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ON THE COVER: The 2016 Big Sky PBR kicks off Thursday, July 28 with the Big Sky Art Auction and Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real playing a free Music in the Mountains show. The bulls start bucking on Friday, July 29. PHOTO BY NICK DIAMOND

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Transmission line project in Big Sky to continue through October

EBS STAFF

NorthWestern Energy, a regulated utility company with operations in Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, will continue its work on upgrading transmission lines in the Big Sky area through October.

Part of a 14-year plan to overhaul the electrical transmission and distribution system in Big Sky, in 2012 the company began upgrading 37 miles of electrical transmission lines from its Jackrabbit substation near Four Corners to Big Sky Meadow Village.

"What's driving this is the growth we've seen in Big Sky," said NorthWestern Energy Corporate Communication Specialist Butch Larcombe. "It's one of our fastest growing markets."

NorthWestern, which calls Montana home to approximately 80 percent of its operations, currently serves more than 4,200 electrical customers in the Big Sky area, including Big Sky Resort, Moonlight Basin, the Yellowstone Club and the Spanish Peaks Mountain Club. The project is estimated to cost upwards of \$45 million, according to a document outlining its master plan for Big Sky.

The existing transmission line was installed in the early '70s, and is "approaching the end of its functional life," according to the plan.

As the current phase to upgrade lines to the Meadow Village continues through October, motorists may see delays on Lone Mountain Trail. As the project continues, recreationalists should be aware of potential Forest Service road and trail closures as well as temporary river closures in Gallatin Canyon.

'Summer Saturdays' extend the fun at Big Sky Resort

BIG SKY RESORT

Visitors to Big Sky Resort can now enjoy a summer evening cocktail on the deck of Everett's 8,800, or mountain bike longer into the evening, thanks to extended hours.

"Summer Saturdays" at the resort began July 16 and will run through Aug. 20, as the Ramcharger chairlift will stay open until 7 p.m. each Saturday. This means more mountain biking, scenic chairlift rides and happy-hour cocktails on the deck of Everett's 8,800, which will remain open until 6:30 p.m.

Big Sky Resort added service on Ramcharger chairlift this season to expand access to the already existing 40 miles of mountain biking terrain. The lift received a \$250,000 upgrade to improve download capacity and now services mountain bikers in addition to Swift Current and Explorer.

The resort continues to push the limits of experienced riders with the improvement of two expert trails called Blue Room and Joker Lips. Also, a new intermediate trail called Snake Charmer connects to the Mountain to Meadow/Upper South Fork trails from the top of Ramcharger.

Snake Charmer includes bank turns and tabletops through Bear's Lair and Snake Pit, and allows riders to make a loop back to the base area or continue to the meadow.

The Andesite Summit hiking trail is now also open, and it follows cairns to the top of Andesite Mountain. Viewing platforms, selfie stations and peak finders will be available soon.

Visit bigskyresort.com for more details.

Gallatin County Search and Rescue fields three calls in one day

EBS STAFF

BIG SKY – Gallatin County Search and Rescue responded to three calls of distressed or injured recreationists on July 19, two of which occurred in the Big Sky area.

Around 1 p.m., the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office received a report that a 58-year-old man injured his hip south of Big Sky after a fall from a horse during a group ride on Buffalo Horn Creek Trail. The Big Sky division of Gallatin County Search and Rescue transported the injured man to the trailhead where he was reunited with his family.

At 8:22 p.m., a 22-year-old hiker who became lost near the head of Beehive Basin called 911. Although he was uninjured, he had become disoriented, his cell phone battery was low and he was without survival gear.

The man continued hiking after calling 911, so responders were unable to locate him using GPS coordinates from the call. A short while later, the hiker was located by security personnel on Jack Creek Road tired and thirsty but uninjured.

At 11:15 p.m., the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team responded to Bridger Ridge for a backcountry rescue. Three women on a long hike called for assistance after one of their party became nauseous and started vomiting near Bridger Bowl.

Rescuers hiked up the "M" trailhead to the group, and transported the ill hiker to the trailhead with a one-wheeled litter. The exposed, rugged terrain they were hiking in and high temperatures were cited as major factors in the illness.

Big Sky chamber's visitor center sees busiest month on record

BIG SKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Big Sky seems to be full of visitors from all over the world this summer, and now there are numbers to prove it. This June, the Big Sky and Greater Yellowstone Welcome Center at the corner of U.S. 191 and MT 64 had its busiest month on record.

Nearly 4,200 people came through the doors of the visitor center in June, a 23 percent increase over the same month last year, and a 70 percent increase over June 2014.

That's an average of 140 visitors per day looking for everything from directions to information on lodging, activities and dining.

July could break records as well. "It is looking right now like [the visitor center is] at least on pace if not exceeding the June numbers," said Margo Magnant, the chamber's membership director.

The Big Sky Chamber of Commerce was formed over 20 years ago to help Big Sky businesses have a unified voice and to focus on making Big Sky Montana's premier place to work, live and play.

Visit bigskychamber.com for more information.

Yellowstone Park Foundation, Yellowstone Association announce new leader

NEWEBS STAFF

The board of directors of the Yellowstone Association and the Yellowstone Park Foundation have selected Heather White to serve as president and CEO of the combined organization.

In October 2015, the two organizations announced their intention to merge into a single nonprofit in support of Yellowstone National Park. Yellowstone Park Foundation and Yellowstone Foundation have been operating jointly since March 2016 and expect the merger to close by October 2016.

White managed significant growth and change while serving as the executive director of the Environmental Working Group. Prior to working for that organization, White worked for the National Wildlife Federation and served as counsel to U.S. Senator Russ Feingold.

"When we began this journey, we were clear that this was about more than just

merging two organizations," said Claire Campbell, in a Yellowstone Park Foundation press release. Campbell is board chair of Yellowstone Association and co-chair of the search committee. "We wanted to seize this opportunity to create something meaningful, and that's exactly what we have done.

"[White] embodies a new generation of leadership for our public lands and iconic spaces. She has deep roots in environmental education and conservation, and a demonstrated record as an effective advocate."

White starts on Aug. 15 and will be based in Bozeman, where she'll oversee the integration of the two organizations, including an annual budget of \$20 million and more than 70 year-round employees and 85 seasonal employees in Montana and Wyoming.

The combined organization will eventually operate under a new name, which will be announced after the merger closes.



July 25 - 31 is Big Sky's biggest week, with two nights of professional bull riding and post-event music by The Outlaws and Jason Boland and the Stragglers, Music in the Mountains at Town Center with Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real, Farmers Market, and an art auction benefiting local nonprofits.

What are you most looking forward to and why?



Chad Sullivan, Big Sky

"I'm all about the Outlaw [music]. I'm Outlaw Country [and] a musician myself. That's a hobby of mine right now."



Phillip Schroettlin, West Yellowstone

"That's tough. Music sounds good, PBR sounds good."

Follow-up: Have you been to PBR before? Are you planning to attend?

"Not here. Yes, I'll be off."



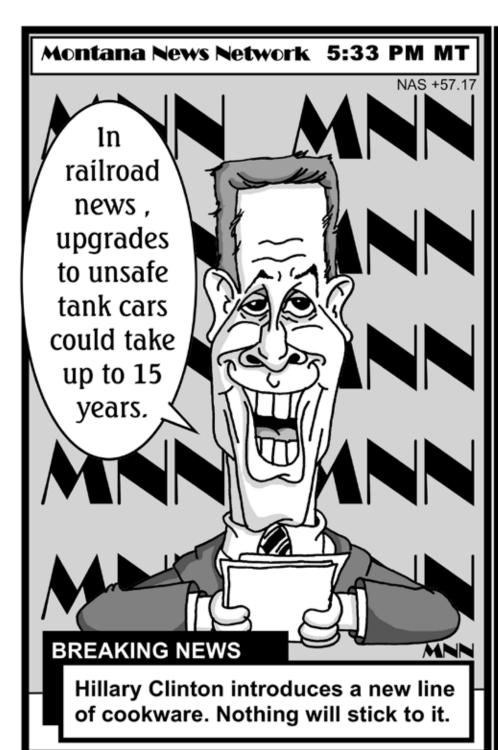
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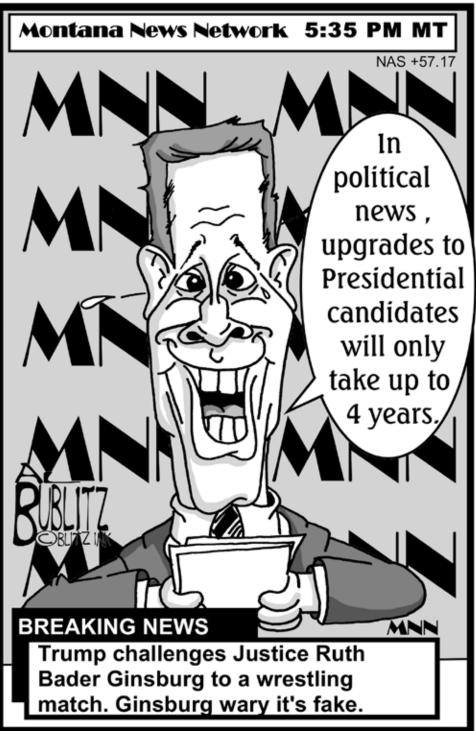
"I'm excited for Big Sky's favorite Halloween, where we all dress up like cowboys. [I'm also looking forward to] winning Big Sky's dance competition [where] the rodeo clown plays music and you have to dance one at a time. Last year I came in [a] hard second. Probably a thousand people told me I should have won."



Jeremy Koenig, West Yellowstone

"I'd say the rodeo ... I've never been to a rodeo before. Professional bull riding sounds like a pretty cool deal. We don't have a lot of professional athletes in Montana."





Op-ed: Celebrate Montana's open land

BY JESSIE WIESE EBS CONTRIBUTOR

Montana is the stuff dreams are made of; movies for that matter too, and lots of them. People flock here to experience the state's dramatic beauty and enjoy recreating in its relatively untouched landscape. And they find pristine rivers and creeks, snow-capped mountains and unspoiled nature around every turn.

Those of us lucky enough to call Montana home are well adjusted to the generous backdrop afforded by our state. Easy access to open land is one reason most of us moved or stayed here. There is a single thread running through all aspects of our state and our experiences in it: open land.

As Montana's population grows, and as more travelers visit from elsewhere, it's increasingly important to acknowledge and publicize both the social and economic benefits that Montana's open lands provide us.

With Gallatin County's growth rate far exceeding any other in the state, and Bozeman recently ranked sixth for growth in micro-cosmopolitan communities nationwide, change is upon us. Neighboring Yellowstone National Park boasts more than 4 million visitors per year.

As Gov. Steve Bullock put it during a recent speech in Big Sky on open lands, "They ain't coming for our Wal-Marts."

Land is the most valuable resource we have. It feeds us, filters our air, keeps our water clean, and provides recreation, timber, and habitat for us and other animals.

Here in Big Sky, the economic drivers are clear. Visitors come to our community to enjoy and ultimately appreciate our open lands. From dropping a fly in the Gallatin River or skiing a steep slope on Lone Mountain, to just taking in the view, the Montana lifestyle revolves around protected open space.

Open lands increase our community's health and emotional wellbeing by providing opportunities for outdoor exercise and recreation. They attract businesses to our communities, augmenting our collective quality of life. The Trust for Public Land found that every dollar invested in land conservation provides an economic return of \$4 to \$10.

Bozeman's Headwaters Economics demonstrated that community proximity to open land attracts talent and entrepreneurs to communities like ours across the state. Big Sky is nestled between two large wilderness areas and within 16 miles of Yellowstone's boundary. If it's all about location, we've got it.

Montana's land trusts are national leaders in land conservation, and a dozen work across the state. The Montana Land Reliance alone has protected nearly 1 million acres in the state, and is actively working on 48 projects to protect an additional 241,187 acres. This makes MLR among the largest land trusts in the nation.

Open land is something we can all get behind. Montana Open Land Month was established to enable all Montanans—individuals, clubs, businesses, outdoor groups, you name it—to celebrate the state's way of life and the open land that makes Montana so special. As the old adage goes, "They're not making any more of it."

Please join us in the celebration.

Jessie Wiese is based in Big Sky and is the southwest manager of Montana Land Reliance. Visit mtlandreliance.org and openlandmt.org to learn more about land conservation and Montana Open Land Month.



News from our publisher, Outlaw Partners

Giddy-up your getup New merchandise to sell at Big Sky PBR

BY TAYLOR-ANN SMITH EBS GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Whether you're a local who's attended the Big Sky PBR the past five years, or a visitor witnessing the event for the first time, the 2016 rendition is sure to be memorable. Outlaw Partners will have you covered with brand new souvenirs to remember the event, even if you forget your selfie stick.

Outlaw Partners worked with PromoWest and Lone Mountain Printing in Bozeman to produce a range of high-quality products featuring topnotch design. This year's T-shirts feature a new, limited edition design to commemorate the event, and are printed on a cotton blend that provides breathability and comfort.

Women's tank tops will also join the retail racks with the quote "Ride for the Brand," which is a fundamental pillar in the "Cowboy Ethics" embodied by Outlaw Partners.

To help avoid the summer heat, Outlaw is selling reusable tin cups—but not just any old cups. These look like they're straight out of a saloon and are double-wall insulated stainless steel, making them perfect for both hot and cold drinks. A lid and straw will be sold separately as an option making it the perfect sipper for a Moscow Mule or lemonade for kids.

Be sure to pick up an Outlaw Partners buff—great for sun protection in the summer or as a face warmer in winter—and check out 2015 Outlaw hoodies, soft shells, and T-shirts at reduced prices.

The Outlaw retail booth at Big Sky PBR will be located in the vendor village in a tent next to will call.







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Come experience Big Sky's newest ski-in/ski-out neighborhood! With spaciously designed interiors, oversized windows, and ample outdoor living spaces, these 5-6 bedroom, free standing condominiums combine a mix of contemporary and rustic design. Nestled at the base of Lone Mountain, these chalets provide close proximity to the base area of Big Sky Resort as well as unparalleled ski access to the White Otter chairlift. // MARY WHEELER | 406.539.1745



ULERY'S LAKES LOT 7 | \$985,000

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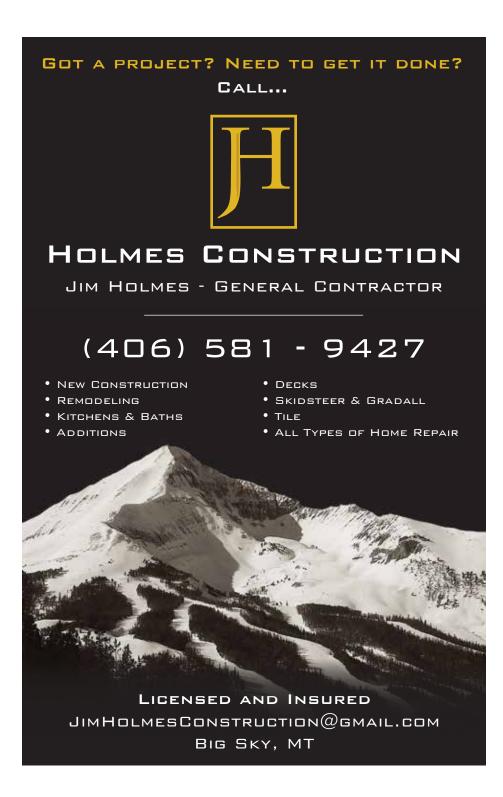
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Justice Kennedy on Scalia, civic duty and privacy in the age of the Internet

Judges attend Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference in Big Sky

BY AMANDA EGGERT EBS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

BIG SKY – At the Ninth Circuit's Judicial Conference, the longest-serving Supreme Court justice currently seated on the bench shared wisdom and wit stemming from his 28 years on the court.

"And Justice for All" was the title of this year's conference, which drew a crowd of approximately 600 invited guests to Big Sky Resort from July 11-14. Many came to see Justice Anthony M. Kennedy's insightful if somewhat freewheeling talk on the opening night of the conference.

U.S. District Judge Timothy Burgess and Margaret Foley, a Las Vegas-based civil litigator, prompted Justice Kennedy with questions of their own and relayed some from the audience.

Much of Kennedy's talk centered on the Internet and how it's led to what he calls a "bypass generation" and attendant changes to social discourse, political processes, commerce and privacy.

"Many in the modern age tend to confuse the selfie and your self," Kennedy said, prompting a ripple of laughter throughout the standing room only crowd in the Missouri Ballroom at Big Sky Resort. "The self is an idea, a projection, a promise that you have formed over your past ... but the Internet with the selfie focus is just on the present."

Kennedy referenced the development of a "digitized personality" and rolled into a meditation on the surveillance theme in George Orwell's dystopian novel "1984" and ankle bracelets with GPS trackers.

Kennedy said the idea of having others know your whereabouts at all times used to be unsettling, but, these days, many people want others to know what they're doing at all times. "Now, young people want to be surveilled," he said.

Turning serious, Kennedy said the whole concept of privacy has changed and the law will ultimately have to address it.

Shifting to the death of fellow Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia last February, Kennedy said the loss or addition of a justice profoundly impacts the Supreme Court's dynamics, turning it into a completely different court. "We miss him greatly," Kennedy said.

He remarked upon Scalia's clear speech and sharp intellect. "He had a magnificent mind," said Kennedy, 79, who demonstrated formidable powers of recall and articulation himself throughout his half-hour talk.

Civic duty emerged as prominent theme in Kennedy's commentary. He weaved it into modern applications, including a discussion of "Hamilton," a musical about founding father Alexander Hamilton that has taken Broadway by storm, winning 11 Tonys and setting a record for advance box office sales.

"'Hamilton' was fascinating," Kennedy said. "Some of my grandchildren in New York were going to be with us ... and they said, 'Papa this is in rap!' and they showed this look of horror."

Kennedy responded that rap can serve as political discourse, referencing the musical's interpretation of an argument between its title character and Thomas Jefferson.



On July 11, between 600 and 700 people attended a talk by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy (center), one of the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference's highlights. PHOTO COURTESY OF U.S. COURTS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

After the performance, Kennedy met Lin-Manuel Miranda, who played the principal role in "Hamilton," in addition to writing its script and music. "I said, 'Thank you for bridging two generation gaps: one between our time and the founding [of our country] and the other between myself and my grandchildren.'"

Kennedy said one of his granddaughters recently turned 18 and visited Europe, and he advised her to think about the young men and women who sacrificed their lives so she could vote when looking at crosses from World War I and World War II.

"I told my kids, 'You must always, always vote, or you can't complain,'" said Kennedy, who served in the Ninth Circuit for 13 years before taking his seat on the Supreme Court in 1988.

Kennedy also reflected upon his first job in the oil fields near Glendive, Montana—specifically his first day, when he started at 8 a.m. in overalls, a hat and new gloves. "By 10 a.m. I was ready to go home," he quipped.

The audience chuckled with appreciation at Kennedy's story about accidentally nailing his work glove to a toolshed. His boss found humor in the incident and forbid the removal of the glove, turning it into a talking piece for visiting salesmen.

Approximately 1,100 people attended the conference including judges, clerks, lawyers and support staff of the Ninth Circuit as well as university professors and invited guests.

Conference sessions included a presentation on recognizing and countering implicit bias and memory errors in decision-making; a talk titled "Income Inequality and the Challenges to Achieving Justice for All"; and a panel about the difficulties that come with administering justice on 567 federally recognized tribes and five territories—each of which has a unique legal relationship to the U.S.

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BSWSD discusses amending YC wastewater disposal contract

BY AMANDA EGGERT EBS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

BIG SKY – The Big Sky Water and Sewer District board may amend a 2001 agreement between the Yellowstone Club and the district, but a handful of unknowns need to be clarified before the board moves forward.

The agreement, which was signed when Tim Blixseth was heading up Yellowstone Club's development, provided the club with something it needed at the time—access to potable water—in exchange for something the BSWSD needed—wastewater storage for a growing community.

A subcommittee of the BSWSD board met July 14 to discuss an amendment to the 62-page agreement, which has been prominent in board discussions in recent months due in part to the March wastewater pond spill at the club.

Mike DuCuennois, who sits on the BSWSD board and also serves as the Yellowstone Club's vice president of development, clarified at the start of the meeting that he would be representing the club in the meeting and would abstain from voting on the matter as a BSWSD board member.

One of the unknowns involves Spanish Peaks Mountain Club—specifically whether or not a 14-million-gallon pond for wastewater storage and golf course irrigation would help the Yellowstone Club meet its obligation to store 140 million gallons of wastewater.

That pond has been designed but plans have not been submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality for approval.

Spanish Peaks' rights and responsibilities relative to the agreement are unclear given its Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing in 2011. Ron Edwards, general manager of the BSWSD, said the district's legal counsel found that the Spanish Peaks isn't subject to the agreement due to the bankruptcy, but a representative from Spanish Peaks pointed out, "that's one legal opinion."

The Yellowstone Club pond, which has been operational post-spill since June, has 80 million gallons of storage when functioning at full capacity. The club designed a second pond adjacent to the first one, but DuCuennois wants assurance it would be used if built.

"If we're going to create those infrastructure pieces, we want water in those pipes, right?" he said.

DuCuennois pointed out that the club has been irrigating its golf course with freshwater this summer because the district isn't sending enough reclaimed water to the pond for the Yellowstone Club to draw it down given its mandate to keep 5,000 gallons in the pond.

According to BSWSD Board President Packy Cronin, the district doesn't see much benefit from the agreement until the Yellowstone Club meets the upper limits of the agreed upon wastewater disposal—and that hasn't happened yet.

"That's what got the district to the table [in 2001]—160 million gallons of storage," Cronin said.

A number of different arrangements to store and dispose the district's wastewater were discussed, but there are uncertainties and complications surrounding each of them.

Golf course irrigation presents challenges because area courses don't need water when the district is most in need of disposal—January and February, when skier visits peak. In the summer, golf courses call for water at the same time and sometimes there isn't enough to go around.

Using wastewater in snowmaking presents a public relations challenge. Cronin said the public has come around on golfing on courses that are irrigated with wastewater and wondered aloud whether it would also come around on snowmaking with effluent given enough need for snow.

Other hurdles to using effluent for snowmaking include building pumps and pipes to deliver it to locations where it would be used, and a timing issue since snowmaking is typically full throttle in November and December—not January and February.

The board also discussed a discharge permit to the Gallatin River as a potential disposal option. The DEQ granted the BSWSD a permit in 1998, but the district was sued by Montana River Action and other environmental groups and never built the pipeline. Edwards said the district let the permit go in 2013.

Another unknown is the Big Sky Water Solutions Forum, which is working to find water conservation and wastewater solutions the community will support.

The group, which was initially funded with \$15,000 from developers Lone Mountain Land Company and the Yellowstone Club, met with stakeholders up and down the valley this spring. DuCuennois said he would like the district's decision to run concurrently with the forum's efforts.

Even with a smoothed out agreement, DuCuennois pointed out, there are still water and sewer issues coming down the pike given Big Sky's projected growth. "If [the agreement is] completely satisfied and everybody's behaving like they're supposed to, there's another problem coming," he said, referring to future demands on water and sewer infrastructure.

"If you don't have a flow in, flow out scenario like Bozeman and every other city in America, basically you need to have ponds," DuCuennois said.

BSCO gala surpasses previous fundraising efforts

EBS STAFF

The Big Sky Community Organization on July 8 held its ninth annual Parks and Trails Gala, the nonprofit's biggest fundraiser of the year. The event was also one of the organization's most lucrative fundraisers to date.

The gala raised more than \$125,000, up 18 percent over its collections last summer.

"It was an incredible event that highlighted over 215 community members coming together to celebrate the parks and trails here in Big Sky," said BSCO Executive Director Ciara Wolfe in an email. "The generosity of our community that evening displayed the commitment we have to ensuring

that our community's assets grow alongside the development that is happening."

Funds raised from the gala will go toward bicyclist and pedestrian safety, enhancing the connectivity of the Mountain to Meadow trail, and growing the community trails system in Big Sky, among other projects pertaining to the organization's 16 miles of trails, 83 acres of parkland and numerous community programs.

"[The gala ensures we're] connected by world-class recreation and enrichment opportunities that embrace a vibrant quality of life now and for our future generations," Wolfe said.



Revelers enjoy dinner catered by Big Sky's By Word of Mouth during the Big Sky Community Organization's Parks and Trails Gala on July 8. PHOTO BY EMILY O'CONNOR

Summiting the cloudsFlight school trains cancer survivors

BY JESSIANNE WRIGHT EBS CONTRIBUTOR

BOZEMAN – Controls set; gauges good; flap configurations ready; seatbelts clasped.

During the second week of July, four young adults took to the clouds with the help of Summit Aviation flight school. A part of Bozeman's Eagle Mount Big Sky Kids program, this five-day camp taught survivors of childhood cancer how to pilot a plane.

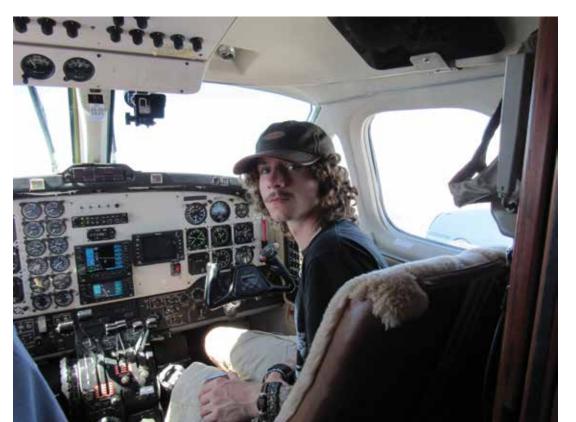
Noah Elliott, a 19 year old from Missouri, was diagnosed with osteosarcoma in his left knee when he was 16, at a time when he was seriously considering a professional skateboarding career.

Elliott received rigorous chemotherapy and surgical treatments, but a staph infection left him seeking ways to remain mobile but also save his leg. In the end, Elliott chose to amputate his leg from the knee down so he could maintain an active lifestyle with the help of a prosthetic.

Elliott joined three other survivors invited back to Eagle Mount this year to partake in Flight Camp, held at Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport.

Megan Custer, a University of Montana graduate, has been in remission for eight years after treatment of Hodgkin's lymphoma during her first year in college. She received four rounds of chemotherapy and 16 radiation treatments in six months. Her doctors are now most concerned with the long-term effects of childhood cancer and treatment, including growth abnormalities, heart challenges, and compromised bone health.

Eighteen-year-old Eden Finn of California was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 13, after chronic flu symptoms and a distended stomach wore her down. An X-ray showed a mass in Finn's stomach and she was rushed to the hospital to receive months of chemotherapy and radiation. After failing a mid-treatment check, Finn signed up for a bone marrow



Noah Elliott in the cockpit of Summit Aviation's King Air 200. On the last day of Flight Camp, each participant took turns in the cockpit as they flew over Yellowstone National Park. PHOTO BY JESSIANNE WRIGHT



As a part of the program, the four Flight Camp students toured several hangars and planes, including this Phenom charter plane. PHOTO COURTESY OF SUMMIT AVIATION

transplant and since then her health has stabilized. She intends to study nursing at Northern Arizona University next year.

"I get the chance to live right now, and that's what I'm going to do," Finn said of her decision to attend Flight Camp.

Silas Rea of Helena was diagnosed with Burkitt lymphoma when he was 15, and treatment included six rounds of chemotherapy, spinal chemotherapy and extended hospital stays. Now 18, Rea plans to attend Montana State University in the fall and said he was so inspired by Flight Camp that he might study aviation.

These four were each paired with certified flight instructors from Summit Aviation that donated their time for the entire week. Thanks to private donations, the pairs spent more than 10 hours of flight time in Diamond DA20 aircrafts—small, two-seat propeller planes designed for training.

The pilot training also included courses on aerodynamics and cross-country flight planning, as well as unique tours of private hangars and planes. The campers flew to a number of airstrips, including those in Dillon, Big Timber and Helena. To conclude the week, the group flew to

Driggs, Idaho, in Summit's new King Air 200 nine-person jet.

On the way, the flight passed over Yellowstone National Park, offering the campers rare views of iconic landmarks like the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Yellowstone Lake, and Grand Prismatic Spring, among others, as well as incredible views of the Teton Range.

Ben Walton, owner and founder of Summit Aviation, accompanied the young adults through the program every step of the way. Walton created the program three years ago with a desire to help cancer survivors after two loved ones battled the disease.

"For a lot of people, aviation is one of those things other people do. A lot of people don't fly because they don't think they can," Walton said. Looking to the four students, Walton smiled. "But all of these guys could become pilots.

"Cancer has paralyzed them in the past and I think aviation is the opposite of that," Walton explained. "Aviation empowers."

Health insurers propose big premium increases for 2017

BY MATT VOLZ **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

HELENA (AP) – The three health insurers selling individual policies in Montana through the online marketplace created by President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act are proposing large premium increases for the second straight year, state officials said July 8.

The largest insurer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, is proposing an average 62 percent rate increase for its individual plans for 2017. Montana Health Co-op's average requested increase is 22 percent, and PacificSource's request is an average 20 percent jump.

Last year, the three companies also requested and enacted double-digit rate increases.

In their new rate requests, released by Commissioner of Securities and Insurance Monica Lindeen, all three companies report paying more in claims than receiving in premiums in 2015. They also cite rising costs and the elimination of the federal reinsurance program as justifications for the hikes.

After analyzing two years' worth of data since the Affordable Care Act took effect, insurance companies found that people who enrolled used far more medical and pharmaceutical services than had been anticipated, said John Doran, a spokesman for Blue Cross Blue Shield.

For every \$1 received in premiums, the company incurs \$1.40 in costs, he said.

"We cannot continue to lose this amount of money," Doran said. "That is not sustainable. We want this marketplace to work in the long term, but it has to stabilize."

Lindeen has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed rate increases for July 26 in Helena.

"More Montanans have health coverage than ever before, and there are many health plan choices," Lindeen said in a statement. "But it's important that we take a close look at these plans to make sure their prices are reasonable and justified."

The rate increases would not be as high for the 85 percent of Montana enrollees who qualify for tax subsidies to offset the cost of their insurance. About 35,000 people in Montana do not receive tax credits, and they would feel the full brunt of the increases, Lindeen said.

Republicans who opposed Obama's health-reform law blasted the proposed rate hikes.

"We predicted this from the beginning," said state Sen. Fred Thomas, R-Stevensville. "This is the tipping point."

Besides, the individual plans, the three insurance companies are also proposing premium rate hikes for the small group plans they sell in the state.

Blue Cross Blue Shield is requesting an average rate increase of 32 percent for its small group plans, while PacificSource's request is for 6.5 percent and Montana Health Co-op's is for 3 percent.



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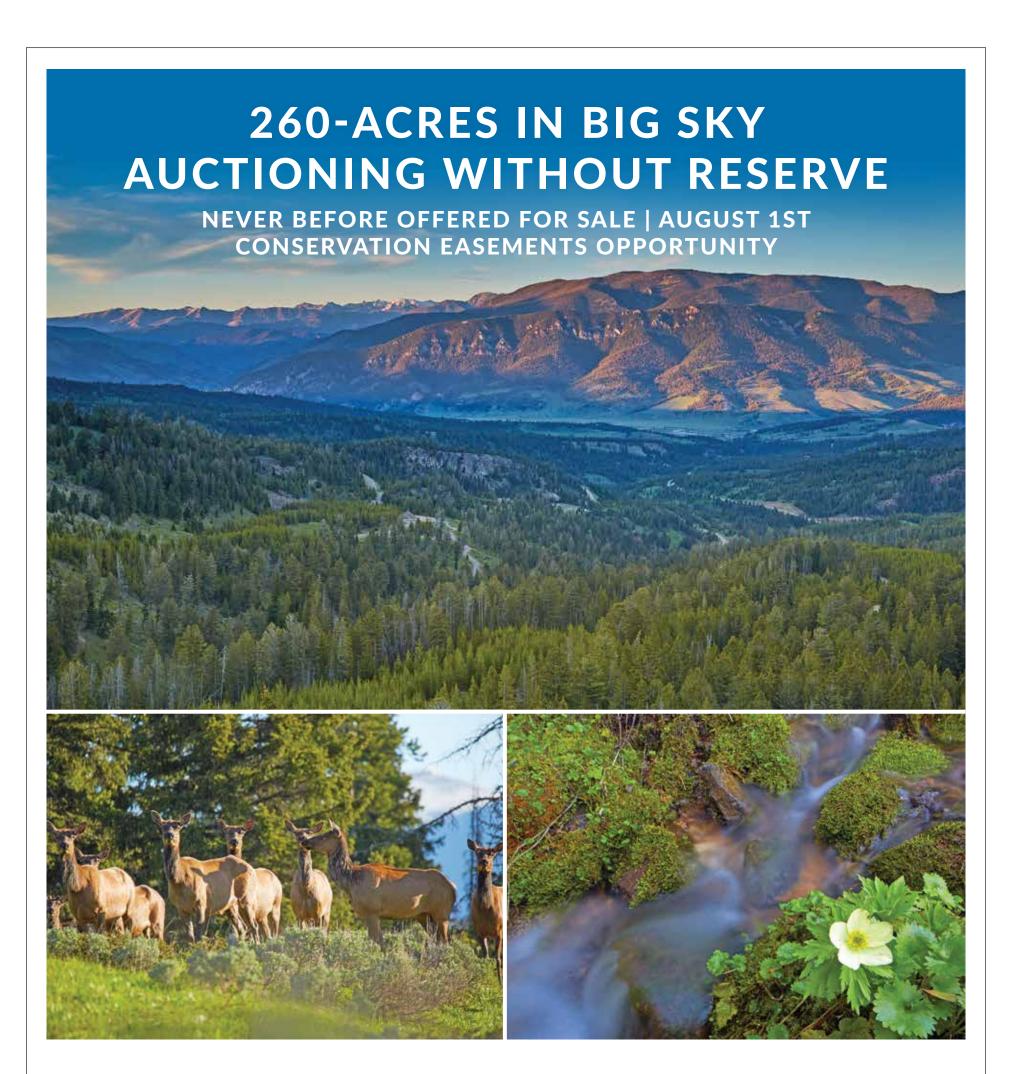
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Documentary about dramatic Grand Teton mountaineering rescue to air at Ellen Theatre



BY TODD WILKINSON EBS ENVIRONMENTAL COLUMNIST

Wyoming's Grand Teton: American geographic icon and arguably the most mesmerizing summit in our region.

On Tuesday, July 26, The Ellen Theatre in Bozeman is screening a mountaineering docu-drama that should not be missed. "The Grand Rescue" features the exploits of Bozeman's own Rick Reese, who together with a group of distinguished alpinist friends staged one of the most dramatic vertical rescues on the Grand Teton in history. The event is sponsored by the Bozeman Film Society.

Over the years, there have been several truly incredible rescues launched into the Teton Range that galvanized the mystique of the Jenny Lake Climbing Rangers in Grand Teton National Park.

When Reese thinks about the 13,775-foot Grand and the three-day heroic rescue 49 years ago, he speaks humbly of kismet, pluck and brotherhood.

The August 1967 cliffhanger happened on the Grand's North Face. It involved seven key figures whose reputations are golden in American mountaineering lore: Reese, Pete Sinclair, Leigh Ortenburger, Bob Irvine, Mike Ermarth, Ralph Tingey and Ted Wilson. Four were childhood climbing buddies from Utah.

Besides his climbing experience, Reese is well-known and respected as a conservation leader. He was one of the founders and first president of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition and previously, with his wife Mary Lee, directed the Yellowstone Institute in Yellowstone National Park.

"The Grand Rescue" is a perfect summer film that will keep you at the edge of your seat. A share of ticket proceeds will go to the Gallatin County Search and Rescue Unit. After the documentary, Reese and rescue colleague Bob Irvine, who directed Teton Mountain Rescue Unit for 28 years, will be joined on stage at the Ellen for a provocative Q-and-A. Not long ago, Reese and I had a brief chat

TODD WILKINSON: Looking back to that stretch of days in August 1967, what still stirs in the gut?

RICK REESE: There were a lot of things that could have gone wrong up there. I always say that in climbing, as in life, luck frequently plays a role, good and bad, but you count on circumstances to go one way or another. In many respects, we were extremely lucky.

T.W.: How so?

R.R.: We had perfect weather, a key factor. To put [it] in perspective, I was on Teton Glacier exactly one year to the week after the rescue, in 1968. As a result of a storm, there [were] 15 inches of new snow on the North Face of the Grand and soft-snow avalanches coming off of it. Had we confronted those conditions in 1967, it would've changed everything. It was also pure luck

that two key members of the team, Bob Irvine and Leigh Ortenburger, just happened to be on the mountain that day to join us. Without them it would have been a far more daunting experience.

T.W.: Another drama involves the contention that rescuers should have used a tragsitz to essentially piggyback Campbell out. Was that really practical?

R.R.: Given the fact that the victim had open compound fractures in his leg, the entire limb had to be completely immobilized. There are several arteries in the lower leg. If one had ruptured, I don't think he would've made it.

T.W.: Still, the decision to use a litter was perilous in its own way.

R.R.: The cable we were using to evacuate him was just 3/16-inch in diameter. We descended 2,000 feet, including two separate lowerings of 300 feet—equivalent to a football field in distance—each. We were dragging the line across sharp edges during the entire rescue. Had the cable failed, it could have been a disaster. We may have lost the victim, the ranger with him and the belayer, at a minimum.

T.W.: Vice President Hubert Humphrey called you heroes and Interior Secretary Stewart Udall brought you to Washington, D.C. to receive the Citation for Valor.

R.R.: The movie makes it sound like our skill and daring saved the day. There was skill and experience, sure. But an amazing set of events at the onset of the rescue brought the seven of us together.

T.W.: Does the Grand speak to you the same way today as it did then?

R.R.: I have a huge amount of respect and love for the Tetons, though in those days there were no advanced telecommunications or sophisticated, well-rehearsed protocols for approaching rescue. It was old school. In my memory, it seems the mountain was a little more wild.

T.W.: What's different today?

R.R.: The Grand seemed more remote then. With everyone carrying cell phones today, and the size and impressive skill of a much larger ranger climbing corps, and the capabilities of modern rescue helicopters, if you have an accident like that now, you can call for help and be off the mountain safely in a couple of hours.

"The Grand Rescue" is also scheduled to appear on Montana PBS Aug. 24 at 9 p.m.

Todd Wilkinson writes his New West column every week, and it's published on explorebigsky.com on EBS off weeks. He is author of the award-winning and critically acclaimed "Grizzlies of Pilgrim Creek, An Intimate Portrait of 399, the Most Famous Bear of Greater Yellowstone," featuring 150 amazing photographs by Thomas D. Mangelsen. The book is only available at mangelsen.com/grizzly and when you order today you will receive a copy autographed by both author and photographer. Wilkinson also wrote a profile of Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk for the summer 2016 edition of Mountain Outlaw magazine, now on newsstands.

Opposition growing to Wyoming wind-tax increase RAWLINS, Wyo. (AP) - Opposition is growing across Wyoming to any

increase in the state's wind-generation tax over concerns it will hurt jobs and stifle development.

The Wyoming Association of Municipalities, Carbon County Commissioners and others said it could also jeopardize efforts to make Wyoming one of the largest wind producers in the United States.

Wyoming lawmakers are considering two measures that would affect the taxes. One would increase the current tax of \$1 per megawatt hour of wind produced in Wyoming, and another would require wind companies to provide a portion of the federal Production Tax Credits they receive.

Wyoming's Joint Revenue Interim Committee is expected to consider the options at a meeting on Sept. 22-23 in Buffalo.

The increase could force the Power Company of Wyoming to suspend development of its Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project, which is expected to cost about \$5 billion. The project is expected to produce up to 3,000 megawatts of power.

"People can think of an idea, and they think it's wonderful. But they don't see the consequences of their actions. They've got to know there's going to be major consequences if this happens, truly for Carbon County. Why would you want to block a business, an industry, from coming in to your state?" said Cindy Wallace, director of the Carbon County Economic Development Corp.

In 2015, six wind producing counties—Albany, Carbon, Converse, Laramie, Natrona and Uinta—shared in more than \$2.2 million in taxes, with the state's portion of the revenue at slightly more than \$1.5 million, the Rawlins Daily Times reported.



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Colstrip plant to close 2 units by 2022

BY MATTHEW BROWN ASSOCIATED PRESS

BILLINGS (AP) – A large Montana coal plant serving utility customers across the Pacific Northwest agreed July 12 to shut down two of its four units by 2022 and limit pollution from the plant until that happens, under a settlement with environmentalists who sued over emission violations.

Terms of the partial shutdown of the 2,100-megawatt Colstrip plant were contained in a consent decree filed in U.S. District Court in Montana.

The move follows a wave of coal plant closures that have transformed the utility industry in the United States, as cheaper, cleaner-burning natural gas replaces coal as the dominant fuel source for electricity generation.

The latest announcement is likely to reverberate through the election season, as Republicans seek to topple Montana's Democratic governor, Steve Bullock. The state holds almost one-third of the nation's known coal resources.

The portions of the plant slated to close under the agreement—units 1 and 2 opened in the 1970s. Their presence transformed a sparsely populated agricultural area of southeastern Montana into the bustling industrial town of Colstrip.

Bullock reacted angrily to news of the shutdown. He said the state was left out of discussions over Colstrip's future that took place among attorneys involved in a 2013 lawsuit from the Sierra Club and Montana Environmental Information Center.

"The parties in the lawsuit took care of themselves. There's nothing about the workers, nothing about the community," Bullock said. He said he would work with Colstrip leaders to ease the impact by seeking out economic development grants, but he acknowledged there was little he could do to reverse the planned closure.

Bullock's Republican opponent, Bozeman technology entrepreneur Greg Gianforte, said the closure represented a "failure of leadership" that underscored the need for a new administration.

Colstrip co-owner Puget Sound Energy of Bellevue, Washington said low natural gas prices have made the plant less economic, and without the settlement Colstrip could have been forced to purchase costly pollution controls.

The plant employs about 360 people. Colstrip Mayor John Williams said even a partial shutdown would have devastating impact, causing job losses both at the plant and the nearby Rosebud coal mine that provides Colstrip with fuel. But co-owner Puget Sound Energy said most of the plant's jobs likely would be retained as Colstrip's two other units continue operating.

"We know this will be a time of transition in Colstrip. We have been a part of the community for four decades and we will continue to be there for many years to come," PSE President Kimberly Harris said in a statement released by the Bellevue, Washington-based utility.

Plant manager Talen Energy, which is based in Pennsylvania and has been seeking in recent months to exit Colstrip, said there was no set timeline for closing the two units. Talen spokesman Todd Martin declined to comment on how many jobs could be lost, saying it was "premature to speculate" on the matter.

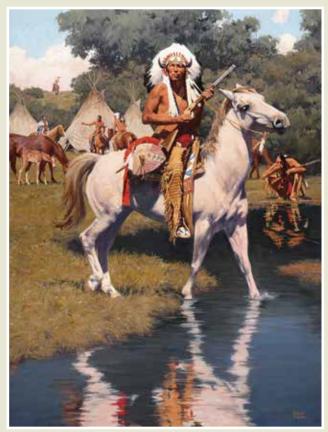
Combined, the two units slated to close generate about 600 megawatts of electricity.

A megawatt can power roughly 1,000 homes, but many of Colstrip's customers are industrial or commercial.

The 2013 lawsuit from the Sierra Club and Montana Environmental Center against the plant's six co-owners said upgrades meant to prolong the life of the plant were made without proper permits.

Anne Hedges with the Montana Environmental Information Center said the July12 consent decree requires Colstrip's owners to decrease air pollution at the two impacted units until the day they close. She said the 2022 "end date" gives state and local officials room to figure out what's next for the community that depends on the plant.

"We are willing to live with those dates. It gives everybody time to plan and work toward a new future for the town of Colstrip," she said.



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EYE ON THE BALL

Kevin Durant's big decision spells trouble for NBA



BY BRANDON NILES EBS SPORTS COLUMNIST

Aside from the charcoalscented barbeque in the air July Fourth, fireworks rained out across the country. These weren't just actual fireworks

however, as one of the NBA's generational talents left the Oklahoma City Thunder after nine years with a huge bang that will cause ripple effects throughout the league.

Kevin Durant, seven-time all-star and 2014 league MVP, announced on The Players' Tribune website that he was leaving the Thunder and joining the rival Golden State Warriors.

It's easy to see why Durant would want to join the Warriors. Coming off two consecutive trips to the NBA Finals, including a victory in 2015, any player would want to be a part of a winning franchise that features back-to-back MVP Stephen Curry and reigning Coach of the Year Steve Kerr at the helm.

However, there are some who see this as a defection. Durant is joining the enemy. The Warriors rallied to beat the Thunder in the recent Western Conference Finals, despite being down 3-1 in the series. Most would argue the noble thing to do would be for Durant to stay with the Thunder and keep grinding until he wins a title there, rather than joining an

already elite franchise and riding the coattails of Curry and all-stars Klay Thompson and Draymond Green.

Whether you think it's ring chasing or a valid choice by one of the best players in basketball, there's no doubt Durant's decision has implications that are concerning for the league. If the Thunder, a team with effective management, a talented roster and the ability to offer the money required, couldn't retain their star player, then what chance does any small market team have of keeping talent?

Parity has always been more of a goal than a reality in the NBA. The league is superstar-driven, and with only a handful of people in the world with the physical attributes, skill-set, and mentality to be an elite player, it's inevitable that there are always going to be a few dominant teams with the rest of the league playing catch-up.

But the Thunder was a dominant team. Durant combined with all-pro guard Russell Westbrook to create one of the most dynamic pairs of shot creators the league has ever seen, and for the past several years—when they were healthy—the team was in championship contention every season. It's one thing to watch Lebron James leave a Cleveland situation lacking in talent back in 2010, but it's another thing entirely to watch Durant bail on a promising team full of talent.

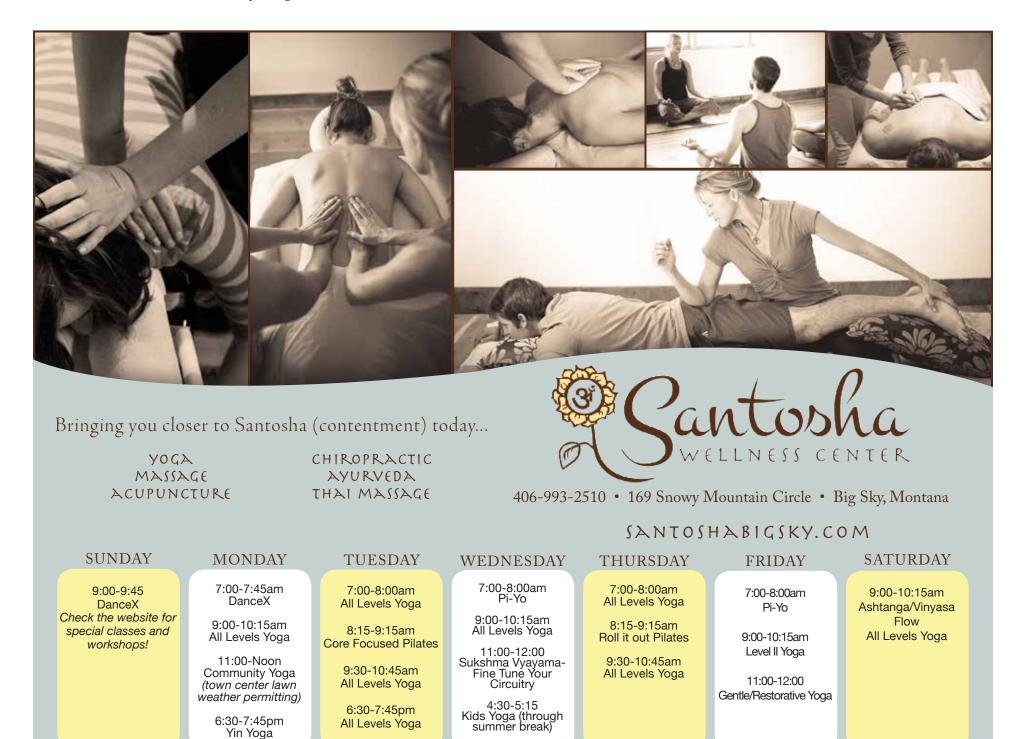
I don't blame Durant. I applaud players having say in where they play. But I do think the league needs to look at this when they negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement next year and try to give small market teams a fighting chance at retaining talent.

Contract extensions are currently valued lower than new deals, de-incentivizing star players from signing extensions before their contracts are up.

If the league changed that rule alone, players who want to leave wouldn't be able to hide behind the notion that it's not in their best financial interest to re-sign early on. If Durant had denied a full extension last November, the Thunder at least would have known ahead of time and been able to trade him, rather than losing him for nothing.

In the meantime, Durant joining an already potent Warriors team spells trouble for the league. Barring injury, his addition to a roster that broke the record for regular season victories last year makes Golden State arguably the most formidable team in league history. They've added one of the best players of his generation. Scary.

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





Golf tips from a proDebunking common myths

BY MARK WEHRMAN EBS CONTRIBUTOR

I've been a PGA Professional for nearly a decade, and have taught golf for 18 years, so I've seen and heard every myth out there about the golf swing.

But there are two misconceptions about the swing that I would like to squash right now, so we can all continue with the correct information.

The first myth is that we have to keep our head down during the swing. Nothing could be further from the truth. The head will, and should, move throughout the golf swing.

How many times have you watched golf on TV and seen a touring professional holding his finish with his head in the exact position that he started the swing with? Answer: never!

If your head doesn't move while you're swinging it will ultimately get in the way of the body rotation and arm swing. Focus on keeping your eye on the ball—if you keep your eye on the ball throughout the swing your head can move freely and won't get in the way of the fluid motion the body is producing.

The second myth is that we need to keep our left arm straight. I hear that all the time because we watch those great players on TV and the left arm (for a right handed golfer) appears to be extended straight when they reach the top of the backswing. In fact, the left arm is always bent at least a little bit when you've reached the top of your backswing.

When you try to keep your left arm straight all you do is increase the tension in your arms while you're swinging. This increased tension will lead to slower clubhead speed and also make it tougher to return the clubface to square at impact, or release the clubhead properly. Trying to keep your left arm straight will result in shorter, more crooked golf shots.

So the next time you mishit a shot, whiff, and/ or top a shot, and your playing partner tells you that you didn't keep your head down, please not only correct their misguided advice, but remind them that is what amateurs say who don't know any better!

Mark Webrman is the PGA Head Professional at the Big Sky Resort Golf Course.



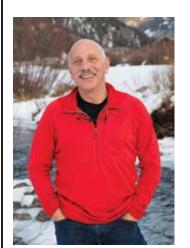
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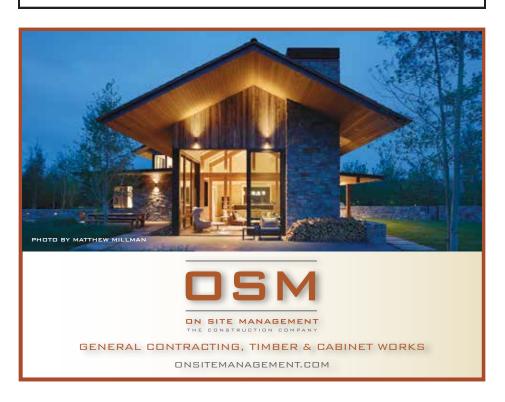
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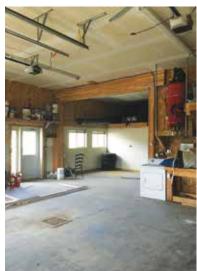
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Blue Bean Coffee Roasters

BY EMILY STIFLER WOLFE EBS CONTRIBUTOR

LIVINGSTON - When Kelly Ziebarth and Bryan Smith's son Max was a newborn, he suffered from severe acid reflux. He was so uncomfortable, he struggled to sleep—and so did his parents.

The couple relied on coffee to stave off exhaustion. The trouble was, they didn't love anything they were drinking.

So Smith took a class from Stephan Diedrich, founder of Diedrich Roasters in Ponderay, Idaho, and started roasting his own coffee beans.

"There were definitely a lot of trials in making it taste good," Smith admits. "It's such a complicated process. [Diedrich] said that about 80 percent of people are just turning beans brown. If you do it right, you can do so much more than just roast coffee beans."

In fact, Smith says, there are approximately 1,500 different chemical properties to a coffee bean. By using both convective and conductive heat in the roasting process, he manipulates those chemicals, bringing out different flavors.

The former finish carpenter tinkered in his shop-turned-roastery, and soon his coffee was so good that he and Ziebarth began sharing it with their friends and family. They, in turn, gave bags to their friends and family.

Fast forward six years. Max has a younger brother, Ollie, who is 3; Smith and Ziebarth have been providing coffee beans to other private labels since 2012, and they recently launched their own brand, Blue Bean Coffee Roasters, a nod to the sought-after coffee beans from the Blue Mountains of Jamaica. Smith is the roast master, and Ziebarth does, as she says, "everything but roasting."

Their following—all gained through word of mouth—verges on fanatical.

"I'm totally addicted to it," says Sarah Faye, owner of Faye's Café in Livingston. "It changed my life. I don't drink anything else."

Smith worked with Faye and her customers to create a custom blend that Faye describes as smooth, chocolatey and dark. "It's like having dessert right away when I wake up."



From left: Ollie, Kelly, Bryan and Max pose with their Diedrich Roaster at Blue Bean Coffee Roastery in Paradise Valley. The Deidrich's roasting technology enables complete control over the roasting environment, allowing Blue Bean to fine tune the flavor in their coffee. PHOTOS BY JAY WESLER

Freshness is crucial for flavor like that, Ziebarth says, explaining that coffee from Africa, for example, is harvested at a different time of year from that of South America. Blue Bean orders small amounts—600-700 pounds a month—of the freshest beans they can get their hands on, and then roasts them on-demand in five-pound batches. After roasting, the beans settle for 24 hours, and then are out the door within 48 hours.

Creating the proper roast is also essential, says Smith, who is meticulous. He roasts every new bean four to five different ways, and then hosts a cupping, in which customers, local chefs, friends and family give feedback about each profile. After roasting it three to four times again, he holds a second cupping.

"I've been roasting one of the same beans from a farm in Honduras for about four years, and I'm still figuring out ways to tweak that and make it a better coffee."



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Among Blue Bean's offerings are rainforest certified beans, fair and direct trade, and organic options. In addition to creating custom blends for places like Faye's and Seven Point Guest Ranch in Paradise Valley, Blue Bean will sell discounted, personalized bags for school and nonprofit fundraisers—Ziebarth worked at the Human Resource Development Council for 10 years, and the value of giving back has stayed with her.

They also recently launched a subscription service, where fresh coffee arrives at your door on a monthly or bi-weekly basis, and already have customers as far flung as Seattle and North Carolina.

Their base, however, is local. A large portion of Blue Bean coffee goes out the door at the Livingston Farmer's Market, and through direct sales. It doesn't hurt that both Smith and Ziebarth were born and raised in Livingston.

"There are a lot of bags coffee exchanged just hand to hand—people who just call us up," Ziebarth said. "I know what the majority of our customers like."





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Montana Enduro Series comes to Big Sky for Aug. 7 race

EBS STAFF

This August, the core of a classic Big Sky mountain bike race, Lone Peak's Revenge, will be joining the Montana Enduro Series for a race billed as taking place on "some of the most rugged and scenic alpine terrain you will find in a mountain bike enduro this side of the Alps."

Lone Peak's Revenge—which was originally spawned by Gallatin Alpine Sports as two races, one downhill and one cross-country—turned into an enduro race in 2013, the same year a nonprofit named the Montana Bicycling Guild was hatched to produce the MES.

Now in its third year, MES has folded the Big Sky event into its series. MES caps each race at 100 competitors; Big Sky's Aug. 7 test is expected to fill up like the three preceding stops in the series.

Although the overall character of the course remains the same, the particulars change from year to year, said Lisa Curry, who's promoting the race. There are lift-accessed portions of the course as well as plenty of human-powered climbs up roads and trails.

"There will be a combination of really technical speed trails and a little bit of flow trail," Curry said, adding the course will zip up and down Andesite before cutting over to the north side of Lone Mountain. The details of the course will be revealed the evening of Aug. 3.

"Having done most of the stops on the [Montana] Enduro Series, Big Sky is going to be [one] of the gnarliest," Curry said. "It's going to test people, which will be great."

As of EBS press time, registration for the race was still open. There are four categories: pro/expert, sport, junior and masters. Visit montanaenduro. com/bigsky2016 for more information or to register.





Biting fly season in Big Sky



BY DR. JEFF DANIELS EBS MEDICAL COLUMNIST

This is the time every summer in Big Sky when it can hurt to be outdoors, because we're in the season of the biting flies. These pesky creatures are part of the blood-sucking legion of flying insects, and include black flies, horse flies and deer flies. They all feed on the blood of mammals, including humans.

Outdoor activities can become intolerable, especially when summer temperatures encourage us to wear as little clothing as possible. Diseases spread by fly bites are much less common than those spread by mosquitos—including West Nile in this area— but the bites of these flies can cause allergic reactions that often need medical attention.

These flies are part of the family *Simuliidae*, of which there are nearly 2,000 different species worldwide. Like mosquitos, only the female bites to acquire a blood meal; the males feed on the nectar of flowers.

Black flies are stealthy, and persistent. When they land on an animal, the first thing they do is gently stretch the skin, and then insert their mouthparts to disrupt the tiny blood vessels so they can begin feeding. To prevent the blood from clotting, there are anticoagulants in their saliva. The saliva also has an anesthetic property so that you won't feel the pain of the bite or the fly on your skin. That saves the fly from being swatted, and allows for a nice long mealtime.

Itching, localized swelling and inflammation often occur at the site of a bite. Swelling can be very intense, depending on the species of the fly and the individual's immune response, and irritation may persist for weeks. I've never seen a case, but I've read that multiple bites of black flies can cause "black fly fever," with headache, nausea, fever, swollen lymph nodes, and aching joints. This is probably a reaction to a compound from the fly's saliva. Less common severe allergic reactions, which may result in anaphylaxis, require hospitalization.

I've found that the best treatment for the itching and swelling is the application of a strong (i.e. prescription) steroid cream or ointment, and sometimes we have to resort to systemic steroids in order to relieve symptoms. Benadryl can help with itching. I've never found Claritin or Zyrtec to be of much use for fly bites.

Insect repellents provide some protection against biting flies. Products containing the active ingredients DEET or picaridin are most effective. Off! and other common repellants offer limited effectiveness, so protecting yourself against biting flies requires taking additional measures. Avoid areas inhabited by the flies and peak biting times, and wear heavy-duty, light-colored clothing, including long-sleeve shirts, long pants and a hat.

Luckily our biting fly season in Big Sky is a bit shorter than in other parts of the country, so you have a chance to enjoy the great outdoors and not provide a blood feast for a ravaging fly.

Dr. Jeff Daniels was the recipient of the 2016 Big Sky Chamber of Commerce Chet Huntley Lifetime Achievement Award and 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.



Life hack to get more plants in your diet



BY JACKIE RAINFORD CORCORAN EBS HEALTH COLUMNIST

A plant-based diet is often praised for its incredible health benefits including reduced inflammation; more energy; improved digestion; reduced risk of heart disease, stroke and some cancers; and body weight management.

Following a plant-based diet simply means that most of your food comes from plants and you eat meats, dairy and processed foods sparingly. But let's face it, in today's culture the healthy choice is often not the easy choice and we opt for convenience over nutritional value. We're busy people and it can be a challenge to prioritize our health with all of our daily obligations.

A report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2015 stated that adults who exercise less than 30 minutes a day should consume 1.5–2 cups of fruit and 2–3 cups of vegetables daily. However, they discovered that 76 percent of us did not meet fruit recommendations, and 87 percent did not meet recommended vegetable consumption.

What's an already overburdened hard working American to do?

Here is a life hack that you will radically and easily increase the amount of plants you eat: drink them. Start your day with whole foods that taste great and can be eaten on the go. By adding enough fat, a smoothie can keep you satisfied until lunch. Here's a simple and versatile recipe to get you started:

Green Machine (serves two)

6 romaine leaves or 1 cup of Spinach

4 kale leaves

1/2 cup fresh parsley, cilantro or basil

1/2 cup pineapple, mango or banana fresh or frozen

1/2 avocado

1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled

3 tablespoons protein powder (optional)

1 cup of water, coconut milk or coconut water

Chop all ingredients and combine them with 1 cup of water, coconut milk or coconut water, and blend until smooth.

If you have bananas that are going to rot, break them into bite sized chunks and freeze them. If using fresh fruit, consider adding ice cubes for a colder, frothier smoothie.

Much scientific research has been done on the effects of nutrition and proven the benefits of eating a diet rich in plants. One of the most comprehensive studies done is the Harvard-based Nurses' Health Study and Health Professionals Follow-up Study, which included approximately 110,000 men and women whose health and dietary habits were followed for 14 years.

It concluded that higher fruits and vegetables intakes correlated with lower chances of developing cardiovascular disease. Compared with those who ate less than one and a half servings a day, those who ate eight or more servings daily were 30 percent less likely to have had a heart attack or stroke. Cardiovascular disease is currently the leading cause of death in the U.S.

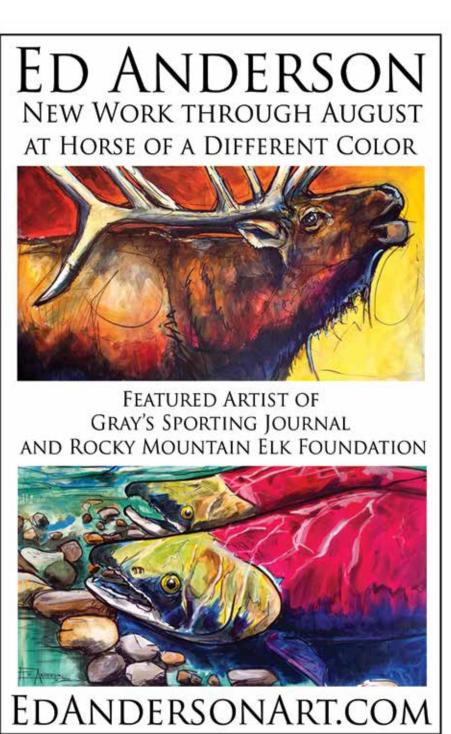
Green leafy vegetables are some of the least expensive and most nutrient dense foods you can eat and they are available in Montana year round (although often not locally grown, as our climate doesn't permit year round farming). To avoid toxins that get absorbed into the soil and plants during much of our conventional farming, choose organic produce whenever possible.

Eat a wide variety of plants to get all of the powerful nutrients your body needs. You'll feel and see the difference. Let me know about your experience.

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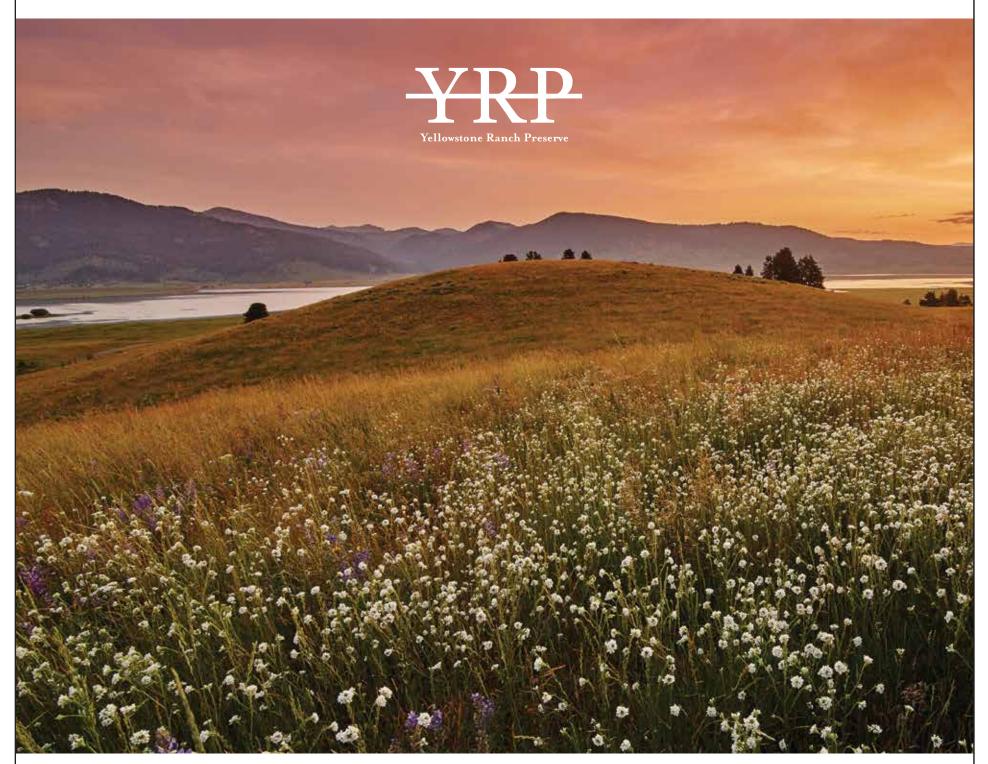


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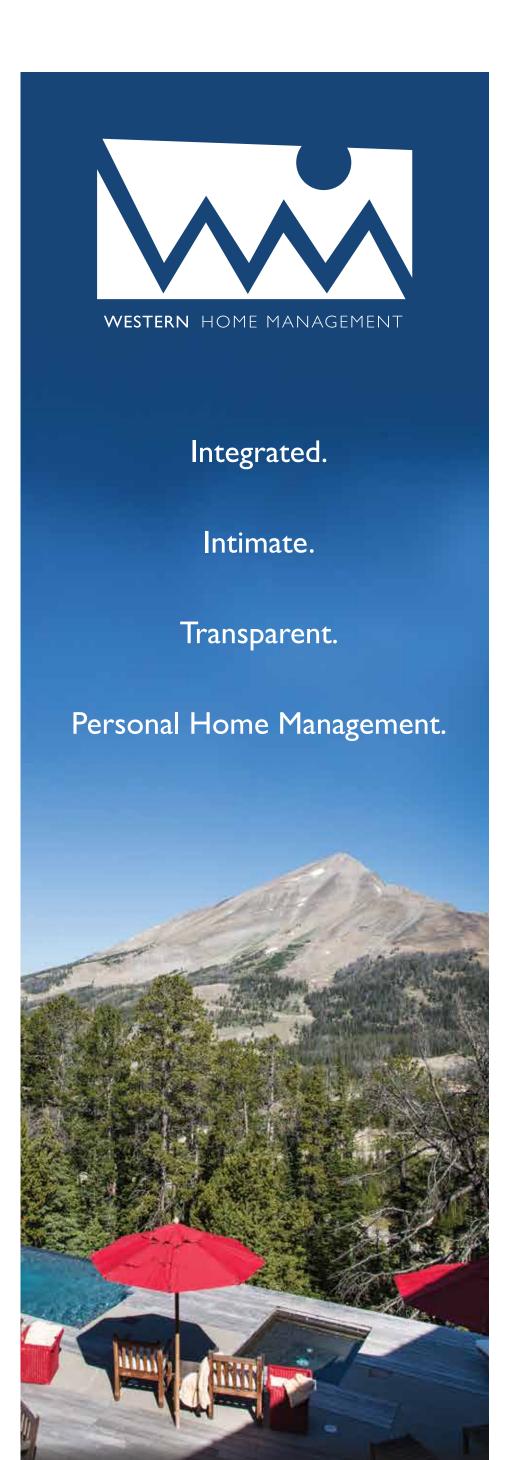
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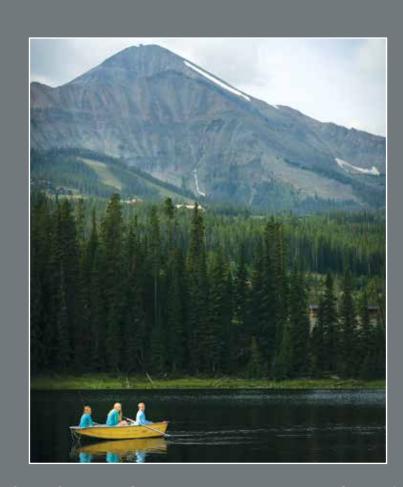
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AMUSE-BOUCHE/

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

Say hello to my little friend



BY SCOTT MECHURA EBS FOOD COLUMNIST

Life is full of chance encounters and we often find friendships, mentorships even, in the most unlikely times and places. For me, even though I've spent a lifetime around countless successful people in this business, it's one of my earliest leaders whom I look back on as one of my strongest mentors.

For the third time, my young friend Ian paid the Buck's T-4 team and me a visit. To Ian, I'm hopefully this cool chef he hangs out with every time he's in Big Sky visiting his grandparents. For me, I'm happily faced with the challenge of finding something new and exiting to show my young friend each time he's here.

If you remember from a column published in EBS last year, the first time I met Ian, I took him behind the scene: a lengthy tour of both of our kitchens at Buck's. During our second encounter, I instructed Ian to stand at "the pass," or the bridge of a ship as I compared it, to see where the chef stands so he can observe everything.

But this time was different. This time I put him to work. I met him in the dining room and asked him if, when he was finished with his entrée, he wanted to come back to the banquet kitchen and help us plate a 70-person banquet.

Honestly, I thought he might begrudgingly say yes. But Ian's eyes lit up like the first time I met him when I told him he could come back and visit me anytime.

We walked back to the kitchen together and he got suited up. Well, we gave him an apron and sanitary gloves.

"Your job," I said, "is to stand here on the end next to me, don't move, and put these tiny greens as a garnish on the top of every plate."

Ian nodded in agreement, but with an ever-so-slight look of disappointment, as if he was hoping for much more responsibility. I saw this expression, and quickly followed up with, "It may seem small, but with a large job like this, everyone and every little step is very important." He nodded again, but with more enthusiasm this time as he looked up at me with that exuberant smile. He got it.

And he did great; a natural, really. At one point, when a team member had to walk away for a few minutes, Ian took to her task as well. And I never said anything. He just did it. Now it was I who was looking at him with the proud smile of a chef and mentor looking at his star pupil. Knowing I had a future chef, but more importantly, a future friend working next to me.

Driving home that night after my time with this eager yet stoic young man, I imagined a scenario: Perhaps one day as a chef in the "last-call" years of my career, I'll get a phone call from a much younger chef I know. A talented and driven chef who is in the throes of his own career full of achievements, challenges met, and a successful restaurant with a full staff, loyal patrons, and a city wide reputation as "the place to be."

He'll ask me for help and if I can visit and spend some time with him. As his one-time and maybe long-time mentor and friend, I will say yes, of course. That young chef will be Ian.

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







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Water Quality & Restoration

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History Hike

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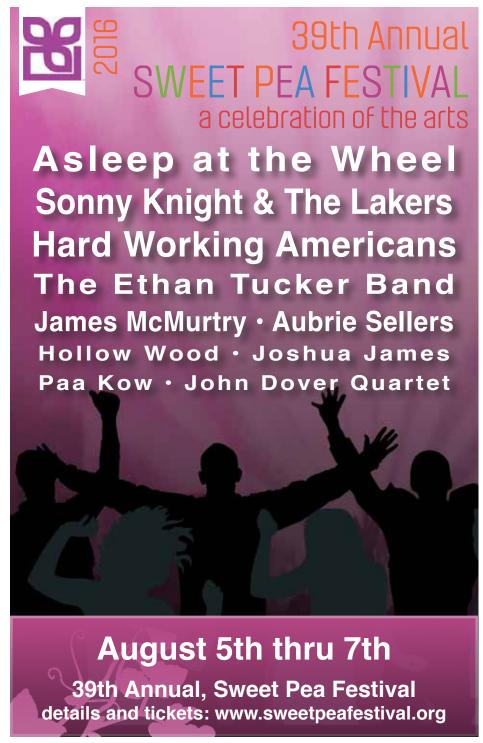
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BY PATRICK STRAUB EBS FISHING COLUMNIST

A curmudgeon might sum up Montana's seasons as one of winter and one of road construction. The same curmudgeon, if asked to pontificate further, would scoff at how busy our local waters have become

Summer is indeed a popular time to fly fish in this area; couple that with visiting anglers and tourists, our rivers and streams are a flurry of activity during our short summer season.

As July fades into August, our streamflows will continue to drop to well below average. Because of these low water levels, being aware of other anglers and river users will be especially important.

The majority of our rivers originate in some of the wildest country in the lower 48; however, given the ease of access, anglers must share these world-class waters. It's important to touch up on some river etiquette and acknowledge that you're not the only one who loves to fish for trout. Here are some suggestions.

Practice what you preach. If you're concerned with being crowded or feel others might be in your favorite hole already, find another place to fish. If you start fishing near someone else, you're probably encroaching on them. If you're wading upstream and spot another angler above you, look for another spot or get on the bank and try to take a wide path away from their water. And do not trespass on private property.

Respect landowners and private property. Know the law: Public property

is below the mean high-water mark. If you're uncertain, find another place to fish or wade. If you're fishing with your dog, leash it or keep it under control. Always obtain permission before crossing private property. Your actions can affect future opportunities for other anglers.

When floating, be very conscious of wading anglers. Give wading anglers a wide berth—whether floating to fish or just to have fun—and do not float through their fishing zones. As our rivers continue to drop, and low water becomes a reality, common courtesy goes a long way. A polite "hello" helps all parties enjoy the encounter.

Be boat ramp ready. If you're at the boat launch putting in or taking out, be ready to do it quickly. Have your rods rigged, coolers loaded, and trailer-backing skills honed. Inflate rafts away from the ramp. When taking out, pull your boat out of the water then unpack the gear once out of the ramp area.

The Golden Rule Practice patience and kindness while fishing

Share the love. This may sound crazy coming from a fly shop owner, but if you're in the best hole in the river, feel good about sharing it. We're lucky to live in Big Sky where we're great at welcoming folks from all over the country—and the world—into our hamlet for the few short months of summer. Get your fish on then head to your next favorite hole. Remember, those fish will still be there when the summer crowds leave.

Be kind and courteous. If you approach another angler, do it courteously by letting him or her know that you'll be walking at least three bends upstream before beginning to fish. A kind-spoken, "How's the fishing?" will usually elicit an answer that tells you whether the angler wants to talk. If they drop their head to the water and grumble, just keep walking. If they perk up and say, "They're crushing a size 12 orange Humpy," then you might offer up some advice as well.

Leave it better than you found it. It's pretty simple here: Don't leave trash and pick up after others—all the things you learned in kindergarten.

Having your cake and eating it too is wonderful. But summer in southwest Montana means we have to share the angling love for a few more weeks. For those curmudgeons out there, summer's business will be over soon and then you can go back to enjoying less company on our local waters.

Fortunately, even during the time of the most use on our water, there are people who work tirelessly to preserve and protect the resources that brought us here or continue to keep us here.

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



It's midsummer in Montana, and that means sharing our rivers and streams. PHOTO BY GREG LEWIS

Wildfire bits and pieces: Wildland fire behavior

BY MARIANNE BAUMBERGER U.S. FOREST SERVICE FIRE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION TECH

Three factors influence wildfire behavior: weather, topography and fuel. These elements affect the likelihood of a fire starting, the speed and direction a fire will travel, the intensity at which it burns, and the ability to control and extinguish it.

Just because it's cool and rainy today doesn't mean tomorrow your campfire will not come back to life and start a wildfire if the wind starts whipping and the temperature climbs.

Weather conditions, surrounding topography, and the amount of fuel and its moisture content all influence how the fire will behave.

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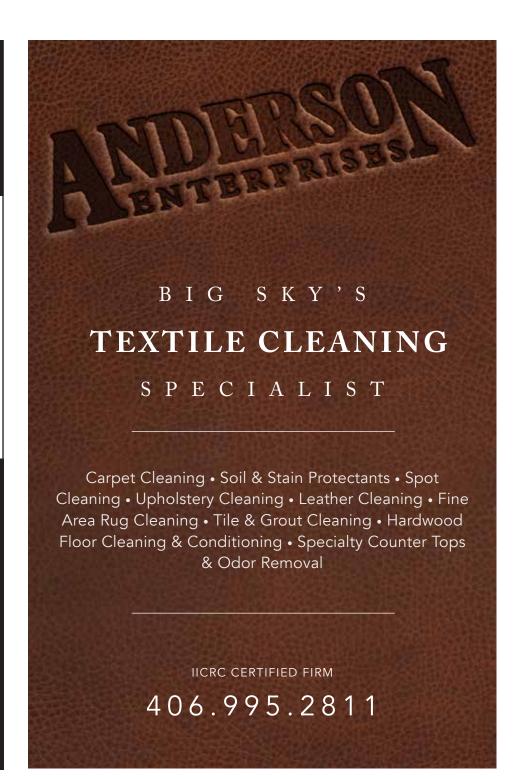
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On the Trail: Uplands

Explore local hiking, biking and equestrian trails with Big Sky Community Organization's summer trail series.

BY CIARA WOLFE BSCO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

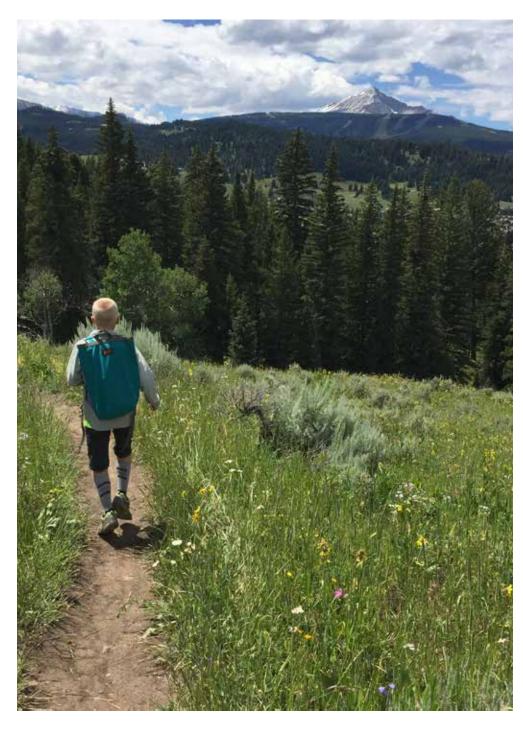
Uplands is a great, easily accessible trail for those looking to get in a short outdoor workout or spot some of the local wildlife.

A dirt-surfaced 2.2-mile loop, Uplands has a steady uphill climb for the first mile, leading hikers, bikers and trail runners through fields of wildflowers, aspen groves and forest canopy. At the top of the loop, you'll cross a small plateau that opens to an expansive view of Big Sky, making the climb well worth the effort. Take in Lone Mountain, Cedar Mountain and Beehive Basin before heading back down and pausing to check out a bird's-eye view of Meadow Village and Town Center.

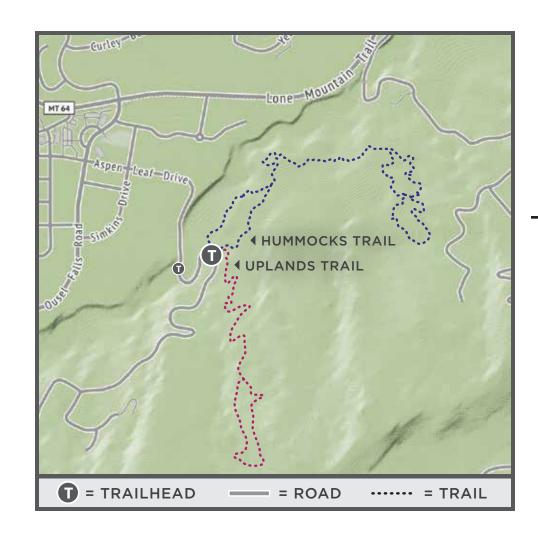
Uplands is a moderately difficult trail; Those looking for a bit more of a challenge can tack on another three miles of dirt exploration by continuing onto the 3-mile Hummocks Trail, which takes off from the same trailhead.

Located less than a mile from Town Center, Uplands Trail will quickly become a favorite trail due to its proximity and excellent views. Within minutes of leaving Big Sky, you can feel like you're in the middle of the backcountry. Don't let its nearness to town fool you though—moose and bear sightings are frequently reported, so be bear aware when recreating on the Uplands Trail.

For more information about Big Sky's parks, trails and recreation programs, visit bscomt.org. The Big Sky Community Organization is a local nonprofit that connects people to recreational opportunities by acquiring, promoting and preserving sustainable places and programs for all.



Sawyer Wolfe checks out the view from Uplands Trail, a loop located less than a mile from Town Center that connects to the Hummocks Trail. PHOTO BY CIARA WOLFE





TRAIL STATS











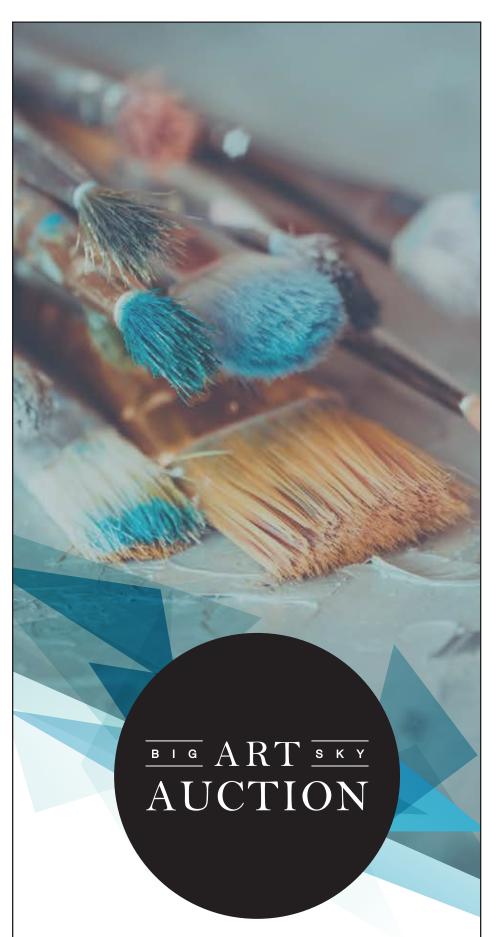
Uses Walk, run, and bike **Directions:** from Town Center, head east on Aspen Leaf Drive for three-quarters of a mile, crossing a bridge over the river and continuing up the road until you see the parking area on the east side of the road.













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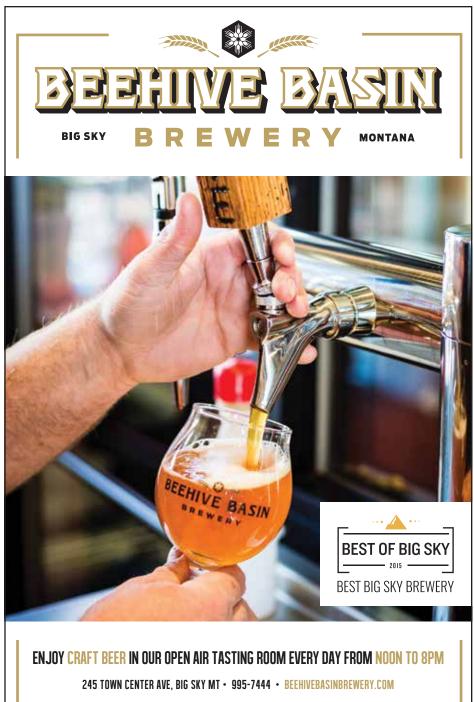
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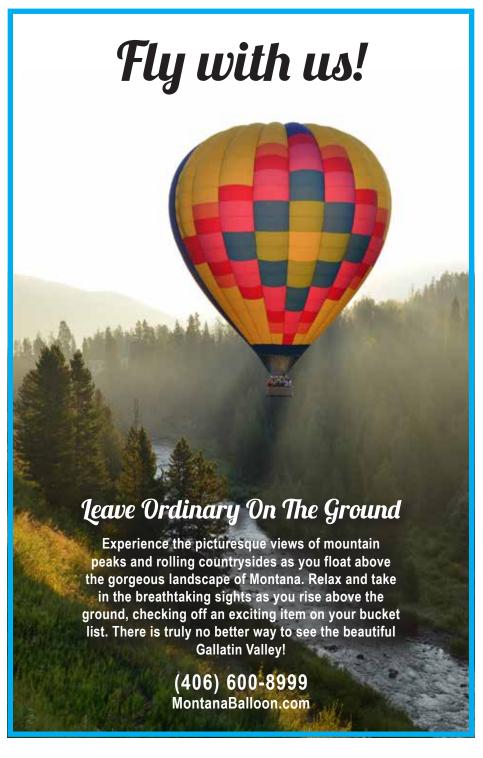




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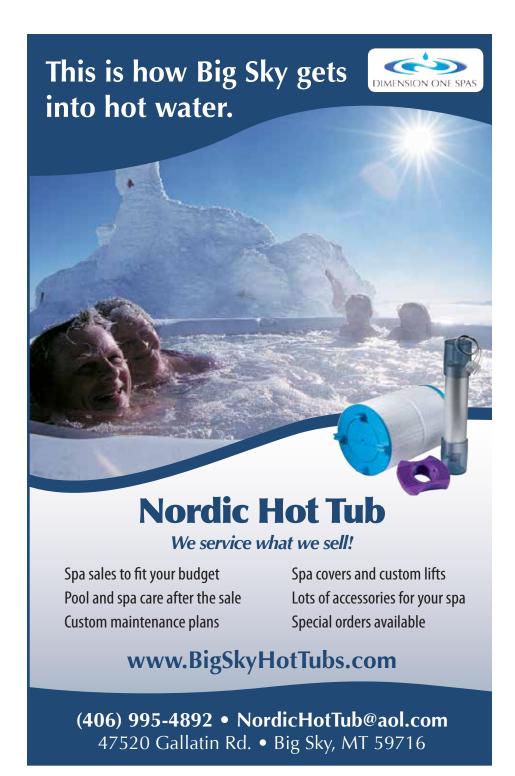
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INSIDE YELLOWSTONE



Yellowstone wins \$250,000 grant to restore popular trail overlook

EBS STAFF

As the leading vote getter in a national contest, Yellowstone National Park will receive a \$250,000 grant to help fund the construction of a new platform at a favorite spot to view a 109-foot waterfall cascading through the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone.

The project—which won the largest share of more than 1.1 million votes in the Partners in Preservation: National Parks contest—is one of nine that will receive a total of \$2 million in grants from a funding venture created by a three-way partnership between the National Trust for Historic Preservation, American Express and National Geographic.

The new platform at the Brink of the Upper Falls will provide universal accessibility and enhanced safety for visitors, and the existing platform will receive an upgrade, including wider landings and the rehabilitation of a dry-laid stone retaining wall that parallels the footpath.

The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone is an iconic and powerful touchstone for the park; an 1871 painting by Thomas Moran of the towering waterfall set inside a deep, colorful canyon became a visual rallying cry for the establishment of the world's first national park 144 years ago.

The Brink of the Upper Falls is one component of the Grand Canyon Overlooks and Trails project, which will cost an estimated \$4.6 million and result in the restoration of seven crumbling overlooks and the trails connecting them. Harsh weather, soil erosion and heavy visitation have contributed to the trail system's current state of disrepair.

Portions of the trail system will be closed in the coming months to accommodate construction, which will take an estimated four years to complete.

Visitors are encouraged to find more information about current closures in this area of the park at go.nps.gov/canyonprojects.

June visitation to Yellowstone surpasses previous year

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

With some of the busiest summer months still ahead, visitation to Yellowstone National Park for the first half of 2016 is up 10 percent compared to the previous year. Visitation for June alone was up 7 percent.

Most of the park's five entrances showed an increase in vehicles for the month of June compared to 2015. The West entrance recorded the largest vehicle increase in June, with 9,020 more vehicles entering the park through its gates than June 2015.

Similar to the month of May, the most striking increase in vehicle traffic was with buses. Twenty-five percent more buses, for a total of 514, came through the park this June compared to last year.

While many factors could be at play in the record number of visits to Yellowstone so far this year, park managers point to the National Park Service's centennial, an increase in marketing and tourism promotions by the states of Montana and Wyoming, and lower gas prices as potential influences driving the increase.

	Recreational Visits 2016	Recreational Visits 2015	Change	
January	30,621	28,091	9%	
February	36,327	34,343	5.7%	
March	22,924	22,989	-1%	
April	59,253	46,600	27%	
May	444,817	386,064	15.2%	
June	838,316	780,768	7.37%	

Total year-to-date: 1,432,258 | 10.27% increase

Yellowstone hires 3 Mandarin-speaking rangers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yellowstone National Park has hired three Mandarin-speaking interpretive rangers to help ease communication with a growing influx of Chinese tourists.

"We have all kinds of basic safety publications in different languages. But it's different having someone who can speak directly to a visitor," said Rich Jehle, South District resource education ranger in Yellowstone.

The three Mandarin-speaking rangers were hired from a pool of about 10 applicants, Jehle told the Billings Gazette. Two are Caucasians who taught in China and one is a Chinese resident who just became a U.S. citizen.

The Mandarin-speaking interpretive rangers have the same duties as any other interpretive ranger — providing information about park resources, roving the Old Faithful or Madison areas to talk to visitors and providing education on regulations. They also can interpret during medical emergencies.

Yellowstone doesn't track visitation by nation of origin. Instead, the park's staff is simply relying on a perceived increase, which has also been noticed by state governments and thoroughfares to the park.

A story in the July 5 Idaho Falls newspaper said the city is seeing a big overflow of Chinese visitors who are on their way to and from Yellowstone and businesses are starting to cater to them with Mandarin-speaking hotel receptionists, instructions written in Chinese and the use of translations apps on cellphones.

Chinese visitation to the U.S. increased by 451 percent between 2007 and 2015, according to statistics provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Of the 2.1 million Chinese visitors in 2014, 34 percent were on vacation.

The jump in Chinese tourism to the United States is due to the country's estimated 300 million members of the middle class—who have more disposable income—and a relaxation of government travel restrictions.

The increase in Chinese tourism comes as Yellowstone is on pace for another year of record visitation.

Bicycle tour through Yellowstone region raises funds, awareness

CYCLE GREATER YELLOWSTONE

BOZEMAN – Cycle Greater Yellowstone, a large-scale road bicycle tour showcasing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and the surrounding area, is returning for its fourth annual "First Great Ride in the Last Best Place" from Aug. 13-20. It includes overnights in Livingston, Whitehall, Divide (Dewey), Dillon and Ennis. Event organizers expect 350 riders, representing most US states and a handful of other countries.

Cycle Greater Yellowstone participants receive three catered meals daily, fully stocked rest stops, prime camping spots, hot showers, baggage service, on-course safety support and live entertainment. Many riders also purchase additional accommodations including hotels; restaurant meals; and a "tent sherpa" service in which tents, chairs and towels are provided and set up for riders each day.

CGY has given \$127,000 to support the communities of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem with its community grant program. The organization also raises awareness of the region and commits to hire local vendors.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition created Cycle Greater Yellowstone with two primary goals: to provide a world-class adventure designed to inspire and inform riders about the wonders of the ecosystem, and to build enduring relationships around the globe between Greater Yellowstone Coalition, cyclists and the area communities.

CGY was awarded Montana's Event of the Year Award at the Montana Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation in April 2016.

This year's tour will cover 400-450 miles, depending on rider preference. For those who can't commit to the full week of riding, new this year there's a one-day, 68-mile ride from Bozeman to Wilsall that will finish in Livingston.



The Cycle Greater Yellowstone route changes from one year to the next. This year's riders will cycle through Bozeman, Livingston, Dillon, Ennis, Whitehall and a handful of communities in between. PHOTO BY REID MORTH

Visit cyclegreateryellowstone.com for more information or to register.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to protecting the lands, waters, wildlife and quality of life in Greater Yellowstone, has served as America's voice for the Greater Yellowstone since 1983. Visit greateryellowstone.org to learn more information.

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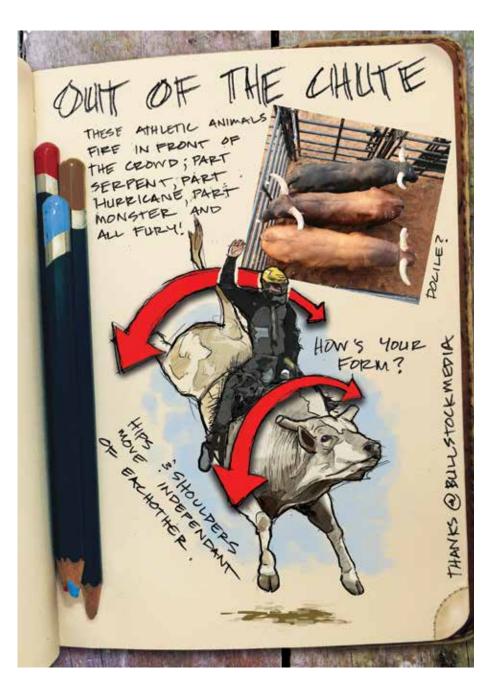










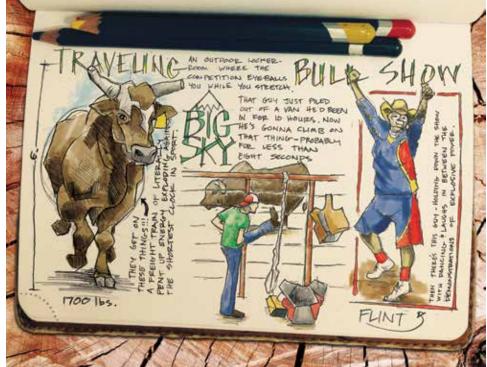


PBR scrapbook

BY ED ANDERSON EBS CONTRIBUTOR

Ed Anderson is an Americana artist from East Boise, Idaho, who tells stories through his paintings and journal. These pages reflect his study of the explosive sport of bull riding, after his time spent on the road with the Pro Bull Riders tour from December 2014 to August 2015.

Paintings of Anderson's PBR experience can be seen at Big Sky's Horse of a Different Color through August, and his work can also be viewed at edandersonart.com.



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

My family is spread across Montana and Wyoming, but July 28–30 we will all be gathering in Big Sky to kick up some dust at the 2016 Big Sky PBR.

There will be more than 30 of my closest family members and friends celebrating the summer at our cabin with bonfires, barbecues, backyard camping, and the biggest event in Big Sky. Our family gatherings are never complete without some great music to get us ready to cheer and dance.

Below are songs from artists playing at the sixth annual Big Sky PBR and a few others to get the party started before you come to watch the bulls buck:

- 1. "Eight Second Ride," Jake Owen
- 2. "Crank It Up," Colt Ford
- 3. "Break 19," Jason Boland & The Stragglers
- 4. "All About Tonight," Blake Shelton
- 5. "Sideways," Dierks Bentley
- 6. "Fake ID (feat. Gretchen Wilson)," Big & Rich
- 7. "Save Water, Drink Beer," Chris Young
- 8. "Something Real," Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real
- 9. "Parking Lot Party," Lee Brice
- 10. "Green Grass & High Tides," The Outlaws

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American Life in Poetry: Column 591

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE

Dorianne Laux, who lives in North Carolina, is one of our country's most distinguished poets, and here's a poignant poem about a family resemblance. It's from her book "Smoke."

Ray at 14

By Dorianne Laux

Bless this boy, born with the strong face of my older brother, the one I loved most, who jumped with me from the roof of the playhouse, my hand in his hand. On Friday nights we watched Twilight Zone and he let me hold the bowl of popcorn, a blanket draped over our shoulders, saying, Don't be afraid. I was never afraid when I was with my big brother who let me touch the baseball-size muscles living in his arms, who carried me on his back through the lonely neighborhood, held tight to the fender of my bike until I made him let go. The year he was fourteen he looked just like Ray, and when he died at twenty-two on a roadside in Germany I thought he was gone forever. But Ray runs into the kitchen: dirty T-shirt, torn jeans, pushes back his sleeve. He says, Feel my muscle, and I do.

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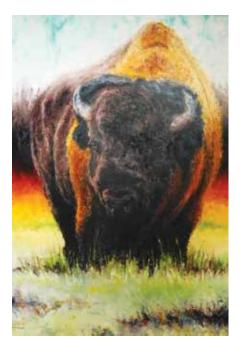
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Section 4:EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT BACK 40







Big Sky Art AuctionCreighton Block Gallery presents spectacle of art July 28

BY SARAH GIANELLI EBS CONTRIBUTOR

BIG SKY – Colin Mathews wanted to host an art auction in conjunction with the Big Sky PBR for years. His desire comes to fruition this year in a free, public event showcasing 30-40 works of art by as many as 20 acclaimed multimedia artists, most of whom are represented by Mathews' Creighton Block Gallery.

"Auctions are a natural adjunct to a fine art gallery business," Mathews said, "and a great way to increase the gallery's and artists' exposure to collectors."

For the past few years Mathews has been sponsoring a small art auction that benefits the Arts Council of Big Sky. Last year, Outlaw Partners CEO Eric Ladd (publisher of EBS) attended the event at Lone Mountain Ranch and started brainstorming with Mathews about co-presenting an auction during Big Sky PBR, one of the community's biggest summer weekends.

On July 28, Big Sky PBR will sponsor the free Thursday night Music in the Mountains performance by Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real, and host the Big Sky Art Auction beforehand under the Golden Buckle Tent at the neighboring PBR venue.

Mathews conducted a survey on the Creighton Block Gallery website to garner community feedback about the kind of art potential attendees are most interested in, and has tailored the entries accordingly.

"People want landscapes, Native American art, and Montana historicalthemed work," Mathews said. "Some people have also expressed an interest in abstract expressionist or other contemporary genre work."

In putting together the catalog, Mathews has drawn from an extensive cadre of artists that speak directly to these artistic interests. R. Tom Gilleon, one of the most highly acclaimed artists that Mathews



"Aztec Rock," by Oleg Stavrowsky. 24x20

represents, falls into several of the sought-after categories. Known for his paintings of teepees and Native Americans, Gilleon will have two colorful oil portraits available in the auction.

Kevin Red Star, a Crow Indian whose work is on display in the Smithsonian Institution and who is generally regarded as one of the most influential Native American

painters in the last half century, will also be represented.

Landscapes and historical scene-scapes by Tom English, Randy Van Beek, Frank Hagel, and Todd Connor—all members of the elite group of artists



"Kicking Up Dust," by Michael Blessing. 60x60

recognized by the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls—will be up for auction, as well as powerful sculptures by Greg Woodard and Vic Payne.

Painter Robert Ransom, who depicts Western imagery in a contemporary pop aesthetic, has entered his painting "Go," and Carol Hagan will auction an oil portrait of a bear called "Big Softie." A portion of the proceeds from both works will benefit area animal shelters.

Another allocation of event proceeds will benefit the Spanish Peaks Community Foundation and Moonlight Community Foundation.

"It fits with the culture of Big Sky," Mathews said. "Those foundations are set up as good neighbor organizations. They give money to [organizations that] build softball fields, trails, and toward projects and programs that benefit the greater community."

Whether you're a serious collector or just appreciate the arts, the Big Sky Art Auction will appeal to anyone with a zeal for the dramatic. And Mathews says price ranges will appeal to all in attendance.

"We will have pieces in the auction that will sell from around \$1,500 on up," he said.

Mathews is bringing in a world champion auctioneer, Cary Aasness from Minnesota, to be the master of ceremonies.

"Auctions are huge personality events that hinge on how entertaining and engaging the auctioneer and his team are," Mathews explained. "There will be three spotters parading the art ... with loud staccato clapping to generate excitement. It's a very interesting, entertaining, dynamic and theatrical art form in and of itself."

The Big Sky Art Auction will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, under the Golden Buckle tent at the PBR venue in Town Center. In addition to the live auction, United Country Assness Auctioneers will provide an online bidding platform for those unable to attend in person.

Visit bigskyartauction.com to preview a sampling of the auction catalog and for more information.

Spotlight

Sculptor Brenna Tyler joins Creighton Block Gallery

Oregon sculptor Brenna Tyler joins the esteemed artists showcased at Creighton Block Gallery just in time to have her work formally introduced to the community during the Big Sky Art Auction on Thursday, July 28.

Tyler's work is captivating and deceptive. At first glance her graceful sculptures—predominantly of horses—appear to be crafted out of driftwood, but in fact they are bronze.

She works in a technique known as lost-wax casting, a process that transforms an original sculpture made of natural materials into a highly detailed bronze replica.

"Words cannot express how much I love seeing my bronzes come to life with this process," Tyler said. "Cast in bronze, they still exude the beauty of the natural elements,

but their overall strength and integrity is increased."
- Sarah Gianelli

Brenna Tyler's art is available at Creighton Block Gallery in Big Sky and will be presented in the Big Sky Art Auction on Thursday, July 28 at 5 p.m. under the PBR Golden Buckle Tent in Town Center. Visit bigskyartauction.com for more information.



"Dream Dancer," bronze sculpture PHOTOS BY JAKE KIMBRO





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Town Center, Big Sky, Montana

"Long Cut,"

Duke Beardsley, Oil on Canvas, 54 x 32

Fly-fishing fun on and off the Gallatin

BY SARAH GIANELLI EBS CONTRIBUTOR

BIG SKY – Any weekend in July is a big one for fly fishing on the Gallatin River, but the collective enthusiasm for the sport crescendos July 23 and 24 during the fifth annual Gallatin River Fly Fishing Festival.

This summer, the Gallatin River Task Force added a new component to the event schedule: Hooked on the Gallatin, a multi-day youth camp designed to inspire a lifelong passion for fly fishing and river conservation.

In the days leading up to the festival, local guides taught area youth essential fly-fishing skills such as knot and fly tying, casting, reading water, fish-handling etiquette, and safe wading techniques. Activities focused on entomology, native fish species, catch-and-release principles, leave-no-trace ethics, and trout habitat—all highlighting the importance of river conservation.

"We wanted to add a kids' element to the fly fishing festival," said Kristin Gardner, executive director of Gallatin River Task Force. "Connecting with children about the importance of river protection fosters a sense of stewardship at a young age."

The purpose of the festival is to celebrate fly fishing on the Gallatin and connect the community to the rivers, fish and riparian habitats that are vital to the sport. It also raises funds to support GRTF projects to protect Big Sky's local waterways.

"The Gallatin is facing increasing pressure from the growth in and around the Big Sky community," Gardner said. "Threats include excess nutrients and algae from wastewater, fine sediment from construction activities and road sediment, and degraded riparian areas from increased river use."

All proceeds from this year's festival will benefit two large-scale stream restoration projects slated to begin this fall. GRTF will be enhancing vegetation and stabilizing stream banks at 15 sites on the Upper West Fork to reduce nutrient and sediment loading to the river and improve water quality. Similar work, in addition to the installation of a boat ramp and trail system, will be conducted at the Moose Creek river access in Gallatin Canyon.



The fifth annual Gallatin River Fly Fishing Festival will include product demonstrations and casting clinics, among many other events. PHOTO COURTESY OF GALLATIN RIVER TASK FORCE

The weekend festivities kick off Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Gallatin Riverhouse Grill with the Hooked on the Gallatin banquet. The evening will feature the Riverhouse's famous barbecue, Natalie's Estate wine, live acoustic music, a live and silent auction, and a late night show by Laney Lou and the Bird Dogs.

Patrons have a chance to "win a guide" and fish with them Sunday morning in the Great Gallatin Guide-Off competition. Other prizes include a Land of the Giants trip for two on the Missouri River with Gallatin River Guides; a multiday rafting trip down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River with Boundary Expeditions; Nordic ski passes at Lone Mountain Ranch; and many more.

Following a morning on the river, the celebration continues Sunday at noon in Town Center Park with a casting competition, product demonstrations, casting clinics, fly tying, kids' activities, guided nature trips to the river, and educational booths.

Visit gallatinriverflyfishingfestival.com for a full schedule of events.

Beehive Basin wins best beer at Big Sky Brewfest

BY SARAH GIANELLI EBS CONTRIBUTOR

BIG SKY – Twenty-eight breweries, including 20 from Montana, were represented July 16 at the 11th annual Brewfest at Big Sky Resort. It was a solid turnout, considering there were two other beer festivals held the same day, one in Virginia City and another in Billings.

Bozeman's Outlaw Brewing owner/ brewer Todd Hough said that when he opened five years ago, there were about five beer festivals all summer long in the state, and now there are close to 30.

"I'd like to be at all of them," Hough said. "But sometimes you can't be everywhere you want to be." He hasn't missed Big Sky Resort's festival since Outlaw Brewing opened. "I choose this one because it's always fun, the bands are always good and we just love Big Sky."

Kristen Neithercut, the resort's events and conference manager, took a moment mid-festival to express how pleased she was with this year's Brewfest. "The event has been fantastic," she said. "The weather has never been this great ... Last year it was snowing. So we're happy."

Nearly 700 people came out to sample the local flavors alongside a small

sampling of out-of-state favorites like Rogue and New Belgium.

For the first time, Brewfest patrons were asked to vote for their favorite beer on ballot cards scattered throughout the event.

Spirits were high at Big Sky's Beehive Basin Brewery booth, where three of Andy Leidberg's popular brews—the Moffat ESB, Working Guys Cream Ale and the 50 cal. Coffee Porter—were flowing freely. Beehive obtained their license last year on the day of the Brewfest, so this was their first time hosting a booth at the event.

"We're strong-arming people for their votes," Leidberg joked. With a huge platter of coffee porter brownies on the table, bribing might be more accurate. At the time, Leidberg didn't know that his .50 Caliber Coffee Porter would indeed win best beer—by one vote over big league contender New Belgium and their Tart Lychee Sour Ale.

"I really think the brownies helped," Leidberg laughed. "They were super delicious." That might be true, but Leidberg's coffee porter was the secret ingredient.

Beehive Basin Brewery celebrates its one-year anniversary on Sunday, July 24 beginning at 2 p.m., with a pig roast catered by Bucks T-4 Lodge.



EVENTS CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY, JULY 22 - THURSDAY, August 4

*If your event falls between August 5 and August 18, please submit it by July 29.

Big Sky Friday, July 22

Larry Meyer Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

Trivia Night Lone Peak Cinema, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Summer Saturdays Big Sky Resort, all day

Big Sky Fly Fishing Festival Big Sky, all day

Big Sky Choral Initiative Warren Miller Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.

Laney Lou and the Bird Dogs Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Big Sky Fly Fishing Festival Big Sky, all day

Wyatt Hurts Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 25

Monday Night Pig Roast 320 Guest Ranch, 5 p.m.

Taco and Margarita Mondays Lone Peak Brewing, 6 p.m.

Wyatt Hurts Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, **JULY 26**

Kids Hike & Learn: Animal & Plant Detectives Hummocks Trail, 10 a.m.

The Garden Party: A Wine Tasting Event Big Sky Landscaping Garden Center, 6:30 p.m.

King Crab Feast Lone Peak Brewing, by reservation

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Gallatin Women's Club: The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 2016 Big Sky Chapel, 1 p.m.

Big Sky Farmers Market Fire Pit Park, 5 p.m.

Whiskey Wednesdays Buck's T-4, 5 p.m.

Riverside BBQ & Wagon Ride 320 Guest Ranch, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Music in the Mountains: Lukas Nelson and Promise of the Real Big Sky Town Center Stage, 6 p.m.

Big Sky Art Auction Big Sky Town Center, 5-7 p.m.

Mandy Rowden Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Total Archery Challenge Big Sky Resort, all day

Big Sky PBR Big Sky Town Center, 5 p.m.

The Memphis Strange Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

Trivia Night Lone Peak Cinema, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Summer Saturdays Big Sky Resort, all day

Total Archery Challenge Big Sky Resort, all day

Big Sky PBR Big Sky Town Center, 5 p.m.

Milton Menasco and the Big Fiasco Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY JULY 31

Total Archery Challenge Big Sky Resort, all day

Wyatt Hurts Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

Monday Night Pig Roast 320 Guest Ranch, 5 p.m.

Taco and Margarita Mondays Lone Peak Brewing, 6 p.m.

Wyatt Hurts Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 Hike & Learn: Mindfulness &

Exploration
Ousel Falls Trail, 10 a.m.

An Evening with Tsering's Fund & Pem Dorjee Sherpa Warren Miller Performing Arts Center, 6 p.m.

James Salestrom Jr. Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3Big Sky Women-Owned Business

Big Sky Women-Owned Business tour + Hike Ousel Falls, 10 a.m.

Big Sky Farmers Market Fire Pit Park, 5 p.m.

Whiskey Wednesdays Buck's T-4, 5 p.m.

Riverside BBQ & Wagon Ride 320 Guest Ranch, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Music in the Mountains: The Iguanas Big Sky Town Center Stage, 6 p.m.

Mandy Rowden Gallatin Riverhouse Grill, 7 p.m.

Bozeman

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Crazy Days Downtown Bozeman, 10 a.m.

3rd Annual Old Faithful Open Golf Scramble Black Bull, noon

Claudia Williams Kountry Korner Café, 5:30 p.m. Aaron Banfield Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Play: Charles Dickens, Oliver! The Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Don't Close Your Eyes: Live Radio Theatre Verge Theatre, 8 p.m.

Tim Montana and the Shrednecks Eagles Lodge Ballroom, 9 p.m.

New Madrid The Filling Station, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Gallatin County Fair Gallatin County Fairgrounds, all day

Crazy Days Downtown Bozeman, 10 a.m.

Bob Britton Kountry Korner Café, 5:30 p.m.

Beats Antique + TAUK Bridger Brewing, 6:30 p.m.

Cottonwood Line Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Play: Charles Dickens, Oliver! The Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Don't Close Your Eyes: Live Radio Theatre Verge Theatre, 8 p.m.

Rust on the Rails Live from the Divide, 9 p.m.

Cole Thorne The Haufbrau, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Gallatin County Fair Gallatin County Fairgrounds, all day

Crazy Days Downtown Bozeman, 10 a.m.

Play: Charles Dickens, Oliver! The Ellen Theatre, 3 p.m.

Petty John's Underground MAP Brewing, 6 p.m.

Bridger Creek Boys Bozeman Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Mathias Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 26 Bogert Farmers Market

Bogert Park, 5 p.m.

Hops & History: The Heat is ON

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

Kountry Korner Café, 6 p.m.

Jacob Cummings MAP Brewing, 6 p.m.

BFS Screens 'The Grand Rescue' The Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

The Bozeman Municipal Band Bogert Park, 7:30 p.m.

St. Christopher with Tales from Ghost Town The Filling Station, 8 p.m. Mathias The Haufbrau, 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Lunch on the Lawn The Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, 11:30 p.m.

Summer Western Series: Tombstone The Ellen Theatre, 7 p.m.

Bozeman Jewish Film Festival MSU Procrastinator Theater, 7 p.m.

Laney Lou & the Bird Dogs and Dead Horses The Filling Station, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Thrive- Summer Fun in the Park Bogert Park, 10 a.m.

Big Ideas Technology Summit The Commons at Baxter and Love, 1 p.m.

MSU Summer Job Fair MSU SUB Ballroom, 3 p.m.

The Vibe Quartet 406 Brewing, 6 p.m.

Music on Main: Randy McAllister Downtown Bozeman 6:30 p.m.

One Leaf Clover Bozeman Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Play: Charles Dickens, Oliver! The Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Bozeman's Ultimate Lip Sync Challenge Eagles Lodge, 8 p.m.

Aaron Banfield The Haufbrau, 10 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Garden & Home Tour The Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, 9 a.m.

Claudia Williams Kountry Korner Café, 5:30 p.m.

Amber Ikeman Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Play: Charles Dickens, Oliver! The Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Henry Wagons Live From the Divide, 9 p.m.

Sista Otis & Ethan J Perry Zebra Cocktail Lounge, 9 p.m.

Dead Beats The Haufbrau, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Gallatin Valley Farmers Market Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.

Garden & Home Tour The Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, 9 a.m.

Bob Britton Kountry Korner Café, 5:30 p.m.

Jeff Carroll Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Play: Charles Dickens, Oliver! The Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY JULY 31

Play: Charles Dickens, Oliver! The Ellen Theatre, 3 p.m.

John Floridis MAP Brewing, 6 p.m.

Hooligans Trio Bozeman Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Bramble & Rye Norris Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Shinyribs Live From the Divide, 9 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Release Party Country Bookshelf, 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Sweet Pea's Chalk on the Walk Downtown Bozeman, 9:30 a.m.

Bogert Farmers Market Bogert Park, 5 p.m.

The Bozeman Municipal Band Bogert Park, 7:30 p.m.

The Filling Station, 8 p.m.

Crook & The Buff

Zebra Cocktail Lounge, 9 p.m. **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3**

Lunch on the Lawn The Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, 11:30 a.m.

Tours for Tots: Earthquakes & Volcanoes Museum of the Rockies, 2 p.m.

Bozeman Jewish Film Festival MSU Procrastinator Theater, 7 p.m.

The Ellen Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Protomartyr + Panther Car

The Filling Station, 8 p.m.

Summer Western Series:

Winchester '73

Pato Banton Zebra Cocktail Lounge, 8 p.m.

Ashleigh Flynn Live From the Divide, 9 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 The Vibe Quartet 406 Brewing, 6 p.m.

Music on Main: Kris Lager Band Downtown Bozeman, 6:30 p.m.

Art on the Rocks The Emerson Center, 6:30 p.m.

Diamond Bozeman Hot Springs, 7 p.m.

Keith Urban + Brett Eldredge Brick Breeden Filedhouse, 8 p.m.

Gregory Alan Isakov and the Ghost Orchestra The Ellen Theatre, 8 p.m.

Matt Anderson Live From the Divide, 9 p.m.

Ranges + Anterroir + Montoneros + Chairea Zebra Cocktail Lounge, 9 p.m.

RECURRING EVENTS:

Pints with Purpose Bridger Brewing, Mondays at 5 p.m.

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

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

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

Karaoke American Legion, Mondays at 9 p.m.

Music & Mussels Bridger Brewing, Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

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

Bluegrass Thursdays w/ The Bridger Creek Boys Red Tractor Pizza, Thursdays at 7 p.m.

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

Yoga for All Bozeman Public Library, Tuesdays at 11 a.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, Fridays at 5 p.m.

Food Truck Fridays Architects Wife, 11:30 a.m.

Roman Fridays Museum of the Rockies, Fridays at 10 a.m.

Livingston & Paradise Valley

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Keith & The Blokes Neptune's Brewery, 5:30 p.m.

Margo Cilker Uncorked Wine & Cheese Bar, 7 p.m.

Pinky and the Floyd Pine Creek Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

T.G. Sheppard + Jeannie Seely Music Ranch Montana, 7:30 p.m.

Neil Simon's Broadway Bound The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.

Buckhorn- Laugh out Livingston The Buckhorn Saloon & Theater, 8 p.m.

Local Yokel The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Black Water Band Chico Hot Springs, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Blazing Saddles XV Livingston, all day

Chad Okrush Katabatic Brewing, 5:30 p.m.

Redhead Express Park County Fairgrounds 7 p.m.

The Fossils Pine Creek Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

Barn Dance with Country Tradition Music Ranch Montana, 7:30 p.m.

Neil Simon's Broadway Bound The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.

Dead Horses The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Black Water Band Chico Hot Springs, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Neil Simon's Broadway Bound The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 3 p.m.

Monoco & Alameda The Murray Bar. 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 25

lan Thomas The Murray Bar, 5 p.m.

Cottonwood Line Neptune's Brewery, 5:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Beer for a Cause: Fly Fishing Federation Katabatic Brewing, all day

Paul Lee Kupfer The Murray Bar, 7 p.m.

Texas Jamm Band Music Ranch Montana, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Park County Fair Park County Fairgrounds, all day

Livingston Farmers Market Sacagawea Park, 4:30 p.m.

Sweet Wednesday The Murray Bar, 7 p.m.

Country Road 5 Pine Creek Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Park County Fair Park County Fairgrounds, all day

Paul Lee Kupfer Katabatic Brewing, 5:30 p.m.

Ashly Holland Uncorked Wine & Cheese Bar, 6:30 p.m.

7th Annual PCF Ranch Rodeo Park County Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

Underhill Rose Pine Creek Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

Jimmy Fortune Music Ranch Montana, 7:30 p.m.

The Memphis Strange The Murray Bar, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Park County Fair Park County Fairgrounds, all day

Tom Catmull Uncorked Wine & Cheese Bar, 7 p.m.

Swingley Jazz Project Pine Creek Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

The Ringling 5 Music Ranch Montana, 7:30 p.m.

Neil Simon's Broadway Bound The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.

Solidarity Service The Murray Bar, 9 p.m. Justin Case Band Chico Hot Springs, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY. JULY 30

Park County Fair Park County Fairgrounds, all day

One Leaf Clover Pine Creek Lodge, 4:30 p.m.

8th Annual Park County Fair Ranch Rodeo Park County Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.

Way Station The Murray Bar, 9 p.m.

Neil Simon's Broadway Bound The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 8 p.m.

Justin Case Band Chico Hot Springs, 9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY JULY 31

Neil Simon's Broadway Bound The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 3 p.m.

Demolition Derby Park County Fairgrounds, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

Paul Lee Kupfer The Murray Bar. 5 p.m.

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

Brown Bottle Two Neptune's Brewery, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Beer for a Cause: LINKS for Learning Katabatic Brewing, all day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Livingston Farmers Market Sacagawea Park, 4:30 p.m.

Matt Campbell The Murray Bar, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Animal Shelter Day RX Coffee, all day

The Hoot – 3rd Annual Downtown Livingston, 4 p.m.

Intermountain Opera Bozeman: The Many Faces/ Voices of Opera The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts, 5 p.m.

Chad Okrusch The Murray Bar. 8:30 p.m.

West Yellowstone

SUNDAY, JULY 24Adult Co-Ed Volleyball West Yellowstone School Gym, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 25

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

Martial Arts Classes Povah Center, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Water Aerobics Holiday Inn, noon

TUESDAY, JULY 26

Martial Arts Classes Povah Center, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Martial Arts Classes Povah Center, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks: The Comedy of Errors West Yellowstone School Football Field, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY JULY 31

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1 Send it Home, 6 p.m.

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

Martial Arts Classes Povah Center, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Water Aerobics Holiday Inn, noon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Martial Arts Classes Povah Center, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Martial Arts Classes Povah Center, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

RECURRING EVENTS:

West Yellowstone Historic Walking Tour West Yellowstone Historic District, daily

Experiencing Wildlife in Yellowstone West Yellowstone Visitor Center, daily, 9:30 a.m.

Afternoon Talk with a Yellowstone Park Ranger The Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center, daily, 2 p.m.

Thunder Mountain Traders Show Public Library, daily

Explore Yellowstone! With a Yellowstone Park Ranger West Yellowstone Visitor Center, daily, 9 a.m.

Naturalist Program Yellowstone Nature Connection, daily, 1 p.m.

Junior Smokejumper Program Yellowstone Nature Connection, 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.

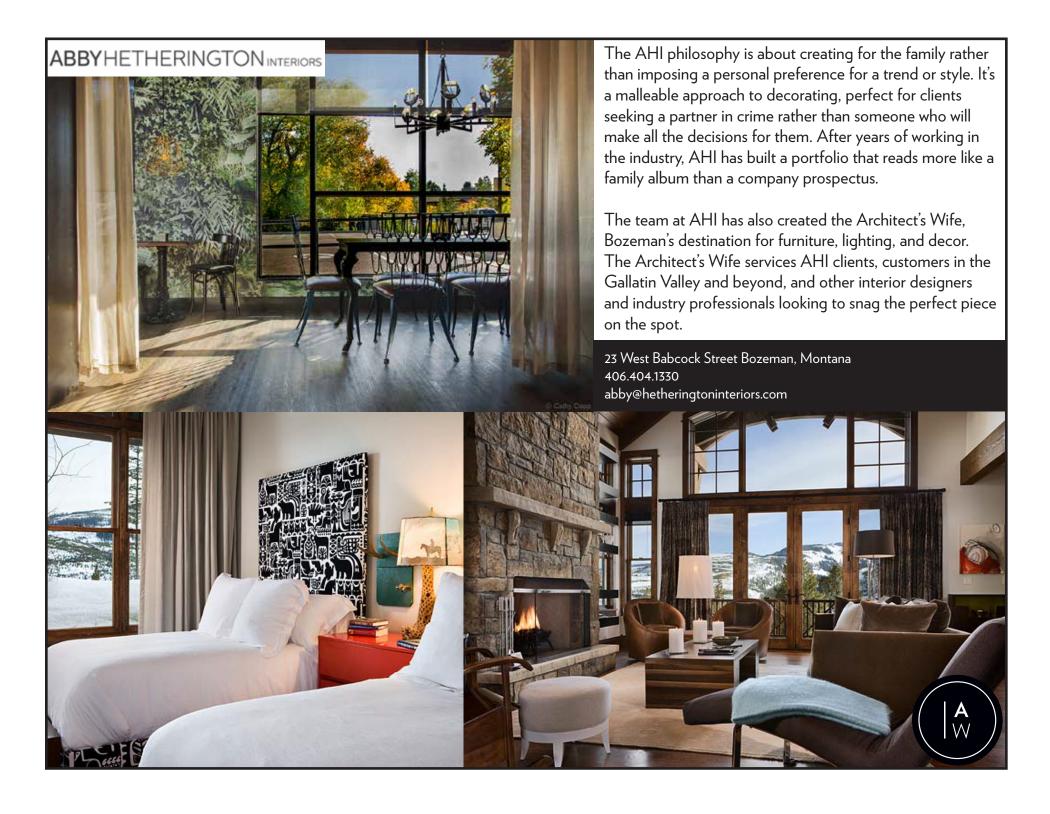
An evening with Tsering's Fund and Pem Dorjee Sherpa

Where: Warren Miller Performing Arts Center / Big Sky, Montana

When: Tuesday August 2nd

Time: 6p.m. refreshments & meet and greet / 7p.m. presentation

Pete Schmieding will present on Tsering's Fund and the work the nonprofit has done providing education and earthquake relief in Nepal. Pem Dorjee Sherpa will present on his experience as an Everest Sherpa guide and the importance of education in Nepal from the perspective of a native Nepali.



Locals Fishing Report from Gallatin River Guides

Brought to you by Jimmy Armijo-Grover, General Manager



As we roll into late July and early August our thoughts start to turn to ants, hoppers, spruce moths and other terrestrials. As far as aquatic insects go, there are still some caddis and we'll start to see some nocturnal stones on many of our rivers.

Not sure how big of a spruce moth hatch to expect in 2016, but a big hatch can give us weeks of great dry fly fishing. They tend to be more active in the mornings and are more likely to find themselves clumsily landing on the water's surface to be gobbled up by eager trout at that time. Best to locate banks lined with spruce and fir trees as those are the trees they feed on.

There are many great patterns that can be used to imitate the moth, which vary considerably. Some just stick to a standard Elk Hair Caddis while others prefer low floating patterns with custom cut wings. Whatever your poison you can usually start with bigger patterns like 12s and 14s, but as the hatch progresses and the fish see more anglers you may need to move down to 16s.

The moth is not limited to the Gallatin. It can be found on the upper Madison, especially around Quake Lake, the upper Yellowstone, and most of our smaller creeks that are surrounded by spruce and fir trees.

Other terrestrials also play a very important role this time of year. Ants are the most abundant and can be found on all rivers of Montana. They very in sizes from 12-20 and colors like black, cinnamon and honey. If you're having a tough day on dries or can't get a specific fish to take your offering you may want to consider this underrated insect.

Anglers often go straight to hoppers in late summer. Who doesn't want to catch fish on big dries! While very popular amongst anglers hoppers probably aren't as important to fish as we'd like them to be. And the last few years we haven't really had strong hopper hatches in SW Montana.

This time of year can be very challenging and rewarding all at the same. Think critically, be aware of your surroundings and enjoy your time on the water.











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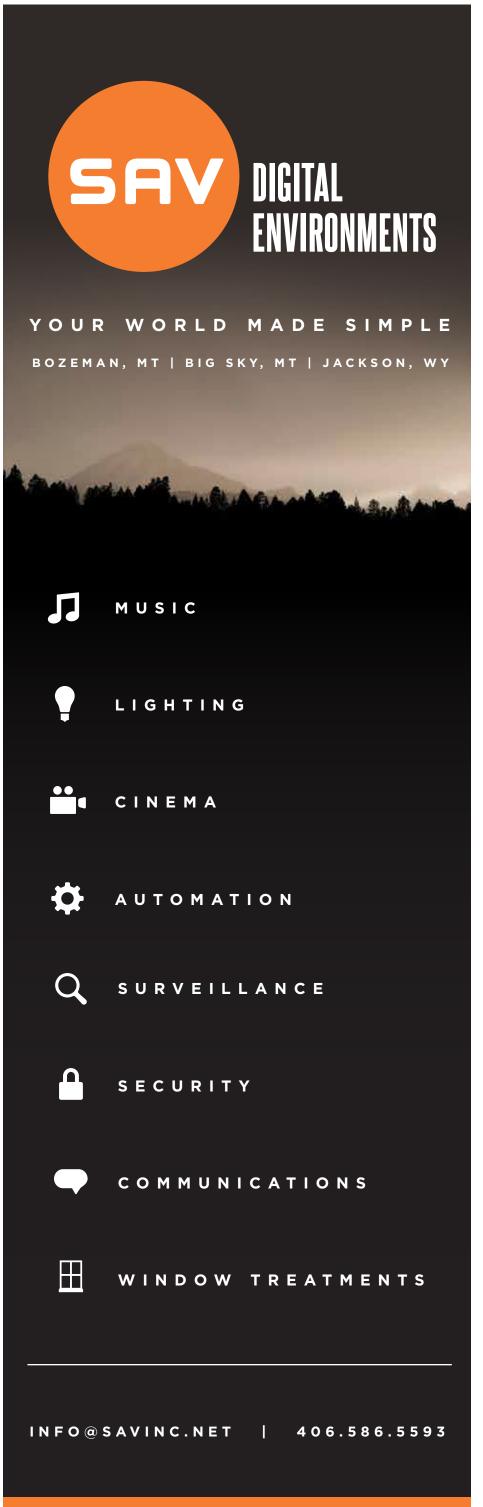
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2016 EVENTS

JULY 12

4th Annual Big Sky Weed Pull

5 p.m. @ the Community Park

JULY 21

Native Plant Tour Fundraiser

Join us in celebrating native plants with a tour of Montana State University, Westscape Nursery and a private garden. Lunch included. Details online.

AUGUST 9

Wildflower & Weed Walk

10 a m at Beehive Basin

Strive to be a good neighbor.

As Montanans, we have an ethical & moral responsibility to control noxious weeds. As landowners, we have a legal responsibility to control noxious weeds on our property.

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PHOTOGRAPHY...

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Targhee Fest returns with power-packed lineup

EBS STAFF

What's better than an outdoor musical performance on a warm summer night? How about the 12th annual Targhee Fest?

Tucked into the base of the Tetons, surrounded by wildflower meadows and positioned at the heart of some of the finest hiking, camping and mountain biking in the region, Grand Targhee Resort is the ideal setting for a music festival.

From July 15-17, Targhee hosted 16 amazing bands and musicians on the outdoor stage at the base of the famous ski area. Prominent and well-known groups including Drive-By Truckers, Grace Potter and MOE hit the stage and entertained the crowd under azure-blue skies.

But it wasn't just the big named bands that stole the 2016 show. Some of the lesser-known artists had fans standing in awe. Highlights of the weekend included 13 hours of music on Saturday concluding with the Jamie McLean Band rocking the afterparty at the Trap Bar, as well as a stunning Sunday morning performance by the band Honey Honey.

The three-day Targhee festival has become a well-known stop for fans and bands alike. The venue is world-class, it's family friendly and camping is only steps from the stage.

Rounding out the summer from Aug. 12-14, Targhee hosts its 29th annual Bluegrass Festival, another must-see for music aficionados.

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Teton County Fair celebrates 60 years of Western heritage

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JACKSON, Wyo. - The Teton County Fair kicks off its "Steers, Cheers and 60 years!" celebration with a free concert on Wednesday, July 27, featuring country music acts Chancey Williams and the Younger Brothers Band, as well as the Grammy-nominated group Reckless Kelly.

On Friday, July 29, the fair hosts its first Championship Bull Riding competition. This professional rough stock event is the first sanctioned event for the 2017 Road to Cheyenne. Top bull riders will give spectators an intense and thrilling up-close experience of the sport of professional bull riding.

"There are two things that the fans want to see at a bull riding. One is eight second rides and the other is high scores," said CBR ambassador Tuff Hedeman. "We aim to get our fans, riders and stock contractors to return time and time again by putting on a great show every time in every town."

Also a first for the fair this year, local artist Nicole Gaitan will produce a western heritage mural that will be available through a silent auction, with proceeds benefitting the 4-H Scholarship Fund. Perennial favorite events such as pig wrestling, rodeo and Figure 8 car racing are back for the 60th anniversary, along with free day activities and the 4-H livestock shows and auction.

"It isn't surprising that the county fair has stood the test of time," said Tracy Ross, Teton County Fair manager. "Agricultural roots are deep in Teton County, thanks in part to generational families maintaining their commitment to the agriculture industry.

"As Jackson Hole continues to shift to a more urban demographic, it is the fair's responsibility to educate the public about the importance of production agriculture and the vibrant history and western heritage of an industry that is foundational to our community."

The Teton County Fair runs July 22-31. For a full schedule of events and pricing visit tetoncountyfair.com.



The Starship 2000 is one of many rides found on the midway at the Teton County Fair. PHOTOS COURTESY OF JEFF KAPLAN PHOTOGRAPHY



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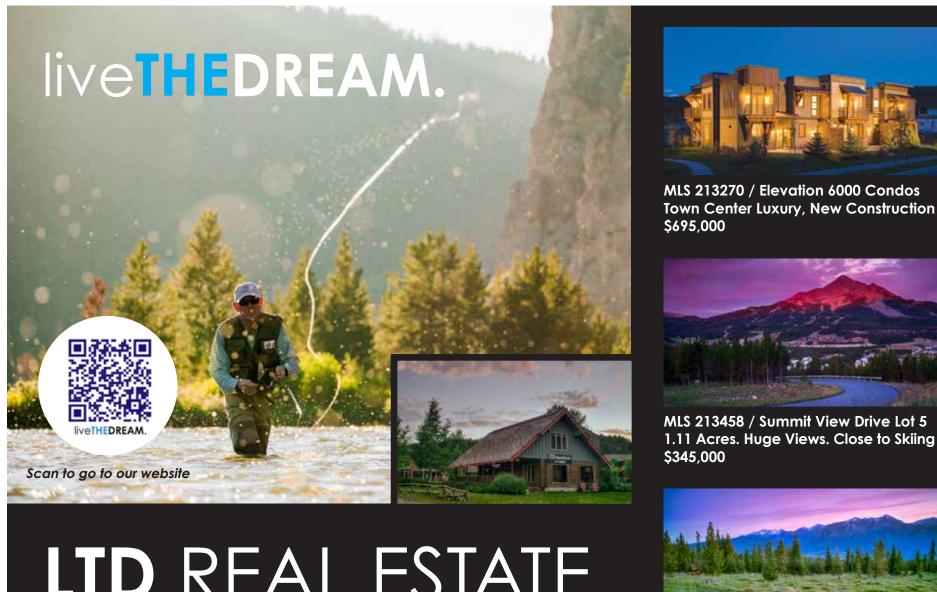
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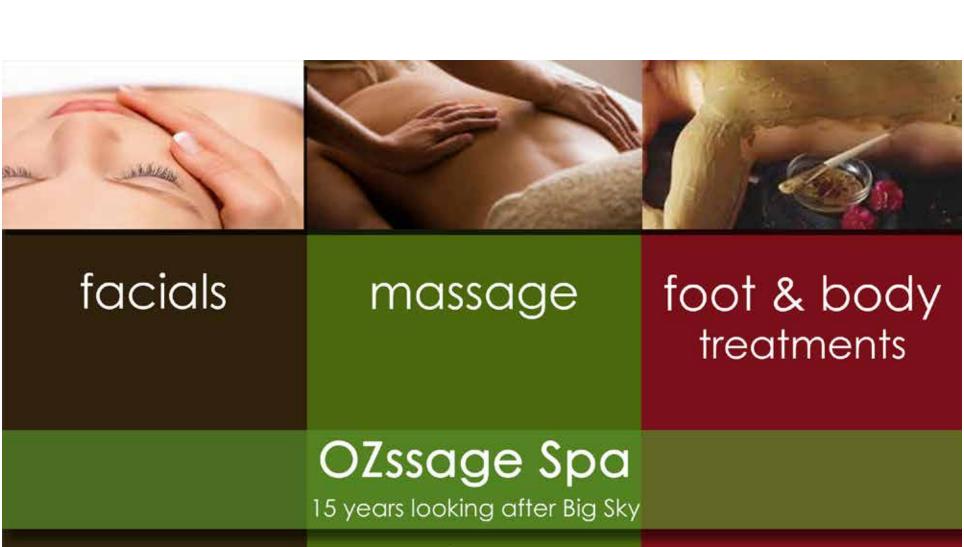
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Thomas McGuane: Literary wrangler

BY DOUG HARE EBS STAFF

Thomas McGuane has been writing for over five decades, and most of that time has been spent raising horses and cattle on his ranch just outside McLeod, Montana.

He doesn't call himself a cowboy but he is a former champion horse cutter, an event where horse and rider are judged by their ability to separate cows from the herd. Like his longtime friend and fellow author Jim Harrison, McGuane is an accomplished outdoorsman who knows a thing or two about hunting and casting flies in southwest Montana.

His first three novels "The Sporting Club," "The Bushwhacked Piano," and "Ninety-two in the Shade" were all set in Florida and gained him a reputation as an extraordinarily talented novelist.

In fact, the only book of McGuane's not reviewed favorably was "Panama," a drug-fueled tale about debauchery in Key West that he still considers one of his best works.

Any good Montana bookshelf should have something with Thomas McGuane's name on the spine. I would recommend his most recent collection of short stories: "Crow Fair." More subdued than his earlier work, most of these stories explore flawed characters from Big Sky Country whose shortcomings lead to revelations, both for the character and reader alike.

Even in his old age, McGuane remains in good health and at the top of his form as a writer, his storytelling powers and artistic vision more refined than ever.

McGuane's prose in "Crow Fair" is sparse, direct, and matter-of-fact. The sentences are taut and lean. But even with characters that are plain spoken, passive, or laconic, the stories capture the complexities of family life, aging, and solitude with an authenticity that very few writers can muster.

He does not try to idealize life in Montana, father-son relationships, romance, or the prospects of growing old. But his brand of realistic satire often manages a surreal effect.

"Weight Watchers" examines a father going through a divorce with a dark humor that blends the comic and tragic seamlessly. This story in particular resembles the comic stylings of Mark Twain, but the cathartic moment is both jarring and somber. McGuane is at his best writing about father-son relationships.

"Shaman" is a poignant piece given recent national debates about law enforcement and gun violence. After a senseless shooting by a local sheriff, the author in his typical deadpan style writes, "Dan Sheare from the Ford dealership said it was like they had shot the Easter Bunny."

Almost every story in the collection has an illumination of the universality of the human condition and the particularity of living in modern-day Montana. Give McGuane a chance and he'll be sure to rope you in.

Doug Hare is the Distribution Coordinator for Outlaw Partners. He studied philosophy and American literature at Princeton and Harvard universities.



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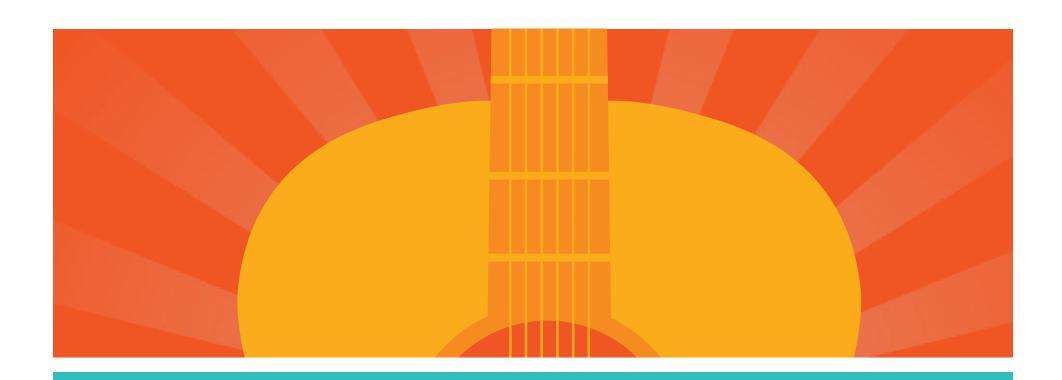
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Janssen says the hardest thing about finding a ranch is that everyone has a different image in his or her mind of what the ideal property is. His best tip for finding the perfect ranch is to understand and list out what you want in a property. Here are the questions Janssen recommends asking yourself:

What type of fishing are you looking for?

Did you get hooked on fishing in Montana during a trip down the Yellowstone River, or was it the Gallatin? Do you prefer technical spring creek fishing, or are mountain streams your passion? Are ponds what you seek, or do you dream of land with river frontage? Whatever is in your mind's eye, be specific so your broker can search for the right property.



Fish up to 18-inches long are typical in the stretch of the Shields River bordering the Shields River Ranch. PHOTOS COURTESY OF LIVE WATER PROPERTIES

Are private waters a priority?

Certain properties may offer incredible river access but may also be located near a boat ramp. You may see several boats in a day and for some buyers that's alright. You also may prefer the privacy of spring creeks or a mountain stream.

Where do you want to be?

How far from a town and modern conveniences do you want your ranch to be located? If this is a second home, or you plan to fly in and out, consider the distance to the nearest airport.



Tillinghast Creek is a classic Montana mountain stream flowing through the Tillinghast Creek Ranch in Belt, Montana.

For example, Bozeman is a thriving town with great air access. Jackson Hole, Wyoming, offers direct flights from 13 major cities. Both towns can get you to rural areas in less than an hour. If you're seeking complete seclusion, a farther drive from town may pass your test.

What do you want to see?

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Think about what you determine makes a stunning view. For some, large open fields and big skies are ideal, others would never consider sacrificing views of mountains and trees.

Understanding your goals is key, and your real estate broker can meet these needs with clear communication. Experienced brokers and anglers such as Janssen and the team at Live Water Properties speak the angler lingo and can help you pinpoint what you want.

Make your list, share your favorite fish tales and describe your ideal property to a broker, so they can best help you find the ranch of your dreams.

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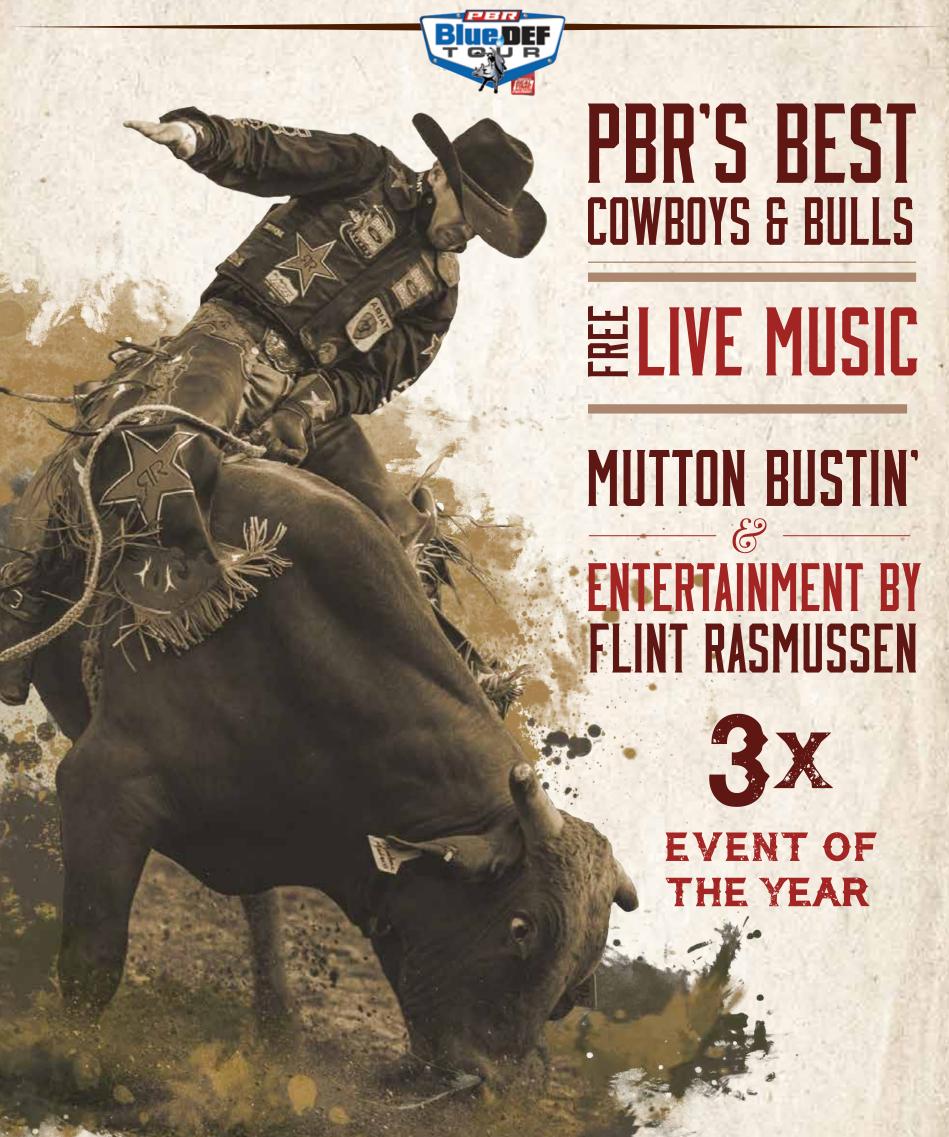








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2016 EVENT PROGRAM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 28

5:00 p.m. - Big Sky Art Auction

7:00 p.m. - Music in the Mountains on Town Center Stage (Featuring Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real)

JULY 29

5:00 p.m. – Vendor village and Golden Buckle gates open

5:30 p.m. – Calcutta Auction in the Golden Buckle tent

6:00 p.m. – General Admission gates open

7:00 p.m. – Bull riding starts

9:00 p.m. - The Outlaws on SAV stage

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9:00 p.m. – Jason Boland & The Stragglers on SAV stage

BIG SKY PBR WINNERS



Welcome to the sixth annual Big Sky PBR!

In 2011 we set out to bring the PBR to Big Sky based on the primary ethos of building and promoting culture, community and charity.

Our goal was to bring an authentic Western event to Big Sky and allow this beautiful community to gather and celebrate together in the shadow of Lone Mountain. The PBR is one of the most exciting, well-run and fastest growing spectator sports in the world and we are grateful to have Big Sky as one of the stops on the tour. There's nothing more authentic to Western culture than a rodeo and nothing more exciting than bull riding and live music.

Now, six years into building it, the Big Sky PBR has become the largest event gathering in the area and is nationally recognized as the "No. 1 Touring Pro Event" in the country three years running.

A heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors, ticket holders and athletes (riders and bulls) who have come out to help make this event so amazing. To the countless staff and volunteers who work so hard to make this event happen: cheers to you!

In particular, a special note of thanks to the Simkins family, Yellowstone Club, Moonlight Basin, Spanish Peaks Mountain Club, and Big Sky Resort for being our lead sponsors, as well as Ersin Ozer and Andy and Jacey Watson for their lead positions in organizing and putting on the Big Sky PBR.

The charitable aspect of this event is very important to us and we're proud to know that this event has generated over \$250,000 for charities the past few years and is taking a strong position to support worthy causes this summer.

The 2016 event supports more than 10 beneficiaries including Montana Land Reliance, Gallatin River Task Force, the Big Sky Community Food Bank, the MSU Rodeo Team, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Gallatin County, Moonlight Community Foundation, Spanish Peaks Community Foundation, Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, Big Sky Fire Department, Rider Relief Fund, Ophir School, Heroes and Horses, and Tsering's Fund. We appreciate all the amazing work you do to make our community and planet a better place.

Events help create a vibrant community and we are pleased and committed to having the PBR part of this community for years to come.

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Big Sky PBR prizes

The winner of the 2016 Big Sky PBR will take home a portion of nearly \$50,000 in prize money, as well as Sandy Epstein's prized "Sky Ride" trophy bronze and a new Gibson J-15 acoustic guitar from Music Villa in Bozeman.



PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDING BASICS

WHAT IS PBR?

Headquartered in Pueblo, Colorado, the Professional Bull Riders tour was founded in 1992 by a group of 20 bull riders looking to bring their sport mainstream. The PBR now holds more than 300 annual events in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Brazil and Australia, and attracts over 2.5 million attendees each year.

PBR athletes' goal each year is to qualify for the prestigious PBR World Finals in Las Vegas, where the PBR World Champion is crowned and handed the World Championship buckle and a \$1 million bonus.

THE BULL ROPE

This is what the rider grips throughout his ride. A metal bell hanging at the bottom of the bull rope is designed to add weight, allowing the rope to fall off the bull as soon as the rider is bucked off or dismounts.

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THE FLANK STRAP

This is what makes the bull kick. The idea: Rig it tight enough so it stays on, but loose enough so the bull thinks he can kick it off.

FOUL

If a rider is fouled, it means something happened during the eight-second ride that gave the bull an unfair advantage over the rider. This can include the animal hitting the rider or himself on the bucking chute before the ride, or the flank strap falling off before the ride is over. When a foul occurs, the judges often award a re-ride.



A rider must stay atop a bull for eight seconds, ride with one hand, and is disqualified if he touches himself or the bull.

Judges award higher marks to riders with good control and body position.

A rider who spurs the bull earns extra points. The total score possible for a bull ride is 100 points.

Half of that is based on the bull's performance and how difficult he is to ride, and the other half is determined by how well a rider matches the animal's movement.

The clock begins when the bull's shoulder or hip crosses the bucking chutes and stops when the rider's hand comes out of the bull rope or he touches the ground.

BlueDEF Velocity Tour events have two judges. Each can award up to 50 points for the ride (25 points for the bull and 25 for the rider). The total is added together to make up the score.

Riders earn points at each event based on their ride scores, their finish in each round, and for their overall finish in the event.

If a bull doesn't perform at the level of others in the competition, judges can award a re-ride, so the cowboy has a fair chance to earn points on a different animal.

BOUNTY BULL AND HIGH-POINT BONUSES

On the first night of the Big Sky PBR, the top rider after the first round will be invited back for a bonus "Bounty Bull," and a chance to win \$2,000. If the cowboy manages to hang on for eight seconds, he'll win the bounty.

On night two, a \$2,000 bonus will be awarded to the rider with the highest scoring ride based on long-round scores from both nights.

Calcutta

The 2016 Big Sky PBR will include a Calcutta auction each night—on July 29 and 30— raising money for Gallatin River Task Force and the Montana Land Reliance, respectively.

Spanish Peaks Community Foundation returns as sponsor of the Calcutta, which begins each night at 5:30 p.m. under the Golden Buckle tent.

The 40 bull riders will be split into eight teams of five, and a professional auctioneer will sell off each team to the highest bidder. Half the money will be split between each night's beneficiary. The other half will go to buyers of the top scoring individual riders in the long go-round.

The Big Sky PBR Calcutta involves riders in the long go-round, not the championship round. The Calcutta auction is open to Golden Buckle ticket holders only. Visit bigskypbr.com for event details and ticket information.

Rules

The 40 riders are split into eight teams of five, each team auctioned off to the highest bidder. 50% of proceeds will be pooled into a 'pot' and split three ways with the other 50% going to Montana Land Reliance and Gallatin River Task Force. Calcutta winnings are based on individual long go rider scores.

1st place - 60%

2nd place - 30%

3rd place - 10%

*A bonus auction with proceeds to benefit the Rider Relief Fund will be held immediately after the Calcutta auction.

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Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real

Lukas Nelson and POTR will kick off the Big Sky Professional Bull Riders event with a Thursday night Music in the Mountains performance not to be missed.

Brian Hurlbut, executive director for the Arts Council of Big Sky, said he expects a strong turnout at the July 28 concert given Nelson's ties to the area and the band's swelling momentum.

"I think it's going to be one of the biggest shows of the summer," said Hurlbut, who heads up Music in the Mountains booking. "Word of mouth is out on what a great live show [POTR] puts on."

7 p.m. Thursday, July 28: Town Center Stage



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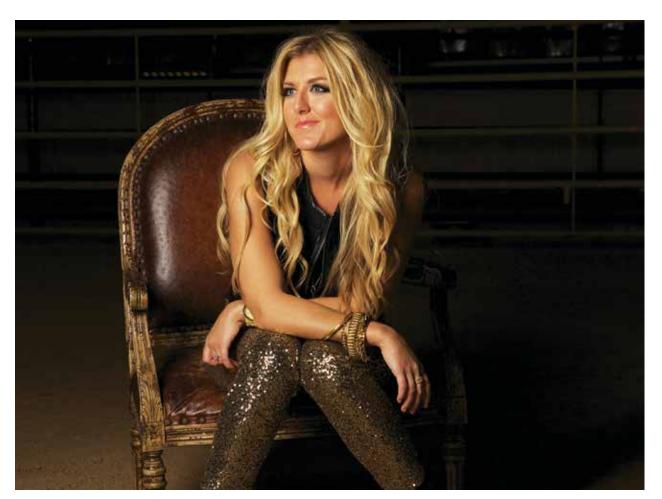


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The Outlaws

Founded in 1972, The Outlaws have been touring on and off for more than 40 years, most recently in support of their 2012 album, "It's About Pride." The opening lyrics of the record's title track sum up the trials and tribulations—and especially redemption—of a band that's been touring nearly half a century:

"I'm proud to be a part of something/That started long ago/A southern band of brothers/Bound together by the road."

The Outlaws will arrive with their triple-guitar rock attack and three-part country harmonies on tracks from "It's About Pride," as well as classic cuts from their early career.

9 p.m. Friday, July 29: SAV Stage

Jason Boland & The Stragglers

After the championship round of bull riding on Saturday night, Jason Boland and the Stragglers take the SAV Stage to put an exclamation point on the sixth annual Big Sky PBR.

Boland plays a brand of music called Red Dirt Texas Country that has its roots in North Texas and gets the "red dirt" grit from Boland's home state of Oklahoma. The Dallas Observer in 2015 named Boland's "Pearl Snap Shirts" No. 28 on its list of the 50 best Red Dirt Texas Country songs.

"There are not many constants in this world, but there will always be Texas Country music, cheap bourbon whiskey and pearl snap shirts," wrote the Observer.

9 p.m. Saturday, July 30: SAV Stage

Abbi Walker

Abbi Walker is a fast rising Texas Country and Southern Rock artist, a songwriter with the personality and talent as big and as promising as her home state. She has landed huge gigs opening for the likes of Keith Urban, Tim McGraw, Charlie Daniels, and even headlined the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's infamous club "The Hideout."

Walker will join the stellar Big Sky PBR music lineup this year when she performs in the vendor village before Saturday's bull riding event kicks off.

She writes her own music and has plenty to say through thought provoking, honest, funny and sassy lyrics that she delivers through melodies you won't be able to get out of your head.

5 p.m. Saturday, July 30: SAV Stage



The Lineup. Mutton Bustin' 2016

Mutton bustin' offers aspiring cowboys and cowgirls ages 3-6 and weighing less than 60 pounds a gentler introduction to roughstock sports like bronc and bull riding. These future legends will compete to see who can hang on the longest to a 150-200 pound ewe as it charges out of the chute gate.

Friday, July 29



Elijah Harder Age: 6 Hometown: Bozeman, Montana Kid-bit: When not training for wool riding, Elijah enjoys moonlit walks on the river's edge with his cat Ms. Kitty.



Frankie Seelye

Age: 6

Hometown: Big Sky, Montana

Kid-bit: Frankie loves school and playing with her friends. This is Frankie's fourth and last year in mutton bustin' competition.



Grant Keely
Age: 6
Hometown: St. Paul, Minnesota
Kid-bit: Grant's favorite Big Sky
treats are Yeti Dogs and Hungry
Moose ice cream cones. Montana
is Grant's home away from home.



Jude Knox
Age: 3
Hometown: Big Sky, Montana
Kid-bit: Jude has been dreaming
of the PBR Mutton Bustin' his
whole life; rodeoing is in his
genes!



Miles Barry
Age: 3
Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL
Kid-bit: Miles can do flips into
a pool off a diving board and on
his trampoline where he is inclined to jump wearing superhero masks and with a light saber.



Sebastien Barry
Age: 6
Hometown: West Palm Beach, FL
Kid-bit: Sebastien's favorite animal is the wolf, and he regularly
educates the family about their
many characteristics. For free!



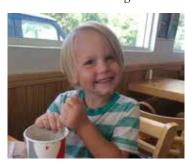
Odin Wortman-Bystol
Age: 4
Hometown: Voss, Norway
Kid-bit: Odin lives a secret life as
a ninja, and loves to do tricks and
go fast!



Will Guenther
Age: 5
Hometown: Big Sky, Montana
Kid-bit: Will loves Legos, skiing
with mommy, camping with daddy
and playing on the beach. The PBR
is his favorite night of the year.



Will Lynch
Age: 4
Hometown: Jackson, Wyoming
Kid-bit: When he's not bustin'
muttons, you'll most likely find
Will wrestling his two brothers
or eating breakfast for dinner.



Wyatt Holder
Age: 4
Hometown: Ennis, Montana
Kid-bit: Wyatt has been known
to say, "You have to let me wear
your hat 'fore I can be a cowboy."

Saturday, July 30



Dominic DiTullio
Age: 6
Hometown: Big Sky, Montana
Kid-bit: This is Dominic's third
mutton bustin'. He wants to
win the event this year with his
sheep "Dynamite!"



Sam Brandon
Age: 6
Hometown: Bozeman, Montana
Kid-bit: When Sam isn't outside
enjoying the outdoors you can
find him playing with his sister
or playing legos.



Henry Renna
Age: 4
Hometown: Bozeman, Montana
Kid-bit: Henry enjoys skiing, riding bikes, and camping; as well as sharks, snuggling, and wrestling with his twin brother, Owen.



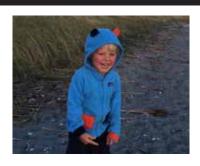
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or eating breakfast for dinner.



Peyton Weiger
Age: 5
Hometown: Bozeman, Montana
Kid-bit: Peyton has been skiing
since she was 3 years old, playing soccer since she was 4, and is
an "up and coming" ballerina.



Wyatt Cohen
Age: 5
Hometown: Big Sky, Montana
Kid-bit: Wyatt enjoys riding
horses, sheep and bikes during
the summer and skiing during
the winter.



Owen Renna
Age: 4
Hometown: Bozeman, Montana
Kid-bit: In addition to swimming,
biking, and skiing, Owen loves dinosaurs, legos, and playing outside
with his twin brother Henry.



Eli Brauer
Age: 4
Hometown: Big Sky, MT
Kid-bit: Along with mutton bustin', Eli loves biking, climbing and fishing!



Mason Michiels
Age: 4
Hometown: Big Sky, Montana
Kid-bit: Mason loves dressing up
like a cowboy and playing with his
little sister.



Kylee Stern
Age: 4
Hometown: Belgrade, MT
Kid-bit: Kylee likes riding her
horses, fishing with her dad, and
playing with her dollies.



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Resorts building sense of community in Big Sky

When Big Sky Resort opened in December 1973, Montana native and NBC news anchor Chet Huntley's vision for a world-class resort community began in earnest.

Today, the area is home to one of the largest ski areas in North America. In addition to Big Sky Resort, elite resorts including Yellowstone Club, Spanish Peaks Mountain Club and Moonlight Basin anchor the community's steady growth.

Four premier golf courses and one of the fastest growing mountain bike scenes in the country have turned this once-winter destination, as it was primarily known for decades, into a year-round playground.

The four resort entities return this year as title sponsors of the Big Sky PBR, an event that draws thousands and highlights the community's flourishing development.

"Yellowstone Club continues to thrive, and we are grateful and excited to be part of Big Sky's vibrant growth," said Yellowstone Club General Manager Hans Williamson. "Our member community values involvement in local events, and weekends like PBR build and strengthen connections between all of us who call Big Sky home."

The four resorts contribute to the culture of the community and are committed to making Big Sky a more vibrant, fulfilling place to live, raise a family and run a business.

The Big Sky Resort team has provided leadership with its involvement through volunteer participation on community boards, events and activities.

It was also influential in developing the Big Sky Resort Area Tax District that, since 1992, has funded programs and services including tourism development, infrastructure facilities, emergency services, parks and trails, and transportation, among many others.

"Thirty years ago Big Sky Resort joined forces with other community leaders to create the Big Sky Transportation District and today we remain one of its largest financial contributors," said Big Sky Resort General Manager Taylor Middleton. "The recent heightened attention on workforce housing needs is a good thing and we're glad to be playing an important role in it."

The Big Sky economy depends on successfully attracting guests that want to experience the fun and beauty here, Middleton said, and servicing these visitors requires infrastructure and people.

"Not many years ago, we needed hundreds of employees, now it's thousands," he said. "Big Sky Resort has led in workforce housing for over 40 years."

Big Sky Resort today can house more than 400 workers in facilities it owns and this fall it's adding 44 new staff housing beds. The resort's development plan identifies land it owns for adding more employee housing in the future, as well as continued support of the transportation district to facilitate workers commuting here from Bozeman.

Big Sky Resort, along with Yellowstone Club, Spanish Peaks Mountain Club and Moonlight Basin, have directly promoted and subsidized flight programs that have improved accessibility to the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport for Big Sky visitors from around the world.

"With all the U.S. major air carriers and 15 nonstop cities serving Bozeman, we have one of the best smaller market airports in the nation," Middleton said. "With the exception of the hubs in Denver and Salt Lake, no other Rocky Mountain airport provides service as robust as Bozeman; not Vail, not Aspen, not Gunnison, not Jackson Hole."

The clubs each have their own charitable community foundations, and along with Big Sky Resort were critical to the implementation of the Big Sky Medical Hospital that opened in December 2015.

Additionally, the clubs' foundations have made a significant difference in the greater Big Sky and Gallatin Valley areas through their support of organizations including local parks and trails, transportation, and education initiatives.

Since its inception in 2010, Yellowstone Community Club Foundation has awarded more than \$3 million in grants, scholarships and sponsorships. Fifty grants awarded in 2016 alone have supported a range of programs including outdoor education, music festivals, environmental conservation, and wounded veteran reintegration, among others.

Yellowstone Club, Spanish Peaks Mountain Club, and Moonlight Basin members consistently contribute to Big Sky community initiatives, and coupled with Big Sky Resort, their financial support has laid the groundwork for a thriving resort community long into the future.



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Bulls to watch

Five-time PBR Stock Contractor of the Year, Chad Berger Bucking Bulls is bringing the cream of the crop to Big Sky this year, including "Asteroid," a 2012 World Championship bull Berger's brought out of retirement.

Each of these bulls has bucked hard enough to be deemed a World Finals bull, meaning they're among the top 15 animal athletes in PBR. Berger, who's been in the business for over a decade—first as a bull rider and later as a stock contractor—says they're genetically primed for events like this. "They're born to buck."

Berger says PBR riders are pumped to compete against his bulls. "They know they're going to get on a good bull," says Berger, who's brought about 65 of his finest to Big Sky. "Every bull we bring they have a chance to win on."

Similar to riders, PBR bulls are ranked on their performance after each ride. Judges look for drop in the front end, kick in the back, and spin and direction changes. They're scored 0-50 and their ranking is determined by averaging these scores.



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"[For PBR competitors], riding "Asteroid" is like slaying a dragon," says Jacey Watson, vice president of Freestone Productions, one of Big Sky PBR's co-producers. Named the best of the best in 2012, this marks the first Big Sky PBR where riders have the opportunity to climb on a World Championship bull. In 2012, "Asteroid" was ridden just one time, resulting in a 90 percent buck-off percentage and an average score of 46.26.

2016 buckoff rate: 100%



MODIFIED CLYDE

"Modified Clyde" comes from bucking lineage: he's the offspring of "Bring It," a PBR World Finals bull. "If a guy stubs his toes on ["Modified Clyde"] he's going to get bucked off," said Watson. "If the guys do ride him, they're going to get a pile of points." Jess Lockwood, currently ranked 15th in the world, rode him for a first-place finish at a Built Ford Tough event in Billings on April 15.

2016 buckoff rate: 87.5%

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SMOOTH OPERATOR

A contender for 2014 World Championship Bull, "Smooth Operator" spent several months recuperating from a lower back/pelvis injury, but Berger feels confident that this bull has the grit for a knockout return. If he reclaims his former strength, he'll surely give cowboys and audience members something to talk about—in 2014, his average buck-off time was less than three seconds.

2016 buckoff rate: 94.12%



FIRE AND SMOKE

A big, strong bull with plenty of quickness, "Fire and Smoke" was one of the top five finishers in the 2014 PBR and ended 2015 among the top 15. Last year Kasey Hayes posted his PBR career-best, 94 points, after covering "Fire and Smoke" in a raucous ride that brought the crowd to its feet.

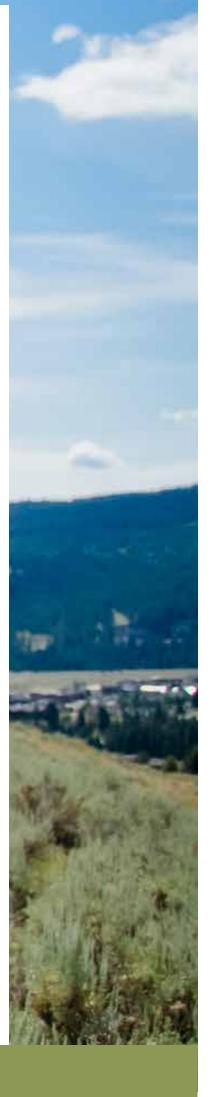
2016 buckoff rate: 57.14%

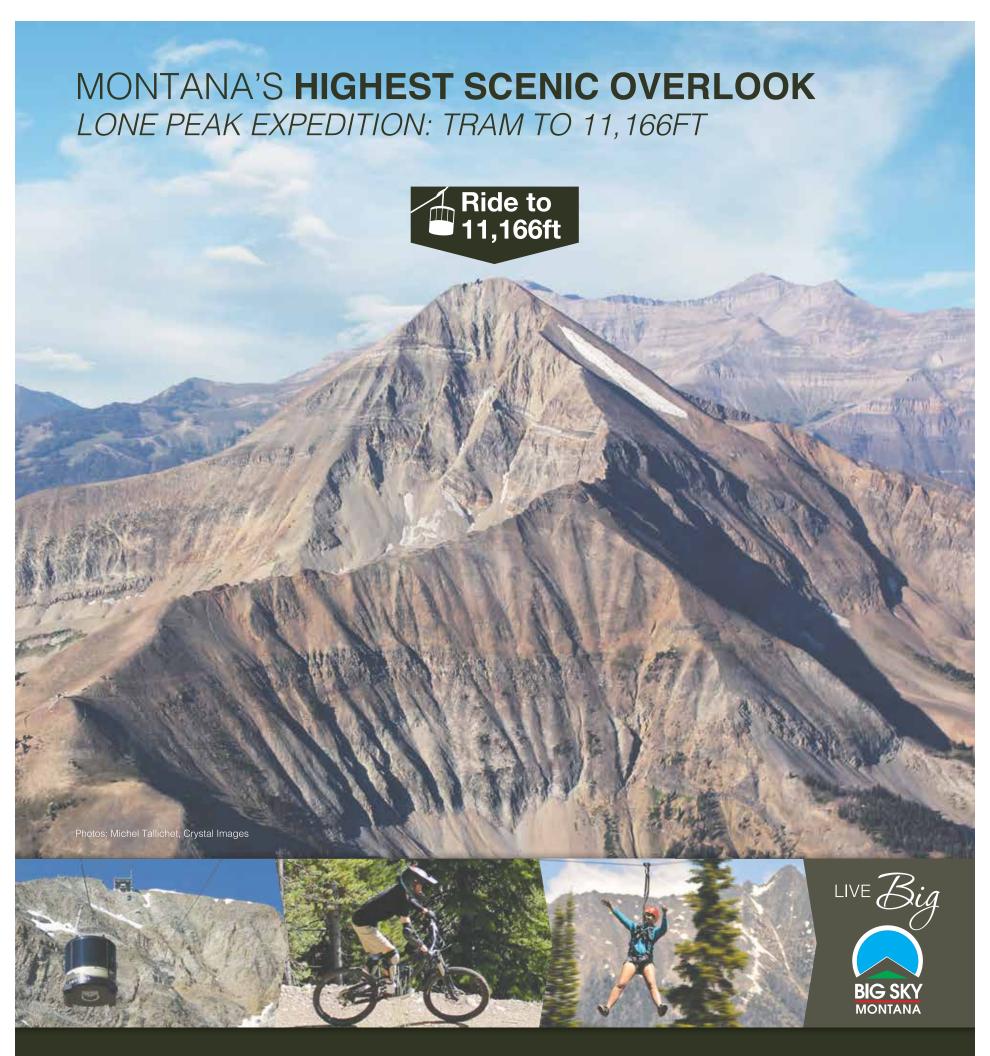
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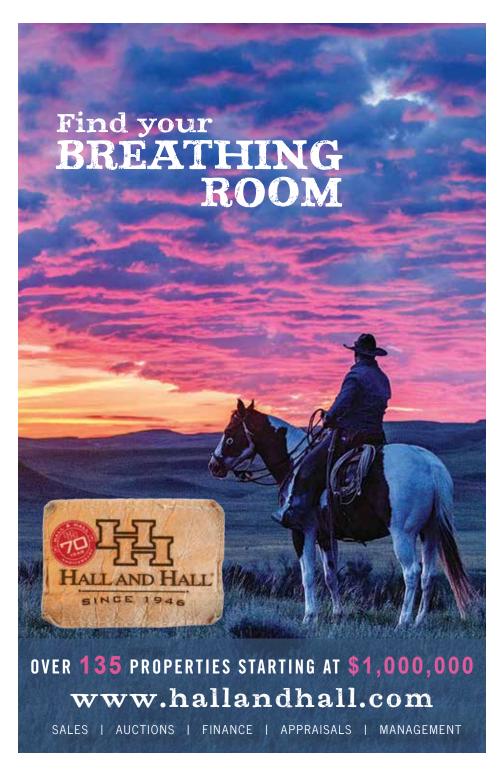
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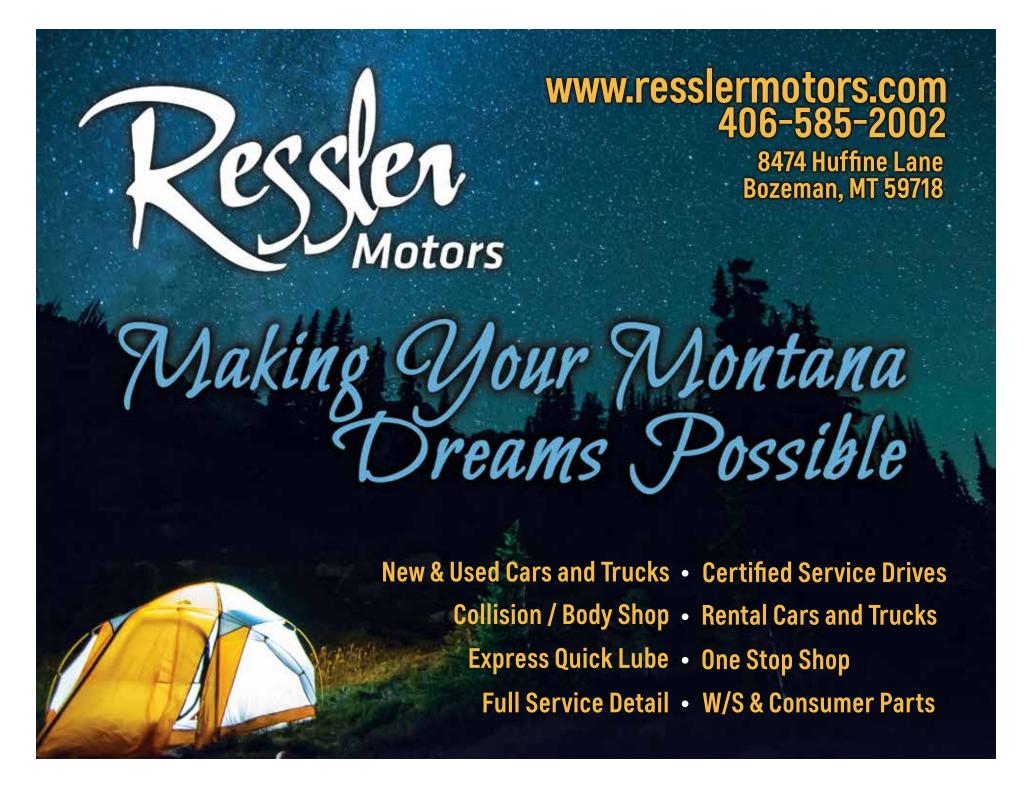
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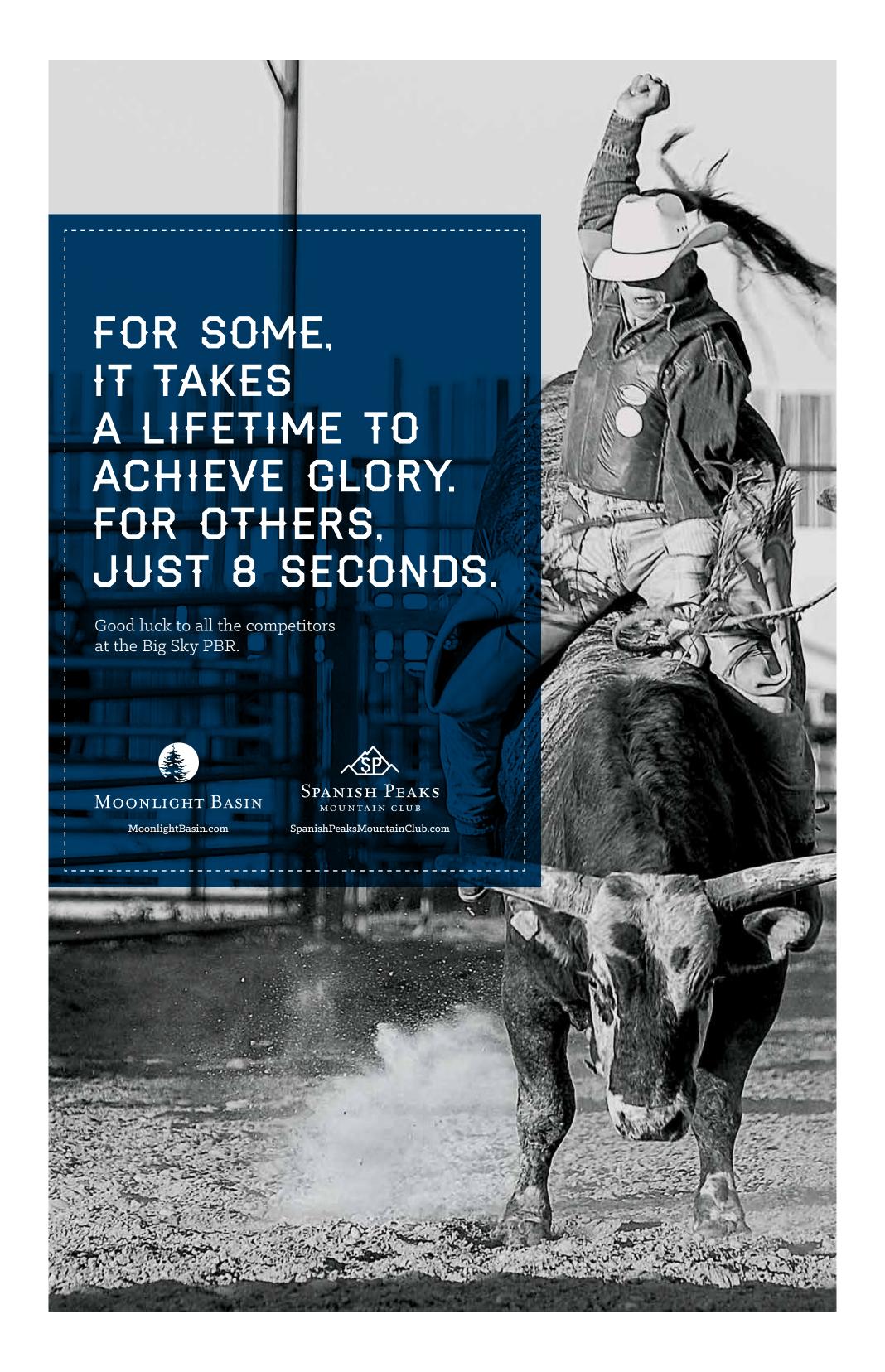
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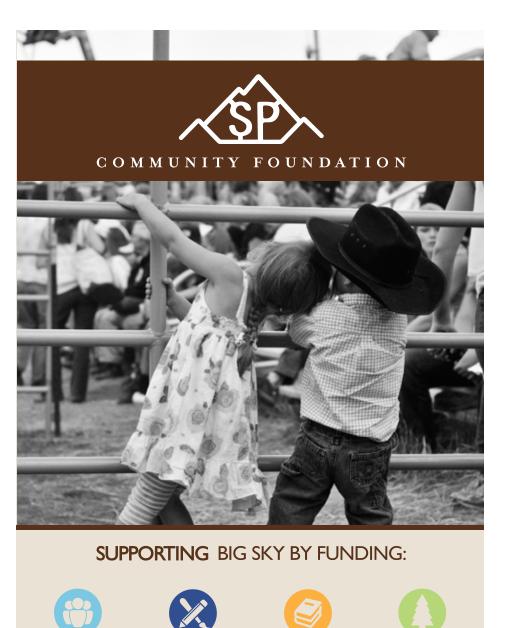
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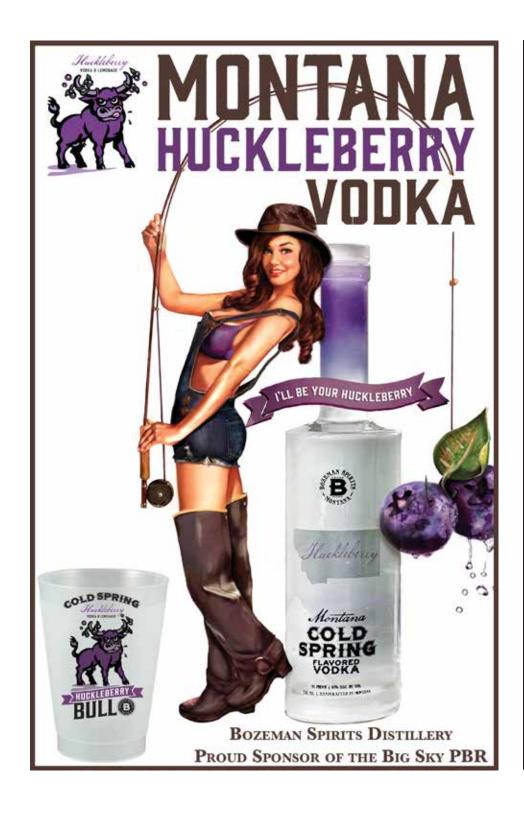
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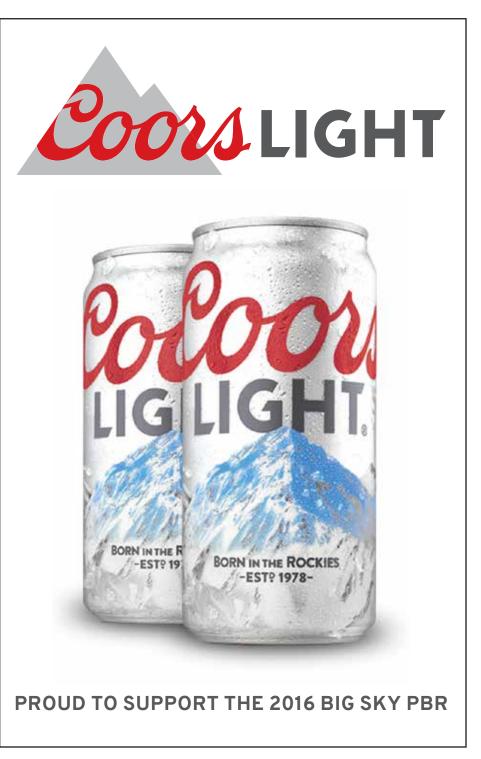
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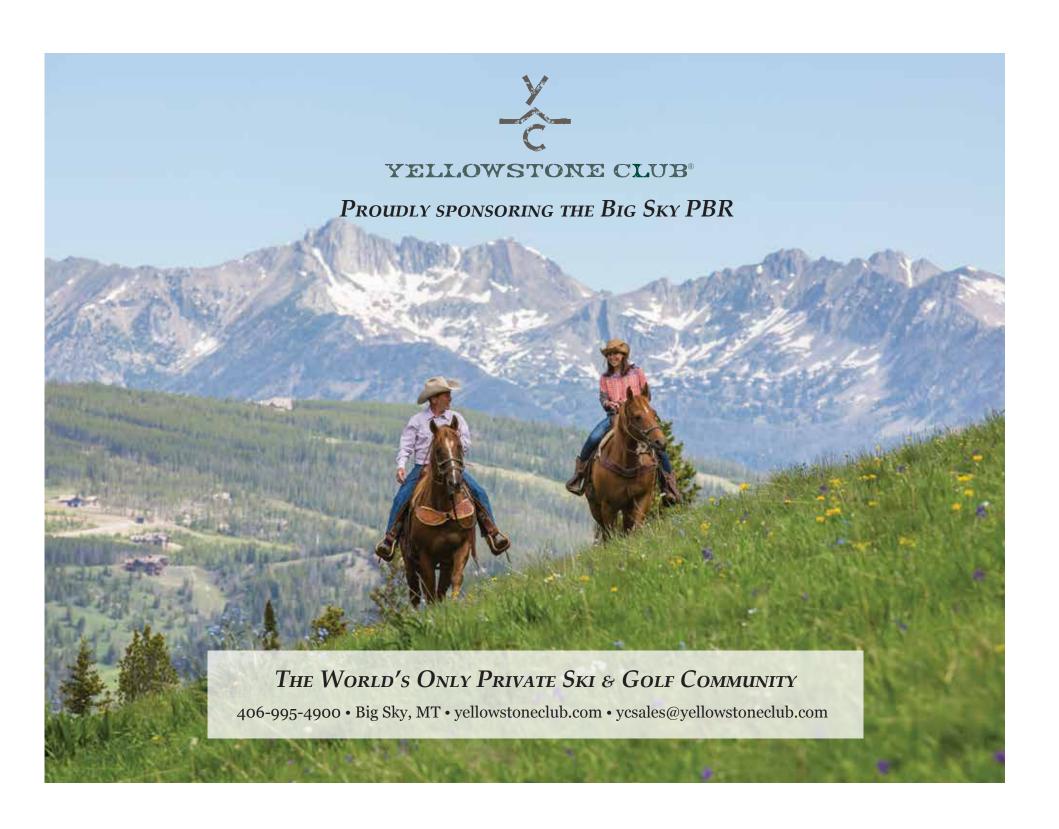
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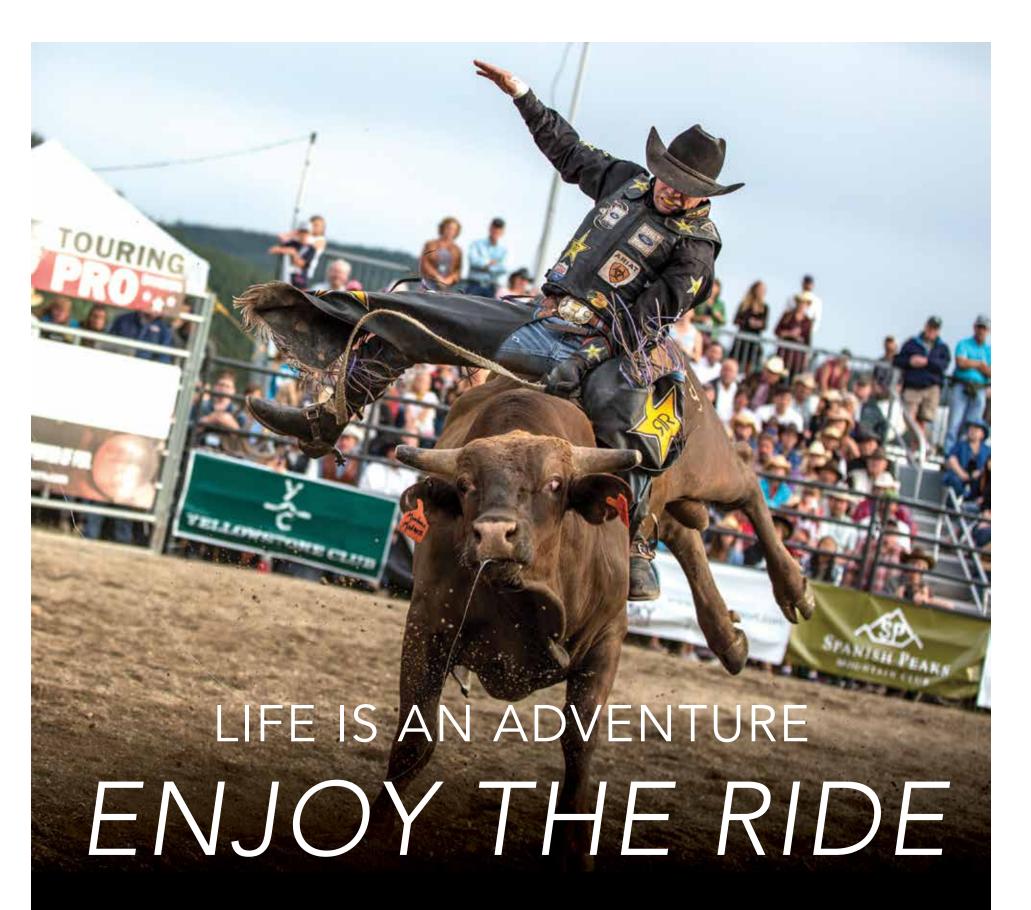














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