTT MECHURA
EBS FOOD COLUMNIST

Mise en place is a French term used in kitchens for decades that translates to “put in place.” The phrase refers to having all the food, cooking equipment and tools you will need for service in their proper places for efficient access.

Most every occupation or trade inevitably has its own mise en place: Carpenters, surgeons, artists. But your mise en place should also serve as your mental organization. An organized workspace and an organized mind go hand in hand.

When I learned the term mise en place as a teen in one of my first jobs, I used to look at other people’s tools and work stations to try and figure out just how organized they were. I once watched my aunt setting up her pencils as she began to draw, and I said, “Oh, your mise en place.”

“My what?” she asked.

“Your tools, the items you need are all lined up ready to grab.”

“Oh right,” she said. “I guess that’s what it is.”

I’d been working under a chef for almost a year, which by old French chef standards is not very long. He was tireless in his lessons of how things should be; the only way things should be. He impressed upon us daily – no, make that hourly – the importance of a properly set workspace and station.

One evening the restaurant was headed into a busy night, and I had crossed my T’s and dotted my I’s. I was prepped. My station was set, and not only did I look organized, but more importantly I felt mentally organized.

I was “arms folded” as we say in the business, meaning I was so ready that I had nothing to do right before service. Chef walked through our stations as he did every day but today I wasn’t scared. I wasn’t intimidated. I was ready. He walked through, perusing my station, and with the tiniest of smirks but no change in his step, he said, “You are not ready.”

“What?” I thought. “You can’t be serious.” I was certain I had everything in order. What did I miss? Chef hadn’t touched anything so it had to be something obvious. I just couldn’t find it.

After watching me search my station for a minute, he walked into my station without looking at me, and picked up my knife. It was lying neatly on my cutting board, blade facing away, and he tucked it, edge first, under the left side of the board knowing I was left handed. As he did this, without a hint of facial expression, he said, “Now you are ready,” and walked away.

On the surface I was happy. Proud really, that my knife being out of position was all he found “out of place.” But it also made me think. It seemed like such an inconsequential triviality. Was he just trying to prove a point? Well, yes, actually. It was a lesson in total organization. I was confident enough that day to challenge the master. The mentor. And he won. Again.

That day, while seemingly unimportant years later, still sticks with me as one of the turning points in my growth as a young cook. “Organized space, organized mind.” I will forever hear chef’s words.

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From Jackie *with love*

The keto craze



BY JACKIE RAINFORD CORCORAN
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The Google search frequency for “ketogenic diet” began steadily increasing in 2013. Between December 2015 and March 2016, the search frequency spiked significantly. Is this another passing dietary fad?

A ketogenic or keto diet is essentially a high fat, low carbohydrate diet. More specifically, it requires eating approximately 75 percent of calories from fat, 20 percent from protein and 5 percent from carbs. To give a sense of how few carbs you eat on this diet, consider this: one large apple has about 25 grams of net carbs – the maximum amount allowed in a day.

Where did this diet originate? Hippocrates, also known as the “Father of Western Medicine,” realized that fasting put the human body into a state of ketosis – not to be confused with the potentially fatal “diabetic ketoacidosis.” Ketones are a by-product of burning fat as fuel. Without a source of glucose, from carbohydrates or protein, the body has to go into fat burning mode.

Hippocrates then began prescribing fasting to epileptic patients after discovering that seizures

could be prevented if a patient were in a state of ketosis. Unfortunately, once the fast ended, the seizures returned and one also must eat to stay alive.

In the 1920s, a handful of physicians realized that a high fat, low carb diet induced a ketotic state without starving patients and these physicians prescribed to epilepsy patients what became known as a ketogenic diet. However, the diet was very strict and challenging to adhere to, so when anticonvulsant drugs were made available in the 1940s, many patients preferred a pill to the diet and it fell out of fashion.

According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, today physicians are prescribing ketogenic diets to treat a variety of neurological diseases. These include epilepsy, headaches, Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease, sleep disorders, brain cancer, autism, and multiple sclerosis. Research on this diet is gaining momentum as we slowly begin to get out of the high carb diet fog we’ve been in since the 1950s.

If I had a disease like Parkinson’s I would definitely try a keto diet. As part of my treatment, I would follow this diet carefully and request that my physicians monitor the results along with me.

If I wanted to lose 20-200 pounds would I try it? I’m not sure, and here are a few reasons why: being

“on a diet” is often hard for people to stick with; it can take weeks to go from burning sugar to fat and in the process dieters often experience the “keto flu,” which leaves them weak and exhausted; and dieting can create an unhealthy and obsessive relationship to food.

Perhaps worst of all, if we go off of a diet and back to our old eating habits, we can “weight cycle” or re-gain the weight we lost – and even more – which could be physically and emotionally worse than never having lost the weight in the first place.

Before jumping on the keto bandwagon, we would be better off reaching and maintaining optimal weight and health by making lifestyle adjustments that are sustainable for the long term.

By replacing refined, factory-produced foods with natural whole foods, sweetened drinks with water and making enjoyable physical activity a regular part of our day, we could turn around the current trends of nutrition-induced diseases like obesity, diabetes and heart disease and become the radiant energetic humans we are meant to be.

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DOCTOR'S NOTE

Spring storms bring busy days to the medical clinic



BY DR. JEFF DANIELS
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This year, lots of fresh powder coincided with Easter week and spring break, making for some busy days at the Medical Clinic of Big Sky. Let me tell you about March 25, one of the busiest.

The day started with a phone call from a colleague telling me I should get to the office early because someone was feeling very short of breath. Luckily, it turned out to be a pulled muscle in the patient's chest that made every breath hurt.

Then the parade of knee injuries began. By the end of the day, we had collected six blue knee immobilizers placed on injured knees by ski patrol. Unlike typical days, half of the knee injuries happened to kids.

We sometimes joke that kids are "made of rubber," but these three kids proved otherwise. We found no devastating fractures or ligament tears, but all three kids felt better in a brace generally used for injuries of the medial collateral ligament.

The three adults with knee injuries fared worse. Two middle-aged women, one from the Midwest and one from New York, tore their anterior cruciate ligaments. An older man from Florida tore every ligament in his right knee. It was so swollen when he came in from ski patrol that we rushed him into x-ray thinking there was a fracture of the tibial plateau, only to see normal bones. He needed a long brace and crutches to get back to Florida.

There were several skiers and snowboarders who had encounters with trees. One young man said he was boarding and ran over a raven, which threw him off balance. This caused him to slam his helmeted head into a tree trunk, resulting in a mild concussion. Another skier tumbled down a steep slope, only to be stopped by slamming hip first into a tree. He came in on a stretcher from the ski patrol, directly into x-ray, and right onto crutches when we couldn't find a fracture.

An experienced skier from Bozeman didn't see a clump of snow during a snow squall, causing him to fall forward onto his shoulder, snapping his clavicle. The separation of the two pieces of his collarbone was so exaggerated that one piece was nearly sticking out of his skin! We were able to help him with a shot of local anesthesia, which allowed us to place him in a clavicle brace, moving his shoulders back and pushing the pieces of his clavicle closer together.

We saw a young snowboarder from Nashville who hit his chin with his knees as he was going over a mogul. He now has a small scar under his chin – like many of us locals – to remind him of Big Sky.

We ended the day with another person complaining of shortness of breath. This was a young college student, who turned out to have influenza. She hadn't gotten a flu shot, and didn't have a high fever, but her test for influenza came back positive. She was not looking forward to the long bus ride back to California.

The best snow often comes to Big Sky in the springtime. We'll expect some more busy days like this before the ski season ends.

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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Chronic wasting dilemma: What to do with dead elk?



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Lamar Valley, or a photographer positioned at the Oxbow Bend of the Snake River in Grand Teton National Park, or a big game hunter prowling one of Greater Yellowstone's national forests.

Out of the woods stumbles a haggard-looking elk, drool hanging from its mouth. In clear view, you see the disoriented wapiti drop to the ground and die.

Should the fallen cervid be left to naturally biodegrade and provide sustenance for dozens of wildlife scavengers? Or, should park rangers and state game wardens be summoned to rapidly gather up the carcass and haul it off for disposal, treating it as toxic waste?

Does this scenario sound mind-blowing?

If the dead elk (or deer or moose) is suspected of having perished from chronic wasting disease – an always fatal brain disorder and cousin of mad cow disease that afflicts members of the deer family – public land managers in the Greater Yellowstone region may soon be scrambling to carry out the latter.

Such a strategy is already part of protocols put in place by the states of Montana and Idaho should they have to deal with wildlife stricken by chronic wasting. Disease experts say its arrival in Montana could be a game changer, making fears about brucellosis seem minor by comparison.

Chronic wasting is the deer family equivalent of mad cow disease. Wyoming is now in the midst of drafting an action plan that updates its old 2006 strategy. John Lund, regional supervisor for Wyoming Game and Fish in Pinedale, told me the document should be on the street this spring.

One eye-opening piece of the original draft referenced the possibility of gathering up dead, diseased elk and deer from the National Elk Refuge and Wyoming's 22 feedgrounds – and then incinerating them. (Artificially feeding public wildlife, as well as game farming wildlife, is banned in Montana).

The reason incineration is necessary and may be preferable to dumping animals in a landfill: Prions, the contorted proteins that



Three bull elk forage for food near Blacktail Deer Creek in Yellowstone National Park. NPS PHOTO

cause chronic wasting disease, are hard to destroy. They can leach into soils and persist indefinitely if carcasses of infected animals are left to decompose on the ground.

Studies also have shown that plants springing up from contaminated soils can uptake prions and potentially infect animals eating them. While there's been scant evidence of any humans eating diseased animals getting sick, health officials recommend against consumption until more is known.

This winter, a disease specialist with Wyoming Game and Fish contacted operators of the Teton County Trash Transfer Station south of Jackson, Wyo., inquiring about the possibility of installing a furnace there to incinerate the remains of chronic wasting disease-infected wildlife.

It's sure to spark public interest, and not only due to the potential of having the transfer station become a staging area for disposing of diseased animals. A larger unanswered question remains: What does it mean if state and federal land managers feel they must aggressively remove carcasses tainted with chronic wasting from the field in order to prevent environmental contamination?

Last fall, a whitetail deer buck that was shot not far from Yellowstone's eastern border tested positive for chronic wasting, notes Lloyd Dorsey, a hunter and state director with the Sierra Club in Wyoming. Dorsey adds that a mule deer, which also tested positive, was killed on the Wind River Indian Reservation east of elk feedgrounds in the Green River Basin.

Not long ago, Dorsey updated a map showing the progression of chronic wasting toward Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks as well as Montana and Idaho.

He is among a growing group of citizens, scientists, hunters and conservationists concerned about the impacts chronic wasting will have when it reaches the heart of the Yellowstone ecosystem, which holds the most abundant and greatest diversity of big game herds in the Lower 48.

Chronic wasting disease has not yet turned up in Montana or Idaho, but it continues to march westward and north across Wyoming. During the last year alone, the geographic area in Wyoming with diseased animals has expanded more than 3.5 million acres, more than one and a half that of Yellowstone's.

Many disease experts believe its prevalence will accelerate if it reaches Wyoming feedgrounds, which cluster animals unnaturally around artificial feed in winter and then disperse widely across the landscape.

Dorsey's main points in comments offered to Wyoming wildlife officials and backed up by science: Close the feedgrounds, conserve predators that mitigate the effects of infectious diseases across the landscape, and get all animal and human health agencies to craft a comprehensive plan to address the disease.

New West columnist Todd Wilkinson is author of "Grizzlies of Pilgrim Creek, An Intimate Portrait of 399, the Most Famous Bear of Greater Yellowstone" featuring photos by Thomas Mangelsen and only available at mangelsen.com/grizzly. Mangelsen is featured in the current issue of Mountain Outlaw magazine, now on newsstands.



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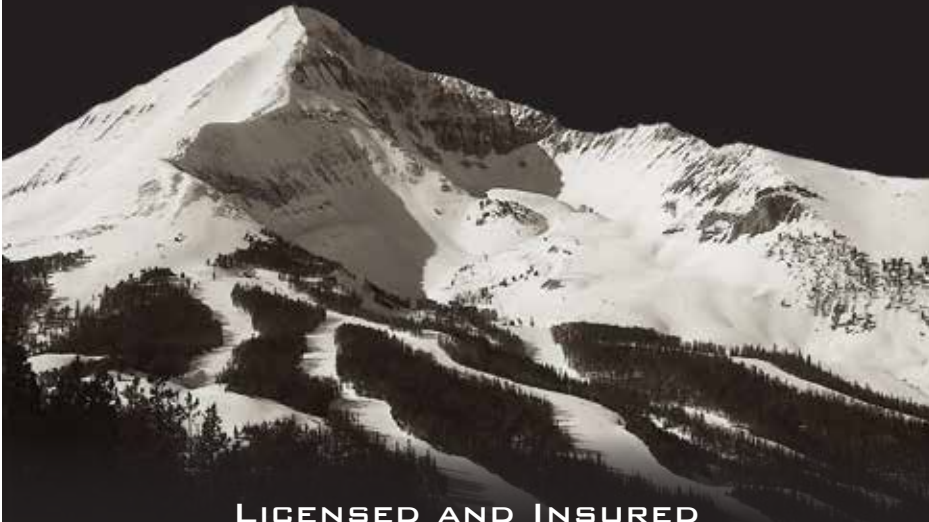


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Federal oil, gas leases stall over bird concerns in US West

BY MATTHEW BROWN
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BILLINGS (AP) – Concerns over a bird that ranges across the American West continue to delay federal oil and gas lease sales, five months after Interior Secretary Sally Jewell proclaimed the Obama administration had found a way to balance drilling and conservation.

The Interior Department said it will defer the sale of almost 60,000 acres of leases that were nominated by companies in eastern Montana as the agency works on new policies for greater sage grouse.

More than 8 million acres of leases previously were deferred in Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. It remains unclear when those will be freed up for sales or removed from consideration.

Jewell said in September that Endangered Species Act protections were not needed for the grouse, a chicken-sized bird that inhabits sagebrush ecosystems spread across 11 Western states. Grouse numbers declined significantly over the past several decades because of the loss of habitat.

Officials said the decision to forgo protections avoided the need for draconian restrictions on drilling, livestock grazing and other activities that help drive the region’s economy.

It followed a sweeping overhaul of federal public land management plans to limit drilling near grouse breeding areas and allowing oil and gas exploration to proceed elsewhere.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management still is crafting policies to put those plans into effect, agency spokesman Al Nash said. Completion of that work is several months away, he said.

A lawsuit challenging the plans as too weak is pending in U.S. District Court in Idaho. Environmental groups behind the lawsuit contend the land plans are riddled with loopholes that could further drive down the bird’s numbers.

Erik Molvar with WildEarth Guardians said the block on new leases over the past several years – coupled with low oil and gas prices – was doing more to protect grouse than any other factor.

But state officials who applauded Jewell’s September announcement said there’s no need to delay any longer on those sales.

“Leasing falls short of development,” said Tim Baker, natural resources adviser to Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, a Democrat. He added that any concerns could be addressed before drilling occurs, by adding conditions to leases before they are issued.

Montana Petroleum Association executive director Alan Olson said the lease deferrals represent “more excuses” to block development on public lands.

The Bureau of Land Management was moving forward with plans to sell leases on as many as 93 parcels totaling almost 20,100 acres during an Oct. 18 auction. Those are outside sagebrush habitat, but had been deferred until the land management plans were completed, Nash said.

“Each respective plan talks at great length about the need for us to address concerns about the habitat,” he said. “But the guidance we’re going to get goes into detail on how we move forward.”

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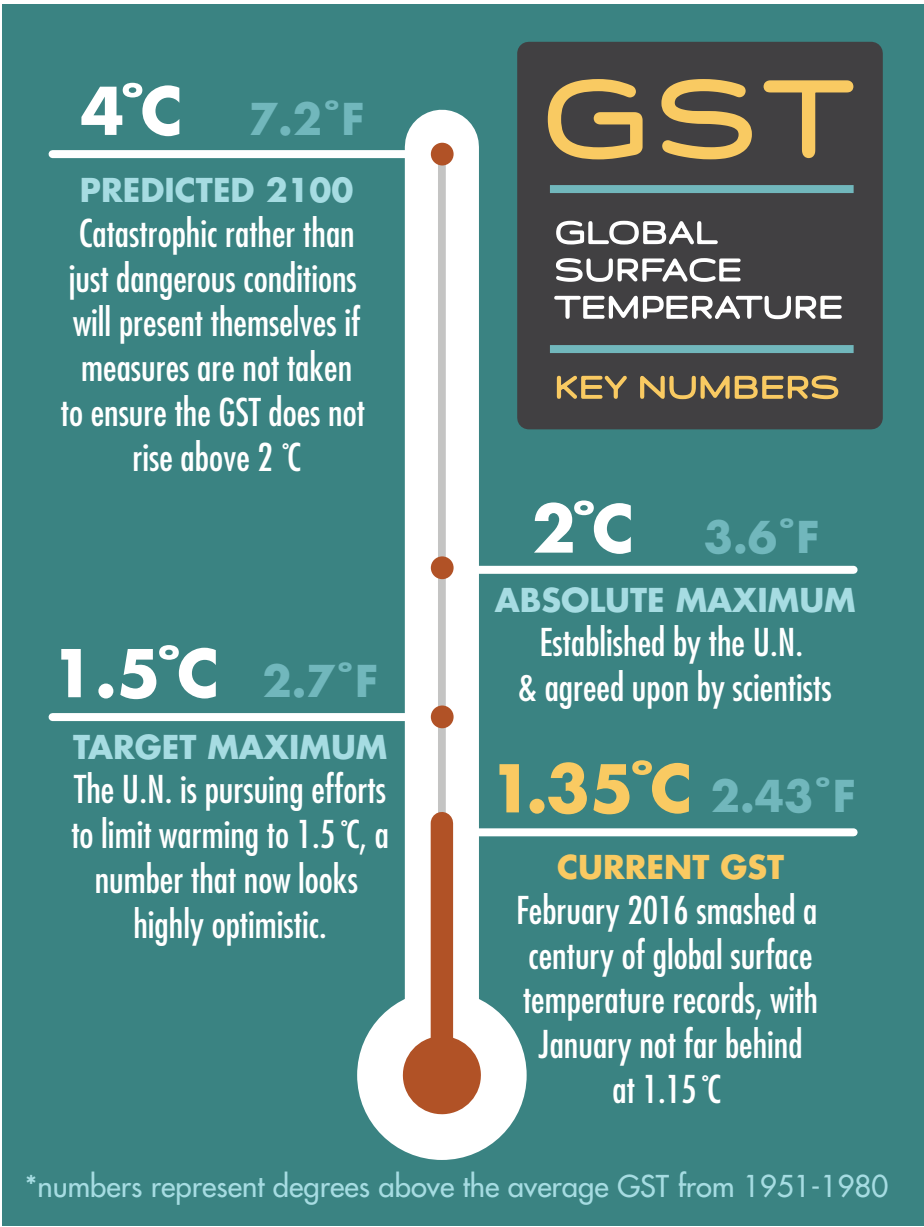
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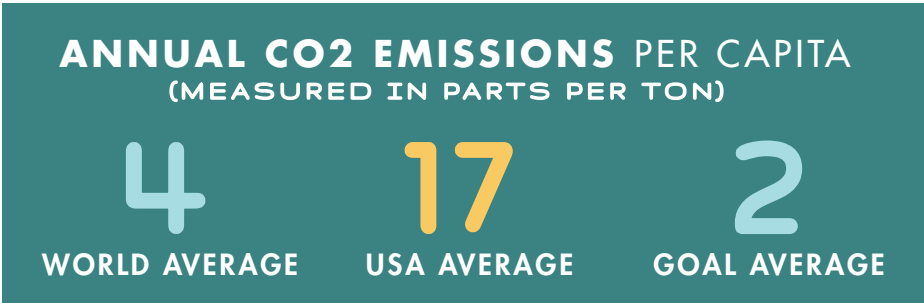
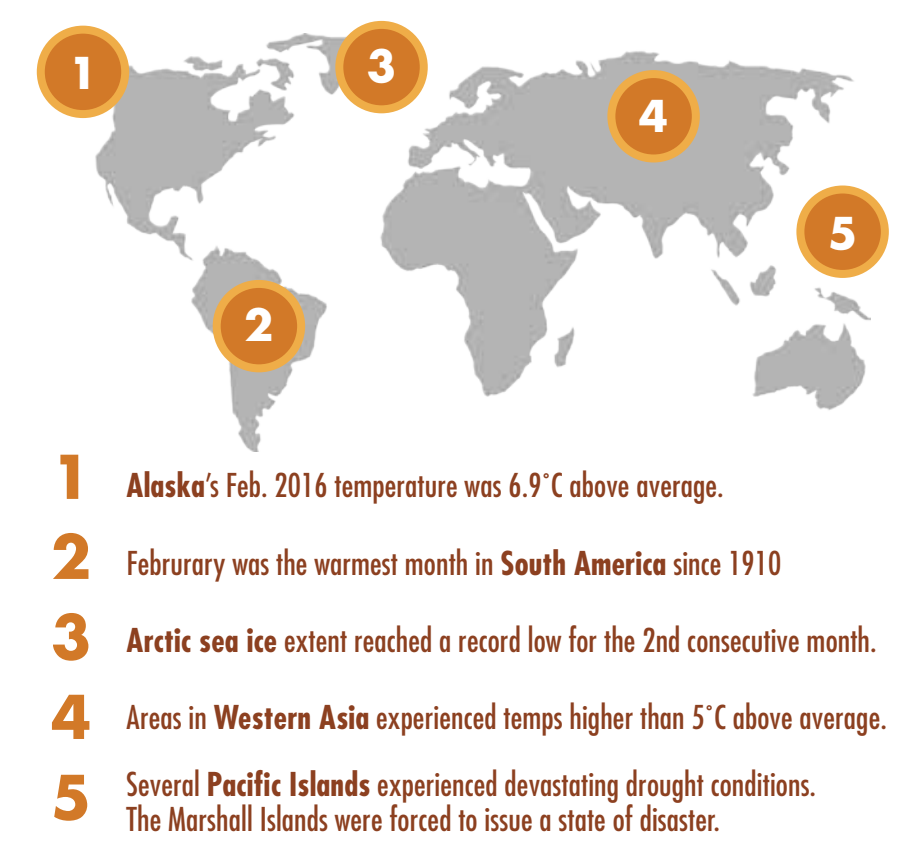
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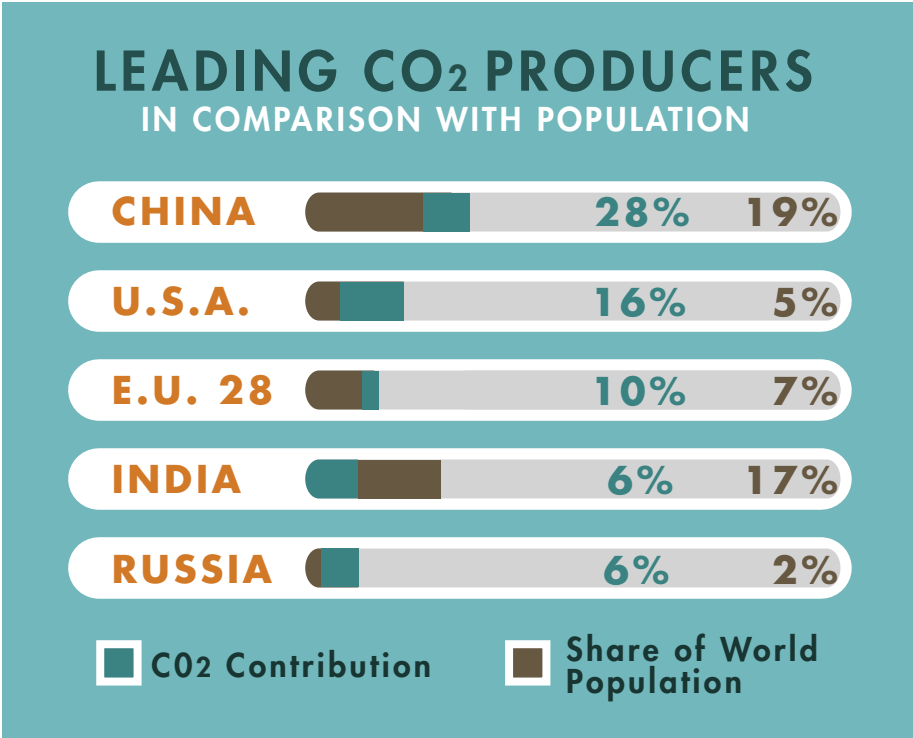
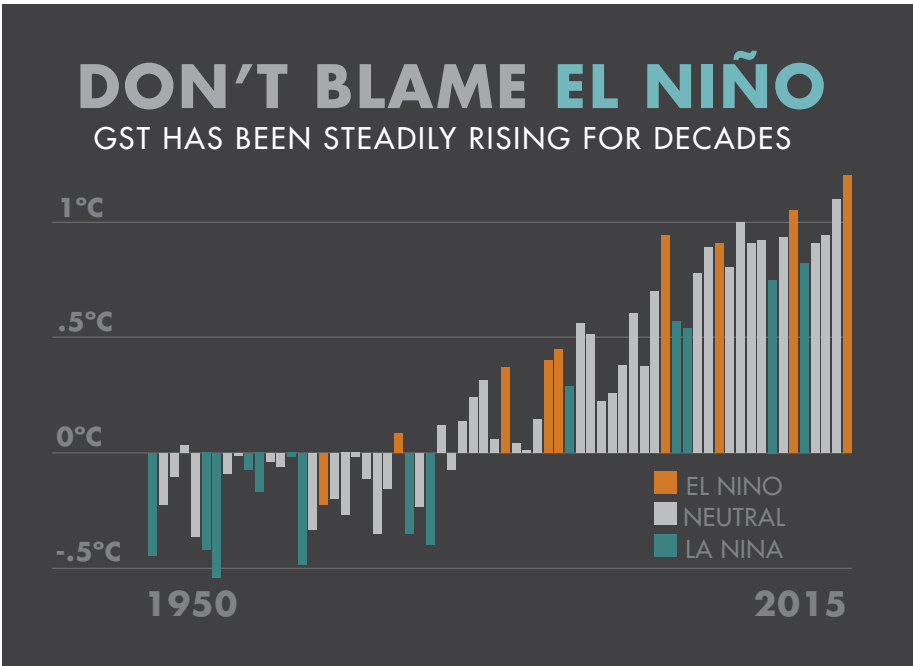
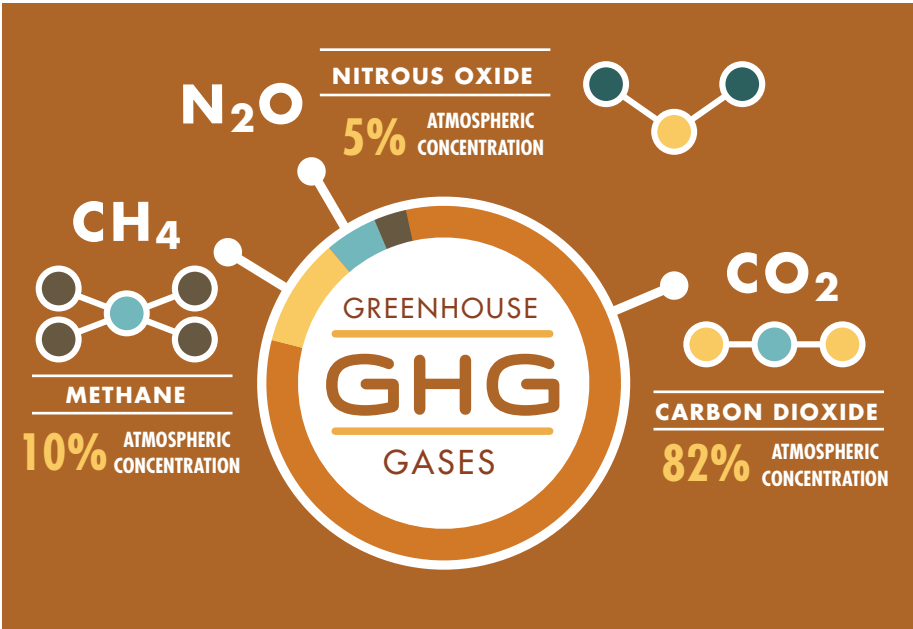




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Big mountain riders throw down at Big Sky

BY DOUGLAS HARE
EBS STAFF

BIG SKY – The Freeskiing World Tour and Masters of Snowboarding competitions returned to Big Sky Resort from March 24-27, and the Headwaters terrain played host as 155 competitors entered Thursday’s qualifier round.

Only 24 skiers and snowboarders made the cut to compete in main event held Friday and Saturday, and qualifiers had one run each day, which were scored cumulatively.

On Saturday afternoon, crowds surrounding the finish gate in Stillwater Bowl watched and cheered as athletes chose impressive lines and found big air in the Three Forks venue. After the powder had settled, Forrest Jillson and Hazel Birnbaum were named the 2016 Freeskiing World Tour Champions, and Harrison Fitch and Camila Brown stood atop the podium as victors of the Masters of Snowboarding competition.

“The Masters [of Snowboarding] is unique because of the camaraderie amongst the athletes despite the high level of competition,” said local snowboarder Joshua Katz, who took 10th place. Fellow Big Sky Resort rider Chance Lenay scored a podium spot with a second-place showing.

Event Director Bryan Barlow told the official FWT website that he was pleased with the conditions for

the event. The first two days brought 9-10 inches of fresh powder, and the finals were held under bluebird skies allowing athletes to show off their skills in optimal conditions.

The highly sought-after Sickbird Awards were given to Andrew Pollard from Alta, Utah, and Mica Brownlie, a snowboarder based at Utah’s Snowbird Resort.

Although there is no official criteria or point system for judges to award the Sickbird belt buckles, riders whose runs most exemplify the spirit of freeskiing/big mountain boarding take the prize home. Competitors riding the rowdiest runs that bring the fans to their feet have the best chance of joining the elite Sickbird community.

Sidney Simard, a 17-year-old from nearby Bridger Bowl, had consistent performances all three days and caught the eye of the judges. He was the only junior competitor to make it into the finals, and landed on the podium in third place. Simard also snagged the North Face Young Gun Award for his solid and aggressive performance.

Founded and run by Mountain Sports International, the Freeskiing World Tour is the oldest of competitive big mountain freeskiing events, holding competitions at the most rugged mountains in North and South America since 1998. The Masters of Snowboarding competitions have been showcasing the sport of big mountain snowboarding since 2008.

Men’s Final Results

- SKI**
- 1. Forrest Jillson
 - 2. Andrew Pollard
 - 3. Sidney Simard

- SNOWBOARD**
- 1. Harrison Fitch
 - 2. Chance Lenay
 - 3. Mica Brownlie

Women’s Final Results

- SKI**
- 1. Hazel Birnbaum
 - 2. Erika Klenk
 - 3. Jacqueline Pollard

- SNOWBOARD**
- 1. Camila Brown
 - 2. Amber Nelson
 - 3. Shannon Yates



Clockwise from left: Harrison Holley throws a monster backflip during the March 26 final of the Freeskiing World Tour at Big Sky Resort; Abe Greenspan goes huge on his way to a fifth place finish in the Masters of Snowboarding competition; Hazel Birnbaum (center) celebrates her win in the FWT women’s division. PHOTOS BY SEAN RYAN AND AMY JIMMERSON

Locals Fishing Report from Gallatin River Guides

Brought to you by Jimmy Armijo-Grover, General Manager



Spring is here, ski season is nearing its end and anglers wait for tales of great dry fly fishing.

April is known for baetis hatches on the local rivers, but every year is a little different depending on weather and river conditions. The right water temperatures and calm, overcast days are what we hope for. The perfect baetis storm. When you experience it you'll know what we mean.

Some anglers will happily nymph or strip streamers until the opportunity presents itself while others will watch over the river

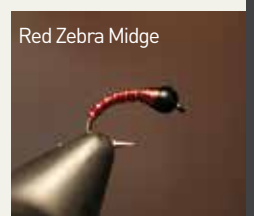
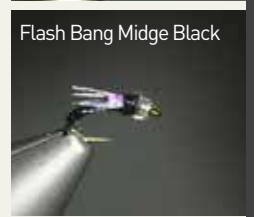
patiently with dry fly rod in hand. If you want to increase your odds of finding good dry fly fishing start looking for warmer water.

As with other hatches baetis will start in warmer water and will grow and move as temps and conditions improve. The Madison and lower Yellowstone are good places to start. Also, sections of the Gallatin that have warmer water feeding in will see an earlier hatch.

If you're not the type to hold your breath you shouldn't be disappointed as fishing should be fairly consistent over the coming weeks. Fish are feeding on a variety of patterns like small midge larvae, baetis nymphs, stonefly nymphs, worms and eggs. Good patterns to keep close are Zebra Midges, FlashBang Midges, JuJuBee Midges, JuJubaetis, Tung Sunkists, Pat's Rubber Legs, Surveyers, Bruised Baetis and more.

Fish are starting to move around in search of good areas to spawn. That usually means fish will start to hold in shallower riffles away from slow, deep winter lies. Others may start to move into some shallower pocket water as well. It is recommended to wade carefully avoiding actively spawning fish and their redds.

We will be offering Thursday Night Fly Tying throughout April, so stop by and check it out.



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THE EDDY Line

The most common fly-fishing errors and how to fix them



BY PATRICK STRAUB
EBS FISHING COLUMNIST

Now that March is over, April brings on fishing season in earnest. The occasional spring snowstorm forces us

to keep our eye on the ski report and for fresh tracks off Lone Mountain. However, this is also the time of year we want to be on the lookout for springtime hatches and warming water temperatures, and to dust off the drift boat and tune the trailer.

We are a month or so away from the well-known caddis hatches, so think of the next few weeks as “spring training” for your late spring and summer fly-fishing endeavors. Here’s some help to work out the winter cobwebs.

Common casting errors. Regarding the most common casting error – stopping the rod too far back on your back cast – Norman Maclean, in his short story “A River Runs Through It,” said it best:

“Well, until man is redeemed he will always take a fly rod too far back, just as natural man always overswings with an ax or golf club and loses all his power somewhere in the air: only with a rod it’s worse, because the fly often comes so far back it gets caught behind in a bush or rock. When my father said it was an art that ended at two o’clock, he often added, ‘closer to ten than to two,’ meaning that the rod should be taken back only slightly farther than overhead (straight overhead being twelve o’clock).”

For those that need more contemporary terms: #stopatnoon; #donotoverpowertherod #stopitoveryourhead

Pay attention all the time. Patience pays off and as you approach the take a few minutes for observation. As insect hatches increase in the next few weeks, fish are moving from their deeper winter lies to more shallow and bank-side lies. In most river environments, fish are not at the top of the food chain. Their ability to sense predators – such as birds flying above, muskrats, beavers and otters on the prowl – is how they survive.

You need to think like a predator – be acutely aware of your actions. Walk quietly into the water. If the sun is shining, observe where your shadow is being cast. This minor adjustment is major when it comes to bringing more fish to hand.

Start shallow, then work deeper. As you first approach a riffle corner or run, fish the water nearest you first – consider “baby steps.” If you’re the type of angler who walks knee deep into the water before making any casts, reconsider. Perhaps make those first casts with just your ankles in the water and drifting your flies in the deeper water.



Springtime fishing is a good precursor to summer – from snow to sun, the weather can be inclement, but if you’re armed with good gear and a good attitude, it can be quite productive. PHOTO COURTESY OF GALLATIN RIVER GUIDES

Clothing essentials. In late March, I was on the river 10 times in 12 days. In that span I had a snowball fight in my boat, sunburned my nose, watched the rainwater drizzle off my hood, and stripped down to a T-shirt. Montana’s weather in April is like a toddler in a candy store – spastic and indecisive. Fishing tends to be good in inclement weather. Don’t be that guy or gal who cuts short your fishing because you were underprepared. And bring both your stocking cap and sunscreen.

Don’t believe the hype. If you’re new to fly fishing or considering it for the first time, get out there and do it. There are two common misconceptions about fly fishing: it’s too expensive and too hard to learn. Here’s a debunking of both: A rod, reel and fly line can cost under \$200. Flies and tackle to fish a day can be had for less than \$10. Learning the basics takes very little time, no one keeps score and the fish are always a good scapegoat. In this area,

fishing occurs in scenic places. Being a good angler boils down to timing not strength.

March Madness ends April 4; the NBA playoffs haven’t started yet; and the first few games of 162-game major league baseball schedule don’t really matter. Hiking trails may be muddy, and powder days still exist but they’re numbered.

Why not get out there and fish? Do it now so you’re ready when things get really good in a few weeks. Pro athletes get a preseason and you should too.

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, he is co-director of the Montana Fishing Guide School, and co-owns a guide service on the Missouri River.

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Famous treasure discovered after six years

BY JOHN LAYSHOCK
EBS CONTRIBUTOR

THREE FORKS, Mont. – Millions of dollars worth of gold, gems and artifacts were recently found in a small cave near Three Forks. The treasure was found by a man from Island Park, Idaho, who followed clues in a poem by a Santa Fe, N.M. author and former art dealer, Forrest Fenn.

Fenn, 86, hid the treasure six years ago in a two-pronged effort to get Americans out from behind TVs, and to offer a Recession-stricken citizen the chance to strike it rich. The Idaho man, Bo “Late Dog” Anderson, who found the treasure said a clue from the poem, which was published in his autobiography, “The Thrill of the Chase,” took him to a bridge.

“There will be no paddle up your creek,” the poem read. Anderson lost the trail during the recent winter months, but reading books on Three Forks’ history helped solve the next verse: “If you’ve been wise and found the blaze.”

Returning to the bridge Anderson recognized the single peak that was visible, which trappers dubbed Burnt Peak in the 1840s, due to its appearance in evening light.

Looking from the bridge to the peak, Mount Holmes aligned the sight with a grouping of rocks along the Gallatin River.

The next clue is “Look quickly down, your quest to cease.” Among rocks and the many dark pockets and crevasses was a 10-inch-by-10-inch bronze box from the 1500s that was filled with treasure reported to be worth as much as \$3 million.

Forrest Fenn spent his childhood summers in West Yellowstone fishing and living the “Tom Sawyer dream,” as he calls it. After serving as a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot in Vietnam and Korea, Fenn created an art gallery in Santa Fe. His success in art and antiques is well known throughout the country, and he created plenty of related controversy. Fenn has been known to sell – and advertise – artist forgeries, as well as blur the lines of archaeology and private sales of artifacts.

After fighting cancer for more than a decade, Fenn wanted to create a modern treasure hunt. He crafted his cryptic poem of clues and amassed a fortune of his personal treasure to hide. “Thrill of the Chase” documents the contents of the treasure that includes more than 100 gold coins, diamonds and rubies, and gold nuggets the size of eggs.

In 2010, Fenn slipped away from his wife and friends for a few days and hid the treasure. Along with the book Fenn published with the poem, he has also provided numerous other clues in writing and interviews. The poem itself contains nine clues, but reading it is Fenn’s trick of the chase.

It requires work. Treasure hunters had to read related texts and research, and the search requires imagination and creativity. It will also place the seeker where Fenn designed them to be: in nature. Fenn’s most special childhood memories of fishing may relate to the poem.

The treasure has been debated and called a hoax since the beginning, but now it’s reality for one local millionaire. Or is it? April fools! It’s still out there, so get going!

John Laysbuck has been living in the region for 30 years and is a Yellowstone guide and photographer, specializing in wildlife and sports photography. Laysbuck lives in Island Park, Idaho with his wife and two young kids.

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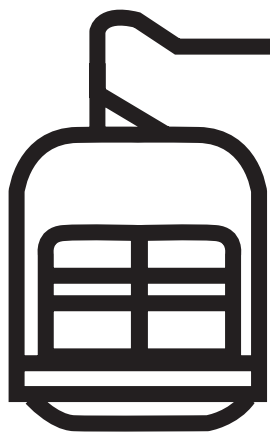
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BY SHELBY THORLACIUS

BIG SKY RESORT SALES AND MARKETING OFFICE MANAGER

As the sun climbs higher in the sky, our winter season is coming to a close Sunday, April 17. Take time to reflect on Big Sky's many powder days, leaving tracks that weaved through the trees, heart-pounding drops into gullies, and the vibrato of freshly groomed corduroy. This season has truly been one to remember, and it's not too early to start thinking about next winter.

Now is the time to purchase a Gold Season Pass for 2016-2017. A Gold pass paid in full by April 4 will qualify the pass holder for free skiing for the remainder of the 2015-2016 season. The purchaser will also have access to free scenic lift rides all summer, and a discounted summer bike haul add on is available until April 30.

The Subaru WinterFest is coming to Mountain Village April 2 and 3. The WinterFest is a lifestyle tour complete with Nordica and Lib Tech demos and VIP parking for Subaru owners.

Saturday, April 9 is the second annual Shedhorn ski-mountaineering race, a technical contest designed to test racers' chops on multiple fronts: mountaineering skills, skiing ability and endurance. The course is 16-18 miles long and has 8,600-9,500 feet of elevation gain.

After the skimo, those 21 years and older are invited to Whiskey A-Go-Go, a whiskey tasting event featuring Montana distilleries. The festivities run from 4-7 p.m. in Mountain Village near Montana Jack.

Last but not least - Pond Skim 2016! On April 16, break out your favorite costume, sunscreen and shades for another great year of skims, splashes and friends. Please note the new times: Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Basecamp, and the Pond Skim commences at 12 p.m. on Ambush Headwall.

Visit bigskyresort.com/events for details. Interested parties can register for Shedhorn and find information on the course and required gear on the event page.



Bridger Bowl finished the season strong, as March went out this year like a lion and not a lamb. The ski area's projected closing date was Monday, April 4 when EBS went to press March 30, and the final full week of operation began with a 10-inch storm.

The new snow on Monday, March 28 brought Bridger's settled base depth to more than 6 feet and season snowfall to approximately 250 inches. The final day of lift-served skiing promises to bring out locals playing hooky from work, dressed in their most festive ski gear.

While a dry February kept seasonal snow totals from tipping the scales to a big Bridger snow year, a stormy March ensured another great winter at Bozeman's community-owned ski area. See you next season! - T.A.



BY NICOLE CAMPBELL

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH SALES AND MARKETING COORDINATOR

As we wrap up the winter season and look ahead to spring, your friends at Lone Mountain Ranch would like to thank the Big Sky community for making this winter truly memorable!

Looking back, the ranch celebrated our sixth annual Glide and Gorge event; revived the Mad Wolf Relay and followed it with an epic after party with music by the Hooligans; and hosted the second annual Auction of the Arts with contributing artists Tom Gilleon, Todd Connor and Julie Chapman, just to name a few.

Whether you competed in Mad Wolf, skied our Nordic trails, enjoyed live music in the Saloon, or took a ride to the North Fork Cabin for our Sleigh Ride Dinner, we appreciate your patronage. We couldn't be more grateful for your loyal support.

The ranch officially closes this winter season Sunday, April 3 and reopens for the summer on Sunday, June 5. As we eagerly wait for warmer days and longer evenings, the ranch will undergo a few new and exciting renovations, so be sure to stop in to the Dining Lodge when we reopen to see the improvements.

We hope to see you during the summer for nightly entertainment in the Saloon and on the veranda, dining in the lodge, and just out and about enjoying all the ranch has to offer. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

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BY JENNIE WHITE

GRAND TARGHEE MARKETING AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Winter is still holding on strong at Grand Targhee Resort and conditions continue to be incredible. With spring in the air and Targhee's last day approaching, it's time to break away and enjoy some incredible Wyoming snow!

Season passes for the 2016-2017 season are on sale and if you purchase one now, you can ski or ride for free through April 17, closing day for the 2015-2016 season. Make your pass purchase by May 1 to lock in the best price on next winter's riding.

April is packed with events that are sure to brighten up any spring day. Events include the Sick Trick Comp, Rubber Legs Banked Slalom, Cardboard Box Derby, Pond Skim, and Crazy Horse Snowmobile Hill Climb. Additionally, with live music at The Trap from Che Zuro and the Hooligans, you'll want to check out Grand Targhee's après festivities.

We intend to make this year the biggest yet for two of our nonprofit programs, the G2K9 Avalanche Dogs fundraiser April 9 and the 2016 Teton Adaptive Race on April 16.

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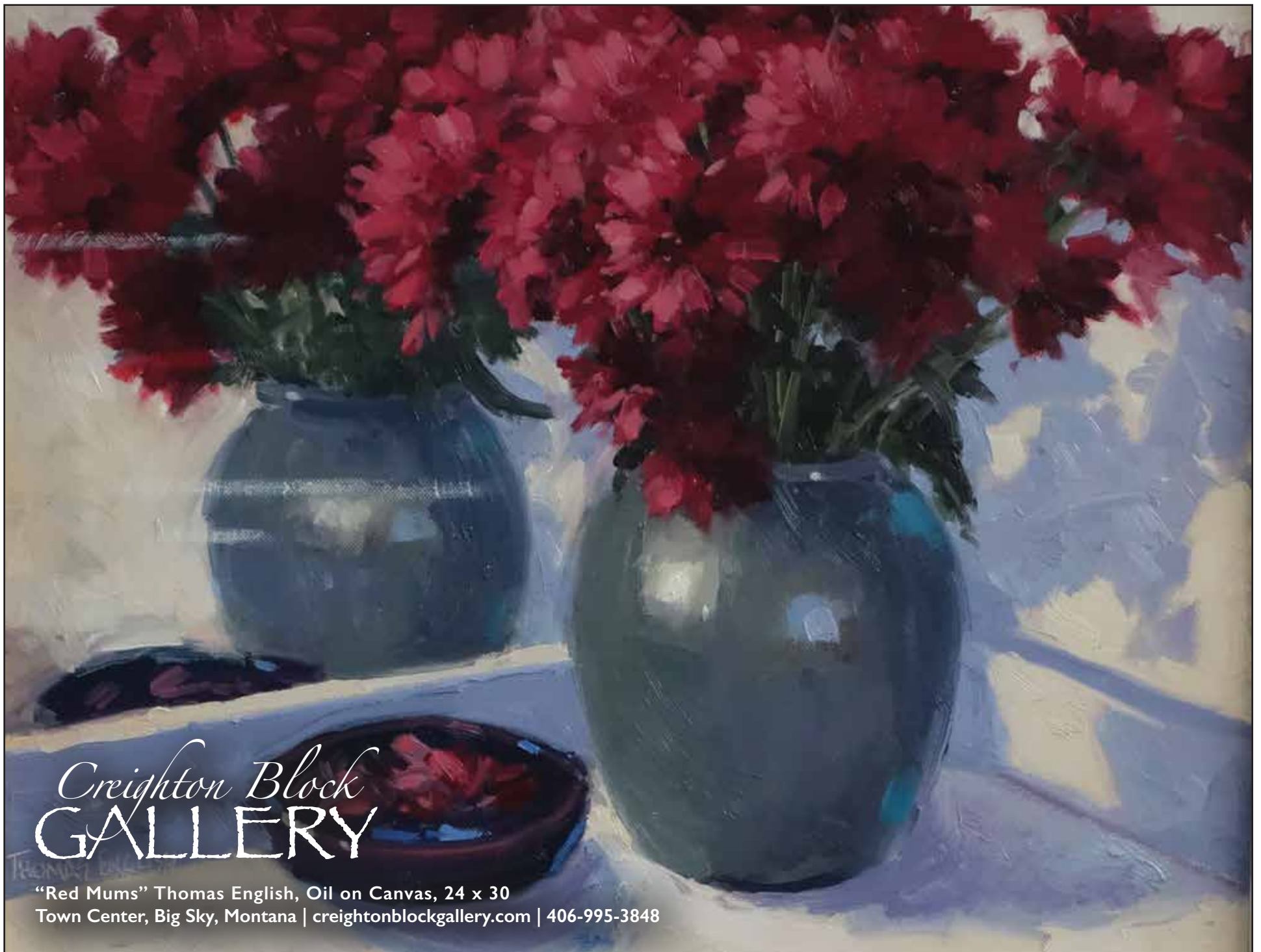
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The effective date of this resolution is April 15th, 2016. Any taxpayer of the district may appeal this resolution prior to that date in the manner specified in MCA 20-6-604.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Zoning Advisory Committee ("BSAC") will consider the following items at its monthly meeting on Monday April 4, 2016 at 9:30 AM, at the Big Sky Water and Sewer District office, 561 Little Coyote Rd, Big Sky, MT. The BSAC is an advisory arm of the Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Planning and Zoning Commission and invites the Big Sky Community to attend meetings and participate in discussions concerning Big Sky planning matters.

1. Public Forum (items not on agenda)

2. Estes Conditional Use Permit. Request by Tom Estes for conditional use permit approval for to allow for an accessory apartment, which is required in the R-SF-11,000 district of the Gallatin Canyon/Big Sky Zoning Regulation.

The property is 0.28 acres in size, and described as Lot 28 of the Meadow Village #1 Second Filing, located in Section 35, Township 6S, Range 3E, Gallatin County, Montana, addressed at 2995 Two Moons Road.

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



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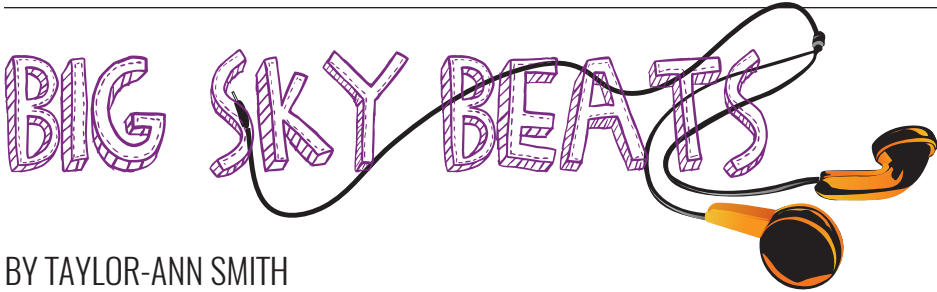
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BY TAYLOR-ANN SMITH
EBS GRAPHIC DESIGNER

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

While I love the snow, the past few days of intermittent sunshine have me excited for spring. Watching the valleys shed their winter coat and come to life with the colors of new growth is one of my favorite times of the year.

While there may be days when it rains, I also look forward to those hours of sipping tea in a local coffee shop and reading a novel to pass the time. However, once the sun is shining, you can find me out on the driving range trying to perfect my golf swing for the summer season!

The playlist below features some upbeat songs to get you in the spirit of spring.

- 1. “When We Were Young,” Falls
- 2. “Ways To Go,” Grouplove
- 3. “Frozen River,” Andreas Moe
- 4. “Make A Fist,” Phantogram
- 5. “Spank,” The Naked And Famous
- 6. “Roses,” The Chainsmokers
- 7. “Vagabond,” WILD
- 8. “Monument – Tim Gunter Remix,” Mutemath
- 9. “Winterbreak,” MUNA
- 10. “War Paint – Young Bombs Remix,” Fletcher

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

American Life in Poetry: Column 575

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE

Susan Aizenberg lives and teaches in Omaha, Neb., and the following poem is from “Quiet City.” My father and perhaps yours, too, found a little pleasure in an early morning walk.

Mornings
By Susan Aizenberg

Before the train screamed him through tunnels
to his windowless office, the idiots
he had to "sir," my father needed a space
without us, so in a crack of light from the bathroom,
he dressed, held his shoes by two fingers,
and left us sleeping. That walk

to the diner, the last stars fading out,
the sky lightening from black to blue to white,
was his time. He walked in all weather,
let each season touch him all over,
lifted his face to rain and sun. He liked
to watch the old houses stir awake
and nod to the woman in her slippers on 27th,
smoking as she strolled her little mutt.
To step back, smooth as Fred Astaire,
from the paperboy's wild toss.

Milk bottles sweated on doorsteps,
sweet cream on top, and once, he lifted a quart
from its wire basket, drank it down
beneath our neighbor's winking porch light,
and left the empty on the stoop.


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

Spring cleaning for your forest

BY BRAD BAUER
EBS CONTRIBUTOR

Spring brings warmer days and longer evenings, and working for Montana State University-Gallatin County Extension I have the joy of visiting with landowners around the region this time of year. During these visits we discuss many natural resource topics including the health of their forests.

In southwest Montana we have a two basic forest types, coniferous and deciduous. Coniferous forests are dominated by pines, firs, spruces and junipers, and are the primary forests in our region – when I visit a landowner’s property it is most often predominated by conifers. Our deciduous forests include aspens, willows and cottonwoods, and we occasionally visit a property with an aspen stand or a stream lined by willows.

Our native trees are tough and resilient to our long winters and short summers. However, as tough as they may be, it’s not uncommon to find individuals suffering from disease, insects or other stress. Spring is a great time to evaluate your trees and set them on a healthier path for the coming summer. Over the years, I’ve gathered a few tips and tricks that can help you prepare your forest for the coming summer.

When looking for ailments affecting conifer species, observe signs of:

Mountain pine beetle in lodgepole, limber and whitebark pines. Look for approximately quarter-sized bundles of pitch on the trunk that look like popcorn.

Scale in your spruce or pines. You’ll find brown or fuzzy white dots on the needles that can be scraped off with your fingernails.

Winter stress in your spruce or pines. Look for browning of needles on the south or west side of the tree.

Our native deciduous trees can also be host to a number of ailments. Keep an eye out for signs of damaged bark from wildlife feeding on, or rubbing your trees – especially young trees that have been hedged by foraging deer, elk and moose.

Winter stress is especially important on newly planted trees and shrubs. You might find die back of branches, discolored or cracking bark, or sloughing of surface bark to reveal dead tissue within the damaged area.

What do you do if you find any of these diseases, insects or stress in your trees? Unfortunately, there is no simple answer,

because it depends on the tree species being impacted and the cause. However, there are some broad recommendations you can take.

Plant new trees at the proper depth. Plant so that the top of the root ball sits 1-2 inches above ground level. Planting too deep, or too shallow, stresses the trees and leaves them more susceptible to future problems.

Water newly planted trees for at least three years, or until well established. Watering is not limited exclusively to the summer months. During warm, snow-free periods of winter you should water your tree to a 2-3-inch soil depth, every couple of weeks.

Fence individuals or stands of young deciduous trees. High fencing or multi-layer fences can keep hungry wildlife from browsing on your establishing trees. Fence young trees until they are at least 6 feet tall.

Other methods for keeping your forested property healthy include pruning, or removing, trees with diseases or insects before they spread to the rest of your property or neighborhood. You can also thin stand of conifers to reduce the competition between individual trees for available water, nutrients and sunlight. This will help them be more resilient to predatory insects and diseases.

Thinning has the added benefit that if done properly, will not only leave you healthier trees but will reduce the risk of wildfire in your forest.

If wildfire mitigation around your property is a goal, consider following the National Fire Protection Association’s Firewise recommendations to create defensible/survivable space around your property. Firewise recommendations include creating a zone of little vegetation nearest your residence and reducing forest fuels as you work your way out from your home.

Finally, this spring visit with your neighbors, local landscapers, or give me a call to learn more about the health of the forest around you, and what you can do to keep your trees healthy and growing year round.

Brad Bauer is an MSU Extension-Gallatin County Natural Resource Extension Agent who focuses on natural resources management, education, and outreach. Call MSU Extension at (406) 388-3213 if you have questions about keeping your forested property healthy or stop by their office at 201 West Madison Avenue, Suite 300 in Belgrade.



Top: Young lodgepole pines showing signs of winter stress. Thinning young stands of conifers can reduce competition between individual trees for available water, nutrients and sunlight. Bottom: Fuzzy white dots on the needles of spruce that can be scraped off with a fingernail are evidence of scale. Treatment includes pruning affected branches, or thinning affected trees. PHOTOS COURTESY OF MSU-GALLATIN COUNTY EXTENSION

Section 4:
EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT



The Zac Brown Band played to 15,000 excited fans in Teton Village, during a March 19 performance at the Jackson Hole Rendezvous Spring Festival. PHOTOS BY BO BRIDGES/BOBRIDGES.COM

Festival brings music fans, economic boon to Jackson Hole

BY ERSIN OZER
EBS STAFF

JACKSON, Wyo. – During the weekend of March 17-20, thousands of people flocked to the Tetons for the third annual Jackson Hole Rendezvous Spring Festival.

The music festival featured nationally acclaimed bands playing unique concert venues in downtown Jackson’s Town Square, and at the base of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort’s iconic red tram in Teton Village.

This year’s event also celebrated the resort’s 50th anniversary and the music lineup reflected that milestone with big-name talent on the bill.

On Friday, March 18, a throng of people filled the intersection of Center and Broadway streets in downtown Jackson for a free concert featuring headliner Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats. The pavement vibrated with excitement as the band played through the night. Town Square businesses took advantage of the festivities, with private parties for dancing fans held on balconies surrounding the stage.

The next day raised the bar even further.

More than 15,000 people showed up to Teton Village on Saturday for a ticketed performance by Chris Robinson Brotherhood and headliner Zac Brown Band. The performance by Zac Brown Band included a rendition of Queen’s “Bohemian Rhapsody,” and the echoes of thousands of singing fans could be heard across the village. As Zac Brown said “thank you” to the crowd and turned around to smile at his bandmates on stage, it was clear he was in paradise.

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Zac Brown in his element with a freshly tuned guitar. Brown switched out guitars for nearly every song he played during the show.



Cold temperatures didn't stop fans or musicians from having a good time, especially when they were riding to the top of the resort in Jackson Hole's iconic red tram.

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The ultimate goal of Rendezvous Fest is to bring destination guests into Jackson, and it did just that with the highest rate of hotel bookings in history. The community support for the weekend's events was obvious, as local hotels filled their rooms by co-promoting the multi-day festival.

“[Saturday] was the busiest single night for winter lodging that our valley has ever seen,” said Anna Cole, communications manager for Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. “Everyone was pleased with how the concert was put together and organized. It was a successful venture all around.”

The success of the festival can be attributed in part to cooperation between community stakeholders, including Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, the chamber of commerce, Teton County Sheriff's Office, and Jackson Hole Travel and Tourism Board.

This type of cohesion is necessary for a large-scale event, and it was impressive how seemingly the entire town worked together for a common cause.

Jackson's economy reaped the benefits of this community teamwork through increased hotel stays, tax revenue and tourism.

The Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce estimates a \$4.8-5.2 million economic impact from the festival, with \$240,000 in tax receipts collected and a 23 percent occupancy increase over the same period last year.

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Sixth annual PBR kicks off with one-of-a-kind art auction

July 28 event to benefit local organizations

BY TYLER ALLEN
EBS SENIOR EDITOR

BIG SKY – Every summer since its inception in 2011, the producers of Big Sky Pro Bull Riders have expanded the affair to offer new elements to one of the summer’s signature events. Last year, Robert Earl Keen, the Jamie McLean Band and Two Bit Franks closed out the three-day party with a rousing night of music in the Town Center PBR arena.

In addition to two nights of free music and bull riding moving to Friday and Saturday in July, this year organizers are taking a different approach. Kicking off the festivities will be an art auction on Thursday, July 28, prior to the popular Music in the Mountains series in Big Sky Town Center.

The Big Sky Art Auction will be held in the large white tent outside the PBR arena from 5-7 p.m. and will be free to the public. The event will include hosted beer, wine and appetizers, as well as a cash cocktail bar.

Creighton Block Gallery will host the auction in partnership with Big Sky PBR producer

B I G A R T S K Y AUCTION

Outlaw Partners – also the publisher of EBS – and a portion of the auction proceeds will be donated to local community organizations.

“The buyers’ premiums from this auction are being donated entirely to Moonlight and Spanish Peaks community foundations,” said Creighton Block owner Colin Mathews. “They’re enthusiastic about this event so their members can buy art for their homes but also serve the community. It makes it unique as a big time Western art auction.”

Typically, when a piece of art is sold at auction, approximately 60 percent of the sale price is paid to the artist, while 40 percent goes to the hosting gallery, and an additional buyer’s premium of 16-18 percent is paid to the auction producer. This event will donate those buyers’ premiums – 15 percent of sale price, according to Mathews – to be split equally between the receiving foundations.

However, this fundraising effort isn’t the only unique aspect of the Big Sky Art Auction. The producers have crafted a survey for community members to give input about what type of art they’d like to see offered for sale under the tent.

“We are going to be responsive to incoming information from people that respond [to the survey],” Mathews said. “It will be a demand-driven auction which is ... unusual.”

Interested community members and art lovers can give their input through the survey, or by visiting any of Creighton Block’s three Big Sky Town Center gallery locations to fill out a card describing what they’d like to see brought to auction.

As a gallery owner and auction producer, Mathews says the goal is always to procure artwork that people want to buy, and he knows of no other event in the country where auction producers solicit feedback from potential buyers.

Visit bigskyartauction.com to take the survey or learn more information about Moonlight and Spanish Peaks community foundations.

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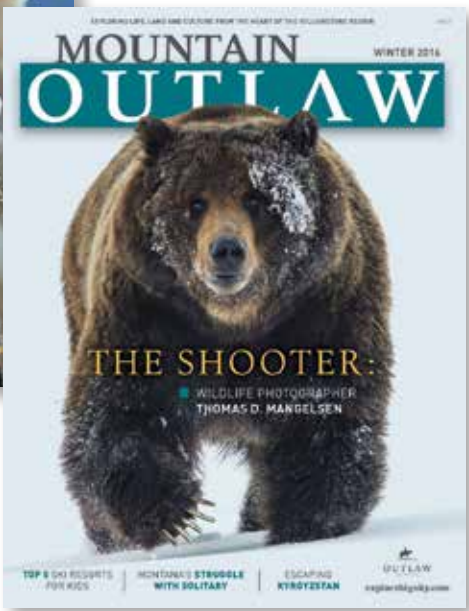
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MSU Spring Rodeo kicks up dust April 7-10

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BOZEMAN – The 2016 Montana State University Spring Rodeo will run Thursday, April 7 through Sunday, April 10 at Bozeman’s Brick Breeden Fieldhouse. This is the first event on the spring schedule for the Big Sky Region rodeo teams.

The action begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, with slack rounds coming after the performance rounds. On Friday, slack begins at noon, with the performance at 7 p.m. On Saturday, short-go action begins at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, slack gets underway at 8 a.m., with the matinee at 2 p.m.

The slack rounds are necessary so that every athlete has the opportunity to perform one of their three rides during primetime, in front of a large audience.

Spring Rodeo events include tie-down roping, team roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, breakaway roping, and goat tying.

The Spring Rodeo will feature the MSU men’s and women’s teams – ranked 18th nationally and No. 1 in the Big Sky Region – competing against seven other regional schools: the University of Montana; UM Western; Great Falls College MSU; Miles Community College; Glendive Community College; MSU-Northern; and Northwest College from Powell, Wyo.



Montana State’s Wyatt Bloom spurs a bonc at the June 2015 College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.
PHOTO BY DAN HUBBELL

Bobcat Rodeo is one of the most storied programs in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Montana State Rodeo teams have claimed eight national team titles, 32 individual national championships, and many Big Sky Regional crowns.

The MSU Rodeo teams have also sent alumni on to success on the national stage. Most recently, 2013 graduate Ty Erickson from Helena was named Steer Wrestling champion Feb. 28 at the American Rodeo in Arlington, Texas. Erickson took home \$100,000 for his winning effort.

The 2015-2016 MSU Rodeo team consists of 58 members – 38 from Montana – including 30 men and 28 women. The Bobcats are led by two MSU alumni, head coach Andy Bolich and assistant coach Beau Clark, and are supported by the C.A.T. Rodeo Scholarship Association and the MSU Chute Boss Club.

To purchase tickets for the 2016 Spring Rodeo, call (406) 994-CATS (2287), or visit brickbreeden.com/events/rodeo_2016. For more information on the event, visit the Montana State University Rodeo Facebook page or montana.edu/rodeo and click the “Spring Rodeo” link.

'45 years,' Dr. Jack Horner highlight film society in April

BOZEMAN FILM SOCIETY

Bozeman Film Society will screen the acclaimed "45 Years" on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in The Ellen Theatre.

With just one week until Kate Mercer's 45th wedding anniversary, the party planning is going well. But then a letter shows up for her husband – the body of his first love has been discovered, frozen and preserved in the glaciers of the Swiss Alps. By the time the party arrives five days later, there may not be a marriage left to celebrate.

The film offers rich, thought-provoking rewards for fans of adult cinema – and a mesmerizing acting showcase for leads Charlotte Rampling, who was nominated for Best Actress at this year's Academy Awards, and Tom Courtenay.

"'45 Years' is Andrew Haigh's sensitive and devastating portrait of a long, happy marriage in sudden crisis," according to New York Times' film critic A.O. Scott. Written and directed by Haigh, the R-rated film runs 103 minutes.

On Saturday, April 30 Bozeman Film Society hosts two screenings of Steven Spielberg's jaw-dropping blockbuster "Jurassic World," showing at 3 and 7 p.m. The PG-13-rated film runs 123 minutes. Presentations by Bozeman's world-renowned paleontologist Dr. Jack Horner, a recipient of the prestigious MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, will accompany the screenings.

As scientific adviser on all of the "Jurassic Park" films, Horner also helped inspire the character Dr. Alan Grant, played by actor Sam Neill. Horner's presentation, "Indominus Rex: Fact and Fiction of Genetically Engineered Dinosaurs," takes a look at the science behind designing genetically modified hybrid dinosaurs.

"Jurassic World" is part of the film society's participation in the national Science on Screen initiative. Funded by a grant from the Coolidge Corner Theatre and Alfred P. Sloan foundations, BFS is one of 23 independent nonprofit cinemas in the country awarded grants to implement an SoS program.

The film is also a collaboration with the Children's Museum of Bozeman STEAMlab and the inaugural Blunderbuss Science and Maker Faire, held April 28-30 at various Bozeman locations. Join BFS one hour before each screening for 3D printing demonstrations from STEAMlab in the Ellen Ballroom, with kids receiving their own 3D dinosaur to take home.

A limited number of free matinee tickets will be available through the Children's Museum of Bozeman, courtesy of Willow Spring Ranch. Contact outreach@cmbozeman.org for details.

Tickets for both films are available at theellentheatre.com; by calling the box office at (406) 585-5885; or by visiting the box office Wednesday through Saturday, from 1-3 p.m. or two hours prior to any performance. Visit bozemanfilmsociety.org for previews and more information.





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Big Sky Shootout Film Contest
Lone Peak Cinema, 8 p.m.

Trivia Night
Lone Peak Cinema, 8 p.m.

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Montana Jack, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
Subaru Winterfest
Big Sky Resort, 9 a.m.

Diamond
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

Lone Mountain Trio
Chet's Bar & Grill, 4 p.m.

Mike Haring
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

Jeni Fleming
Carabiner Lounge 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
Subaru Winterfest
Big Sky Resort, 9 a.m.

On-Mountain Church Service
Big Sky Resort, 1:30 p.m.

Steele Wine Dinner
Buck's T-4, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 4
Lauren Jackson & Jeff Bellino
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5
Mike Haring
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
Chloride Exploration
Gallatin River Task Force Office,
9 a.m.

Wine Wednesday
Mountain Maven, 11 a.m.

Head-Shaving Event for St.
Baldrick's Foundation
Hair Shop of Big Sky, 2 p.m.

Milton Menasco
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

Joe Knapp
Chet's Bar & Grill, 4 p.m.

Kevin Fabozzi
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7
Biz to Biz
First Security Bank, 9 a.m.

Water Quality Monitoring Event
Gallatin River Task Force Office,
9 a.m.

Load Bearing Walls
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

Mike Haring
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

Just Eat It
Lone Peak Cinema, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
Kent Johnson
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

Brian & Benny
Chet's Bar & Grill, 4 p.m.

Lauren Jackson
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

Trivia Night @ Lone Peak
Cinema, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
2nd Annual Shedhorn
Ski-Mo
Big Sky Resort, 7 a.m.

Diamond
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

Lone Mountain Trio
Chet's Bar & Grill, 4 p.m.

Mike Haring
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

Whiskey A-Go-Go
Big Sky Resort Mountain Village,
4 p.m.

Jeni Fleming
Carabiner Lounge, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
Big Sky Lady Shred
Big Sky Resort, 9 a.m.

On-Mountain Church Services
Lone Peak Triple Chair, 1:30 p.m.

On-Mountain Church Services
Top of Six Shooter Chair, 3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 11
Lauren Jackson & Jeff Bellino
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12
Gras HR Consulting
First Security Bank, 11:45 a.m.

Mike Haring
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
Wine Wednesday
Mountain Maven, 11 a.m.

Milton Menasco
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

Kevin Fabozzi
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

Lauren Jackson & Jeff Bellino
Chet's Bar & Grill, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
Biz to Biz
First Security Bank, 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
Kent Johnson
Montana Jack, 3:30 p.m.

Brian & Benny
Chet's Bar & Grill, 4 p.m.

Lauren Jackson
Carabiner Lounge, 4 p.m.

Trivia Night
Lone Peak Cinema, 8 p.m.

Bozeman

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
Great Rockies Sport Show &
Bozeman Boat Show
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 2 p.m.

Annual Gallatin Valley
Pheasants Forever Banquet
Best Western Grantree Inn, 5 p.m.

Gallatin Ice Foundation 6th
Annual Gloves Off Gala
The Commons at Baxter and
Love, 7 p.m.

Elwood
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Edison and Maxwell Hughes
Wild Joe's Coffee House, 7 p.m.

These Shining Lives
Verge Theater, 8 p.m.

The Morrison Brothers & Lexi
Wyman
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Drink Me Pretty
Eagles Lodge, 9 p.m.

Lyrics Born
Zebra Cocktail Lounge, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
Health Fair
Bozeman Health Deaconess
Hospital, 7 a.m.

GARAGARAMA!!
Gallatin County Fairgrounds,
8 a.m.

Winter Farmers' Market
Emerson Ballroom, 9 a.m.

History Saturday
Museum of the Rockies, 9 a.m.

Great Rockies Sport Show &
Bozeman Boat Show
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 10 a.m.

March for Bernie
Gallatin County Courthouse,
10 a.m.

Montana Day of Percussion
Reynold's Recital Hall, 10 a.m.

E.B. White's Stuart Little
Verge Theater, 2 p.m.

MSU String Festival
Pilgrim Congregational United
Church of Christ, 3:30 p.m.

Thrive's 12th Annual Lily Ball
Fundraiser
Hilton Garden Inn, 5:30 p.m.

Indonesian Curry Night- 5
Course Pop Up Dinner
Bridge Kitchens, 5:30 p.m.

Jon Cheryl
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Top Gun
The Ellen Theater 7:30 p.m.

MSU Percussion Ensemble /
One O'Clock Jazz Band
Reynold's Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

These Shining Lives
Verge Theater, 8 p.m.

Chuck Ragan
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 9 p.m.

Charlie Parr
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Big Ol' Band
Sacajawea Bar, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
Great Rockies Sport Show &
Bozeman Boat Show
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, 10 a.m.

Books & Brunch Sunday
Gallatin History Museum, 11 a.m.

Montana Manouche Quartet
Sola Café, 12 p.m.

"Musical Pagaentry": MSU
Wind Symphony
Reynold's Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

The Northwest Warpath Tour
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 6 p.m.

Heather Lingle
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Flaural
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 4
Pints with Purpose
Bridger Brewing, 5 p.m.

Music Mondays w/ Tom Kirwan
Red Tractor Pizza, 6:30 p.m.

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

The Jordan World Circus 2016
Gallatin County Fairgrounds,
7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5
Free Tax Help
Bozeman Public Library, 10 a.m.

The Jordan World Circus 2016
Gallatin County Fairgrounds,
4:30 p.m.

Climate Change, Resilience
and the Future of Food
Emerson's Crawford Theater,
5:30 p.m.

Resilient Retirement Planning
and Investing
MSU Gaines Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Stuart Weber & Friends
The Ellen Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Wrinkles
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
Music & Mussels
Bridger Brewing, 5 p.m.

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

An Evening with Mark S Doss
The Ellen Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Porter with Drink Me Pretty &
Tom and Chelsea Cook
The Filling Station, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7
Summer Camp and Activity
Roundup
Gallatin Valley Mall, 4 p.m.

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

The Changing World of
Greater Yellowstone's Grizzly
Bears
Museum of the Rockies, 7 p.m.

The World Famous Glenn Miller
Orchestra
The Ellen Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Big Bad VooDoo Daddy
Emerson's Crawford Theater,
8 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
MSU Spring Rodeo
Brick Breeden
Fieldhouse,
12 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Soft Opening
Bisl Food, 4:30 p.m.

Free Family Movie:
The Land Before Time
The Ellen Theater, 7 p.m.

Shea Stewart
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Tales from the Verge: Playing the Fool
Verge Theater, 8 p.m.

Groove Wax
Eagles Lodge, 9 p.m.

Coral Creek
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Styles & Complete
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
MSU Spring Rodeo
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse,
9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

**Bridal Walk
Downtown Bozeman, 10 a.m.**

E.B. White’s Stuart Little
Verge Theater, 2 p.m.

Art Openhouse- Three Story Houses
Verge Theater, 5 p.m.

Steve Squared
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Bozeman Symphony: Verdi’s Requiem
Wilson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Fresch by Moonlight Productions
Faultline North, 8 p.m.

Mipso
The Ellen Theater, 8 p.m.

Tales from the Verge:
Playing the Fool
Verge Theater, 8 p.m.

Groove Wax
Eagles Lodge, 9 p.m.

The Wench
Sacajawea Bar, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
MSU Spring Rodeo
Brick Breeden Fieldhouse,
8 a.m. & 2 p.m.

Bozeman Symphony: Verdi’s Requiem
Willson Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.

John Floridis
MAP Brewing Co, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 11
Pints with Purpose
Bridger Brewing, 5 p.m.

Music Mondays with Mike ‘N’ Mike
Red Tractor Pizza, 6:30 p.m.

An Evening with Rob O’Neill
MSU Strand Union Building, 7:30 p.m.

Kyle Gass Band
Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12
Resilient Retirement Planning and
Investing
MSU Gaines Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Guitar and Cello Ensemble Concert
Reynold’s Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

The Red Elvises
Zebra Cocktail Lounge, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
Music & Mussels
Bridger Brewing, 5 p.m.

Gallatin History Museum Lecture
Museum of the Rockies, 6 p.m.

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

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

Vino Per Tutti Wine Dinner
The Rockin’ TJ Ranch, 7 p.m.

MSU Horns!
Reynold’s Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Zach Deputy
The Filling Station, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
Jill Cohn
406 Brewing, 5:30 p.m.

The MSU Jazz Ensemble
Reynold’s Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
Sonny Holland Spring Game
Bobcat Stadium, 6 p.m.

Cappadonna of the Wu-Tang Clan
Cat’s Paw, 7 p.m.

Joe Schwem
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Goodfellas
The Ellen Theater, 7:30 p.m.

MSU Symphony Orchestra Concert
Reynold’s Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

The Rocky Horror Show (7th Annual)
Verge Theater, 8 p.m.

Paige and the People’s Band
American Legion, 9 p.m.

Congo Sanchez of Thievery
Corporation
The Filling Station, 9 p.m.

Sugar Daddies
Eagles Lodge, 9 p.m.

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

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

Karaoke
American Legion, Mondays at 9 p.m.

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

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

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

Bingo
American Legion, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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

Livingston & Paradise Valley

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
Rumors
Blue Slipper Theatre, 8 p.m.

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

Russ Nasset & The Revelators
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
Rumors
Blue Slipper Theatre, 8 p.m.

Milton Menasco & The Big Fiasco
The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Russ Nasset & The Revalators
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
**2nd Annual Craft Beer Week
& Brewfest**
Park County Fairgrounds, 2 p.m.

Rumors
Blue Slipper Theatre, 3 p.m.

Nathan Fox
The Murray Bar, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 4
Michael Trew
The Murray Bar, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
Songwriter’s Night
The Murray Bar, 7 p.m.

THRUSDAY, APRIL 7
Paul Lee Kupfer
The Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
Art on Tap
The Wheatgrass Saloon, 6 p.m.

Rumors
Blue Slipper Theatre, 8 p.m.

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The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Blackwater
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
Spring Flea Market
Livingston Civic Center, 9 a.m.

Tap into Montana Brew Fest
Park County Fairgrounds, 2 p.m.

Rumors
Blue Slipper Theatre, 8 p.m.

Ticket Sauce
The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Blackwater
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
Rumors
Blue Slipper Theatre, 3 p.m.

Dangling Chads
Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 11
Dan Dubuque
The Murray Bar, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
Paul Lee Kupfer
The Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
The Last Best Spirit Fest Dinner
Chico Hot Springs, 6 p.m.

Rumors
Blue Slipper Theatre, 8 p.m.

Wartime Blues
The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

The Max
Chico Hot Springs, 9 p.m.

West Yellowstone

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
Yellowstone’s Cycle Only Days
Yellowstone’s West Entrance,
all week

Chess Club
Public Library, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 4
Martial Arts Classes
Povah Center, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5
Martial Arts Classes
Povah Center, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
Martial Arts Classes
Povah Center, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7
Adult Co-Ed Volleyball
West Yellowstone School Gym, 7 p.m.

Knit Night
Sent It Home, 6 p.m.

Yoga For Everyone,
Povah Center, 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
Chess Club
Public Library, 4 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 11
Martial Arts Classes
Povah Center, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12
Martial Arts Classes
Povah Center, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
Martial Arts Classes
Povah Center, 5:30 & 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
Adult Co-Ed Volleyball
West Yellowstone School Gym, 7 p.m.

Knit Night
Sent It Home, 6 p.m.

Yoga For Everyone,
Povah Center, 6:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
Yellowstone’s West Entrance Opens
Yellowstone National Park

‘Meet the Hawkers’ April 22

Bozeman High speech and debate team showcases talents

Riding the late-January triumph of its first state championship in six years, the Bozeman Hawkers speech and debate squad also took top team honors in the mid-February regional qualifier and will send 12 students to compete at the national tournament in Salt Lake City this summer.

“I couldn’t be prouder of our team and the individuals who will be representing Montana at the premier high school forensics event in the country,” Hawker head coach Adam Thane said. “But in order to get the kids to Salt Lake, we really need the support of the community.”

To raise the necessary funds, the Bozeman Hawkers invite the public to an evening called “Meet the Hawkers” showcasing the talents of Bozeman’s top competitors. The event will be held Friday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Emerson Cultural Center’s Crawford Ballroom.

“It’s a rare opportunity for community members to see our speech and debaters in action and judging by the response from years past, people seem to really enjoy it,” Thane said.

The Bozeman Hawkers are known throughout the region and the team’s success over the years has made it one of the most heralded extra-curricular programs at the high school. Its alumni have gone on to become a U.S. ambassador to Russia, U.S. legislators, scholars, heads of major businesses, teachers, doctors, writers and more.

The Hawkers that competed in the 2015-2016 season are extraordinarily diverse. From soccer goalies to physics prodigies, to ballerinas, they are united by a love for going head-to-head in the non-physical sport of forensics.

The 12 members headed to the national tournament are Katie Ellig and Emma Bowen in Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Kayleigh Abbott and Ava Snow, as well as partners Rachel Schmidt and Devin Mahoney in Policy Debate; partners Marty Smith and Pushya Krishna, and partners Ali Garnsey and Ethan Hanley in Public Forum Debate; Justice Geddes in Dramatic Interpretation; as well as Isabel Bowen in Program Oral Interpretation.

The April 22 showcase promises to be a special evening, featuring performances from these qualifiers as well as other talented Hawkers. Along with entertainment from the team, the night will include a raffle and silent auction.



The 12 Bozeman High School Hawkers who qualified to compete in Speech and Debate at the June national championships in Salt Lake City. PHOTO BY JANICE TATE/BIGSKYPHOTOS.COM

Raffle prizes include a Haro Flightline Two mountain bike; original art by local artists such as Michael and Meagan Abra Blessing, Kara Fellows-Tripp, Shirley Robinett, and Sarah Angst; restaurant gift cards; a whitewater rafting trip; as well as weekend passes for both Targhee Fest and Targhee Bluegrass Festival at this summer at Grand Targhee Resort, among other prizes.

The event is free and all raffle proceeds will be used for the Hawkers’ travel, lodging and meals in Salt Lake City.

For more information, contact Reni Kessinger at (406) 581-4981 or rkessinger@gwestoffice.net.

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Annual Bozeman bridal walk returns April 9

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The Downtown Bozeman Association and downtown retailers present the 2016 bridal walk on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Main Street in Bozeman.

We are rolling out the red carpet for brides and their entourage to plan their Montana wedding in the heart of downtown Bozeman. Stop by The Baxter hotel anytime during the day of the event and receive a map, booklet and a bag of goodies to help you on your way. Then, stroll Main Street and discover nearly 40 participating businesses that can assist you with all of your wedding needs.

Find everything from dresses, rings, invitations, flowers, gift registries and more. Partake in wine and cake tastings, as well as the chance to win in-store giveaways and raffle prizes, including a \$500 shopping spree to be used at any of the participating businesses.

Another activity to enjoy during the event is the “Bridal Walk Photography Contest.” This year, 10 bridal-themed photographs will be displayed at many of the participating businesses. These images are taken by local photographers and, along with their displayed images, their contact information and voting ballots will be on hand for participants.

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

This event is free of charge and will go on rain or shine. Same-day registration will be held in The Baxter hotel’s upstairs ballroom, at 105 West Main Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maps and booklets can be picked up at any of the participating businesses two weeks prior to the event.

Visit downtownbozeman.org for additional event information including vendor registration, or call (406) 586-4008.



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25± acre Beehive Basin compound. House, guest house, caretaker apartment. Views to Lone Mountain, Andesite and Beehive. Near Big Sky Resort and Moonlight Basin.



TIMBERLOFT ROAD

\$2,750,000 | #208466 | Call Don

120± acres sited in an alpine meadow overlooking Big Sky. Incredible views of the resort area including Lone Mountain. 3 selected home sites each on their own 40± acre parcel.



MARKET PLACE

\$2,200,000 | #207397 | Call Stacy or Eric

Fully leased and well managed mixed use building offering both retail and residential tenancies. Very positive cash flow provides solid income stream. Good mix of commercial and residential tenancies in this fast growing market. Asking price is below replacement cost.



TWO GUN WHITE CALF ROAD

\$1,275,000 | #211665 | Call Stacy or Eric

Custom designed home overlooking Big Sky's Meadow Village w/ a lovely garden setting adjacent to open space. 3 bd, 3.5 ba, office & bonus room, great room w/ rock fireplace and vaulted ceiling.



BIG BUCK ROAD

\$799,900 | #210115 | Call Don

33.95± acres with outstanding views of the Mountains. Great building sites; owned by developers' partner. Lot has never been on the market previously, no worry of tree growth impacting views.



DIAMOND HITCH ROAD LOT 26

\$795,000 | #210453 | Call Stacy or Eric

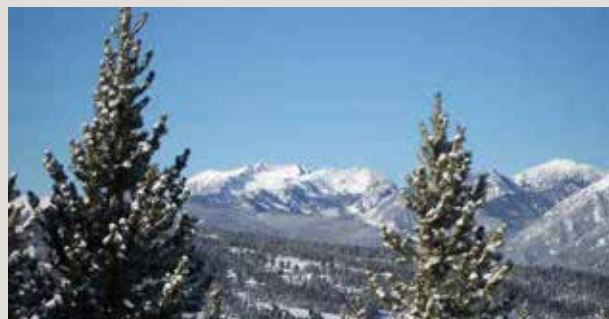
Click in and ski-in ski-out from this beautiful 1± acre lot in Diamond Hitch. Stunning views to the Spanish Peaks and Lone Peak.



LOST TRAILS RETREAT LOT 8

\$778,000 | #209887 | Call Don

20± acre property between the Meadow and Mountain Villages at Big Sky! Lot has been partially cleared for evergreen management and to create view corridors. Community water system with fire flow



BEAVER CREEK WEST, LOT 13

\$499,000 | #195161 | Call Don

20± acres, spectacular views, located on gentle slope, private driveway, ideal for a new home, well is drilled, short distance to NFS land/trails.



SUMMIT VIEW PH 3, LOT 5

\$498,000 | #211526 | Call Stacy or Eric

One of 5 lots in private, gated, Summit View Phase 111. This 4.5± acre lot is in a premier location in Big Sky Mountain Village and has views toward Lone Mtn and Beehive Basin.



TIMBERLOFT DRIVE RECREATIONAL

\$475,000 #206525 | \$425,000 #206527 | Call Don

Outstanding views of Lone Mountain/ Spanish Peaks, grassy meadows with forested building site! Accessed by private electronically gated road. Additional acreage available up to 140± more acres.



BIG BUCK ROAD LOT 2

\$475,000 | #209474 | Call Don

Beautiful 20± acre property with views of Lone Peak and the Spanish Peaks as well as the Gallatin Canyon. Some older growth trees are still on the property and were not harvested. A well has been drilled, great build sites!

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Commercial & Development Properties



MARKET PLACE

Commercial
Big Sky Town Center
Unbeatable location in the heart of Big Sky Town Center

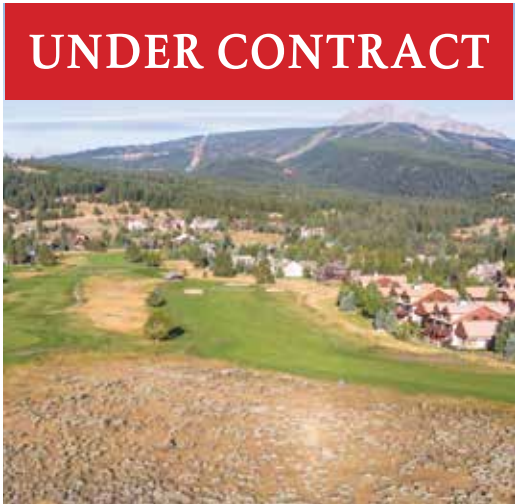
UNITS & PRICING		
102	\$622,480	1,595 sq.ft / leased
103	\$457,250	1,170 sq.ft / leased
104	\$470,580	1,204 sq. ft / leased



LAZY J LOTS 1 & 10
Commercial
Gallatin Canyon
2.97 TOTAL ACRES
Prime location on Hwy 191
\$640,000



32 MARKET PLACE UNIT 5
Commercial
Meadow Village Center
202 SQ FT
Rare opportunity for small office space
\$95,000



YELLOWTAIL LOT
Development
Big Sky Meadow
3.71 ACRES
Located on the Big Sky Golf Course
\$2,400,000



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Luxury Ski Properties



River Runs Through It*/ Yellowstone Club
 7 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms / 13,349 SQ FT
Largest ski-in, ski-out home available at Yellowstone Club
 \$13,000,000



Treehouse Condo at Warren Miller Lodge*/ Yellowstone Club
 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms / 2,191 SQ FT
Unbeatable location as the only condo available in the Warren Miller Lodge
 \$9,800,000



Homestead Cabin 2* / Spanish Peaks Mountain Club
 6 bedrooms, 8 bathrooms / 3,635 SQ FT
Ski-in, Ski-out, golf course location
 \$2,875,000



Mountain Selah / Big Sky Mountain
 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms / 4,574 SQ FT
ski access property near Big Sky Resort base area
 \$1,350,000



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Yellowstone Ranch Preserve / Hebgen Lake / W. Yellowstone
753 +/- ACRES / Whiskey Jug Cabin: 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms / 2,702 SQ FT
9 Homesites on waterfront conservation property near Yellowstone National Park / \$19,500,000

Spacious Properties



Kandahar / Beehive Basin / Big Sky
Main home: 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms / 5,409 SQ FT
Guest home: 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms / 2,165 SQ FT
19.9 ACRES
Private creekside location
\$3,450,000



Mountain Meadows / Gallatin Canyon / Big Sky
120 ACRES
Large acreage lot with Lone Peak view
\$3,495,000



512 Old Farm Rd. / Old River Farm / Bozeman
4 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms
5,497 SQ FT. / 20+ ACRES
-1/2 mile of East Gallatin River Frontage
\$2,975,000



Homestead at the Beacon /Near Butte
640 ACRES
Excellent big game habitat
\$1,650,00



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