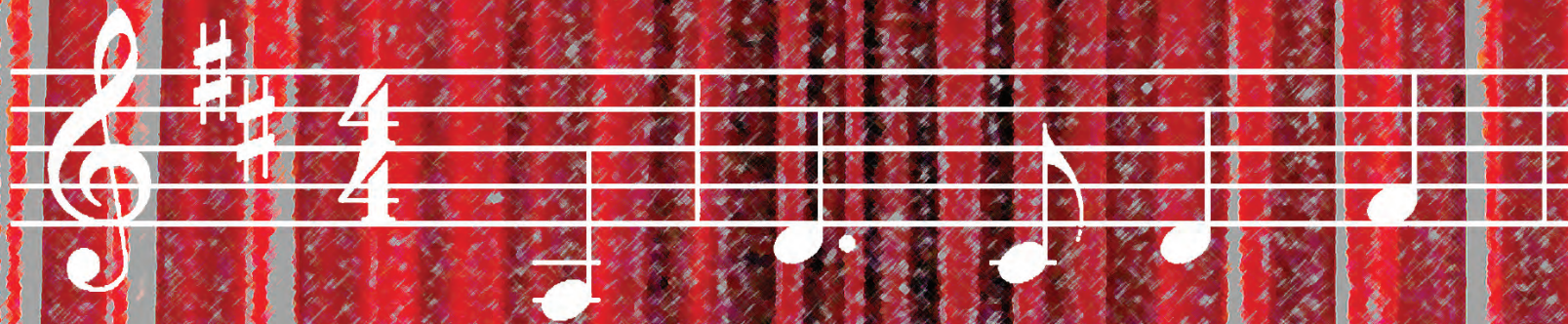




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Holidays take center stage with events throughout December

Seasonal celebrations may still officially be a few weeks out, but Bozemanites and those visiting have plenty of opportunities to get in the spirit early with holiday-inspired stage events in and around the BoZone. Here's a preview of some upcoming productions fit for the whole family!

The Ellen Theatre's holiday spectacular, **Annie**, opens Friday, December 1st with thirteen performances through December 22nd. This heartwarming family show is an all-singing, all-dancing comedy featuring a live 16-piece orchestra playing some of the greatest musical theatre hits of all time, including "It's a Hard Knock Life," "Maybe," "Easy Street," "I Don't Need Anything But You," and the anthem of optimism, "Tomorrow." Little orphan Annie will charm everyone's hearts amidst the gloomy yet wondrous state of 1930s New York City. For tickets and further information, visit www.theellentheatre.com.

Over at Verge Theater, the family stage will transform into a well-lit, cozy home on the prairie with the return of the Ingalls family and their many antics in **A Little House Christmas**. Performances are set for Saturdays and Sundays, December 2nd-17th at 3pm each day. This James Devita script, based on the books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, will help generate a spirit of giving and community to your family as you watch this delightful production.

Also at the Verge, something a little more adult-oriented. The resident kooks are fine-tuning the funny toward all things laughable as they write skits and direct themselves in the **7th Annual Comedy Revue: Holidazed and Confused!** Shows will take place Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from December 7th-16th at 8pm each evening. These hilarious hijinxers will redefine the holidays in ways only their twisted imaginations can, and give you a new outlook on your own holiday myths, dreams, and fantasies.

Give yourselves the gift of holiday laughs! Tickets for *A Little House Christmas* and *Holidazed and Confused*,

as well as further details can be found at www.vergetheater.com.

The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts will host its 10th annual holiday variety show, **Holiday Vaudeville XI**, weekends from December 8th-17th. Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, followed by Sunday matinees at 3pm. Get ready for a high-energy romp through the cherished chestnuts of the season. Of the Shane's most popular events, they've assembled another intrepid squad of community performers ranging from the sublime to the spastic who will amaze, amuse, and mystify with songs, skits, and vigorous acts of vaudevillian virtuosity — all served up with a heaping helping of heart. It's fun for the whole family, and virtually guaranteed to get you in the spirit! Reservations are available at www.theshanecenter.org.

Yellowstone Ballet Company (YBC) presents its 27th annual staging of **The Nutcracker**, Saturday, December 9th at 4pm, and Sunday, December 10th at 4pm. Both performances will be presented at

Sleeping Giant Middle School in Livingston. Audiences will delight in the beloved story of Clara and her Nutcracker Prince with additional choreography by Nikita Kusurgashev, former Bolshoi Ballet soloist. Tickets and more information can be found at www.yellowstoneballet.info.

Finally, Bozeman Symphony's **A Brasstacular Christmas: The Return!** will unfold at Willson Auditorium on Saturday, December 9th at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 10th at 2:30pm. Each new and humorous Christmas extravaganza will feature the teaming of Maestro Matthew Savery and trumpeter extraordinaire Ryan Anthony. Highlights will include the likes of "Trumpet Voluntary," "The Christmas Song," "Deck the Horn," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," selections from *The Polar Express*, and much, much more. Advance tickets are available at www.bozemansymphony.org.

Further information about these and other festive events can be found throughout this issue of The BoZone. **Happy holidays!**

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Holiday Vaudeville
Shane Center - Livingston
December 8th-17th



Yellowstone Ballet
Sleeping Giant School - Liv
December 9th-10th - 4pm



Bridger Creek Boys
Red Tractor Pizza
December 14th - 7:00 pm

Shane Center's holiday variety show returns for annual event

With the end of another year comes the time to prepare yourself for the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts' annual holiday variety show. **Holiday Vaudeville X!** is the tenth annual event, running week-ends from December 8th–17th. This two-hour variety show is a high-energy romp through the

amuse, and mystify with songs, skits, and vigorous acts of vaudevilian virtuosity — all served up with a heaping helping of heart. It's fun for the whole family, and virtually guaranteed to get you in the spirit! *Holiday Vaudeville X!* runs for two weekends only in the Shane's Dulcie Theatre in Livingston.



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Showtimes are Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, followed by Sunday matinees at 3pm. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors and college students, and \$10 for youth 17 and under. Reservations are available at www.theshanecenter.org or by calling the box office at (406) 222-1420. The Shane Center is located at 415 E Lewis St. The Shane Center's *Holiday Vaudeville X!* is generously sponsored by Conley's Books & Music, Kirk Michels Architects, and Yellowstone Valley Lodge & Grill. •

Everyone's favorite singing orphan comes to The Ellen this month

Leapin' lizards! It's that time of year again as the unforgettable, red-headed comic strip heroine comes to life in The Ellen Theatre's holiday spectacular, **Annie**, opening Friday, December 1st. Presented by Montana TheatreWorks (producers of sold out hits *Oliver!*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *White Christmas*), this heart



warming family show is the winner performances will run December 1st–22nd. Evening shows will take place December 1st and 2nd, 8th and 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd at 7:30pm. Matinees are set for December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 3pm. Tickets are \$24.50 for adults and \$18.50 for youth 17 and under. Premium seating is also available for \$33.50, as well as upper balcony for \$18.50. A \$2.50 transaction fee will be added to the entire order. Wine, beer, and other refreshments will be sold in the lobby beginning one hour prior to all Ellen showtimes. For questions about these events, ticketing information, or other inquiries, visit www.theellen-theatre.com or call The Ellen box office at (406) 585-5885. You're never fully dressed without a smile — and *Annie* at The Ellen Theatre: "The First Best Place for Entertainment!" •

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YBC's The Nutcracker spans generations

Celebrate the season with the Yellowstone Ballet Company (YBC) and its delightful staging of the most popular of all story ballets — **The Nutcracker**. YBC presents its 27th annual production on Saturday, December 9th at 4pm, and Sunday, December 10th at 4pm. Both performances will be presented at Sleeping Giant Middle School, 301 View Vista Drive, in Livingston. Audiences will delight in YBC's intimate staging of this beloved story about Clara and her Nutcracker Prince with additional choreography by Nikita Kusurgashev, former Bolshoi Ballet soloist.

This year, several generations are taking part in the production. The starring role of Clara, the girl who dreams that her Nutcracker is really a prince under the spell of the evil Rat King, will be danced by Angelica Crown, a ninth grader at Park High School. Her father, Matthew Crown, plays Clara's father Chief Justice Stahlbaum. Popular Livingston actress Emily Jones plays Mrs. Stahlbaum while her twin girls Rose and Grace dance as children in the Party Scene. Five year old Micah Melius dances as a mouse while his mother Nicole Melius and his grandmother Robin Melius dance as the rats under the evil Rat King performed by Russian guest artist Nikita Kusurgashev. Another mouse, Lennon Gjerson dances with her grandmother Joann Adney, a rat also. Count Drosselmeyer is played by Rik Pittendorfer who has honed the role to perfection with sixty-seven performances of *The Nutcracker* under his belt. His son Parsifal Pittendorfer dances the role of the Nutcracker

Prince. Parsifal trained at Yellowstone Ballet School before receiving scholarships to the San Francisco Ballet School and Ellison Ballet, New York. He has danced professionally with State Street Ballet, Santa Barbara and Texas Ballet Theatre, Dallas. All time favorite Maya Moody from Bozeman will dance the role of



the Sugar Plum Fairy. She has been performing with YBC for many years and is known for her split leaps and expressive quality of dancing. Also joining YBC is "Raison D'etre Dance," a new Bozeman dance troupe performing in the Snow Scene and the Waltz of the Flowers.

All ages will enjoy the magical and colorful characters: the mechanical dolls, Mother Ginger and her children, Little Bo Peep and her lost sheep, waltzing Snowflakes, and the Sugar Plum Fairy. Children may come dressed as the Nutcracker Prince, the Snow King, the Snow Queen, or the Sugar Plum Fairy. Prizes will be awarded for best costume during intermission. Under the artistic direction of Kathleen Rakela, the Yellowstone Ballet Company has been featuring local, national, and international

dance talent in the Livingston/Bozeman area since 1987. YBC has staged such classic ballets as *Cinderella* (1990, 2002, 2014), *Giselle* (1994, 2011), and *Sleeping Beauty* (1995), *Swan Lake* (2012) as well as world premieres of Ms. Rakela's original ballets, *Romeo and Juliet of the Rockies* (1999), *Hiawatha* (2005), *Hansel & Gretel ~ with a Twist* (2008), *Pinocchio* (2010), *The Elves & the Shoemaker* (2013), and *The Little Mermaid* (2015). Ms. Rakela is recipient of the Montana Arts Council Fellowship for the Performing Arts. She also runs the Yellowstone Ballet School, whose students have received scholarships to the National Ballet of Canada, School of American Ballet, Hartford Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Houston Ballet, San Francisco Ballet School and Interlochen School of the Arts. General admission bleacher seats for *The Nutcracker* are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children. A limited number of chair seats are available for \$25 by emailing yellowstoneballet@gmail.com. Tickets can be purchased at www.yellowstoneballet.info and in person at the Yellowstone Ballet offices, 109 S B St., in Livingston. A service fee of \$2 will be added to tickets purchased at the door. For more information, please call (406) 222-0430. Yellowstone Ballet Company's *The Nutcracker* is generously sponsored by Spected/TIC Walter and Regina Wunsch. •

Choose traditional or wacky at Verge Theater this holiday season!

The secret to success at Verge Theater for the last two decades? Know the audience! And the beauty of Verge audiences is that they're interested in swinging many ways: contemporary theatre, modern theatre, locally-written theatre, puppet theater, improv, comedies, dramas, fringe shows, and musicals! So the community theater responds with the battle cry, "Diversity Is Our Mainstay!" Sometimes they die on their sword, but most times the audience rewards Verge with what matters most: their time, attention, and respect — not to mention laughs! Verge never turns down laughs!! So, the December slate aims for variety.

Kicking off the holiday season, the family stage will transform into a well-lit, cozy home on the prairie with the Verge production of **A Little House Christmas**. This James Devita script, based on the books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, will help generate a spirit of giving and community to your family as you watch this delightful production. Eight days before Christmas, the Ingalls (Pa, Ma, Mary and Laura) have invited some folks to dinner to celebrate the completion of their new home. The guests include Laura's nemesis, the stuck-up Nellie Oleson, and her mother Mrs. Oleson; the rambunctious

mountain man Edwards; two of the Ingalls girls' cousins, Nick and Peter; and Pa's younger brother George, who ran away at 14 to join the Army as a drummer boy in the Civil War. Just as the party gets into full swing (dancing!), a freakishly severe early winter thunderstorm brings the celebration to an end as the downpour causes the creek to rapidly rise and wash out the bridge. Will the guests make it back to their homes safely? Can Pa get to town for needed supplies? Is the swollen creek a barrier that even Santa Claus can't overcome? And most importantly... will George dance the do-si-do? Find out the answers to these questions and many more at *A Little House Christmas*. Performances are set for Saturdays and Sundays, December 2nd–17th at 3pm each day. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$9 at the door. And now for some comedy! What do *Saturday Night Live*, Second City, and The Groundlings all have in common, you ask? They pale in comparison to Verge Theater's annual Comedy Revue! That's right, the Verge kooks are fine-tuning the funny toward all things laughable as they write skits and direct themselves in this **7th Annual Comedy Revue: Holidazed and Confused!**

These hilarious hijinxers will redefine the holidays in ways only their twisted imaginations can, and give you a new outlook on your own holiday myths, dreams, and fantasies. Head down to the Verge on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from December 7th–16th and give yourself the gift of holiday laughs! Showtimes are 8pm each evening. Tickets are \$14 in advance, or \$16 at the door. And since the Comedy Revue is only playing three days a week, the Bozeman Improvers are back in December for **Improv on the Verge** Monday nights. The Improverts give the biggest laugh for the fewest bucks! Guaranteed to be a hilarious start to your week, popular Improv games are played in the style of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway?," in addition to long-form Improv. Everything is created on the spot and based on audience suggestions. Upcoming shows are set for December 11th and 18th. All performances begin at 7pm. Tickets for *Improv* are \$7 in advance, or \$9 at the door. Visit www.vergetheater.com for reservations and more information about the entire 2017-2018 season. Advance tickets are also available in store at Cactus Records. See you at "The Little Black Box On The Edge (of Bozeman)!" •

Dance in December w/ Bozeman Folklore

The Bozeman Folklore Society will present two upcoming December **Contra Dances**. The first is set for Saturday, Dec. 16th with live music by Da Skekklers and caller Morna Leonard. Then ring in 2018 early with a special New Year's Eve Eve dance on Saturday, Dec. 30th with live music by Hypergolic and caller Amy

Letson. A half-hour dance workshop will kick each dance off at 7:30pm, followed by the main events at 8pm. Please note: an additional family dance and potluck will precede the Dec. 16th event from 5:30–7:30pm. Admission is \$15 per family. All dances will be held at the Bozeman Senior Center, located at 807 N Tracy Ave. Families, singles

and couples are welcome. Admission is \$10, \$8 for members, and \$5 for MSU students and youth ages 5–18. Please bring clean, grit-free, non-marking shoes to protect the floor. Visit www.bozemanfolklore.org for more information and other upcoming events.

The Bozeman Folklore Society (BFS) is an all volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving, enjoying, and sharing the music, dance, arts, crafts, and skills of traditional cultures. It is an associate group of the Country Dance and Song Society. •

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MSU celebrates third annual Montana Hall lighting ceremony

From MSU News Service

Continuing the tradition, Montana State University will celebrate the third annual lighting of its iconic Montana Hall in the heart of campus beginning at 5:30pm, Wednesday, December 6th. The lighting ceremony is open to the public, and students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors and friends are invited to attend.

Known as “**Lights On Montana Hall,**” the event will take place at the Alumni Plaza and Bobcat Spirit statue located just north of Montana Hall. It will feature holiday music, the MSU School of Music’s Montanans, carols by preschool students from MSU’s Child Development Center, remarks from the student body president and vice president, a welcome and brief remarks from MSU President Waded Cruzado, draft horses, drum line and a



Members of the MSU Driving Club delivered treats to Spirit Plaza by wagon for Lights on Montana Hall festivities in 2015.

Photo by Kelly Gorham

countdown by MSU cheerleaders and Champ before thousands of festive lights illuminate Montana Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

The annual tradition is designed to build a sense of community among students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors and friends, according to Cruzado.

“During this time of year, as the nights get longer and the year comes to a close, it’s so important to have a time to come together to celebrate traditions and to appreciate the things that bring us together as a Bobcat community,” Cruzado said. “In 2015, we began a new tradition with Lights on Montana Hall, one we hope to continue for many years to come, celebrating with all of Montana State University’s faculty, students, staff, alumni, neighbors and friends.”

Parking for the event will be available in all non-reserved spots on campus for free after 4:30pm, including the top level of the parking garage. A map of the MSU parking lots may be found at www.montana.edu/parking/documents/-ParkingMap.pdf.

Built in 1896, Montana Hall is one of the campus’ central landmarks. Formerly called Old Main, it is the second oldest structure on campus.

For more information about Lights On Montana Hall, contact Maggie Hayes at (406) 994-2343 or maggie.hayes@montana.edu. •

Christmas Stroll comes to life beneath famous downtown spider decorations

It’s back! The **37th Annual Christmas Stroll**, Downtown Bozeman’s greatest holiday tradition, returns Saturday evening, December 2nd from 4:30–7:30pm. Santa Claus will work his way from the Emerson down Main Street, singing Christmas carols and lighting the downtown holiday lights with thousands of spirited community members in tow. Then enjoy horse-drawn

wagon rides, pictures with Santa, live entertainment, downtown shopping, holiday treats, and much more. The Stroll is the place to find it all!

The Christmas Stroll is a FREE community event 100% supported by business sponsors and the sales of the Stroll’s timeless button souvenirs. These buttons grant access to additional Stroll happenings, including pictures with Santa at the Baxter,

hay wagon rides from Soroptimist Park, kids’ activities at the Emerson throughout the day, and more.

Button holders also have the chance to win great prizes from Bridger Bowl, Sweet Pea, Museum of the Rockies, and Downtown Dollars, among others. You can support this great event by purchasing an official button for ONLY \$4, allowing the Bozeman tradition to remain admission free for many holiday seasons to come.

Find a complete list of where to purchase buttons, in addition to further event information at www.downtownbozeman.org. The official Christmas Stroll program is set to be included in the Dec. 1st issue of the *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, as well as online. Grab a copy and head downtown!

The 2017 Christmas Stroll is generously sponsored by Bridger Bowl, First Security Bank, Bozeman Health, Bozeman Public Library Foundation, the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, and AlphaGraphics. •



Ski, stay & stroll with Big Sky event

There’s a lot to celebrate this holiday season as the **Big Sky Christmas Stroll** returns for its 20th annual event on Friday, December 8th. The streets will come alive from 5:30–9:15pm at Meadow Village Center, Westfork Meadows and Big Sky Town Center with an evening of family friendly events, entertainment, and holiday cheer.

Take in the night as you stroll through the many local shops and enjoy their open houses, raffles, and holiday specials. Find that perfect gift for your special someone and celebrate the season all in one. Event highlights include tree lighting ceremony, caroling and sleigh rides, photos with Santa, magic show, live music, ice skating, illuminated Nordic skiing and biking, bonfire with s’mores, fireworks display, and so much more! Come relax, reminisce, and step back to a simpler time where the holiday spirit and traditions live on.

The holiday season is not the only thing worth celebrating this coming weekend. The ski season has just begun! It’s a long standing tradition for many to head to Big Sky that Friday and après with family and friends at the stroll. Big Sky Resort and many local business celebrate and show

their holiday spirit as well, featuring ski and stay packages, open houses, and more.

The Big Sky Christmas Stroll is presented by Big Sky Town Center with the support of several gener-

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A favorite seasonal home showcase returns as Big Sky Discovery Academy hosts the **2nd Annual Holiday Home Tour** on Saturday, December 16th from 3–7pm. Mingle with the community over drinks and hors d’oeuvres while touring three mountain homes gorgeously decorated for the holidays. Attendees will explore the unique architecture and design of each residence in benefit of youth education. Tour participants will meet at the Academy, where bus transportation will be provided for travel between each home. And

Big Sky Discovery Academy is a not-for-profit independent school offering Montessori excellence for those aged preschool–6th grade, interest driven and project-based schooling for grades 7–8, and customized, independent studies for high schoolers. Discovery Academy also provides a variety of educational programs for children and adults. Private tutoring, STEM classes, and cooking courses are just a few offerings worth noting. Discovery strives to offer academic support and enrichment opportunities for children of all ages and adults in the



that’s not all! The afternoon ends with a festive evening Holiday Bazaar at the Academy.

Home Tour tickets are \$50, all-inclusive, and available at www.bigskydiscoveryacademy.org. Please note: Receipt and proof of purchase is required for entry. Make a night of it! Discounted lodging for tour attendees is available through River Rock Lodge in Big Sky. Please call (406) 995-4455 for rates and to book your room. For inquiries and further event information, please call the Academy at (406) 993-2008. Big Sky Discovery Academy is located at 175 Aspen Leaf Drive.

community. Please feel free to visit or contact the school for more information — email info@bigskydiscoveryacademy.org for educational materials or call (406) 993-2008 with questions. •

Spirited festival lights up Belgrade with day-long event

Belgrade Community Coalition will present the **2017 Belgrade Festival of Lights** on Saturday, December 9th with events running throughout the day.

Beginning at 8am, a delicious pancake breakfast kicks things off at the Belgrade Special Events Center, located at 220 Spooner Rd. Activities to follow include holiday shopping vendors, kids activities Christmas Carnival and kids activities, photos with Santa, live music, culinary and gingerbread house contests, 5K Jingle Jog, as well as food trucks and drink. Many local Belgrade business will also be hosting specials during the day-long festival.

The event will close with a celebration from 4–6pm in Downtown Belgrade on Main and Broadway. Stop by for warm drinks and eats, live nativity, presentation and lighting ceremony, and fireworks! For a complete schedule of events and participating businesses, please visit www.belgradecommunity-coalition.com.

Belgrade Community Coalition is a 501(c)3 nonprofit whose mission is to cultivate a stronger sense of community in Belgrade. The organization consistently works toward its 2020 Vision: a reality where Belgrade’s citizens feel physically and personally connected to the community and proud to call it their home. •

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Winter Clothing Drive 10am Various Livingston & Wild Joes

Members Holiday Sale 10am MoR

Baby Bistro 11am Bozeman Public Library

Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot noon Walmart parking lot

Books & Babies 10am & 1 pm Library

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoRockies

Season of Light 11am & 3 pm Museum of the Rockies

Ladies Night 4 pm Dry Hills Distillery

Hyalite APA Launch Party 5 pm Bridger Brewing

Make + Take: Photo Gift Workshop 6 pm F-11 Photo

Fall Parenting Class: Helping Your Child With Anxiety 6 pm Thrive

Adult Chess 6 pm Bozeman Public Library

Open Builds 6 pm Bozeman Makerspace

Krista Barnett Trio 7 pm The Mint Belgrade

Bridger Creek Boys 7 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Tom Marino 7 pm Riverhouse Grill

Natural Energy – Exploration 7 pm 9 Energies Center

Rod Morrison 7 pm Bozeman Public Library

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Roots of Wisdom 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot 10 am Walmart

Beyond the Stars 2 pm MoRockies

Sensory-Friendly Santa Photos & Holiday Party 3 pm Eagle Mount

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm Museum of the Rockies

Learn to Skate 12:30 pm Haynes

Annie 3 pm The Ellen

Author Event w/ Johanna Prindiville 3 pm Country Bookshelf

A Little House Christmas 3 pm Verge

Victorian Holiday Tea: A Flavor of Historic Bozeman – 12:30pm & 3:30 pm Story Mansion

Brian Stumpf 3:30 pm Scissorbills

Nutcracker 4 pm Warren Miller

Escher's Universe – 1pm & 4 pm Museum of the Rockies

MT Breweries Unite To Fight Hunger 5 pm Bozeman Brewing Company

Madrigal Dinner 6 pm MSU – SUB

Left for Dead 6 pm MAP Brewing

Silversmith's Mine 6:30 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Faces Places 6pm Emerson Center

Bridger Mtn Big Band 7 pm Eagles Bar

The Wind and the Willows 7 pm Bozeman hot springs

Mathias 7 pm Norris Hot Springs

Ranges & The Natural World 8 pm Whistle Pig

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Memory on Glass 9 am MoR

Roots of Wisdom 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Book Drive 10 am Country Bookshelf/Hopa Mtn

Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot noon Walmart parking lot

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoR

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

LEGO Club 3:45 pm Bozeman Library

ROBLOX Open Play 3:45 pm Library

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Pints w/ Purpose: Bridgercare 5 pm Bridger Brewing

MT Breweries Unite To Fight Hunger 5 pm MAP brewing

Pint Night Monday 5 pm Madison River Brewing

Aaron Williams 5 pm Murray bar

Bluegrass Jam 5:30 pm Katabatic Brewing

Andrew Hansen 5:30 pm MSU

Astronomy on Tap 5:30 pm Mountains Waling Brewery

Buti Yoga 5:30 pm Body by Design – Livingston

52nd Annual Madrigal Dinner 6:30pm Bucks T-4 Lodge – Big Sky

Astronomy on Tap 6 pm Mountains Walking Brewery

Writers' Group 6 pm Bozeman Public Library

Sista Otis 6:30 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Live Trivia! 8 pm Bozeman Taproom

Sunrise Karaoke 9 pm The Legion – Bozeman

Haufbrau Open Mic 10 pm Haufbrau

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Memory on Glass 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Roots of Wisdom 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Holiday Children's Book Drive 10 am Country Bookshelf/Hopa Mtn

Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot noon Walmart parking lot

Yoga for All – 11am & noon Bozeman Public Library

Books & Babies 10 am & 1 pm Library

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoRockies

Growler Tuesdays 2 pm Madison River brewing

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

Open STEAMlab Hours 4 pm Childrens Museum of Bozeman

Beer for a Cause 4:30 pm Katabatic

MT Breweries Unite To Fight Hunger 5 pm Bridger Brewing

Rich Mayo 6 pm Kountry Korner Cafe

Mike & Olga 6 pm Map brewing

Ceramic Workshop 7 pm Beth Kennedy Studio

Larry Kiff 7 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Rockin' R Bingo 7 pm Rockin R Bar

Evolving Structure of a Snowpack w/ Ed Adams 7 pm Museum of the Rockies

Chord Rustlers – Weekly Rehearsals 7 pm Hope Lutheran Church

The Ridgeway Collective 7 pm Murray

International Folk & Scottish Country Dancing 7 pm 210 South Grand

Ladies' Night 8 pm Molly Brown

Sunrise Karaoke – Bar IX 9 pm Bar IX

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Memory on Glass 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Roots of Wisdom 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Sensational Babies 10 am MoR

Holy Oly Wednesday 10 am Eagles

Holiday Children's Book Drive 10 am Country Bookshelf/Hopa Mtn

Little Ones Storytime – 10:15am & 11:15 am Bozeman Public Library

Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot noon Walmart parking lot

Escher's Universe 1 pm Museum of the Rockies

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

Minecraft Meetup 3:45 pm Library

Hope & the Holidays: Toy Drive 4 pm MAP Brewing

R.E.A.D. to a Dog 4 pm Library

Vinyl Vortex 4 pm MAP Brewing

Montana Hall Lighting Ceremony 5:30 pm MSU Montana Hall

Edis Kittrell, Cliff DeManty & Eddie T. 5:30 pm Bridger Brewing

The Five – Park High Jazz Band 6 pm uncorked -livingston

Flash Photography 6 pm F 11 Photo & the Print Refinery

Trivia Night 7 pm Pine Creek Lodge

Comedy Night 7:30 pm Red Tractor Pizza

MSU Balinese Gamelan Ensemble – Fall Concert 7:30 pm Reynolds Recital

Trivia Night 8 pm Molly Brown

Sonder Valley 8:30 pm Zebra

Sunrise Karaoke 8:30 pm 19th Hole

Haufbrau Open Mic 10 pm Haufbrau

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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Business Before Hours 7:30 am Mountain Arts Pottery

Memory on Glass 9 am MoR

Roots of Wisdom 9 am MoR

Holiday Children's Book Drive 10 am Country Bookshelf/Hopa Mtn

Baby Bistro 11 am Bozeman Public Library

Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot noon Walmart parking lot

Books & Babies 10 am & 1 pm Library

Cold Weather Safety for Aging Adults 1 pm Bozeman Senior Center

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoR

4th Annual Holiday Market 3pm Anderson School

Mathias 3:30 pm Scissorbills

IBUs 6 pm MAP Brewing

Adult Chess 6 pm Bozeman Public Library

Open Builds 6 pm Bozeman Makerspace

Art on the Rocks: Seasonal Ale & Ceramic Ornaments 6:30 pm Emerson

Bridger Creek Boys 7 pm Red Tractor pizza

Ocelot Wizard 7 pm Bozeman hot springs

Staykation 7 pm Riverhouse grille

The Dusty Pockets 7 pm The Mint Belgrade

A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play 7 pm Orphan Girl Theatre – Butte

Dublin Gulch: Celtic Cowboy Christmas 7:30 pm Myrna Loy Center – Helena

7th Annual Comedy Revue: Holidazed & Confused 8 pm Verge Theater

Sunrise Karaoke 9 pm Eagles Bar

Dane Thompsen 10 pm Haufbrau

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Memory on Glass 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Roots of Wisdom 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot 10am Walmart parking lot

A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play 2 pm Orphan Girl Theatre – Butte

Beyond the Stars 2 pm MoRockies

A Brasstacular Christmas 2:30 pm Willson Auditorium

A Little House Christmas 3 pm Verge

10th Annual Holiday Vaudeville 3 pm Shane Center

A Winter's Madrigal 3 pm Kaleidoscope

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

Annie 3 pm The Ellen

Brian Stumpf 3:30 pm Scissorbills

Yellowstone Ballet – The Nutcracker 4 pm Sleeping Giant Middle School

Escher's Universe – 1pm & 4 pm Museum of the Rockies

Lazy Owl String Band 6 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Edis & the Incredibles 6 pm MAP Brewing

Weston Lewis 7 pm Norris Hot Springs

Bridger Mountain Big Band 7 pm Eagles

Dan Henry 7 pm Bozeman Hot Springs

Amber Ikeman 7 pm Congregation Beth Shalom

Jersey Boys 7 pm Brick Breeden

Queen of Katwe 7 pm Shane Center

Haufbrau Open Mic 10 pm Haufbrau

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Holiday Children's Book Drive 10 am Country Bookshelf/Hopa Mtn

Optimist Club Xmas Trees noon Walmart parking lot

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoRockies

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

LEGO Club 3:45 pm Library

ROBLOX Open Play 3:45 pm Library

Pint Night 4 pm Map brewing

Pints w/ purpose Engineers without Borders 5 pm Bridger Brewing

Pint Night Monday 5 pm Madison River Brewing

Katherine Taylor 5 pm Murray bar

Bluegrass Jam 5:30 pm Katabatic

Forever Young Adult Book Club 6 pm Country bookshelf

Cross-Country Skiing Basics Class 6 pm REI

Book Club 6 pm Country bookshelf

Writers' Group 6 pm Bozeman Public Library

Reposado 6:30 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Improv on the Verge 7 pm Verge Theater

Owl Expert, Denver Holt 7 pm The Ellen

Live Trivia! 8 pm Bozeman Taproom

Sunrise Karaoke 9 pm The Legion – Bozeman

Haufbrau Open Mic 10 pm Haufbrau

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Hanukkah

Memory on Glass 9 am MoR

Roots of Wisdom 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Tours for Tots: Burrowing Dinosaurs 10 am Museum of the Rockies

Holiday Children's Book Drive 10 am Country Bookshelf/Hopa Mtn

Mobile Health Screenings 10 am Gallatin Valley Mall

Yoga for All – 11am & noon Library

Books & Babies 10 am & 1 pm Library

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoR

Growler Tuesdays 2 pm Madison River

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

Open STEAMlab Hours 4 pm CMB

Holiday Art Bazaar 4 pm MAP Brewing

Beer for a Cause 4:30 pm Katabatic

Rich Mayo 6 pm Kountry Korner Cafe

Paint & Sip 6 pm Walking Mtns Brewery

International Folk & Scottish Country Dancing 7 pm 210 South Grand

Rockin' R Bingo 7 pm Rockin R Bar

Ceramic Workshop 7 pm Beth Kennedy

Aaron Williams 7pm Bozeman Taproom

Mike & Mike 7 pm Red Tractor Pizza

The Ridgeway Collective 7 pm Murray

Ladies' Night 8 pm Molly Brown

Sunrise Karaoke 9 pm Bar IX

Rockness Monsta/Rusta 9 pm Zebra

Aaron Banfield 10 pm Haufbrau

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Hanukkah

Roots of Wisdom 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Sensational Babies 10 am Museum of the Rockies

Holy Oly Wednesday 10 am Eagles

Little Ones Storytime – 10:15am & 11:15 am Bozeman Public Library

Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot noon Walmart parking lot

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoRs

Tours for Tots: Burrowing Dinosaurs 2 pm Museum of the Rockies

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

Minecraft Meetup 3:45 pm Library

Vinyl Vortex 4 pm MAP Brewing

Sip & Paint 4 pm MAP brewing

OPEN house 4 pm Bozeman Symphony

R.E.A.D. to a Dog 4 pm Boz. Library

Green Drinks 5:30 pm Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Cole & The Thornes 5:30 pm Bridger Brewing

The Five 6 pm uncorked -livingston

Letters from the Montana Frontier w/ Kenneth Hamlin 6 pm MoR

Trivia Night 7 pm Pine Creek Lodge –

Mountainfilm on Tour 7 pm The Ellen

Trivia Night 8 pm Molly Brown

Sunrise Karaoke – 19th Hole 8:30 pm 19th Hole

Haufbrau Open Mic 10 pm Haufbrau

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Hanukkah

Memory on Glass 9 am MOR

Roots of Wisdom 9 am MOR

Tours for Tots: Burrowing Dinosaurs 10 am Museum of the Rockies

Holiday Children's Book Drive 10 am Country Bookshelf/Hopa Mtn

Baby Bistro 11 am Bozeman Public Library

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Thursday Night Open Builds 6 pm Bozeman Makerspace

Standing Rock – Screening & Discussion 6:30 pm Pilgrim Church

Bridger Creek Boys 7 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Lang Termes 7 pm Bozeman hot springs

Josh Moore 7 pm Riverhouse grille

Montana Rose 7 pm The Mint Belgrade

Annie 7:30 pm The Ellen

Pickin' Pear 8 pm Murray bar

7th Annual Comedy Revue: Holidazed & Confused 8 pm Verge Theater

Sunrise Karaoke 9 pm Eagles Bar

PermaFunk 9 pm Zebra

Ben McKee 10 pm Haufbrau

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Hanukkah

Breakfast with Santa 8 am The Inn on the Gallatin

Memory on Glass 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Roots of Wisdom 9 am MoR

One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure 10 am Museum of the Rockies

Montana Manouche noon Sola Cafe

Learn to Skate 12:30 pm Haynes pavillion

Beyond the Stars 2 pm MoRockies

10th Annual Holiday Vaudeville 3 pm Shane Center

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm Museum of the Rockies

Annie 3 pm The Ellen

A Little House Christmas 3 pm Verge

Escher's Universe – 1pm & 4 pm Museum of the Rockies

Dan Dubuque 6 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Breezy Cutler & Phil Savannah 6 pm MAP Brewing

Spettacolo 7pm Emerson Center

The Wind Drifters 7pm Bzn Hot Springs

Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm Eagles Bar

The Lucky Valentines 7pm Norris Hot

Haufbrau Open Mic 10 pm Haufbrau

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Hanukkah

Memory on Glass 9 am MoR

Children's Book Drive 10 am Country Bookshelf/Hopa

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoRockies

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

LEGO Club 3:45 pm Bozeman Public Library

ROBLOX Open Play 3:45 pm Bozeman Public Library

Pint Night 4 pm Map brewing

Pints w/ Purpose – Forward Montana 5 pm Bridger Brewing

Pint Night Monday 5 pm Madison River Brewing

Russ Chapman 5 pm Murray bar

Buti Yoga 5:30 pm Body by Design – Livingston

Bluegrass Jam 5:30 pm Katabatic Brewing

Writers' Group 6 pm Bozeman Public Library

Travis Morrison 6:30 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Improv on the Verge 7 pm Verge Theater

Live Trivia! 8 pm Bozeman Taproom

Sunrise Karaoke 9 pm The Legion – Bozeman

Haufbrau Open Mic 10 pm Haufbrau

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Hanukkah

Memory on Glass 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Roots of Wisdom 9 am Museum of the Rockies

Yoga for All – 11am & noon Library

Books & Babies 10 am & 1 pm Bozeman Public Library

Escher's Universe 1 pm Museum of the Rockies

Growler Tuesdays 2 pm Madison River Brewing

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm Museum of the Rockies

Open STEAMlab Hours 4 pm Childrens Museum of Bozeman

Beer for a Cause 4:30 pm Katabatic

Lucky Valentines 6 pm MAP Brewing

Rich Mayo 6 pm Kountry Korner Cafe

Ceramic Workshop 7 pm Beth Kennedy Studio

Rockin' R Bingo 7 pm Rockin R Bar

The Ridgeway Collective 7 pm Murray

Chord Rustlers – Weekly Rehearsals 7 pm Hope Lutheran Church

International Folk & Scottish Country Dancing 7 pm 210 South Grand

Ladies' Night 8 pm Molly Brown

Sunrise Karaoke – Bar IX 9 pm Bar IX

Greg Swain 10 pm Haufbrau

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Little Ones Storytime 10:15am & 11:15am Library

Escher's Universe 1 pm Museum of the Rockies

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm Museum of the Rockies

Minecraft Meetup 3:45 pm Bozeman Public Library

R.E.A.D. to a Dog 4 pm Bozeman Public Library

Vinyl Vortex 4 pm MAP Brewing

Holler N' Pine 5:30 pm Bridger Brewing

Trivia Night 7 pm Pine Creek Lodge – Livingston

Comedy Night 7:30 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Annie 7:30 pm The Ellen

Trivia Night 8 pm Molly Brown

Sunrise Karaoke 8:30 pm 19th Hole

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Winter Solstice

Baby Bistro 11 am Library

Books & Babies 1 pm Library

Escher's Universe 1 pm MoR

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm MoR

Adult Chess 6 pm Bozeman Public Library

Open Builds 6 pm Bozeman Makerspace

Bridger Creek Boys 7 pm Red Tractor Pizza

Mathias 7 pm Bozeman hot springs

John Hannis 7 pm Riverhouse grille

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Bzn Cup Youth Girls Hockey Tourney 1:30pm

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm

Pokémon Club 4:30 pm

Claudia Williams 5:30 pm

Buti Yoga 5:30 pm

Left for Dead 5:30 pm

Small Gems Show – Artist's Reception 5:30 pm

West African Drumming & Dancing w/ Guinea Exchange 6 pm

LIVINGSTON Christmas Stroll 6 pm

Montana Manouche 6 pm

'Twas the Night Before Christmas 6:30 pm

AIDS Outreach – Red Ribbon Ball 7 pm

Mathias 7 pm

Jazz Night w/ Alex Robilotta 7 pm

Author Kenneth Egan 7 pm

Nutcracker 7 pm

Annie 7:30 pm

Sam Shepard's Fool for Love 8 pm

The Fossils 8:30 pm

Solidarity Service 9 pm

The MAX 9 pm

Mach One Music-DJ Troy 9 pm

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Optimist Club Christmas Tree Lot noon

Escher's Universe 1 pm

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Parvin 3:30 pm

FREE Friday Night 5 pm

Ugly Sweater Party 5 pm

Jesse Williams 5:30 pm

Claudia Williams 5:30 pm

Carrie Krause Recital 4pm

Christmas Stroll 5:30 pm

Kenny Diamond 6 pm

Sweet Bitterroot Band 6 pm

Evan Weaver 6 pm

Winter Art Walk 6 pm

IBUs 6 pm

A Winter's Madrigal 6:30 pm

Jazz Night w/ Alex Robilotta 7 pm

Todd Green 7 pm

Human Rights Day Conversation 7 pm

Annie 7:30 pm

Argentine Tango Dance 7:30pm

The Dusty Pockets w/ Kelly Nicholson 8 pm

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Zander & Hanna 3:30 pm

Pokémon Club 4:30 pm

Buti Yoga 5:30 pm

Claudia Williams 5:30 pm

Ruby Valley Boys w/ Barbwire 5:30 pm

Elijah Mann 6 pm

Coyote Gypsies 6 pm

Country Christmas Dinner Show w/ High Country Cowboys 6:15 pm

Neil Filo Beddow 7 pm

Jazz Night w/ Alex Robilotta 7 pm

Comstock Lode 7 pm

Annie 7:30 pm

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10th Annual Holiday Vaudeville 8 pm

Jerry Joseph 8:30 pm

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Memory on Glass 9 am

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Holiday Children's Book Drive 10 am

Winter Wonderland 11 am

Read Sing Play! Preschool Storytime 10:15am & 11:15am

Escher's Universe 1 pm

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm

Pokémon Club 4:30 pm

Steve Ingram 5:30 pm

Claudia Williams 5:30 pm

Buti Yoga 5:30 pm

The Polar Express 6:30 pm

Jazz Night w/ Montana Manouche 7 pm

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Bzn Cup Youth Girls Hockey Tourney 7am

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2017 SLAM Winter Showcase noon

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Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm

Kate & The AlleyKats 4:30 pm

2017 Christmas Stroll 4:30 pm

Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser 5 pm

Bob Britten 5:30 pm

Russ Chapman 5:30 pm

52nd Annual Madrigal Dinner 6 pm

PermaFunk 7 pm

Nutcracker – 2pm & 7 pm

Fools Gold 7 pm

Russ Smith 7 pm

Annie 7:30 pm

UFC 218 8 pm

Blues Jam 8 pm

Sam Shepard's Fool for Love 8 pm

Missoula Folklore Contra Dance 8 pm

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Books & Babies 10 am

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One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure 10 am

Beyond the Stars 2 pm

Author Event w/ Francis Davis 3 pm

A Little House Christmas 3 pm

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm

Escher's Universe – 1pm & 4 pm

Yellowstone Ballet – The Nutcracker 4 pm

Second String Orchestra 5pm

Bob Britten 5:30 pm

Lang Termes 5:30 pm

Brice Ash 6 pm

A Winter's Madrigal 6:30 pm

Jeff Peterson 7 pm

Brianna Moore 7 pm

MT Rose 7 pm

Annie 7:30 pm

A Brasstacular Christmas 7:30 pm

Ace Hood 8 pm

7th Annual Comedy Revue: Holidazed & Confused 8 pm

10th Annual Holiday Vaudeville 8 pm

The Ken Rich Band 9 pm

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Skavocado 9 pm

The MAX 9 pm

Exit 288 9 pm

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Roots of Wisdom 9 am

Xmas Craft & Bake Sale 9am

Faye's Cafe Brunch 10 am

Author Event w/ Susan Adrian 1 pm

Beyond the Stars 2 pm

A Little House Christmas 3 pm

Season of Light 11 am & 3 pm

Big Sky Discovery Academy's Holiday Home Tour 3pm

Anniversary Party + Holiday Stroll 4 pm

Escher's Universe – 1pm & 4 pm

Bob Britten 5:30 pm

Open Mic 5:30 pm

Family Contra Dance 5:30 pm

Weston Lewis 5:30 pm

Holler N' Pine 6 pm

Sugar Daddies 7 pm

Wes Urbaniak 7 pm

Howard Beall & The Fake News 7 pm

Annie 7:30 pm

Country Dance w/ Quenby & the West 7:30 pm

7th Annual Comedy Revue: Holidazed & Confused 8 pm

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Throw The Fight 8:30 pm

Paige & The Peoples Band / Sonder Valley 8:30 pm

Russ Nasset & the Revelators 9 pm

The MAX 9 pm

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Books & Babies 10 am

Winter Wonderland 11 am

Tom Susanj 5 pm

Bob Britten 5:30 pm

Douple Barrel 7 pm

Amber Ikeman - Singer/ Songwriter 7 pm

Heterophobe / Dubuque / Canabalistic Vivisections 9 pm

The MAX 9 pm

MoJo 9 pm

Moneypenny 9 pm

Matt Partridge 10 pm

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Movie Lovers

Valerian: an imaginative, fascinating flop

From Joseph Shelton

I love a nice, ungainly flop, both personally and in the Hollywood sense — movies that are often expensive, high concept, and aimed at the middle-brow, but which fail miserably. That is, flops fail by the only rubric that really matters to studios: whether or not they net a billion dollars. The quality of the movie is secondary, or maybe tertiary, or even some yet more distant “-ary.” Which is not to say that all flops are good. But often, they’re fascinating.

Take, for instance, a pair of intriguing Disney flops, the unjustly maligned *John Carter* and the bizarre, gonzo *The Lone Ranger*. The former is one of the most unappreciated sci-fi/fantasy epics of the century, and the latter is a nightmarish, densely allusive Johnny Depp vehicle in which the actor wears a bird on his head. I love them both, the misshapen freaks.

The ludicrously titled *Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets* is the latest gigantic flop which which I have become enamored. The big budget space opera, directed by Luc Besson and based on a French comic book, tanked hard at the box office, its delirious imagery and galactic setting failing to find purchase among a lumpen proletariat whose tastes tend to run to the superheroic.

But to miss *Valerian* would be to miss one of the year’s most audacious spectacles. One early

action scene, the film’s best, has our heroes running from bad guys on the flat surface of a desert planet, but also simultaneously attempting a mission on a giant shopping center thousands of miles away using something like virtual reality helmets in order to see both worlds. Then the scene goes farther, involving portal-like boxes and people taking over aliens’ bodies and using them as proxies. It could all so easily be overwhelming, and it speaks to the films imagination and skill that it doesn’t.

Which isn’t to say that *Valerian* makes sense, because it doesn’t. I still don’t get the plot, or why the villain did what he did, or what the blight lurking at the center of the titular city is — but who cares when everything is so fun to look at?

What I am saying is that, for better or for worse, you don’t always have to understand what is happening in a flop. By far the better way to take in a film like *Valerian* is to do what audiences didn’t, at least during its theatrical run: give it a chance to divert you. It is definitely not perfect, it’s a bit unwieldy, but for sheer imagination you won’t see another Hollywood like it this year.

Movie Lovers is Bozeman’s independent movie rental store with hundreds of titles you won’t find on steaming services. The shop is located at 200 S 23rd Ave., in Bozeman’s University Square Shopping Center. •

Santa photo session for special needs children heads to Eagle Mount

The Orchid Club will bring **Photos with Santa & Holiday Party** to Eagle Mount on Sunday, December 3rd from 3–5:30pm. Orchid families and the public are invited to this inaugural holiday event featuring sensory-friendly photos with Santa.

Have you ever avoided typical Santa photos because:

- your child cannot handle the noise and lights– it’s difficult to maneuver your child through crowds
- your child will melt down waiting in line to see Santa
- a weak immune system means your family has to avoid winter gatherings?

If so, this Santa photoshoot is perfect for your family. Photos will take place in a room separate from the party, where lights can be

dimmed, noise can be controlled, and there will be no line to stand in. Event organizers will try to accommodate additional requests to make the experience friendly to all. Anyone interested in this sensory and family-friendly photos with Santa event is invited! The event will also feature some simple crafts, holiday movies, and snacks! Please note: there may be more than one Santa present. There is a \$20 fee for anyone who is not an Orchid Club member. All funds raised will be used for future Orchid Club activities.

If you are a parent of a special needs child, please join this private, parents-only group at www.facebook.com/groups/theorchidclub. Learn more about this local organization at www.orchidclubmt.org. •

Doc Series screening highlighted by portraits of French life

On Sunday, December 3rd at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, the Bozeman Doc Series presents the Montana premiere of the award-winning new documentary, *Faces Places*, beginning at 7pm. Preceding the screening at 6pm, a reception will feature food and drink in the Emerson lobby and the fourth annual Bozeman Doc Series silent auction including items from sponsors such as Saffron Table, The Lark, Bozeman Spirits Distillery, and many more.



Agnes Varda, the 89-year-old filmmaker and leading figure in French New Wave, teamed up with acclaimed 33-year-old French photographer and muralist JR to co-direct this enchanting documentary/road movie. Kindred spirits, Varda and JR share a lifelong passion for images and how they are created, displayed and shared.

Together they travel around the villages of France in JR’s photo

truck meeting locals, learning their stories and producing epic-size portraits of them. The photos are prominently displayed on houses, barns, storefronts and trains revealing the humanity in their subjects, and themselves. *Faces Places* documents these heartwarming encounters as well as the unlikely, tender friendship the filmmakers formed along the way.

Since the film’s world premiere earlier this year at the Cannes Film Festival, where it was awarded the

Golden Eye for the best documentary, *Faces Places* has screened at festivals around the world, receiving widespread critical acclaim.

“Sheer perfection. French New Wave veteran Agnes Varda and the young photographer JR leap fearlessly into the art of making art in the year’s best and most beguiling doc.” – *Rolling Stone*

“Magnificently moving, funny, life-affirming, and altogether won-

For the love of chess & The Polar Express

in Livingston

The Livingston Film Series is delighted to present a free screening of *Queen of Katwe* on Sunday, December 10th at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts beginning at 7pm.

Living in the slum of Katwe in Kampala, Uganda, is a constant struggle for 10-year-old Phiona (Madina Nalwanga) and her family. Her world changes one day when she meets Robert Katende (David Oyelowo), a missionary who teaches children how to play chess. Phiona becomes fascinated with the game and soon becomes a top player under Katende’s guidance. Her success in local competitions and tournaments opens the door to a bright future and a golden chance to escape from a life of poverty.

Following on Friday, December 22nd, a special Shane Center screening of *The Polar Express* is set for 7pm.

Directed by Robert Zemeckis and based on children’s author Chris Van Allsburg’s modern holiday classic of the same name, *The Polar Express* follows Billy (Hayden McFarland), who longs to believe in Santa Claus but finds it quite difficult to do so in the face of his family’s dogged insistence that all of it — from the North Pole, to the elves, to the man himself — is just a myth. Everything changes on Christmas Eve when a mysterious train visits Billy in the middle of the night, promising to take him and a group of other children to the North Pole for a visit with Santa. The train’s

derful...” – *Indiewire*

“...a poignant meditation on everything from self-revelation in the age of the selfie to change in rural France. This rich cross-generational exchange speaks to the persistence of French cinematic culture...the doc itself is a delight, subtle, touching and entertaining.”

– *The Globe and Mail*

The pre-screening silent auction will include gift certificates to several Doc Series sponsors, including The Lark, Treeline Coffee, and Saffron Table, gift boxes from Bozeman Spirits, a massage from REintegrative Massage, passes and schwag from the Bozeman Doc Series, a CSA share from Strike Farms, and more. This year will once again feature one of the most popular items: one night of skiing for up to 30 people under the lights at Bear Canyon Ski Area (hosted by Mount Ellis Academy) — perfect for a company retreat or simply a night out for you and your 29 closest friends.

Single admission is \$10, or \$8 for students. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at Cactus Records and Movie Lovers, as well as www.bozemandocseries.org where you can purchase season passes and 7-film punch cards, learn more about the series, and view trailers for upcoming films. The series will continue every other Sunday through Christmas. Starting January 4th, the series will move to every other Thursday through April. •

conductor (Tom Hanks) and passengers help turn Billy’s crisis of faith into a journey of self-discovery. Now in its third season, the Livingston Film Series presents a wide variety of independent features, documentaries, local films, and special screenings on the second Sunday of every month in the Shane Center’s Dulcie Theatre. A reception precedes each film at 6:30pm. Admission is always free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Visit theshanecenter.org for further details and a complete schedule of upcoming films. The Livingston Film Series is generously sponsored by Marilyn Clotz, Mary Ann Bearden, and Donald B. Gimbel. •

Get ready for the ho-ho-holidays with final F-11 classes of 2017

F-11 Photographic Supplies’ information and experience-rich classes are ripe with opportunities to get a handle on your devices and interact with knowledgeable instructors. Here’s a look at what’s coming up.

FREE weekend workshop **Photos for Mac** will unfold Saturday, December 2nd from 10–11am. Get organized and learn how to use Apple’s Photos App on your Mac, iPhone and iPad. Instructor

Kendall Roth will give a tutorial on managing your photos and how to share and back up your irreplaceable images with iCloud. She’ll show you how to make your images pop with Photos’ intuitive creative editing tools, plus tag, organize and sync.

A **Kids Make + Take Workshop** follows on Saturday, December 9th from 10–11:30am. The best gifts are those that come from the heart. They’re also probably handmade — but who has time to coordinate a major art project at home? This class will help your children create a personalized and meaningful gift at this fun and interactive event with Katherine Milledge and Brooke Welch, experienced instructors, crafters and moms. Show up for the fun and leave with a beautiful creative product, gift wrapped and ready to share. Parents, grandparents and guardians are welcome to join in or take a break off-site. Registration is \$37.99 and includes finished gift. *Please note: Following the Make + Take Workshop on Dec. 9th, there will be no classes held until the new year. See you in 2018!* Preregistration is required for ALL classes. Visit www.f11photo.com, call (406) 586-3281, or stop by the store at 2612 W Main St., Suite A, to register. Additional technical requirements may apply. See website for further details. •

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Children’s Museum hosts FREE Friday Night & wintry fun

The Children’s Museum of Bozeman (CMB) will host its next **Free Friday Night** on December 8th from 5–8pm. The public is invited to enjoy the museum’s exhibits free of charge during this monthly event. Pizza will be available for \$1 a slice, courtesy of Tarantino’s Pizzeria. Bring the whole family down for some pre-holiday fun! This event is held the second Friday of every month.

Then, head down to the museum for snowy science and winter crafts every day during winter break with CMB’s **Winter Wonderland**. This seasonally-inspired exhibit features hands-on activities all over the museum. Make a cardboard gingerbread house, pin the antlers on Merry Moose, make snow glitter slime and festive ornaments! Activities will be available for all ages,



December 21st–30th from 11am–3pm. Free with membership or admission. Regular museum hours are Monday through Saturday from 10am–5pm. *Please note: CMB will be closed Dec. 24th–26th.*

CMB is a lean organization, and more than 85% of money earned or raised is used to directly fund its programs, exhibits and services. The Museum is committed to reaching as many children as possible with high-quality educational enrichment activities — and your support is vital to that mission. Join the CMB family! Call (406) 522-9087 or visit www.cmbozeman.org for further information. You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram for the most up-to-date info.

Located at 202 S Willson Ave., the Children’s Museum of Bozeman offers hands-on exhibits, summer science camps, after-school activities, and educational programs throughout the year. Because children make profound meaning from direct experience, Children’s Museum programs facilitate pathways for hands-on exploratory play. •

Bozeman Kiwanis presents annual pancake feed, Xmas toy drive

Doesn’t look a day over 70! Bozeman Kiwanis will present the **93rd Annual Cakes for Kids** event at Gallatin County Fairgrounds, building 4, on Saturday, December 2nd from 7am–1pm. Join the festivities and enjoy pancakes, ham, fixings, beverages, and fun with Santa and Trixie! Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. This family event directly benefits area youth programs with 100% of the profits supporting the community. Tickets are available from Bozeman Kiwanis members or at the door. So, round up the family and don’t miss the fun at this anticipated community event held every year! This event is made possible with the generous support of local businesses and sponsors.

And since you’re already in the holiday

spirit, Bozeman Kiwanis will co-sponsor the **Hope & the Holidays Toy Drive** at MAP Brewing on Wednesday, December 6th from 4–8pm. Please help local children experience the joy of Christmas. You can make a cash or gift donation to assist children and families in need. Last year, Hope & the Holidays provided gifts to 1,613 children in 595 families and distributed 338 Christmas food baskets to families within 100 miles of Bozeman.

Can’t make it to the drive? Find a list of donation box locations at www.HopeandtheHolidaysMT.com.

For more information about the Bozeman Kiwanis Club, please visit www.bozeman-kiwanisclub.portalbuzz.com or check them out on Facebook, @BozemanKiwanis. •



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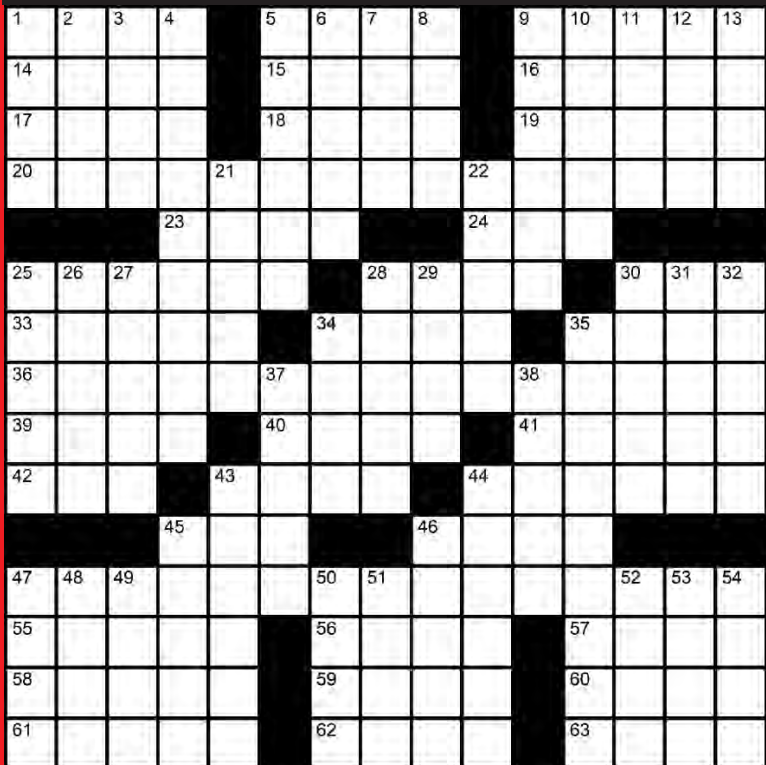


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- 1 One who saves the day
5 ____ vu
9 Pricey violin, for short
14 It has pressing work to do
15 Bus. boss
16 Type of twisted wit
17 Rock, in rock-paper-scissors
18 Ceremony
19 Flaxen fabric
20 Warring with words
23 Camera or eye part
24 Binary digit
25 Bat symbol in the night sky, e.g.
28 Maggie's big brother
30 P.I., slangily
33 Start of a rhyming fitness motto
34 Timbuktu's country
35 Orange pool ball number
36 Like some raisins and pretzels
39 Took the bus
40 Crowning point
41 Creator of Winnie-the-Pooh
42 Mom on the farm
43 Gripe
44 Soft stroke

- 45 "Yes" indication
46 Stereotypical reactions to fireworks
47 "Ignore the critics," in modern parlance
55 Pearl Jam's debut single
56 Eager
57 Graph line
58 Fixes, as a piano
59 Suspense novelist
Hoag
60 1996 GOP running mate
Jack
61 Stylish
62 It may go downhill near the end of the year
63 Garden in Genesis

Down

- 1 Old audio system
2 "____ Brockovich" (Julia Roberts film)
3 Civil rights icon Parks
4 In a risky situation
5 Throw off course
6 Interstate driver's options
7 Ballet leap
8 Breezed through a test
9 Like some initial P's
10 Large family group

- 11 "Class Reunion" author
Jaffe
12 Work without ____ (be daring)
13 Small unit of force
21 Muse of love poetry
22 Order of Greek architecture
25 Bolivia's constitutional capital
26 "This ____ We Do It" (1995 R&B hit)
27 Crystal-centered rock
28 "Disjointed" star Kathy
29 The "A" in A-Rod
30 Book cover
info
31 2, 4, 6, 8, e.g.
32 Gives up
34 GPS displays, often
35 Reasonable treatment
37 Glorifies
38 Warren Buffett's city
43 Wooded area
44 Frank

- 45 When to look a gift horse in the mouth
46 "Astro Boy" genre
47 Roles, proverbially
48 Reunion attendee
49 "Proud Mary" singer
Turner
50 Gangsters' heaters
51 Horse track shape
52 Canned
53 End-of-exam announcement
54 Channel that debuted in 1979

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Answers: And?

Annual Victorian tea event returns to historic Story Mansion



In collaboration with Bozeman Parks & Recreation, Friends of the Story Mansion will present **Victorian Holiday Tea: A Flavor of Historic Bozeman** on Sunday, December 3rd with seatings at 12:30pm and 3:30pm.

Don't miss this year's holiday tea at the historic Story Mansion. Here is your chance to truly experience the grandeur of the famous Bozeman property. Enjoy being served tea and homemade cookies, pastries, and savory treats by the grand ladies of Bozeman — all dressed in period clothing. Break out your vintage

attire and frolic back in time at the Story Mansion!

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Seating is limited. Reservations are required for this event by calling Bozeman Parks & Rec at (406) 582-2290 or stop-

ping by the office, 415 N Bozeman Ave. This event is a fundraiser for Friends of the Story Mansion.

The Story Mansion is a dedicated public park! Friends are a group dedicated to supporting the restoration and public reuse of the historic T.B. Story property in central Bozeman... one of the city's grandest and most important architectural treasures. Further information and event events can be found at www.friendsofthestory.org. The Story Mansion is located at 811 S Willson Ave. •

Willson & Warren Miller host annual Nutcracker production

Montana Ballet Company (MBC), under the direction of Elizabeth DeFanti, has announced its 34th annual production of **The Nutcracker**, set for Friday and Saturday, December 1st-2nd at Willson Auditorium. Evening performances will take place at 7pm both nights, in addition to a Saturday matinee beginning at 2pm. *The Nutcracker* heads to Big Sky's Warren Miller Performing Arts Center for a Sunday performance on December 3rd at 4pm.

Montana Ballet Company is thrilled to welcome back guest artists Rachel Van Buskirk and Christian Clark, principal dancers with Terminus Modern Ballet Theater. Both guest artists have notable careers and have danced professionally throughout the United States and abroad. They will share the stage with MBC's own company dancers and nearly 100 dancers from the community. Also featured in the cast is Soren Kiesel, co-director of *Broad Comedy*, who will once again dance the role of Drosselmeyer.

MBC's production of *The Nutcracker*, set to Tchaikovsky's beloved score, is one of the largest artistic collaborations in the region featuring the work of accomplished dancers, local and national level choreographers, guest artists, live musicians, seasoned stage technicians, lighting and costume designers and a host of dedicated volunteers. Audiences will delight in new and exciting choreography and theatrical elements.

The Bozeman Symphony will again provide live music, conducted by guest artist and Belgrade native, Maestro Lee Mills, Resident Conductor of the Brazilian Symphony Orchestra and winner of the Solti Foundation U.S. 2014 Career Assistance Award.

Tickets for Bozeman performances of The Nutcracker range \$15-\$55 and are available at www.montanaballet.org, where you can also find further information about these and other upcoming MBC performances. Tickets to Big Sky's special Sunday show range \$15-\$35 and are available at www.warrenmillerpac.org. •

Join the “Academy” & nominate your 2018 Best of Bozeman

Though winter is just kicking into gear, the warmer months are sure to creep up on Southwest Montana before we know it. With the initial signs of spring comes the annual

return of the **Best of Bozeman**. This friendly local competition is the original celebration of everything we love about our town and all it has to offer. And because you, the people who call Bozeman and its surrounding communities home, are the electors of the area's Best, *The BoZone* is asking for your input.

Ahead of the 2018 contest, the public is invited to become members of our own little “Academy” of sorts, nominating area establishments to be considered for inclusion in the upcoming community survey. Do you feel a longtime neighborhood shop or restaurant has been left in the cold in years past? Is there a new business you think deserves a blue ribbon for an existing category? Is there somewhere so criminally underrated you can't stand it? Nominations open December 1st at www.thebestofbozeman.com. This is an

opportunity to have your say before the official polling window opens at the top of March.

This year's voting will again consist of a multiple choice format, displaying area favorites from previous surveys, top picks from public nominations, as well as the option to add a choice not listed. The online ballot will also be complete with new and revised categories. While there are many to represent all our area's vast Best-ness, voters can decide the winners of as many or as few titles as they please.

Nearly three thousand logged on last year and gave recognition to their favorite food and beverage hotspots, service industries, live entertainment, small businesses, nonprofits, other local destinations, and so much more. Continuing the tradition, it's up to each and every one of you to acknowledge your Best of the Best. Log on to www.thebestofbozeman.com to peruse the complete list of 2017 winners and to make your nominations. **The 2018 Best of Bozeman will take place March 1st through April 15th.** •



MSU's annual Madrigal Dinner returns to Bozeman & Big Sky

From MSU News Service

Tickets are now on sale for Montana State University School of Music's popular **Madrigal Dinner**, which will be held at 6:30pm both Saturday, December 2nd, and Sunday, December 3rd, in the ballrooms of MSU's Strand Union Building. Seating begins at 6pm.

The traditional holiday feast will also be held 6:30pm. Monday, December 4th, in Big Sky.

The MSU School of Music production, in its 52nd year, transports contemporary guests to a Renaissance feast. For two nights the MSU Strand Ballrooms are transformed into a great baronial hall. University Catering creates a traditional Renaissance dinner with a gourmet twist, while knaves and wenches perform traditional carols sung for centuries during the twelve days of Christmas

Paul Birkeland, director of University Catering, and his crew will prepare a menu featuring a pork loin dinner or a vegetarian option with all the fixings. The meal includes a traditional dessert for the holidays and wassail.

Tickets for the MSU performances are \$35 and may be purchased at the Bobcat Ticket Office in the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, which is open 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Parking for ticket buyers is provided in the lot directly below the ticket office. Tickets may also be purchased over the phone (406-994-CATS) or online at www.ticketwest.com (search “Madrigal Dinner”).

The Big Sky dinner will be held at Bucks T-4 at 6:30pm, Monday, Dec. 4th, with seating beginning at 6pm. Tickets for that performance are \$55 and may be purchased by calling the Arts Council of Big Sky, (406) 995-2742. •

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Ecology professor Andrew Hansen next speaker in MSU's American West Lecture Series

From MSU News Service

Andrew Hansen, a professor in the Department of Ecology in the College of Letters and Science and director of the Landscape Biodiversity Lab at Montana State University, will give the fifth and final talk in the Center for Western Lands and Peoples' Perspectives on the American West Lecture Series on Monday, December 4th.

Hansen's lecture, **"Taking the Pulse of Greater Yellowstone: Successes and Challenges in Sustaining a Wildland Ecosystem in the 21st Century"** is set for 6pm at the Museum of the Rockies' Hager Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. The presentation will be followed by a reception in the museum lobby. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Yellowstone is famous for being the world's first national park, one of the world's largest temperate wildlands and a role model for wildlife management. But like wildlands globally, Yellowstone is facing increasing human pressure and climate change. Hansen will discuss the concept of "greater" in the moniker "Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem," the impact of people in the wildlands, trends in vital signs of ecological health and ways forward in the coming century.

Hansen studies the interactions between abiotic factors such as climate, soils and



topography, and human land use and biodiversity. From 2011 to 2016, he was the lead principal investigator of NASA's Landscape Climate Change Vulnerability Project. This collaboration with the National Park Service, NASA, academic scientists and land managers developed decision-making support tools to assess the vulnerability of ecosystems and species to changes in climate and land use, as well as evaluate management options. Hansen co-authored the book *Climate Change in Wildlands: Pioneering Approaches to Science and*

Management, which was published in 2016, and he teaches landscape ecology and management and macrosystems ecology courses for the MSU's Department of Ecology.

The American West Lecture Series features experts from around the country discussing the history, literature and culture of the West; issues affecting the wildlife and fisheries of the region; and the West's geography, geology and resources. The series is co-spon-

sored by the Burton K. Wheeler Center and is a program of the Center for Western Lands and Peoples, an interdisciplinary research center within the MSU College of Letters and Science that is focused on the places and peoples of the Western United States and Canada.

For more information, go to: <http://calendar.msu.montana.edu/events/23079>.

Join the conversation: Human Rights Day is December 8th

Human Rights Day Conversation at Bozeman Public Library on Friday, December 8th from 7–9pm. Human Rights Day presents an opportunity to celebrate human rights, highlight specific issues, and advocate for the full enjoyment of all human rights by everyone everywhere.

Among the evening's presenters, Richard A. Damon, MD, will discuss *"Health as a Human Right,"* followed by Dan Lourie with *"We Had Sneakers, They Had Guns: The Kids Who Fought for Civil Rights."* Ada Giusti will give attendees a look into the *"Intersection of Human Rights and Refugees in Europe."* Finally, Norman Bishop will close out the evening presentation with timely *"Human Rights and the Environment."*

Events are FREE and open to the public. Donations of food or children's books for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank are appreciated! For further information, please email info@hopamountain.org or call (406) 586-2455, as well as Aida Murga at (406) 585-8125.

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adults and youth, who are working to improve education, ecological health, and economic development. Learn more at www.hopamountain.org.

Bozeman Dance Academy presents: 'Twas The Night

Bozeman Dance Academy celebrates 10 years with its annual production of **'Twas The Night Before Christmas** on Friday, December 1st at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture beginning at 6:30pm.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for youth ages 4–12, and free for those 3 and under (on lap). Advance tickets are available at

Bozeman Dance Academy, located at 2005 Gilkerson Drive.

Bozeman Dance Academy's pride and excellence in its professional staff, talented students, and accredited curriculum (appropriate to age, level, and interest) allows everyone to experience the joy of positive dance programs. Learn more at www.bozemandanceacademy.com.

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Winter art walk takes over Artists’ Gallery for evening event



By Janel Acheson

The next *Artists’ Gallery Artwalk* is set for Friday, December 8th at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture beginning at 5pm, just in time to pick out a few skillfully handmade items for unique holiday gifts. Head down to meet local artists and join the festivities! This event will feature functional fused glass wares from **Sara Orchard**, still life oil paintings by **Linda Williams**, and wildlife paintings true to subjects’ nature courtesy of **Janel Acheson**. The Artists’ Gallery is a cooperative of member artists living in Bozeman and the surrounding area. Formed in 1992, the space provides an alternative to the traditional art gallery business. Members maintain

freedom and control over their own artwork, and business decisions are made collectively by the artists themselves. They even take turns working the gallery! Stop in any time during business hours and you’ll meet one of the artists. Local artists interested in becoming an active gallery member are invited to submit work to be juried by current Artists’ Gallery members. Please call (406) 587-2127 or stop by the gallery for more information. The Artists’ Gallery is located within the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture. Regular hours are Monday through Saturday from 10am–5pm. Learn more at artistsgallerybozeman.com. •

Commemorate World AIDS Day with Baxter event

AIDS Outreach will present the **7th Annual Red Ribbon Ball** in commemoration of World AIDS Day on Friday, December 1st at the Baxter Hotel beginning at 7pm. The event will feature tasty food, live music, a silent auction, fabulous prizes, and an even more fabulous drag show featuring Christina Drake and Jacquelyn Frost of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the State of Montana (ISCSM)! Tickets will be available at the door for \$20, \$30 for couples, and \$10 for students. All proceeds from this event help AIDS Outreach provide safe, confidential HIV testing, community HIV education, as well as support for those living with HIV. AIDS Outreach is a local



501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides a support group for HIV+ persons, produces and distributes educational materials for the community, offers HIV testing, organizes a speaker’s bureau, and provides direct outreach, support and assistance for HIV+ persons and their families and caregivers. AIDS Outreach hosts multiple events throughout the year, including the Red Ribbon Ball on World AIDS Day. Dedicated to empowering people and communities affected by HIV through testing, prevention, support and education, AIDS Outreach serves Gallatin, Park and Madison Counties. Learn more at www.aidsoutreachmt.org. •



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Cutting your Christmas tree: permits & guidelines for a great tradition

With Thanksgiving behind us, a friendly reminder that **Christmas tree permits** are now available for sale at all seven Ranger District offices and numerous vendors across the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Forest Service offices in Bozeman, West Yellowstone, Livingston, Gardiner, Red Lodge, Ashland, MT and Camp Crook, SD will have permits available from 8am–4:30pm, Monday through Friday for \$5 each, with a limit of three permits per household. Permits are sold in person and cash, check, or debit and credit cards are accepted. Permits are also available at the following local community businesses:

- Belgrade: Town & Country and True Value Hardware
- Bozeman: Owenhouse Ace Hardware (both locations), Murdoch’s Ranch & Home Supply
- Four Corners: Murdoch’s Ranch & Home Supply
- Big Sky: Big Sky Conoco
- Livingston: Ace Hardware

 A permit can also be purchased for gathering personal-use boughs. Permits, maps, forest road access updates and tree species identification guides are available at each ranger district office. “Cutting a Christmas tree is a great, family fun tradition for many,” said Marna Daley, Public Affairs Officer, Custer Gallatin National Forest. “Dress in layers for changing weather conditions, be

prepared for emergencies, and enjoy spending time outdoors with friends and family.” Those with a permit may cut a Christmas tree anywhere on the Custer Gallatin National Forest except in campgrounds, trailheads, designated wilderness areas, developed recreation sites, posted timber

ground as possible and below the lowest live limb. A remaining stump height of 6 inches or less is ideal.

- After cutting your tree, attach the purchased permit to a lower limb near the trunk for transporting home.
- “Topping” trees, or cutting



sale units, recently planted locations and administrative sites. Permits are also valid for any national forest in the Northern Region, which includes all of Montana, northern Idaho and portions of North and South Dakota. General guidelines for cutting a tree include the following:

- No tree-cutting is allowed within 50 feet of any stream, lake, or wetland.
- Only trees 15 feet tall or less may be cut.
- Cut your tree as close to the

top off trees, deforms any future growth and leaves a visual eyesore. Take the entire tree or choose another one.

- Trees help protect watersheds, provide habitat for wildlife, and contribute to beautiful scenery. Keep these values in mind when selecting a tree.

 For more information, please contact any Custer Gallatin National Forest office. For general forest information, visit www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin. •

Bozeman Optimists present Christmas tree lot in benefit of area youth

The Optimist Club of Bozeman continues to present its annual **Christmas Tree Lot** in the Walmart parking lot, tentatively through December 16th — or until they run out of trees! Hours are Monday through Friday from 10am–7pm, as well as Saturday and Sunday from 12–6pm. Available trees are all from Montana suppliers. The Optimists carry plantation and wild trees and can accommodate any price range. Also available are handmade wreaths from Northwest Montana. Come and pick out the perfect tree and greens for your home, while also supporting a



great cause in the process! The Bozeman Optimist Club is a “Friend of Youth” and devotes its time and energy into raising funds for local youth groups, organizing community youth oriented events, and giving out student “non-traditional” scholar-

ships and sports gear scholarships. The Optimists have contributed to the Bozeman Pond, the Skate Park, Destination Imagination, and so much more. Learn more about the Bozeman Optimist Club on Facebook, @BozemanOptimists. •

Local Cannabis company hosts Doctor’s Clinic this month

From *Paradise Valley Cannabis Co.* “You’ve tried the rest, now try some of the best!” Paradise Valley Cannabis Company has announced its next **Doctor’s Clinic** will take place Saturday, December 2nd. The event will feature caregiver services, FREE individual doctor’s appointments, and testing lab. This clinic is included with membership, or \$100 if visiting patients use a different caregiver. THC tests are each \$50, or \$75 for pesticides. Both tests will be administered for \$100, with additional discounts available for multiple tests of five or more. A

chronic pain evaluation by two doctors is \$200. Higher plant count letters (24 plants & 24 ounces) are available for \$150. For further information about this event, please call (406) 580-3008 or visit thcmontana.org. There are more than 60 chemical compounds known as cannabinoids in the marijuana plant. Cannabinoids interact with your body by way of naturally occurring cannabinoid receptors embedded in cell membranes throughout your body. There are cannabinoid receptors in your brain, lungs, liver, kidneys,

immune system and more. Both the therapeutic and psychoactive properties of marijuana occur when a cannabinoid (such as the THC produced by the cannabis plant) activates a cannabinoid receptor. Your body also has naturally occurring endocannabinoids that stimulate your cannabinoid receptors and produce a variety of important physiologic processes, far beyond that of the traditional “highs” associated with THC.

What’s amazing is that your body is actually hard-wired to respond to cannabinoids through this unique receptor system. Though research is still ongoing on just how extensive their impact is on our health, what is known is that cannabinoid receptors play an important role in many body processes, including metabolic regulation, cravings, pain, anxiety, bone growth, and immune function. Medical Cannabis can provide benefits for a wide variety of ailments and conditions, including but not limited to: severe and chronic pain, arthritis, migraine headaches, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, cancer, chemo and radiation therapy, chronic nausea or vomiting, anorexia or loss of appetite, multiple sclerosis, premenstrual syndrome, seizure disorders including epilepsy, gastroesophageal reflux, cerebral palsy, asthma, hepatitis C, Lou Gehrig’s disease (ALS), Crohn’s disease or ulcerative colitis, repetitive strain injury and cumulative trauma disorder, fibromyalgia, scoliosis, carpal tunnel, whiplash, neuropathy, muscle spasms, and more.

Paradise Valley Cannabis Company provides professional and confidential medical cannabis evaluations and education in Montana. Their goal is to create a comfortable and stress-free environment for patients that wish to acquire their medical cannabis recommendation and ID card. For further details about services offered, please visit the aforementioned website. •

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Not all grocery labels are created equal: new resource identifies the good & bad apples

From Green America

With Thanksgiving and the holiday season around the corner, Green America released a valuable guide for consumers navigating the cornucopia of vague and often confusing food labels. **“The ABCs of Food Labeling”** is a guide to help consumers understand which labels certify food that was produced with adherence to a set of verifiable criteria, and which labels are just cheap marketing ploys. As it turns out, many of the labels and certifications mean a lot less than you think!

The new guide covers labels for animal welfare, environmental and health concerns, labor conditions, and the presence of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs). The guide rates each label with one through five stars, and evaluates impacts on environment and human health, whether the label represents a clearly defined legal or regulatory

standard and whether the standards set forth by the label are subjected to third-party certification or audit.

“Purchasing foods with meaningful labels is a critical way to support socially and environmentally responsible food production,” said Anna Meyer, the food campaigns director at Green America. “Autumn is a season of great eating and great cooking! Keep a printed copy of the ABCs of Food Labeling with your reusable grocery bags or access the list from your phone.”

The guide also offers helpful tips and interesting facts, including:

- Organic is always Non-GMO: When a food is labeled USDA organic, that means it cannot be produced using genetic engineering (GE) or ingredients derived from

GE crops. Shop carefully when buying corn, soy alfalfa, sugar, canola,

animals that have been fed GE crops.

eggs at your local farmer’s market, or through a CSA, allows you to have a conversation with the farmers that produce your food. Ask them questions about humane practices and support local, ethical farms.

- Shop smart: Access other resources while you’re at the store. Animal Welfare Alliance has an app that exposes whether animal product labels are trustworthy. Label Lookup and Non-GMO Project Shopping Guide are apps that serve a similar function for packaged goods. The app Locavore helps you find farmers markets and locally produced food near you.

“The ABCs of Food Labeling” is available for free download at www.greenamerica.org/abcs-food-labels.

Green America is the nation’s leading green economy organization. Founded in 1982, Green America provides the economic strategies, organizing power and practical tools for businesses and individuals to solve today’s social and environmental problems. •



cotton, papaya, zucchini, and summer squash, as well as animal products, which most often come from

- Want humane food? Meet the humans producing it: One of the best ways to know what animal stewardship practices were involved in producing your food is to meet your farmer! Buying meat, dairy, and

’Tis the season for WSE’s Holiday Farmers Market

Western Sustainability Exchange (WSE) is delighted to present its **12th Annual Holiday Farmers Market** on Saturday, December 2nd, from 9am–4pm at the Livingston Civic Center. This one-day shopping extravaganza will feature handmade toys, apparel, jewelry, baked goods, gift baskets, books, and more. Admission is free of charge.

Come partake in the festivities! The first 300 people who check in at WSE’s booth will get a free Kevin Bowman Christmas CD. As is tradition, there will be raffles throughout the day with products from the vendors. Bring yourself, your kids, and pet friends down for a picture with Santa Paws. All photo proceeds go to the Stafford Animal Shelter and support animals in need. There will be a strolling magician and live holiday music on stage. Meals, snacks, and baked goods will be provided by Crust & Crumb Bakery all day.

Whether you’re shopping for yourself or others, there will be a variety of vendors to choose from. Handmade jewelry vendors include Chau’s Art, Swanz Silver, Mearrings, and MT Girl Musings. If you’re in the market for live holiday plants, wreaths and centerpieces, Vedra Cajune has you covered. How about tables and signs hand-built from recycled barn

wood? Faith Kinnick is your lady. If you’re looking for alpaca wool products, Global Midwife Education Foundation has a fine selection. Looking for ceramics? Sagebrush Ceramics has a variety of functional, handmade items. Or you can paint your own ceramics and Christmas ornaments with Fireflies

Yellowstone Gateway Museum, Traci Isaly Designs, Resurrection Steel, Red Hen Products, G Street Farms, and the ever-popular Kids Coffee Company from WSE’s Young Entrepreneurial Stewards (YES) program.

Products from the summer Livingston Farmers Market include jewelry from Nest, essential oils and body products from Mountain Maiden Naturals, mixed-metal jewelry from Beanpod, and wooden toys and utensils from Oops Productions.

So, come to WSE’s Holiday Farmers Market, kick-start your holidays, and wrap up your gift shopping list in one day of food and fun for the whole family while supporting your local economy.



Pottery & Art Studio. Come get grassfed lamb products from Wolf Ridge Lamb & Wool Company out of Paradise Valley. Mission Ranch Beef will offer beef and pork gift baskets.

Popular vendors returning from past years include Bozeman Oil & Vinegar, Ikenits, Raised by Wolves Studios, Culpepper Photography,

Admission is free. For more information and a list of vendors, visit www.westernsustainabilityexchange.org or call (406) 222-0730 ext. 1. Buy local, buy quality, and invest in your community! •

Screen & discuss Standing Rock documentary at Pilgrim Church

Check out a film screening and discussion of **AWAKE, A Dream From Standing Rock** on Thursday, December 14th beginning at 6:30pm. Following the documentary, listen to different members of the community share their stories from Standing Rock. FREE and open to the public, the event will take place at Pilgrim Congregational Church, located at 2118 S 3rd Ave.

A unique collaborative documentary created in three chapters, each helmed by a different filmmaker, the feature length film is directed by Academy Award-nominated filmmaker and activist Josh Fox (*Gasland*, *How to Let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can’t Change*), Academy Award-nominated filmmaker James Spione (*Silenced*, *Incident in New Baghdad*), and indigenous filmmaker and Digital Smoke Signals founder Myron Dewey.

private security teams confronting water protectors and journalists with rubber bullets, mace, tear gas, water hoses, and weaponized dogs. But the film also takes viewers behind the front lines to reveal the intimate day-to-day life of the camp community, as indigenous and non-indigenous protectors gather for peaceful prayer and song, and engage in daily tasks like clearing snow, raising tips, distributing clothing donations, or building sleeping barracks for the many veterans who arrived to join the water protectors.

While President Trump has approved DAPL, the fight against the pipeline continues in the courts. Meanwhile, a number of other pipeline protest camps have sprung up around the country. Standing Rock has awakened the nation and forever changed the way we fight for clean water, the environment, and the future of our planet.

“The battle that began at Standing Rock is a battle for the

soul of America itself, and it is far from over. This film is part of the rallying cry for indigenous sovereignty and clean water that has resonated across the globe,” says Fox. “It has been a great honor and privilege to work with people from Standing Rock, like Floris White Bull and Doug Good Feather, who have guided this project every step of the way.”

Executive produced by Doug Good Feather, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Amy Ziering (*The Invisible War*, *The Hunting Grounds*), and Lauren Taschen, the film’s score features music from indigenous musician/activists Nahko, (Nahko and Medicine for the People) and Prolific the Rapper. Floris White Bull and Doug Good Feather serve as advisors, while White Bull is also one of the film’s writers.

For further information and to watch the film trailer, visit www.awakethefilm.org. •



Each of the three sections of the film tells the story of the Standing Rock protests in the unique perspective and style of the filmmaker who created it. The immersive documentary features emotional first-person accounts as well as gripping verité footage of militarized local police and

Mountains Walking hosts Astronomy on Tap event

Bozeman’s next **Astronomy on Tap** event heads to Mountains Walking Brewery on Monday, December 4th beginning at 5:30pm. Enjoy a beer while learning about astronomy and testing your astrology knowledge.

This edition will feature two professors from Montana State University’s Department of Physics. Dana Longcope, Ph.D, will discuss stars and the creation of heavy elements, while Neil Cornish, Ph.D, gives insight into the NS merger and the production of even heavier elements. Come order a brew and chat them up!

This all ages event is open to the

public. Mountains Walking Brewery is located at 422 Plum Ave., featuring a truly excellent view of the Bridger Range.

Each FREE Astronomy on Tap event features accessible, engaging science presentations on topics ranging from planets to black holes to galaxies to the beginning of the Universe. Presenters are from local research and educational institutions. Astronomy on Tap was created in New York City by Meg Schwamb, currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Institute of Astronomy & Astrophysics, Academia Sinica (Taiwan). Learn more at www.astronomyontap.org. •



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Support Local Artists & Musicians with the **7th Annual SLAM Winter Showcase**, returning to Downtown Bozeman Friday and Saturday, December 1st–2nd. This event will highlight the talents of artists from around the state of Montana in an environment that encourages shopping locally for the holidays. SLAM’s “pop-up,” gallery-style showcase will be held at the Masonic Lodge ballroom, located at 14 S Tracy Ave. in Bozeman. Event hours are noon–8pm each day.

The SLAM Winter Showcase is the perfect place to buy great gifts with that hand-made touch from Montana artists! Featured at SLAM are one-of-a-kind jewelry, eye-catching ceramics, fashionable textiles, stunning photography, and fabulous art for all tastes and budgets.

Ceramics will be available from artists Lisa Ernst, Joanne May, Matthew Pedaluc, and Marianne Robilotta, along with *glass* pieces

by Lisa Lord and Katie Sisum. Check out some beautiful *paintings* and other *fine art* by Carol Barmore, Kelsey Dzintars, Peter Jones, Gary Little, and Anne KM Ross. Original *jew-*



elry dazzles thanks to the talents of Elizabeth Costigan, Beth Gregory, Jo Jones, Deana Albers Lloyd, and Alison Sweeney. It may be a little more difficult to handle, but *metal* and *sculpture* can still find a place under (or next to) the Christmas tree. Mitch Billis, Elaine Hansard, Thomas Holyszko, and Bryan Mackie will all showcase their work. Aaron, Michael, and Brian Thornburg will also be on hand. Ample *photography* will be ready to wrap with area shutterbugs Nikole Greer, Zach Hoffman, William Munoz, and Rowan Nyman offering up their gorgeous snaps. Find *body products* by Amber Sikkink and *leather* by Elisa Eshbaugh at their respective artists’ booths. Finally, there’s no better place than SLAM to

find unique *textiles* for those on your list. Sarah Canfield, Ami Davis, Margaret Stewart, Chelsea Thompson, and Sharie Williamson will all exhibit their wares.

SLAM is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting Montana arts and art education in a manner that enriches and involves the community. SLAM hosts events to showcase the artistic talent of residents, funds scholarships to community members seeking education in the arts, and spearheads community art installations. Artist participation in SLAM festivals is open only to Montanans, but everyone is welcome to attend, experience, and support the talents of our fantastic artist community!

Further information about this event can be found at www.slamfestivals.org. If you would like to receive information about future SLAM events, please send an email to info@slamfestivals.org. — SLAM on! •

Sacajawea Audubon presents owl expert Denver Holt at Ellen Theatre

Owls are arguably the most widely recognized group of animals in the world. They occur on all continents except Antarctica and have populated the most remote groups of islands in the world (i.e. Hawaii). Owl lore, myth and stories have been verbally passed along in many native cultures throughout the world.

Join Sacajawea Audubon Society on Monday, December 11th at The Ellen Theatre for a special evening with owl expert Denver Holt. **“The Owls of Montana”** will focus on owl species that occur in Montana only, as well as those around the United States and Canada. He will discuss the differences between the two owl families and also provide a general overview of owl identification, natural history, breeding and non-breeding biology, evolutionary adaptations, habitat affinities, and conservation.

Owls are difficult to find, however, if you learn a little about the breeding seasons and

owl vocalizations, you will be able to track them down. Because voice is the major means of communication among owls, this presentation will review the primary songs. Based upon Denver Holt’s 35 years of surveying and researching owls in Montana and elsewhere, survey techniques will also be outlined. These techniques can be used to increase your chances of finding owls for scientific reasons, or just enjoyment.

Denver Holt is a wildlife researcher and graduate of the University of Montana. He is founder and president of the Owl Research Institute and the Ninepipes Wildlife Research Center, a nonprofit organization located in Charlo, Montana. As a dedicated field researcher, Holt believes that long-term field studies are the primary means to understanding trends in wildlife populations.

Since 1978, Holt’s research focus has been owls and their ecology. He has published about 100 papers and technical documents,

including four species accounts for the Birds of North America project. His research on Snowy Owls has been showcased on documentaries for National Geographic Explorer, NHK Natural History Unit of Japan, and the Norwegian Broadcasting Company Natural History Unit, as well as the focus of the British Broadcasting Company’s (BBC) documentary series called *Frozen Earth*.

Please join Sacajawea Audubon Society for a social at 6:30pm. The program will begin at 7pm. A suggested donation of \$5 will help

Sacajawea Audubon offset the cost of renting the Ellen. To learn more about Holt and his efforts in wildlife research, education, and conservation, visit www.owlinstitute.org. •



Transparency, cost of healthcare discussed at HealthCare Forum

From Montana Chamber of Commerce

The **11th Annual HealthCare Forum**, presented by the Montana Chamber Foundation, delved into several topics including the cost of healthcare and price transparency.

One of the featured guests was Montana Insurance Commissioner Matt Rosendale. Rosendale spoke about the cost of prescription drugs from a consumer standpoint and talked about the importance of the interim committee that is studying healthcare price transparency.

“If you walk into many facilities and you say, ‘How much does a certain procedure cost?’ the answer you get is how, ‘How are you going to pay for it?,” Rosendale said. “Then they determine how much it’s going to cost. That does not give us the ability to really drill down and establish for folks how much their healthcare cost is.”

Rosendale said prescription drug prices are continuing to increase at an alarming rate and that generic medicine prices have

increased as well.

Another panel featured Sen. Ed Buttrely, Sen. Mary Caferro, Rep. Kathy Kelker and Rep. Dennis Lenz. The state legislators talked about the outcome of the 2017 Montana Special Session and spoke again about transparency.

“We have to have a discussion on what transparency is,” Buttrely said. “...What does the executive think is transparency? What do you think is transparency?”

Other speakers included the American Medical Association President Elect Barbara L. McAneny, Attorney General Tim Fox, and Brian Klepper with Worksite Health

Advisors.

Webb Brown, president/CEO of the Montana Chamber, said the HealthCare Forum Conference plays an important role in the Montana Chamber’s 10-year strategic plan, Envision 2026, when it comes to its business climate objective.

“We’re focused on not only the cost of healthcare, but the quality of healthcare,” said Brown. “This conference addressed many of these questions and reconfirmed the importance to keep engaged on these issues.”

Learn more about Envision 2026 by visiting www.montanachamber.com/-envision-2026. •

Senior home care specialists to discuss winter safety at public event

Right at Home Bozeman, Gallatin Valley’s senior home care specialists, will present **“Cold Weather Safety for Aging Adults”** on the afternoon of Thursday, December 7th beginning at 1pm. The presentation will be held at the Bozeman Senior Center, located at 807 N Tracy Ave. This event will offer Gallatin Valley families an opportunity to join in an educational workshop about how to protect you and your elderly loved ones during the winter months. This forum is FREE and open to the public.

As a person begins to age, family members often feel the need to help with everyday tasks their loved one now finds challenging. It can be hard to tell when aging is affecting a family member, because small things can add up to a larger challenge

incredibly fast. If this sounds like something your family is experiencing, you’re not alone. Today, more than 34 million adults are providing care to a loved one over the age of 50.

Whether a family member needs a little extra help around the house, assistance recovering from a hospital stay, or someone to check in on them throughout the week, Right at Home Bozeman can be the perfect solution. Right at Home provides quality, customized home and senior care in Bozeman, Belgrade, Big Sky, Gallatin Gateway, Manhattan, and Three Forks. Discover how their many services can help improve your family’s quality of life. Visit www.rightathome.net/bozeman for further information. •

Greater Yellowstone Coalition to host winterized Green Drinks

The next **Green Drinks** will be hosted by *Greater Yellowstone Coalition* on Wednesday, December 13th at its Bozeman offices, 215 S Wallace Ave., beginning at 5:30pm. Attendees will learn about the organization’s recent successes and have the opportunity to help sing the organization’s annual holiday song. You won’t want to miss this!

This event will double as a Winter Holiday Celebration with food and refreshments provided. This year’s event will feature a chili cook-off with all the fixins’. Vote for your favorite chili and crown the 2017 winner! Uberbrew will again provide their delicious beer. In the spirit of responsible resource use, guests are encouraged to bring a reusable drinking cup.

Every month in Bozeman, people who care about sustainability get together at these

informal gatherings. The evenings feature a lively mixture of people from NGOs, businesses, academia, government, and the local community across political and economic spectra who enjoy the opportunity to chat and network under a broad umbrella. This is a fun way to catch up with people you know way to make new contacts and learn about organizations and individuals interested in all things sustainable. Everyone is welcome to invite someone else along, so there’s always a different crowd, making Green Drinks an organic, self-organizing network.

Green Drinks events are typically held the third Wednesday of each month at rotating venues. If you are interested in becoming an event host or for more information on Green Drinks, visit www.greendrinksbozeman.org. •



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Support Bozeman’s Warming Center with these December concerts

Two upcoming events will directly benefit the Bozeman Warming Center, the area’s only seasonal shelter for men, women, and families in need.

Missoula guitarist and singer/songwriter **John Floridis** is first up with a benefit concert on Sunday, December 10th at the Bozeman United Methodist Church, 121 S Willson Ave., beginning at 7pm. Donations encouraged.

Known for his bluesy, folk-rock vocals and adventurous solo acoustic guitar compositions, Floridis has shared the stage with the likes of Shawn Colvin, Patty Griffin, Emmylou Harris, and The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, among others. He has released numerous recordings, including the popular winter-themed *December’s Quiet Joy* and *The Peaceful Season*.

An additional Warming Center benefit show follows on Saturday, December 23rd featuring genre defying **Heterophobe**, Weissenborn lap slide guitar-clad **Dan**

Dubuque, and folk punk band **Canabalistic Vivisections** at The Filling Station beginning at 9pm. There is a \$10 suggested donation for this 21+ event. Doors at 8pm.

The Warming Center offers seasonal shelter to anyone in need — families with children, single adults, and couples are welcome. Separate sleeping areas are provided. Trained staff and volunteers are on-site at all times during operating hours. The Warming Center is located at 2104 Industrial Drive at the corner of Griffin and Industrial. The Center is open 7pm–7am, 7 days per week during the winter months.



Canabalistic Vivisections

Check-in is from 7–11pm.

Created in partnership with the Greater Gallatin Homeless Action Coalition, the Warming Center is a part of HRDC’s Housing First Program and has been a part of the community since 2010.

HRDC is a non-profit Community Action Agency dedicated to “Building a Better Community.” Learn more about HRDC’s many efforts in our community at www.thehrdc.org.

Grinch storytelling FOODraiser & free holiday sing-along announced

This holiday season, more people are in need of food than ever before. Music Together teacher, musician and entertainer Music Kate has teamed with *Montana Parent* for a Gallatin Valley Food Bank **Storytelling “FOODraiser” & Holiday Sing-Along** at Pilgrim Congregational Church on Saturday, December 16th with events at both 10am and 11am. Music Kate will share an engaging and interactive storytelling of Dr. Seuss’ classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, topped with a holiday sing-along for kids. The event is FREE to everyone and participants are encouraged to bring a donation of canned or shelf-stable food items to donate to a “Who Feast” for our area Food Bank. The Saturday morning fun is great for kids and people of all ages, from infants to those in their 100s! So on Dec. 16th, bring the entire family to Pilgrim



Congregational is located at 2118 S 3rd Ave. Families in attendance will be entered into a drawing to win Dr. Seuss’ *How the Grinch Stole*

Christmas, a free 10-week semester of Music Together’s kids music classes starting in January, as well as savings coupons for Music Kate’s GirlSing Singing, Songwriting & Art Camp. BRING YOUR CAMERA and get your family’s picture taken with Music Kate in her funny “Grinchy Santa” outfit. Don’t miss this memorable holiday gathering and please help feed “WHO-ever”

needs it this holiday season. Attend with friends and family and create a new holiday tradition. All are welcome!

And, if you want even more holiday music fun, stop by Wild Joe’s Coffee Spot during the downtown Christmas Stroll on Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 5–8pm. Music Kate’s band, **Kate & the AlleyKats**, will be on hand with lively holiday music to enjoy as you stroll!

Learn more about Music Kate’s upcoming kids music classes at www.MusicTogetherBozeman.com. Further GirlSing camp details can be found at www.GirlSing.com.

Food insecurity impacts people from all walks of life. The Gallatin Valley Food Bank reaches them all — from working families to senior citizens. The Food Bank’s mission is to improve food security throughout Southwest Montana. Skipping dinner, eating less, or eating less well. This is what thousands of people in Gallatin Valley face every day. The Food Bank is the critical link between food and the people who need it.

The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is a program of the HRDC, a private nonprofit community action agency dedicated to strengthening community. Learn more at www.thehrdc.org.

Montana breweries unite to fight hunger

Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN) has announced **“Hops Against Hunger,”** its collaboration with Montana breweries to unite to fight statewide hunger in December. ‘Tis the season to help your neighbor, and your local brewery wants to make it as easy as possible while enjoying some pints.

Local participating breweries include *Bozeman Brewing Company* and *Outlaw Brewing* on Sunday, December 3rd, *MAP Brewing* on Monday, Dec. 4th, and *Bridger Brewing* on Tuesday, Dec. 5th.

Directions: Show up and enjoy some pints! A portion of every pint sold during this event will be combined with others all across the state to raise provide for our seniors, children, veterans and families across Montana are in need of a holiday meal.

No good deed will go unrewarded: For every pint purchased, you will receive an entry to a Montana Ski & Stay package at one of three Montana Ski resorts! Find all the details and complete schedule of all participating

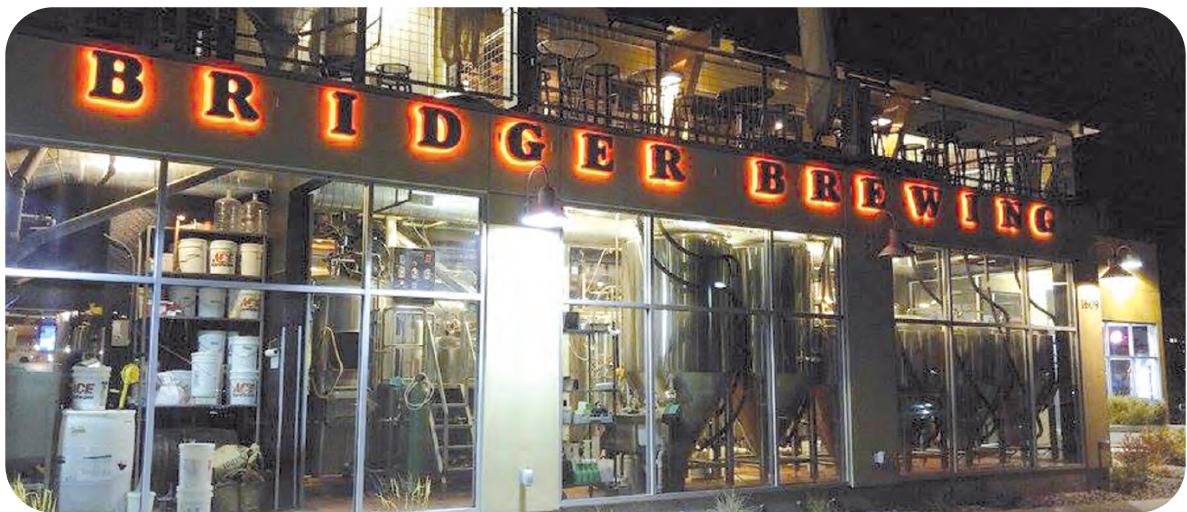
breweries at www.mfbn.org/swpn.

The Montana Food Bank Network rescues foods and provides nutritious foods to end hunger for thousands of people across Montana. The organization believes every person has the basic human right to access high-quality nutritious food. No person deserves to go hungry. Ever.

MFBN rescues millions of pounds of surplus food from farmers, manufacturers, and grocery stores. It is then sorted, repacked and distributed to nearly 140 food banks, homeless shelters and meal programs throughout Montana. At the same time, MFBN is

working to activate allies and advocates to help shape policy, while partnering with organizations that are

addressing the needs of low-income families. Learn more by visiting the aforementioned website.



Jerry Joseph, Throw the Fight & more at Livingston’s Attic



Throw the Fight

Livingston has a great new venue for dancers and live music lovers! Check out **The Fossils** at The Attic on Friday, December 1st beginning at 8:30pm. Advance tickets are \$5 and also available at the door. Doors at 7:30pm.

Known around town for their authentic hippie music, The Fossils guarantee a rockin’ good time. The members have been acquainted for years and are connected by their love of music. The band consists of Scott Boehler (harmonica), Rich Ruggles (keyboard), Jerry Mullen (guitar), and Rick Phillip (drums).

The Waiting follow on Saturday, December 2nd at 8:30pm. Advance tickets are \$5 and also available at the door. Doors at 7:30pm.

Composed of six musicians from various musical backgrounds, the band has come together to bring you Roadhouse-inspired rock n’ roll and the music of Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers. The Waiting is Rick Winking (guitar), Levi Main (guitar, vocals), David Dyas (vocals, guitar), Pete Christensen (keys), Doc Wiley (bass), Jason Kechely (drums).

Looking to Friday, December 15th, **Jerry Joseph** brings a performance at 8:30pm. Advance tickets are \$12 and also available at the door for \$15. Doors at 7:30pm.

Joseph is a prolific and accomplished songwriter, writing hits for Widespread Panic and releasing 30 albums in his three-decade-plus career — as a solo artist, with the Jackmormons, supergroup Stockholm

Americans, Stockholm Syndrome). Minneapolis-based hard rock band **Throw the Fight** hits The Attic on Saturday, December 16th at 8:30pm. Advance tickets are \$10 and also available at the door for \$15. Doors at 7:30pm.

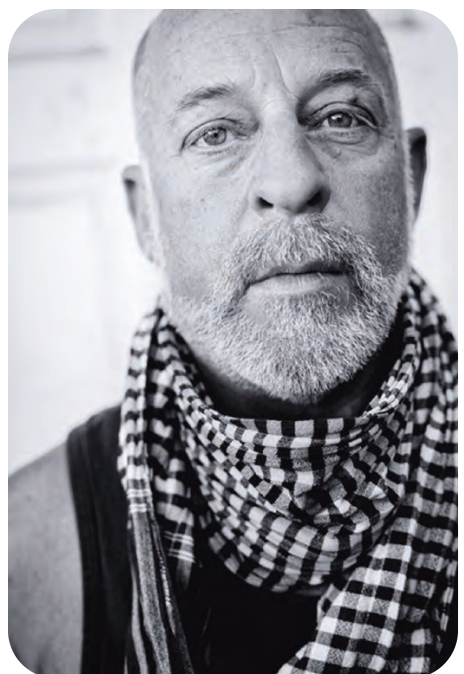
The band is quickly expanding its fan-base with their authentic display of metal-edged, hard rock. Throw the Fight has honed its live chops by logging dates with the likes of Avenged Sevenfold, Papa Roach, Sevendust, Chevelle, Staind, Buckcherry, and more. And live is the avenue in which this group truly comes to life.

Throw the Fight is James Clark (vocals), Ryan Baustert (guitar), Jeff Baustert (drums), Kade Kastelitz (bass, vocals), and Kris Weiser (guitar). Touring in support of their

Syndrome, his burning two-piece The Denmark Vesey, and originally, with his beloved 80s cult band, Little Women.

Joseph is touring in support of his brand new release, *Weird Blood*. This is his third album released in as many years with his band the Jackmormons. *Weird Blood* features Steve Drizos on drums and Steven James Wright on bass, and was produced by Dave Schools (J Mascis and the Fog, Hard Working

latest release *Transmissions*, Throw the Fight’s latest singles “Treat You Better” and



Jerry Joseph

“Skeletons” are available now.

Advance tickets are available at www.whiskeycreekmontana.com. The Attic is located at 110 N Main St. in Livingston, just above Whiskey Creek Saloon.

Winter's the perfect season for a trip to Norris Hot Springs

What's better than cold weather and hot water? Cold weather, hot water, delicious food, the best in regional craft beer and wine selections, and live acoustic music! Norris Hot Springs can offer all of this to happy soakers looking to warm up after a ski, a hike, or just a drive out through the beautiful Madison River canyon.

A bountiful harvest from this year's garden insures you'll enjoy homegrown spices and organic vegetables preserved at their peak in No LoOse Dogs Saloon's soups and specials. There simply isn't another place like Norris in the area. The historic wooden pool offers a soothing and healing soak, as it has for hundreds of years. Ask a staffer about the history of the place when you visit next, and don't forget Norris gift certificates for holiday giving. They're always the perfect size for everyone on your list!

Kalyn Beasley kicks off the music on Friday, December 1st. The talented Wyoming-based singer/songwriter recently returned to his Northern Rockies roots from Austin to pursue a solo career. He brings an acoustic show featuring Americana and Texas country, and also shares many of his originals. Kalyn was previously with the Bozeman-based Bad Intentions as frontman and bass guitarist.

Russ Smith returns to the stage

on Saturday, December 2nd. Russ is a local favorite through his work with the Two Tracks, Two Bit



Mathias

Franks, and Little Jane & the Pistol Whips. Russell's solo shows are a great way to hear his original material. His humor and insight lead to some terrific songs.

The weekend winds up on Sunday, December 3rd with **Mathias**. The Bozeman-based singer/songwriter has been playing music under the big sky for nearly two decades. With powerful vocals and a percussive guitar style, he's known for his dynamic live performances full of acoustic folk, rock, and funk tunes. Mathias recorded his debut album, *Walk Alone*, with the help of Emmy Award-winning producer Jeremiah Slovark.

Todd Green gets the next weekend gets off to a great start on

Friday, December 8th. Originally from Michigan, Green has lived in the area for more than thirty years.

He is known for his acoustic light rock musical style and passion for vinyl records. Expect to hear '60s-'80s rock classics including favorites from America, The Eagles to David Bowie, Pink Floyd and everything in between.

Jeff Peterson and **Justin Ringsak** are next up on Saturday, December 9th. Jeff Peterson and Justin Ringsak play acoustic rock n' roll. They're a guitar and mandolin duo people can dance to — even in the pool! Jeff is known for his original music around the Bozeman area, and

Justin lends his talents to several area artists including Sean Eamon, Los Marvelitos, Volcanus, Crack Sabbath, and El Dealbrakers. Both are veterans of the Missoula band, PunchTruck.

Weston Lewis, another popular Norris performer, is back on Sunday, December 10th. He's a singer/songwriter and guitarist from Gardiner. Lewis currently plays in The Vibe Quartet, Cat's Bananas, solo performances, and as a sit-in lead guitarist for artists including The Andrew Hand Band, John Sherrill, The Electric Sunday, Lang Termes, Mathias, and M.O.T.H. He's a former member of Bozeman band Cure for the Common.

Neil Filo Beddow is set for

Friday, December 15th. He plays original folk rock for the soul, and describes his guitar style as the "West Dakota stutter." His lyrically scrambled iambic pentameter can be politically bent, spiritually seeking, tongue-in-cheek humorous with just a twist of serious.

Wes Urbaniak performs poolside on Saturday, December 16th. The "musical love child of Tracy Chapman and Mumford & Sons," Wes makes noise on homemade guitars, beats on them with his hands, and tools and creates acoustic and amazing music.

The songwriting duo of Shaun

emotion and blending sounds from alt-country, rock n' roll, indie, and folk, they span themes of joy and pain in the face of life's trials. They borrow inspiration from their own experience, observation, and the beautiful, lonesome landscape and history of Northern Montana. Their 2016 independent release *Lion in the Garden* is a collection of songs that explore betrayal, loss, and joy.

ALL Norris live music begins at 7pm, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Find more information about the



The Lucky Valentines

and Jamie Carrier, known professionally as **The Lucky Valentines**, round out the weekend Sunday, December 17th. Their music has been described by fans as "stirring" Americana, "straight from the heart." Married in 2010, they have been playing music for the whole of their life together. Crafting songs rooted in honest, raw

history of Norris Hot Spring, its water's natural minerals, and operating hours by visiting www.nor-rishotsprings.com or contacting (406) 685-3303. Located just 34 miles west of Bozeman on Route 84 in Norris, it's well worth the drive — and don't forget to check on those Norris holiday gift certificates as well! •

New dance band hits the Bozeman scene

After playing gospel music together for many years, **Raise the Roof** jammed for several dance events, and dancers found their music irresistible. The eight-member band's experience playing together as a group, their impressive talent, passion for music, and delight in watching people dance, inspires them to play a variety of musical genres, including country rock, rhythm and blues, reggae, gospel and soul. They also throw some funk and rockabilly into the mix. Al Frank, visiting from Phoenix and present at one of their gigs, remarked "Dancing to this band was so much fun! I've never seen a dance floor so packed and energized!"

Daniel Hartzheim, on keys, is at the musical heart of the band. A member of many bands throughout his career, and having attended the Berklee School of Music in Boston, he plays just about any genre of music seam-

lessly. Sarah Baker and Kody VanDyke have decades of vocal experience in bands and theater, weaving sweet harmonies together. Sam Haugestuen has played in a variety of Montana bands, laying down really nice guitar solos. One of Bozeman's most popular musicians, Chelsea Hunt plays fiddle with several local groups, delivering diverse musical genres. Doug Whitmer has played drums with many Montana bands and artists, including the highly popular John Bohlinger, band leader/music director for NBC's

plete the rhythm section. Both have played in several bands, delivering crisp beats that keep dancers hopping.

Serious dancers appreciate that Raise the Roof's music allows a wide variety of dance forms, including swing, jitterbug, Latin, country two-step, foxtrot and waltz, while always pleasing the basic party "get-up-and-boogie" dancers. Raise the Roof even offers dance instruction as well as callers for line, square, or contra dancing.

The band's repertoire includes



program *Nashville Star*. April Kreis, bass, and Paul Larson, guitar, com-

classics by such artists as Hank Williams, Willie Nelson, and Bonnie Raitt, along with recently released songs by Rascal Flatts, Blake Shelton, Carrie Underwood, Keith Urban, and many others. And, to appeal to everyone, the band plays a nice mix of upbeat and slow dance numbers.

Raise the Roof has begun booking for local events and weddings. The group is hosting a year-end celebration party on Friday, December 29th at the Bozeman Senior Center. Dinner is served from 6-7:30pm, with music beginning at 7:30pm. Dance lessons and contests will be offered, and the public is welcome. The Senior Center is located at 807 N Tracy Ave.

For more information or to schedule an event, please visit www.raisetherooftband.com or call Paul Larson at (406) 570-7103. •

Live from The Murray: Ridgeway Collective perform every Tuesday

Have you heard? **The Ridgeway Collective**, formerly known as The Swingley Jazz Project, performs every Tuesday at Livingston's Murray Bar from 7-9pm. The band is known for its eclectic setlists featuring Latin, soul and jazz selections. The Ridgeway Collective performs original music

es include both original music and borrowed tunes from a wide range of composers and performers. The band draws inspiration from the likes of Tito Puente, Cannonball Adderley, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Maceo Parker, Vulpeck, Santana, Bill Withers, Sergio Mendes, Stevie Wonder, Ronnie Laws, Roy



in conjunction with cover favorites. Upcoming performance dates are Tuesdays, December 5th, 12th and 19th. Head over the hill and check 'em out!

"Our goal is to create music which offers a mingled flavoring of different cultures combined into a rich harmonic and rhythmic stew to which the audience can still groove," says frontman and band namesake Matt Ridgeway. "Our music is accessible yet complex and refined. We try to show respect to our audience by performing tight sets with minimal downtime and thoughtful arrangements and compositions. We like the volume of our music to be at a level where the audience can enjoy their Prime Rib Special while maintaining a conversation if they choose."

Ridgeway Collective performanc-

Hargrove, McCoy Tyner, Robert Glasper, Eddie Harris, Keith Jarrett Horace Silver and Chick Corea — to name a few!

Members of The Ridgeway Collective also mentor Livingston High School Jazz students who join the band for a couple of tunes the first Tuesday of each month. And in December, former Bozeman residents Luca Rodoni and Will Brown return from college to sit in with the band on horns.

The Ridgeway Collective is comprised of Matt Ridgeway (composer, keys), Craig Hall (composer, guitar), Garrett Stannard (drums), and John Morford (bass).

Follow The Ridgeway Collective on Facebook, @RidgewayCollective, where you can also find pictures and video from recent performances, as well as updated event information. •

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Homegrown Radio features Bridger Creek Boys, Wind Drifters & more



Bridger Creek Boys

Because Montanans love their music, resident musician Dirk Alan recently introduced an entirely new way to experience local talent. **Montana Homegrown Radio** is an online independent musician showcase featuring a different area act every week. Presented much like a live broadcast radio show, each hosted episode includes an interview component, discussion, and of course — live music! New episodes are typically posted on Wednesdays, but each edition is available for your listening pleasure 24/7. Here's a look at a few of the recently featured artists.

Bridger Creek Boys recently showed off their talents. The Boys are an acoustic bluegrass quartet steeped in old-time tradition, while also pushing the genre with newgrass. The band blends originals with covers of traditional bluegrass and more contemporary artists. Their style is confident, complex, and full of improvisation that will draw you in and get you shaking all over with bluegrass joy.

The Wind Drifters also stopped by the studio for some tunes and a chat. A recently formed group, the band is composed of experienced local musicians who have

brought together their varied musical tastes in creation of a new sound for bluegrass, country, and rock listeners. Their high-energy, powerhouse shows get audiences on their feet. The Wind Drifters are Kelly Hagerman (guitar, lead vocals), Silas Rea (fiddle), Ben Grodner (bass, vocals), Ryan Totman (mandolin, vocals), and Kurt (lead guitar).

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Glow Buffalo is next up on the schedule. The folk/rock band calls "Montellowstone" home, drawing inspiration from the likes of Rubber Knife Gang, Tom Petty, Turnpike Troubadours, The Devil Makes Three, Bob Dylan, and The Beatles, among others. Red Glow Buffalo is Mathew Thacker (lead guitar), Leif Mascella (vocals, guitar), Rob "Robo" Lehrkind (drums), and Greg "Sully" Sullivan (bass).

Previous episodes have featured Dos Mayos, Don Elliott, The Significant Figures, Jeff Peterson,



Red Glow Buffalo

tipple capacities. With a passion for music and helping his fellow musicians, Dirk provides a very laid back, fun environment so radio guests can be as comfortable and spontaneous as possible.

Montana Homegrown Radio serves as a promotional space for local talent and their many art forms — and they want YOU! Any musician with a story to tell and a song to sing is encouraged to apply for a guest spot on the podcast.

Visit www.montanahomegrownradio.com to catch up with

MSU student brass quintet advances to national chamber music finals

From MSU News Service

A group of Montana State University School of Music students recently advanced to the finals of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) national chamber music competition.

The **Bridger Brass Quintet**, supervised and coached by MSU trumpet professor Sarah Stoneback, will perform at the MTNA national conference, to be held March 17th–21st at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida. They will compete against some of the best student musicians in the country.

"The Bridger Brass Quintet represents the very best of the School of Music and the College of Arts and Architecture," said Royce Smith, dean of MSU's College of Arts and Architecture. "In their own right, they are extremely talented musicians who can compete with our country's best performers. Their sheer talent makes me exceptionally proud. But, it is also their sense of camaraderie and leadership — setting a good example for and helping

other growing musicians — that makes me glad that we can claim them as Bobcats."

The quintet members include Briana Gillet, trumpet, a senior business management and music major from Bozeman; Jimmy Kelsey, trumpet, a senior music technology major from Bridger; Philip Shuler, French horn, a junior music major from Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Hayden Woods, trombone, a senior music major from Bozeman; and Marques Caesar-Lopez, tuba, a senior music major from Alamosa, Colorado.

The group performs together regularly at university functions, in the community, and at local schools as part of educational outreach presentations.

"I am so impressed by what this group has been able to achieve," said Keith Kothman, director of the School of Music. "They play with poise and artistry far beyond their years. The consistent quality of the group really speaks to the level of coaching by Sarah Stoneback, and also the teaching of our other brass faculty, Jeannie Little, low brass, and

Mike Nelson, French horn."

The MTNA performance competitions provide educational experiences for students and teachers, as well as recognize exceptionally talented young artists and their teachers in their pursuit of musical excellence. The state competitions are considered the primary educational level with the division and national levels showcasing outstanding performance and honoring significant pedagogical achievement, according to the association's website.

"The MTNA performance competitions are the preeminent student competitions in the United States," said Gary L. Ingle, MTNA executive director and CEO. "The exceptionally talented Bridger Brass Quintet of MSU represents the excellence



Montana State University's Bridger Brass & Instinct Brass

and remarkable achievement that are possible when talented students and their outstanding, dedicated teachers come together to discover the boundless enjoyment, challenges and fulfillment through musical performance at the highest level."

MTNA was founded in 1876 with the purpose of advancing the value of music study and music-making to society while supporting the careers and professionalism of teachers of music.

"The members of Bridger Brass have worked so hard to come

together as an ensemble," Stoneback said. "The group itself is only in its second year. And, there are two new members this year. Still, in performance, they are able to transcend the notes on the page, offering a musical experience all their own. I couldn't be more excited for them."

For more information on the Bridger Brass Quintet, contact Stoneback at (406) 994-3562 or sarah.stoneback@montana.edu.

For more information on the competition or MTNA, see www.mtna.org.

Catch a special Sunday show with singer/songwriter Amber Ikeman

Americana singer/songwriter **Amber Ikeman** will bring an intimate performance to Congregation Beth Shalom on Sunday, December 10th. "From Darkness to Light: Songs of Winter, Hanukkah & Hope" will begin at 7pm. This is a FREE performance, with donations appreciated.

Amber Ikeman's music carries audiences across the open spaces of the American West and into the depths of their souls. Her contemporary folk songs tell stories of self-discovery, resilience, and wildness, with powerfully clear vocals and raw, confessional lyrics.

Ikeman always had a wandering spirit. She was born in Ontario, Canada and moved to Sarasota, Florida at age 10, where she would often sit in math class writing poetry and lyrics. Raised on Joni Mitchell, Joan Baez, and Cat Stevens, Ikeman also loved intense romantic music like



Puccini's operas.

After getting a B.A. in classical voice, Ikeman took a job as a nonprofit professional in her hometown, Sarasota, FL. On the surface, it seemed that she had a comfortable life, yet deep down she felt bored, unfulfilled, depressed, and trapped by expectations. When she turned 25, Amber quit her job, sold everything that didn't fit in her car, and drove across the country for the first time — by herself — to work as a dishwasher in

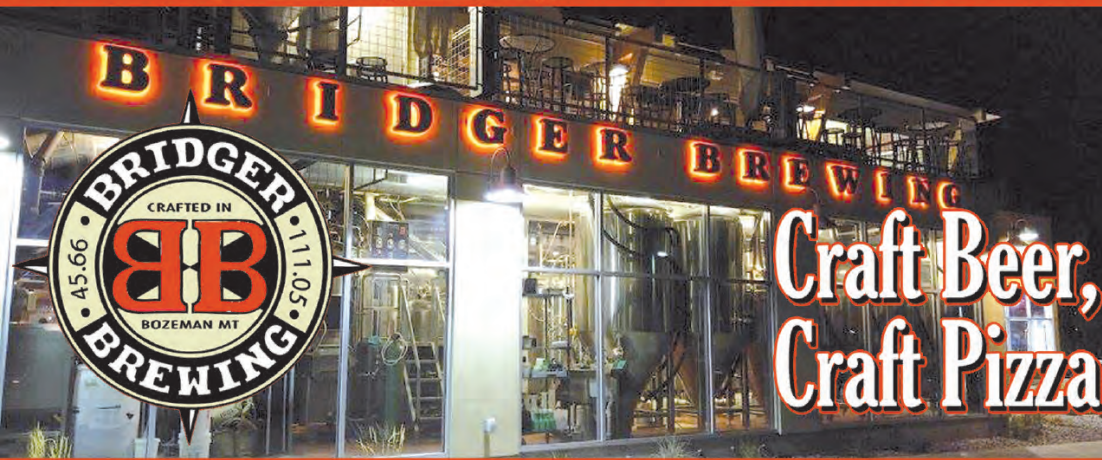
Yellowstone National Park. It was the first stop on a 30,000-mile solo cross-country quest to find herself, the inspiration for her debut album, *Free*.

Free was named one of Southwest Montana's top local albums of 2015. An engaging performer, Ikeman received the 2017

Vic Heyman Songwriting Award. She will release her second album and embark on a cross-country tour in January of 2018.

Congregation Beth Shalom is located at 2010 W Koch St. in Bozeman. Learn more about the community of Beth Shalom at bethshalombozeman.org.

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The Interview

Spend the holiday season with Annie & Co. at The Ellen

Opening December 1st, *Annie*, this year's Ellen Theatre holiday spectacular, will transport audiences to 1930s New York for the classic story of everyone's favorite red-headed orphan and her trusty pooch. Long on inspirational optimism just in time for the season of giving, this singing and dancing extravaganza features musical hits "It's a Hard Knock Life," "Maybe," "Easy Street," "I Don't Need Anything But You," and of course, "Tomorrow." Gather family and a couple friends, then head downtown for the heartwarming tale that has delighted audiences worldwide.

Prior to *Annie*'s upcoming baker's dozen of performances, the Rolling Zone sat down with Ellen Executive Director, **John Ludin**, to talk community theatre and bringing this family favorite to life.

RZ: Montana TheatreWorks' production of *Annie* will soon be unveiled to the public. How are rehearsals and show preparations going?

JL: So far, so good. It's always an adventure, for sure. I think there's probably fifteen in the cast that haven't done a show with us before, and we like to get as many new people involved as possible. The process is new for them, but there's always a level of excitement they bring that's fun too. But yes, all is on schedule so far.

RZ: Why was this particular tale selected for the holiday production this year?

JL: I love this show. It's a real family show, it takes place at Christmastime [with] a big holiday finish to it, and it's very uplifting as well. The message is about hope and joy — "The sun'll come out / Tomorrow." And that's a good message for us right now. I think during the holidays, it's perfect.

RZ: *Annie* is a children's favorite, but most certainly meant to be enjoyed by every generation. Do you think the nostalgia attached to this story will draw in mature audiences?

JL: It takes place in the 30s, FDR is a character in the play, and there are a lot of references for the older audiences. There's a song that mentions the Gershwins, Kaufman and Hart, writers from back then [who are] getting more and more obscure. Because the message is so universal and important, *Annie* touches everybody in a very nice way. It's about being needed and wanted as well. In the first song, Annie sings about maybe finding her parents. It's not a razzle dazzle, knock 'em out opening. It's extremely touching, a very sweet sentiment about these kids who don't have parents and are hoping for a better life [outside] this lousy orphanage in which they live.

RZ: I might be mistaken, but I think a lot of people forget the 1982 film was in fact based on a Broadway musical. For those who may have only seen the movie or its recent remake, why is this live staging a better way to experience this story?

JL: It's always different to see something live. It started out as a comic strip, and had a great basis in that there was so much from which to draw. It was an extremely popular comic strip back in the day with all the characters, [including] Daddy Warbucks. Movies are great, but you can do thirty takes to get a number correct. In this situation, you get one shot — the whole orchestra is play-

ing live, everybody's singing live, dancing live — and it's going to go how it goes. Hopefully it'll be exactly right, and you rehearse for three months to make sure that it does, but you never know. And this show has a dog! We've had rehearsals where it's gone great, and we've had

How does having the historic Ellen host this production add to its presentation?

and these people give a lot of their time. They all have their regular lives, too. The kids are going to school and the adults have day jobs.

We get together in the evenings and rehearse, as well as long Saturdays. People tend to

Academy, which also utilizes The Ellen stage.

JL: TATE is an afterschool and summer program that simply stands for "Theatre at The Ellen." We work with kids, and there's some adult classes as well. There are kids that have that interest, and sometimes they fall through the cracks. They're not athletes maybe, or they don't play a musical instrument. There are lots of opportunities for that in town, but fewer in the performing arts. TATE is about the discipline of those skills. The thing about theatre is that it's so much fun, [and] looks like so much fun when you're watching a show or a musical. At the heart of it, there's a lot of work and discipline that goes in [before] getting to that place where it looks easy and fun. It's no different than doing your piano scales every day, or batting practice. Whatever you do, you practice, practice, practice to the point you're comfortable with being able to perform. Theatre is no different.

RZ: TheatreWorks recruits aspiring thespians of all ages. How does one become involved with the eventual goal of joining, say, the cast of next year's holiday production?

JL: Auditions are always open to everybody. We post them on our website and in the newspaper. If you're interested, show up. Even if you don't make it the first time you try, at least you'll see what the process is. We're extremely welcoming. Like I said, we try to get as many new people as possible. Our goal is to make the audition process comfortable and easy, because it's kind of scary anyway. If we can make you as comfortable and as great as you can be, that makes our job easier. We're not looking to pull the handle and open a trap door and send you away. [laughs] We want you to be great.

RZ: *Annie* is obviously the current focus, but what does Montana TheatreWorks have in the pipeline for 2018?

JL: We're doing a new play in February and we're doing a musical in the summer, but I couldn't tell you what it is yet. We'll probably decide on that come January. The nice thing about the theater is that it's a community space, allowing us to be supported by many things — the schools use it a lot, MSU has many functions, we've a lot of concerts, free family movies, PechaKucha, and we love having Bozeman Film Society here. It's home to many things. It's nice we don't have to worry about trying to do a show every month or two. Then when we do [put on] a show, we can focus and put a lot into each. I would rather do two or three shows really well, as opposed to six or seven "okay" shows over the course of a year.

RZ: Well, we are certainly excited about The Ellen's staging of *Annie*.

JL: I'm looking forward to the show. It's so much fun working with little kids. They've really risen to the occasion [and are] doing a bang-up job. I'm really proud of them. It's such a delightful journey to see where they are at the very first rehearsal when nobody really knows what's going to happen. They learn the music, they learn the choreography, they learn their blocking. Slowly but surely, we add set pieces, the orchestra, costumes, and microphones. You can see them stepping up to the challenge. And all of a sudden, it's a show. We're just waiting for the final piece — the audience.

Thirteen *Annie* performances will take place between December 1st and 22nd. Evening shows are set for Dec. 1st and 2nd, 8th and 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd at 7:30pm. Matinees are Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 3pm. Tickets are \$24.50 for adults and \$18.50 for youth 17 and under. Premium seating is also available for \$33.50, as well as upper balcony for \$18.50. A \$2.50 transaction fee will be added to the entire order.

Wine, beer, and other refreshments will be sold in the lobby beginning one hour prior to all Ellen showtimes.

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rehearsals where it's like, "Whoops!"

If that happens, what are we going to do. That's the fun element of theatre, *and* that the audience is part of the show. Their reactions help move things along. You feed off the audience, and the audience helps energize the cast. It's really a give and take. That's what makes it different than a movie.

RZ: It's not all about the hit songs sung by the orphans. Also on display are the production values. Tell us a little about what goes into a show like this before curtains up.

JL: We're very lucky to have an extremely talented team. Mary Jo Ludin directs, and our daughter, Malia Ludin, is doing the choreography. Joel Jahnke is our lighting designer, and it's going to be just beautiful in that regard. Tom Watson is our set designer. I think I mentioned this show to Tom in maybe April, so he had time to think about how he wanted to tackle making Daddy Warbucks's mansion, how the orphanage is going to be portrayed. Everything has to fit, it has to work together. When we're at the mansion, all of the stuff from the orphanage has to go someplace and we have very limited room backstage. It's a jigsaw puzzle. That's kind of a fun part of the process, figuring out how we're going to make it all work. There are definitely key players putting the whole thing together. That includes choreographer, music director, costume designer — they're all just as important as the director in making sure these shows come off well.

RZ: And what about this venue?

JL: What I love when we do a show like this, the proscenium and the theater itself becomes a part of the show. It's almost like it's this beautiful framework for what's happening. It just makes it that much more enjoyable. And the acoustics are so great in the theater. It's a very warm, intimate feeling to sit in the theater, even though there's four hundred other people sitting around you. It feels kind of like you're in your living room enjoying a performance. It's not cavernous. Some of these big theaters have two, three thousand seats. Yeah, the production values are big and splashy, but at the same time, you lose a little bit of the intimacy of a smaller theater. I really

enjoy the fact this is *their* community. That's something that seems to surprise people. We love that we can share that with everybody.

RZ: Launched in 1995 with *Damn Yankees*, this troupe now puts out at least two big shows a year. How might you reflect on TheatreWorks' success some twenty-three years and counting?

JL: There's always a big summer show. [After *Damn Yankees*,] I think we did *Charlie Brown* right after the first of the year, then *Guys and Dolls* that summer, and *Annie* in '96. We'd done a show and people wondered what we were going to do next. We didn't really start [TheatreWorks] with the idea it was going to be this long running thing. It was really more of a "let's see if we can do a show." It was successful and people really responded. Never in my wildest dreams, if you had asked me in 1995, that we were doing *Annie* at The Ellen in 2017 and that the theatre company was able to purchase the building — that's astounding to me. It's been a great ride so far.

RZ: Does the audition process bring out a lot of hopefuls?

JL: We see a lot of people. [With *Annie*], it was particularly fun to see so many little girls. I think eighty-five tried out for the ten spots. It's hard, you know, you break a lot of hearts. The nice thing is you're able to get kids that are really amazingly talented. They know they're in for a lot of work and that translates to a lot of fun once you're prepared, you're on stage, and the curtain goes up for the first time. They're at a place now that sort of reminds me of the racehorse in the gate waiting for the starting bell. You can see the excitement, and every rehearsal is getting better and better. It's fun to see that evolution.

RZ: Tell us a little about TATE

like that we're [in] one of those venues that's a little more intimate.

RZ: Those who previously enjoyed *Oliver!*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *White Christmas* may have an idea of what your productions look like. For those who didn't have a chance to catch one of these, how does TheatreWorks like to present these classics?

JL: We just really strive to do it as best we can. One of my favorite things is when [I'm asked] where these people are from, if this is a touring show. No. This is all home-grown. Everybody in the cast and all the musicians are local. Everything you see is made here, done here. It's just a matter of spending enough time and energy, and you can make it as professional of a show as possible. Auditions were close to four months ago,

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Red Tractor Pizza hosts live music throughout the week

Red Tractor Pizza serves up some of the best pies in town, and also plays host to live music and other events throughout the week. Settle in with a slice, a Montana brew, and a seat! Here's a look at what's coming up.

Kicking off a new month on December 1st, **Jazz Night** comes to Red Tractor, as it does every Friday, from 7–9pm. Hosted by guitarist and composer Alex Robilotta, these evenings feature the music styles of jazz, funk, latin, and more. Come out, get ready to groove, and hear America's only original art form as it exists and evolves in the 21st century. Additional Jazz Nights are set for December 8th and 15th at 7pm each night.

PermaFunk follows Saturday, December 2nd at 7pm. The Bozeman-based group makes music to keep bodies moving and souls grooving! Expect plenty of funky, soulful, psychedelic, and Latin-infused grooves. The band is inspired by the creativity and passion of the 1970s and everyone who participates in the PermaFunk experiment.

Enjoy the sounds of **Silversmith's Mine** on Sunday, December 3rd at 6:30pm. The acoustic/electric group is dedicated to the musical tradition of preservation and reinvigoration. Their core is made up of gritty, but majestic traditional ballads from centuries past, conjuring those times and events into the room with striking clarity. The heart of Silversmith's Mine are Dan Rosasco (guitar) and Justin Haikio (guitar, banjo), tallying fifteen years of collaboration. Featuring a rotating lineup of remarkable guest players in the area, the band offers audiences a unique experience, with unmatched energy, unrivaled playing, and singu-

larly original sound.

Music Monday sees **Sista Otis** on December 4th beginning at 6:30pm. She is a songwriting, soul singing prophetess of rock n' roll. Sista Otis' voice is pumps out 100% proof soul-shine so warm and good, it'll make you throw your hands up and shout! She cut her teeth as a traveling street kid musician, writing and performing her own songs for pocket change, to become a national touring artist. Sista Otis is sure to put on quite a show, so don't miss it!

Regular Red Tractor performer **Larry Kiff** will provide the tunes on Tuesday, December 5th at 7pm. Larry is an excellent guitarist and has been a country fan his whole life. He cites Buck Owens as his number one influence. Expect to hear Larry play mostly older country tunes with covers of George Jones, Owens, Johnny Cash, and Charley Pride, just to name a few.

Grab a seat for **Comedy Night** on Wednesday, December 6th beginning at 7:30pm. High energy comedy, improvised storytelling, and short scenes will keep you good and entertained. Red Tractor hosts one of Gallatin Valley's only regular live comedy shows every month. The standup comedy night takes place every second and fourth Wednesday.

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Bridger Creek Boys return to their usual Thursday slot on December 7th at 7pm. The Boys are an acoustic bluegrass quartet steeped in old-time tradition, while also pushing the genre with newgrass. The band blends originals with covers of traditional bluegrass and more contemporary artists. Their style is confident, complex, and full of improvisation that will draw you in and get you shaking all over with bluegrass joy. Bridger Creek Boys will bring additional performances to Red Tractor on December 14th and 21st.

Brianna Moore is back at Red Tractor on Saturday, December 9th at 7pm. Brianna's vocals are dynamic and soulful, her voice uninhibited, her style raw and unpredictable. She describes singing as a release and a practice in mindfulness. Her relationship to music is intimate, whether she's writing a song, improvising, or reinterpreting someone else's creative work. Brianna creates music from a place of love and authenticity, and she also performs with her band The Sasquatch Funk.



Lazy Owl String band

6pm. A diverse group of musicians, the Lazy Owls' influences range from jazz and blues to punk rock. However varied their influences, they're undeniably steeped in an old-timey traditional style. The group encapsulates an ethic of hard driving, whiskey drinking, boot-stomping music with infectious energy that's sure to get you moving. The band's repertoire is heavily rooted in original material that pays homage to the tradition from which it was begotten.

Reposado performs Monday, December 11th beginning at 6:30pm. Tapping into the timeless songs of a wide variety of musicians from Patti Griffin and The Talking Heads, to Bruce Cockburn and Wilco, Reposado put forth their own acoustic spin on songs of love and life, and the regrettable loss of both.

Mike & Mike return with a show on Tuesday, December 12th at 7pm. With music ranging from folk and country western, to blues and rock, Mike Comstock of Bozeman band Comstock Lode and local musician Mike Doughery perform primarily cover songs with a few originals. You can expect to hear the duo play tunes from a variety of artists including Sam Cooke, Simon & Garfunkel, John Denver, Eric Clapton, The Rolling Stones, Merle Haggard and Garth Brooks.

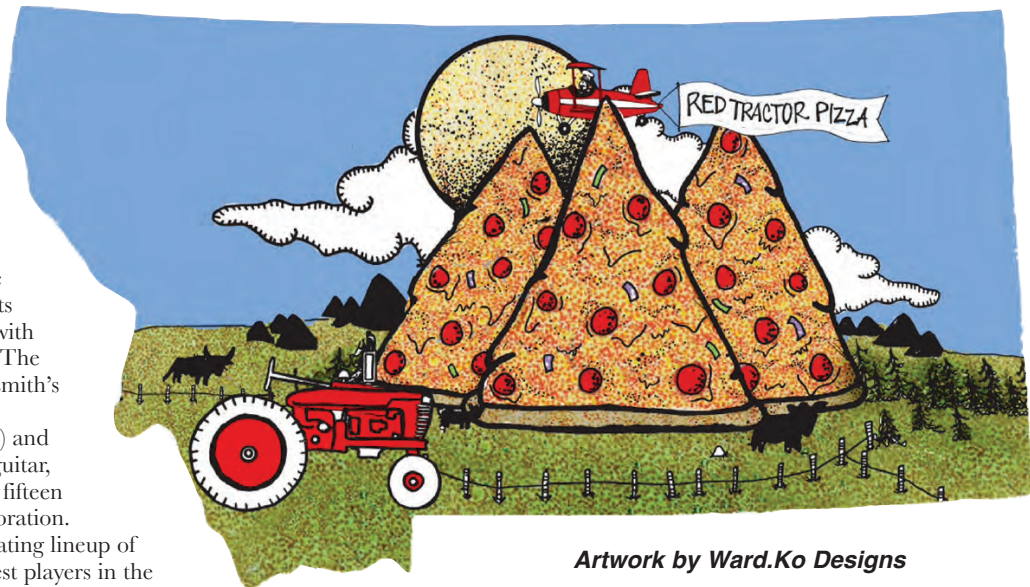
Howard Beall & The Fake News are back on Saturday, December 16th at 7pm. The group

is a collection of talented young artists from around the great state of Montana. They bring people together by playing groove-based music, specifically pulling from the jazz, rock, and funk genres. The band plays a blend of original compositions, standards, and modern songs with the intent of creating fresh sounds while still respecting the heritage and language of those before them.

Dan Dubuque closes out the weekend on Sunday, December 17th at 6pm. Dan plays a Weissenborn lap slide guitar as a percussive instrument, as well as a rhythm and lead instrument. The son of a Native Aymara Indian from Bolivia and a white American from Montana, he brings a passion for all styles of music.

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Bridger's Music & Mussels sees Edis Kittrell, Cole Thorne & more

Bridger Brewing is your source for the very best of Montana craft beers, daily features, and artisan pizza. The family-friendly brewer also hosts Music & Mussels every Wednesday and {Pints with Purpose} every Monday. Here's a look at some of the upcoming acts and nonprofits.

Wednesday nights from 5:30–8pm, Bridger Brewing hosts **Music & Mussels!** Come enjoy some live music and over a half pound of succulent P.E.I. mussels with house-made sweet Italian sausage, tomatoes, garlic, and chili flakes, topped with parsley and tomato salsa.



Edis, Cliff & Eddie

Edis Kittrell is first up on Wednesday, December 6th. Edis' unique brand of folky, bluesy tunes has moved and entertained audiences for many years. She performs at various venues and functions in solo, duo, and trio acts, as well as with her band Edis and the Incredibles. Her primary instruments are her powerful and heartfelt vocals. She also plays six and twelve-string guitar, four and five-string bass, ukulele, and percussion. Influences include Bonnie Raitt, Marshall Tucker, and George Jones, but whatever the song, you can count on heartfelt vocals and fine musicality.

Enjoy a brew and a slice with the return of popular **Cole & the Thornes** on Wednesday, December 13th. The ukulele/guitar player's music provides a happy, laid back environment with a hint of reggae and vocals that are soulful and bluesy. Come order a brew and enjoy the music!

Holler N' Pine are back at Bridger on Wednesday, December 20th. The band has been playing together for years with decades of experience between members. Holler N' Pine play tight acoustic string music for a variety of local events. Their music is great for getting people on the dance floor as long as you're not looking for Michael Jackson! Holler N' Pine is Mike Singer (banjo), Mason Tuttle (upright bass), Storm Norick (fiddle), and Yogesh Simpson (lead vocals, guitar).

Bridger Brewing not only takes pride in its stellar menu items, but also in the community it serves. The brewery hosts **{Pints**

with Purpose} every Monday evening from 5–8pm where \$1 of every pint sold will be donated to a featured local nonprofit. Here's a look at some of the nonprofits being featured in the upcoming weeks. Come enjoy a house-made brew and be charitable in the process!

Proceeds from Monday, December 4th will directly benefit *Bridgercare*, whose mission is to provide excellent, affordable reproductive and sexual healthcare and education in a safe, supportive, empowering atmosphere. Bridgercare's work focuses on helping men and women from vulnerable populations



achieve healthier lives and financial stability through family planning and preventative healthcare. Learn more at www.bridgercare.org.

Support MSU's *Engineers Without Borders* on Monday, December 11th. The organization provides clean water and sanitation facilities to the primary schools of Khwisero, Kenya by cultivating genuine relationships that empower the community. Learn more at www.ewbmsu.org.

Have a brew and help raise dollars for *Forward Montana* on Monday, December 18th. The local group's mission is to mobilize and engage young Montanans to use the democratic process to improve their lives and the lives of their fellow citizens. They envision a Montana in which young voters are a powerful, civically active constituency that has fostered a new era of democracy that truly represents Montana values. Learn more at www.forward-montana.org.

Bridger Brewing provides the Bozeman community with unique hand-crafted brews, fresh artisan-style pizzas, and more. Locally owned, family friendly, and Bobcat proud, Bridger Brewing is the perfect place for lunch or an evening out. To learn more about upcoming events and daily specials, visit www.bridgerbrewing.com or call (406) 587-2124. Bridger Brewing is located at 1609 S 11th Avenue in the Town & Country complex, near campus and just across from the Fieldhouse. They're open for business from 11:30am–9pm daily.



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Sacajawea Bar hosts the heavy-hitting favorites this month

Beneath Three Forks' historic Sacajawea Hotel lies the ever-popular Sac Bar, a place to wine, dine, and enjoy some of Montana's best live music. Hotel guests, locals, and people from all around are welcome head out and enjoy everything the Sac has to offer. Here's a look at some of the upcoming music.

Sharon Itlis will perform in the Sacajawea Hotel lobby during the Three Forks Christmas Stroll on Friday, December 1st beginning at 5pm. Accompanied by Cliff DeManty (keyboards) and Eddie T. (bass), the trio will provide some "fine-tuned" Christmas music for strollers and guests of the hotel. Itlis is known for her Americana style serving as a reflection of her love, interaction, and spiritual connection with the Earth. Come listen, dance, or sing along!

And following the Stroll, **Sugar Daddies** return to the Sac Bar with all the favorites. This Montana-based trio is comprised of Richard Riesser (guitar, vocals), Oscar Dominguez (keyboards, bass and vocals), and Ron Craighead (drums, vocals). The band has been successfully performing in various venues

throughout Southwest Montana since its inception in 2012. While the gist of their material is popular rock 'n' roll, country, oldies, R&B and blues, they also have an extensive arsenal of original songs, all of which are palatable, as well as an array of lesser-known but still great songs by both obscure and well-known artists/songwriters. Their main focus is variety, and they half-jokingly have a motto of "No request left behind."

Exit 288 follows Saturday, December 2nd. The high energy group performs everything from classic and contemporary rock, to blues, country, and all that's in between. Exit 288 connects with the audience and creates a fun and exciting atmosphere. The band's music is carefully selected to get people

involved in the party and to keep the dance floor hopping!

www.TWANG kicks the next weekend into high gear on Friday, December 8th. Their name says it all. The truck drivin', heart breakin', honky-tonk dance band has been offering up real country music to their fans since 1998. No smarmy, plastic hat-wearing, Nashville pop from these guys. Classic country and seamless TWANG originals set this band apart from all others in the

Western U.S. The band features the combined talents of bass player and vocalist Russ Olsen, drummer Mike Gillan, fiddle and stand up steel guitar player Mike Parsons, lead guitarist and songwriter Marcus Engstrom, as well as rhythm guitar player and songwriter Buck Buchanan. These guys take no prisoners and leave nothing but happy dancers in their wake. Don't miss a chance to take in one of their "real deal, premium country music" shows. You won't be sorry.

The MAX comes at you live Saturday, December 9th. The popular band has entertained and delighted audiences nationwide since the mid-80s, calling Montana home since 1993. With Kyle Brenner (guitar), Mike Young (drums), and Bobb Clanton (bass), The MAX plays spot-on renditions of a wide variety of choice danceable rock n' roll covers and has two original albums, *Shadows in the Shade* and *Vinyl Valentine*. The MAX has opened for Styx, REO Speedwagon, and The

Fabulous Thunderbirds.

Country rockers **Bluebelly Junction** will provide the danceable entertainment on Friday, December 15th. The group provides audiences with what they consider "rockabilly music" all over the state of Montana. The high-energy band tends to veer away from slow jams, other than the occasional tune. With an arsenal of originals and personalized covers, the guys will keep you on your feet until last call.

The Wench hits the Headwaters on Saturday, December 16th. For most people, the image of an "acoustic duo" conjures images of two soft spoken musicians singing folk rock and hippie jam songs. This is not the case with The Wench. Two original members of The Clintons, John and Josh joke that, "we're half the band, twice the party." The guys are no strangers to throwing a rocking party. Their show is a hotdish or "badasserole" of musical genres and style.

ALL Sac Bar music begins at 9pm. The Sacajawea Hotel is located at 5 N Main in Three Forks. For more information about these events, visit www.sacajaweahotel.com or call (406) 285-6515. •



www.TWANG, Russ Nasset & the Revelators at Chico Saloon

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Russ Nasset & the Revelators will perform their brand of rock-a-bility country and blues on Friday and Saturday, December 15th–16th. Led by the father and son duo of Russ and Sam Nasset, the Revelators have been dishing out their hard driving repertoire of rockabilly, honky tonk, and rock n' roll since 1998, playing over a hundred concerts annually across the Pacific Northwest. At a live show, you'd better be ready to dance, because when the Revelators take the stage, they're gonna set the dance floor on fire! Expect to hear unique versions of classic country and rockabilly songs, original originals, and lots of stuff you probably think is original.

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Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons set to serenade the Brick

Tickets are still available for the Bozeman premiere engagement of the Tony, Grammy and Olivier Award-winning hit musical **Jersey Boys**, the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. The performance comes to the Theatre at the Brick on December 10th as part of the American Bank Broadway in Bozeman Series.

Jersey Boys is the behind-the-music story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard... and the radio just couldn't get enough of. But while their

harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story — a story that has made them an international sensation all over again. The show features all their hits including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Oh What a Night," "Walk Like a Man," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and "Working My Way Back to You."

Directed by two-time Tony Award-winner Des McAnuff, *Jersey Boys* won the 2006 Tony Award for Best Musical, the 2006 Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album, the 2009 Olivier Award for Best New Musical, the 2010

Helpmann Award for Best Musical (Australia). *Jersey Boys* is written by Academy Award-winner Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, with music by Bob Gaudio, lyrics by Bob Crewe and choreography by Sergio Trujillo.

Jersey Boys will premiere in Bozeman at the Theatre at the Brick for one night only on Sunday, December 10th at 7pm. Tickets range from \$50–\$65 and are available at www.Broadway-inBozeman.com. For more information about the show, please visit www.JerseyBoysTour.com. This performance is recommended for ages 17 and up. •

Many a Jams with December Filling Station shows

First up at the Filler, ChickenJam West will present a **Yak Attack** performance on Friday, December 1st beginning at 10pm. **Partygoers** will open. Tickets to this 21+ show are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Doors at 9pm.

Founded in 2013, Yak Attack is a live electronica power trio from Portland. The group's music is best described as "organic electronica," using skillful playing, live loops, and tightly constructed songs combined with raw improvisation to build high-energy and uplifting dance music from scratch, with every note played and recorded live. Yak Attack draws influence from a wide spectrum of electronica, including house, drum and bass, and breakbeat, along with elements of jam, funk, and jazz. Their live shows are musically sophisticated and widely accessible.

The Dusty Pockets will perform with help from **Kelly Nicholson** on Friday, December 8th at 8pm. Tickets to this 21+ show are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Doors at 7pm.

Bozeman group The Dusty Pockets explores genres from blues and country, to folk and soul. They're most comfortably described as purveyors of American roots music. The fellas seek to tell meaningful stories, delivered with grit, wrapped in beautiful melodies and driven by powerful grooves.

Check out the **Jeff Austin Band** on Saturday, December 9th at 9pm. **Them Coulee Boys** will warm up the crowd. Tickets to this 21+ show are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. Doors at 8pm.

A mandolinist, Austin is unstoppable. He is celebrated for his fleet fingers and penchant for improvisation during performances, having shared the stage with such luminaries as Del McCoury, Jerry Douglas, Sam Bush, Earle Scruggs, Jon Fishman, and Phil Lesh. Picking



pro prowess aside, Austin has always considered his voice to be his first instrument. He was drawn to singing from a young age, pursuing musical theater in high school and college. That passion is still evident in his approach to song craft. Austin taps the variety of sounds and styles he's absorbed from theater, jamming, nearly twenty years of performance, and his love of experiencing live music as a fan. It's that inner concert enthusiast that binds him to his own audience and a powerful exchange between the stage and the crowd.

Charlie Parr follows on Friday, December 15th with help from **John Mark Nelson** beginning at 10pm. Tickets to this 21+ show are \$17 in advance and \$20 at the door. Doors at 9pm.

Part of the Duluth music scene (Alan Sparhawk and Low, Trampled by Turtles), Parr is an electrifying performer whose live shows are akin to a religious experience. Propelled by his incredible fingerpicking (12-string and a custom 4-chamber resonator guitar), searing vocals and percussive foot stomps, Parr gets a huge sound. His songs are populated with a list of characters you wouldn't

ordinarily meet: old ladies going to buy "the cheap wine" ("they ain't no better than the bums"), a woman with "an uncontrollable temper," and people getting left out getting of the American Dream. While his albums sound like vintage field recordings, his live shows are anything but retro. Deservedly, he's a cult hero in some circles. Parr makes a return stop to The Filling Station as part of his *Dog* album release tour.

Ben Sollee & Kentucky Native are set for Saturday, December 16th at 9pm. Tickets to this 21+ show are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. Doors at 8pm.

Ten years ago Kentucky native Ben Sollee came to prominence singing Sam Cooke while playing the cello. The NPR sensation was not a backwoods novelty. Sollee's spare, exultant interpretation of "A Change is Gonna Come" announced the arrival of a relentlessly curious musical soul for whom change constantly comes.

Sollee describes his newest release, *Ben Sollee and Kentucky Native* (the name describing both the ensemble and the album) as a bluegrass record, fully aware that his is not the traditional view. "Bluegrass music is immigrant music," he says, offering his expansive definition across the kitchen table. "It's the music of Irish and Scottish musicians bringing their fiddle tunes; it is gospel music; it is African music; it is gypsy jazz; it is rock n' roll. It is all these things. What makes it unique and of Kentucky is that it was distilled by the people who lived here in Kentucky, and turned into something else."

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Wild Joe*s serves as creative space for art, photography & live music

Wild Joe*s Coffee Spot in Downtown Bozeman is a great place for a caffeine fix, but it also doubles as a live music venue for local artists and those passing through our not-so-little mountain town. Here's a look at what's on the calendar.

Open Mic Night kicks off a new month on Friday, December 1st from 6-8pm. There is a \$3 entry fee for this event.

Come for an evening of music performed by local musicians. Bring your guitar, sitar, zither, poetry, comedy, or theremin and take a turn up at the mic. Show Bozeman what you're made of! Individual set lengths depend on the number of musicians who want to play. Sign-ups start at 5:30pm — first come, first served. Be sure to bring your friends and support live music in Bozeman! A modest contribution to the kitty will be divided by participating musicians at the end of the night. The more people who come, the more money in the pot. *An additional Open Mic Night is set for Dec. 16th from 6-8pm.*

Kate & the AlleyKats will perform during the Christmas Stroll on Saturday, December 2nd from 5-8pm. The band will get you in the holiday mood with a mix of traditional favorites combined with upbeat contemporary tunes like Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You" and Bruce Springsteen's rockin' version of "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." They also don't mind getting a little silly with humorous tunes like "Walkin' in Our Winter Underwear"

(sung to the tune of "Winter Wonderland") and "Santa's on His Sleigh" (sung to "Ghost Riders in

Kevin's Way is a collection of photos, each taken from the perspective of a man with dementia. The book has



Howard Beall & the Fake News

the Sky"). The group will also tap into their eclectic repertoire of sassy swing, gutsy rhythm and blues, torchy ballads, classic rock, country and Americana for a well-rounded evening of music and holiday fun. Kate & the AlleyKats are Kate Bryan (vocals, guitar), Cliff Demanty (keys), and Ron Schimpf (bass).

Also on Dec. 2nd, stop by the coffee shop for a **Kevin Maston Photography for Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser** from 5-8pm. Diagnosed with early onset Lewy body dementia (a combination of various Alzheimer's and Parkinson's symptoms), Maston has both a passion for photography and supporting the fight to find a cure.

been a true labor of love, and 100% of its proceeds directly benefits the Alzheimer's Association. Although it's unlikely to be Kevin, he believes the first survivor of Alzheimer's is out there right now.

Check out **Howard Beall & the Fake News** during a special Sunday afternoon show on December 3rd from 1-3pm. The group is a collection of talented young artists from around the great state of Montana. They bring people together by playing groove-based music, specifically pulling from the jazz, rock, and funk genres. The band plays a blend of original compositions, standards, and modern songs with the intent of creating fresh sounds while still respecting the

heritage and language of those before them.

DJ **ONE** brings a show Friday, December 8th from 6-8pm. Pulling from his Virginia roots, ONE takes pride in the art of the live mix, making every show a work of art. Come check out his unique take on hip-hop, funk, and soul. It'll be an experience!

Also on Dec. 8th, Wild Joe*s will host artist **Katie Traynor** during the downtown Winter Art Walk from 6-8pm. Traynor is a longtime weaver and local fiber artist. With an appreciation for both traditional and modern weaving, she often incorporates materials from the natural world in her pieces. Her work references tribal and bohemian styles, making her unique wall hangings light, whimsical and sophisticated — an enjoyable addition to any dwelling.

Following on Saturday, December 9th, enjoy the sounds of **Brice Ash** from 6-8pm. Ash's debut solo album, *The Chariot*, carries with it the hopeful hurt, raw honesty, and stirring stories that fans of his rough-hewn songwork have come to

expect. Ranging from the heart-wrenching piano/cello duet, "Joe's Final Bow," to the gritty roots rocker "Has-Been Man," the record brims with humanity — brash cowgirls, broken old men, homeless saviors, and high school nerds. Their stories are woven together in an Americana sound-scape as Ash explores the corners and alleys of the human condition. The singer/songwriter moved to Bozeman early this year, where the slower pace and breathtaking surroundings continue to nourish



Kevin Maston

his creativity.

Austin-based singer/songwriter and poet **Elijah Mann** performs Friday, December 15th from 6-8pm. Inspired by artists like Glen Hansard and Hozier, the alt-folk artist has shared the stage with such acts as Lalah Hathaway, Radiator King, Abby Anastasio, Steve Knecht, Stone Cold Fox, and The Non Sequiturs. His debut EP, *To Fall Apart*, is available now.

Wild Joe*s Coffee Spot is located at 18 W Main St. in the heart of historic Downtown Bozeman. Learn more about these and other upcoming events at www.wild-joescoffee.com. •

Make a night of it with Eagles live music

The Eagles Bar in Downtown Bozeman draws a diverse crowd. From cowboys to ski bums to college kids, you can witness nearly every demographic on a typical night. They host live music, karaoke, and serve inexpensive drinks! Here's a look at what's coming up.

Check out **The Hayes Collective** Friday and Saturday, December 1st and 2nd. They're an eclectic funk, rock and blues group with a soulful, edgy sound! The band draws inspiration from the likes of Freddie King, Taj Mahal, Funkadelic, The Meters, Jon Scofield, The Wood Brothers, and so many more. The Hayes Collective is comprised of Bozeman-based musicians Josh Heins (guitar), Garrett Stevens (guitar), Bill Tom Scott (bass), Aaron Rasmussen (drums), and Julie Nelson (vocals).

Cabin Fever is set for Friday and Saturday, December 8th-9th. From Manhattan, the band plays a combination of original music, '70s rock, and a wide variety of dance tunes from Dwight-style country to Pink Floyd. This five-piece-plus band showcases strong vocal harmonies and a wide variety of instrumentals. Members include Lonny Walker (rhythm guitar), Steve Loessberg (lead guitar), Larry Greenbaum (bass, lead guitar), Josh Fike (drums), Jon Gerhts (bass guitar), Ross Barrett (percussion), and Lane Quandt (harmonica).

Groove Wax returns follows Friday and Saturday, December 15th-16th. The band is comprised of former Jamelution members Cindy Damjanovich, Junior Damjanovich, and Nik Damjanovich, plus SaddleTramp's

Gary Peterson, and Rockin' Steve "Monster" Melia. They play rock, country, and blues.

The **Bridger Mountain Big Band** performs every Sunday from 7-9:30pm. The 17-piece jazz orchestra celebrates the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and more, with original arrangements and music of all genres from the 1900s to today.

Always a blast, **Sunrise Entertainment** brings the fun of karaoke and DJ music every Thursday at 9pm.

Eagles Bar live music begins at 9pm, unless otherwise noted. Come play a game of pool, listen to some great local bands, or stop in for a cold one any day of the week! The Eagles is located at 316 E Main St., next to the Nova Café. For more information, call (406) 587-9996. •

It's toasting season at Uncorked!

Livingston's only wine bar has a recently expanded menu featuring nightly gourmet specials courtesy chef Vedra Cajune, who's also working with owner Debbie Endres to create special wine pairing and pop-up dinner events. Vedra's arrival has

guests. And just in time for the work-week's end, Friday evenings feature live music as well. ALL live music begins at 6pm. So this winter, head over to Uncorked and warm up on a cold night in continued celebration of this happy season!

Montana Manouche kicks off the sip-adjacent tunes on Friday, December 1st. The group plays swinging instrumental Gypsy Jazz music in the style of Django Reinhardt. The tunes are joyful and elegant, reminiscent of music played in Paris nightclubs in the 1940s.

On Wednesday, December 6th, join Park High jazz band **The Five**. This talented band of musicians will rotate weekly to keep you entertained with the best of classic and modern jazz. These students are amazing. Come check them out! The Five will return for an additional performance on December 13th.

New to Uncorked, the **Sweet Bitterroot Band** performs Friday, December 8th. Like the surprise bloom of Montana's state flower in June, this group blossomed into a partnership in harmony from a spontaneous mountaintop jam session outside Yellowstone National Park. Mary Strickroth, Maria Bisso, and Jenny Golding each bring their

own musical style to the stage, creating a tender, powerful and evocative vocal blend. Their eclectic sound spans Americana, soul, new-grass, and folk genres, accompanied by six-string guitar, tenor ukulele, and the occasional cheese grater or kazoo.

A **Kermit Lynch Wine Dinner** follows Saturday, December 9th. After attending a recent industry tasting, Endres decided to feature some of her favorites as an introduction to the California winemaker. Wines will be available for purchase, and dinner is included with the tasting. Reservations required. Please call (406) 222-5418 to reserve your place!

Finally, on Friday, December 15th, Uncorked welcomes back **The Coyote Gypsies**. Southwest Montana's eclectic Klezmer band offers Eastern European folk music with a Western edge. Where the Old World meets the New West, they play howlin' good music. The Coyote Gypsies duo is composed of Mark Schlenz (violin) and Jane Freeburg (accordion, guitar, bass, percussion).

Uncorked is located at 212 W Park St. in historic Downtown Livingston, and can be reached at (406) 222-5418. Stop in for two-for-one specials, cheese and charcuterie features, and champagne tastings. For more information on Gourmet Cellars or Uncorked, please visit www.thegourmet-cellar.com or find them on Facebook. •



diversified

Uncorked's offerings with rich soups, tarts, and hearty sandwiches. Fondue has also

made its way onto the winter menu to go along with a hearty red of choice. Additional bar selections include specialty craft brews, white wine, bubbly of all varieties, and espresso for the caffeine inclined.

Wednesday has become jazz night this fall, featuring an accomplished group of high school students showcasing their talents to



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Brasstacular Christmas returns with two Bozeman performances

The 2014 premiere of *A Brasstacular Christmas* caused such a sensation for audiences, Bozeman Symphony has announced its December return! Current principal trumpet for the Dallas Symphony and former principal trumpet for world famous Canadian Brass, Ryan Anthony will join the orchestra in the seasonal presentation of *A Brasstacular Christmas: The Return!* Performances will unfold at Willson Auditorium on Saturday, December 9th at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 10th at 2:30pm. Each will feature the teaming of Maestro

Matthew Savery and Anthony, one of the greatest trumpeters and entertainers in the world. Anthony and Savery met in Michigan in

2002 while performing with the Greater Lansing Symphony



Orchestra, having since performed several concerts together leading up to this new and humorous Christmas extravaganza. “I never have as much fun as I do when I’m on stage with Ryan,” says Savery. “It is always an honor to be on stage with a world-class musician but even more fun when it’s a close friend.” Highlights of these performances will include the likes of “Trumpet

Voluntary,” “The Christmas Song,” “Deck the Horn,” “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,” selections from *The Polar Express*, and much, much more. Tickets range from \$27–\$67 and are available for purchase now. Student discounts are available. Receptions will immediately follow each performance: at the Emerson Center’s Weaver Room on Saturday, and Old Main Gallery on Sunday. These performances are generously sponsored by First Security Bank and Judith King. Advance tickets for Bozeman Symphony performances are available at www.bozemandsymphony.org and the Symphony offices, located at 1001 W Oak St., Ste. 110, or by calling (406) 585-9774. •

Two remaining Fool for Love performances at Eagles



Only four months after the death of Sam

Shepard, one of America’s most celebrated playwrights of the past half century, Bozeman Actors Theatre continues to present Shepard’s *Fool for Love* at the Eagles Lodge Ballroom in Downtown Bozeman. Remaining performances will take place Friday and Saturday, December 1st– 2nd at 8pm each evening. This play is for mature audiences only. All tickets are \$18. The Eagles Lodge Ballroom is located at 316 E Main St.

Set in 1980 on the edge of the Mohave Desert, *Fool for Love* is a lyrical and explosive story of love and loss, full of twists, turns, and dark humor, said director Gordon Carpenter. The play was a finalist for the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and remains one of Shepard’s best-known works.

“We’re really excited about staging this play for Bozeman audiences in the Eagles Club, which is a perfect venue for this story and one we think Shepard himself would’ve loved,” Carpenter said.

Shepard died on July 27th. Acclaimed as an actor as well as a playwright, he played the lead role opposite Kim Basinger in Robert Altman’s 1985 film adaptation of *Fool for Love*. The local production under Carpenter’s direction will feature actors Tory Laher, Will Dickerson, Mark Kuntz, and Colter Langan.

Bozeman Actors Theatre, a professional theater company founded in 2008, is a non-profit organization devoted to providing exceptional, thought-provoking and adventurous live theater to the community. To purchase *Fool for Love* tickets and for further 2017-18 season information, please visit www.bozemanactors theatre.org. Stay up to date and follow them on Facebook: @BozemanActorsTheatre. •

Two Tracks & a Naughty Xmas at Pine Creek Lodge

Pine Creek Lodge has quickly become an area favorite live music venue during the summer months. Even though the acts have moved indoors until the next sunny season, there are still a couple opportunities to catch a show in Paradise Valley. Here’s a look at what’s coming up.

Check out **The Two Tracks** on Friday, December 8th at 7pm. The Wyoming group’s latest album, *Postcard Town*, further affirms the promise and determination shown on their eponymous debut, which *No Depression* described as “creating an instant connection...in truth there’s not a single offering here that doesn’t engage the listener practically from the get go,” and by *The Alternate Root* as “rural warmth...infusing their tunes with a feel for the open spaces of The West.” *Postcard Town* continues this trajectory and confirms, both in songwriting and delivery, that this enticing new ensemble has something special to offer.

Formed in 2014, The Two Tracks call the base of Wyoming’s Bighorn Mountains home. From rock to country, bluegrass to folk, the music helps define the sound of superbly crafted, fully assertive Americana. Their harmony-rich songs often add cello to a solid groove, creating a unique ambiance that’s all

their own. Throw in a journeyman’s attitude and a penchant for affecting storytelling, and here again, The Two Tracks create a sound



that typifies a style birthed in the heartland, with all the sentiment and sensitivity that does justice to that timeless sound. *Postcard Town* brings it all back home — and down home — offering a travelogue that its listeners can share and enjoy.

The Two Tracks are Julie Szwec (vocals, acoustic guitar), David Huebner (cello, electric guitar), Fernando “Fred” Serna (drums, percussion), and Aaron Ashear (bass).

Following Friday, December 15th, have a **Speakeasy Naughty Christmas** from 7–9pm. The band returns to where its Naughty Christmas originated many years ago. This fun night of slightly naughty tunes will feature selections from the ‘20s through the ‘60s. You can dance, you can laugh and you can sing along! Limited seating. Call for reservations — this is going fast! Tickets are \$12 at the door, based on availability.

Please visit www.pinecreeklodgemontana.com for ticketing information, to reserve your cabin, and learn more about these and other upcoming events. Pine Creek Lodge is located at 2496 E. River Rd., just outside of Livingston. Call (406) 222-3628 for further information. •

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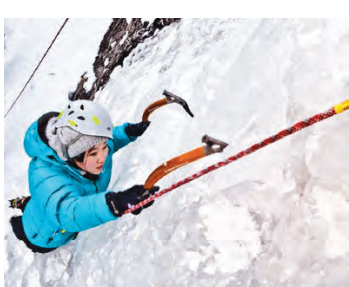
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Record amount of food donated to Gallatin Valley Food Bank through 'Can the Griz'

From MSU News Service

Montana State University and the Bozeman community donated a record amount of food in the 18th annual **Can the Griz** food drive, with supporters donating the equivalent of more than 389,093 pounds of food to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank.

Can the Griz and the corresponding Can the Cats food drive in Missoula is an off-field competition between MSU and the University of Montana to see which school can collect the most donations for its local county food bank.

This year, MSU and the Bozeman community donated 257,336 pounds of food and \$131,757 to the Gallatin Valley Food

Bank, according to Laurynn Olson of the MSU Office of Student Engagement, which coordinates Can the Griz. The Can the Cats food drive in Missoula brought in 255,070 pounds of food and \$139,008 for the Missoula Food Bank, Olson said. She added that both communities surpassed last year's totals, which were also record amounts. Last year, MSU and the Bozeman community donated 234,486 pounds of food plus \$92,688 to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, while donations from UM and the Missoula community in 2016 totaled 177,876 pounds of food plus \$139, 606.

Bozeman and the MSU community have won the competition for 15



out of the 18 years it has been held, Olson said.

"The competition was so close and we view this as a victory for both towns, as so many people will be fed during the holidays and beyond," said Randi Maier, community engagement program coordi-

nator in the MSU Office of Student Engagement. "We had another record-breaking year, and I am in awe of the generosity of our community."

The "significant" donations from the Can the Griz drive will help the Gallatin Valley Food Bank provide food for families in the community for months to come, said Laura Stonecipher, programs coordinator at the food bank. The Gallatin Valley Food Bank is one of the HRDC Food and Nutrition

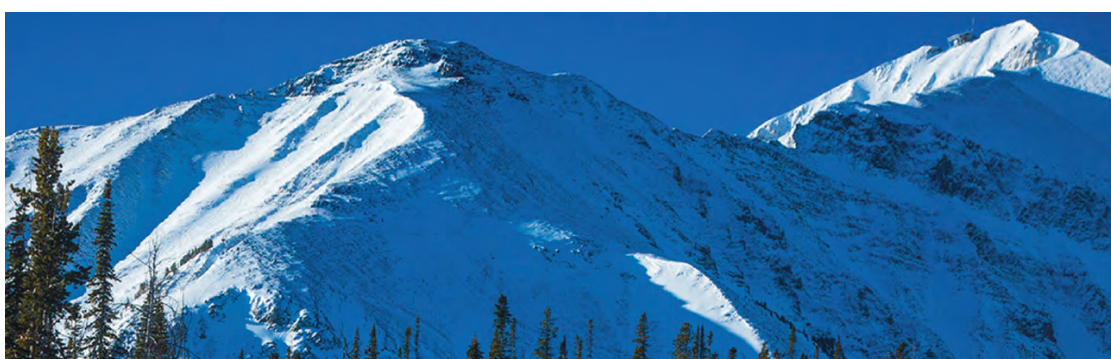
Program's initiatives.

"We are just so grateful to the entire community for their generosity, from the school children who donated a single can of food to businesses who donated in bulk and everyone in between," Stonecipher said. "Our warehouse is so full. We may not have won the competition, but the entire community has certainly won our gratitude. We are especially grateful to our staff and all the volunteers. It takes a lot of work to plan and coordinate such a huge drive and to manage all the donations when they come in. It's just so humbling to know that people in the community care so much about their neighbors. That's what it's really all about." •

Big Sky Resort ranks high on *USA Today* '10 Best' list

Ski season has arrived! **Big Sky Resort** opened for the season on Thanksgiving Day, and with it the news the snow-covered mountain getaway ranked No. 2 in ***USA Today's 10Best Readers' Choice Survey*** of the Best Ski Resorts in North America.

Experts Wendy Clinch of TheSkiDiva.com and Brave Ski Mom Kristen Lummis partnered with *10Best* editors to come up with the nominees. Steamboat, Squaw Valley, and Park City Resort were



among the options during the public voting window. Clinch and Lummis were chosen based on their extensive experience with the North American ski scene and prowess for the winter sport. Find the full top 10 at www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-ski-resort.

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What better way to celebrate the win than with **\$29 Day** on Friday, December 1st. That's right. Lift tickets will be available for the cool price of \$29 (plus tax) for one day only! So gather up your winter gear, along with friends and family before

heading up to Lone Peak.

In addition to daily lift tickets, Big Sky Resort season passes are also available. The *Gold Tram* option will get Lone Mountain-goers unlimited skiing all season. This pass is \$1,469 for adults, \$819 for juniors, and \$1,069 for college students

with valid ID. The *Silver Tram* pass is good for unlimited skiing except holidays. This option runs \$1,169 for adults, \$719 for juniors, and \$969 for college students. Both Gold and Silver passes include Lone Peak Tram access. Each have senior and

youth rates available as well. Gold Lite, Silver Lite, and other discounted passes are also available with additional restrictions. Purchase yours now at bigskyresort.com, where you can also check out this season's Youth Ski Programs for kids ages 3–14.

Big Sky Resort, established in 1973, is located in the Northern Rockies of Southwest Montana between Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park. Big Sky Resort is the Biggest Skiing in America with 5,800 acres offering an average of two acres per skier and 4,350 vertical drop.

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Ice Fest features Adventure Film Festival, Fred Beckey doc & more

It's back! The **Bozeman Ice Festival** returns to Southwest Montana for its 21st annual event, Wednesday through Sunday, December 6th–10th. Events will include the Adventure Film Festival and Montana premiere of *Dirtbag: The Legend of Fred Beckey*, as well as Après Climb with Bridger Brewing's exclusive Hyalite APA release, and so much more! Here's a look at a few of the highlights.

The *Adventure Film Festival* comes to the Crawford Theater at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, Thursday and Friday, December 7th–8th with an exciting and eagerly anticipated film slate.

As an international community of risk takers, provocateurs, artists, dreamers, athletes, activists... the international Adventure Film selection committee selects the very best and most inspirational films every year. Their selections cover risks both mighty and absurd; tap the

fringes of the unknown; and portray those experiences that bring us to the edges of our seats with our hands over our eyes or our fists in the air. Adventure Film celebrates, supports and “ties in with” those who wish to inspire and fire the creative kilns of transformation and awareness. Adventure Film believes in the power of the story, the narrative of adventure and awakening. A full lineup of films is available through the event website.

The Montana premiere of *Dirtbag: The Legend of Fred Beckey* will follow the Adventure Film Festival on Saturday, December 9th at 7:30pm.

Fred Beckey is the original American “Dirtbag” climber whose name has evoked mystery, adulation

and vitriol since the 1940s. Beckey's stubborn, singular quest to conquer peaks meant a solitary life on the

road, where he left a long trail of scorned climbing partners and lost lovers in his wake. The groundbreaking life story of this rebel athlete — who inspired generations of climbers to head for the mountains with his monumental first ascents and eloquent books — is told for the first time in this exclusive documentary film.

Fred is a honorary life-member of the infamous Montana “Dirty Socks Club” who pioneered most of the great Montana climbing routes from boulders and ice climbs to the biggest alpine routes. Founding members of the DSC will be on-hand to introduce *Dirtbag* and share stories of a climbing life fully-lived with Beckey.

Ice Fest tickets are on sale now at Schnee's, REI, Bridger Brewing and www.bozemanicefest.com, where you can also find further event information and downloadable program schedule. •



Cat/Griz more than just wins & losses

By Danny Waldo

Each year in November, the state of Montana hosts its own version of the Super Bowl, affectionately known as the “Brawl of the Wild,” where some team west of the divide, sporting maroon and silver tightens up their chin straps to take on the Montana State Bobcats.

Friends become enemies, and entire families serve up a week-long case of the cold shoulder, all in the name of sport. And as Bob Stitt, the now former coach of the Montana Grizzlies recently found out, some people



don't necessarily depend on the outcome, but it's pretty darn close.

That's how serious people in the state of Montana are about their beloved rivalry. Many people can claim that it doesn't matter how many games their team wins as long as they beat their rival each year. Turns out, in Montana, we actually mean that.

Case in point, Stitt, who was 21-14 in his three years at the helm of the Grizzlies, was let go after going just

1-2 versus Montana State. Sure, pundits will argue that his failure to make the playoffs each of the past two seasons was another reason he was let go, but in both 2016 and 2017 the loss to Montana State was the nail in the coffin that kept the Griz out of the postseason.

Former Montana State head coach Rob Ash was let go following the 2015 season after compiling a 70-38 record over nine seasons at the helm of the Bobcats. His 70 wins are the most victories by any Bobcat coach, yet Ash was just 2-7 versus the Grizzlies, and thus the Blue and Gold faithful felt it was time for a change.

There are very few coaching positions with that kind of pressure riding on the outcome of a single game, and whoever ends up being the next coach of the Montana Grizzlies had better be prepared to handle the heat, something Stitt was not able to do.

Current Bobcat coach Jeff Choate is just 9-13 in two seasons in Bozeman, but he's 2-0 versus the

Grizzlies, making each of the past two seasons feel like conference championships. For now, the wins over the Griz are enough to cover



Mountainfilm celebrates indomitable spirit

On Wednesday, December 13th at the historic Ellen Theatre, Bozeman Film Society is proud to present **Mountainfilm on Tour**, a conglomeration of culturally rich, adventure-packed and incredibly inspiring short documentary films selected from the 2017 Mountainfilm Festival held in Telluride, Colorado. A benefit for Mountainfilms' nonprofit partner, dZi Foundation, this exciting program will explore themes connected to the Mountainfilm mission of using the power of film, art and ideas to inspire audiences to create a better world.

Curated just for Bozeman, the evening's program includes Commitment Grant Winner *The Last Honey Hunter* (Dir: Ben Knight, Cin: Renan Ozturk),

Where the Wild Things Play (Dir: Krystle Wright), *A Field Guide to Losing Your Friends* (Dir: Chad Clendinen, Writer: Tyler Dunning), plus 9 more award-winning film shorts guaranteed to inspire you!

dZi Foundation founder and President, Jim Nowak, will serve as emcee for the evening event alongside special guest Bozemanite Tyler Dunning, author and subject of *A Field Guide*.

Additional support for Mountainfilm on Tour is provided by Spire Climbing Center, Owenhouse-Ace Hardware and Crazy Mountain Outdoor Company.

Reserved tickets are \$15 (plus fees) and available at

www.thellentheatre.com, the box office, or by calling (406) 585-5885. The Emerson lobby opens at 6pm, with doors to follow at 6:30pm. Cash and credit cards accepted. Wine and beer available. Sponsors and passholders can pick up their tickets at the BFS table in lobby prior to the show.

Not rated, *Mountainfilm on Tour* runs 158 minutes. Please note: some films contain adult language and mature content. Visit www.bozemanfilmsociety.org for more information — “Keep ‘Em Flickering!”

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Hawk boys hope third time is the charm

By Danny Waldo

Close.

If one word could sum up the **Bozeman Hawk boys basketball team** over the past two seasons, that would be it.

After finishing runner-up at the State AA basketball tournament in both 2016 and 2017, head coach Wes Holmquist and Co. are hoping that a third trip to the state finals could finally be the end of their misery.

However, the road to the state tournament will be taking a major turn this season as Class AA basketball returns to a divisional format for the first time in over 25 years. For over the past two decades, the top two seeds in the Western and Eastern Conferences were awarded an automatic berth to the state tournament, while the remaining teams were left to fight for the final spots in a series of one-game playoffs. Not so this season. All seven teams in each conference will be invited to the divisional tournaments March 1st–3rd (in Butte for Eastern AA), with the top four teams in each divisional advancing to state the following week, March 8th–10th in Billings.

It's a change that Holmquist is excited about. “I love the divisional tournament format. I have been on the battle lines pushing for it since I started coaching in the AA in 2003. I think it is going to be exciting and a great atmosphere.”

If Bozeman is going to survive the pressure of an additional tournament in hopes of returning to state, they will be doing so with

an entirely new roster, as senior Mack Anderson is the lone player with any sort of valuable experience. Anderson was relegated to role player status last season after beginning the year as a starter, and averaged around two points per game. However, a successful offseason on the AAU circuit parlayed itself into a full-ride scholarship to the University of Montana, and has made Anderson the focal point of Bozeman's attack this season.

The 6'9" senior will anchor the middle of a Hawk defense that is both long and athletic. Bozeman will also employ the forces of 6'6" Jack Carr, and a pair of 6'5" juniors in Ryan Simpson and Ryan Loneragan to keep opposing offenses at bay.

A trio of senior guards in Robbie Simpson, Latrell McCutcheon and Payton Price will serve as the primary ball-handlers, but Bozeman will hope to use its defense to spark its offense via transition baskets.

Bozeman, which finished 19-4 a year ago and claimed their second straight Eastern Conference championship, begins the season at home, taking on non-conference foe Helena Capital, Tuesday, December 5th at 7pm at Bozeman High's South Gym.

For a complete schedule of all Bozeman Hawk boys' basketball games, log on to the Bozeman School District website at www.bsd7.org and click on the 'activities' page.

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Also available, Bridger Bowl 2017–18 season passes are on sale now. Skiers and snowboarders can enjoy unlimited slopeside recreation all winter long with the purchase of a season pass. Here's a look at some rates for the most popular passes: \$825 for adults (25-69), \$775 for young adults (19-24), \$495 for juniors (13-18), and \$235 for children (7-12). Adult Midweek Season Passes

(18-69) are also available for \$499. This will grant access to unlimited skiing Monday through Friday all season, with \$40 weekend tickets.

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Bridger Bowl will operate FREE skier buses again this season. Bridger runs two separate shuttles with different pick-up and drop-off locations in Bozeman. The Kids' Bus runs on weekends and during the school holidays, while the Park N' Ride Bus runs on weekends during the entire ski season. The Kids' Bus picks-up at McDonald's on Main and the Gallatin County Fairgrounds (Oak St. entrance). The Park N' Ride picks up at MSU's SUB and the Gallatin Valley Fairgrounds. Please see website for



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Young Hawks look to make noise in 2018

By Danny Waldo

If part of being young is making mistakes, then head coach Erika Gustavsen may be in for a long winter as her largely inexperienced **Lady Hawk basketball team** looks to return to championship form in 2018.

Bozeman returns just three players off last season's squad that finished fourth in the state after falling 42-34 in the consolation final in Great Falls. Gone are five seniors off last year's squad, including All-State guard Riana Rogers, as well as All-Conference performer Amber Tarabochia, both of whom are playing collegiately this year. Bozeman also graduated their one true post presence from last season, Elaine Chandler.

Senior guard Alex Carey returns after earning 2nd Team All-Conference last season, and will be counted on to pick up the scoring slack created with the loss of Rogers. Ayla Embry and Ashlyn Lewis are the other two players who saw significant minutes a season ago, and both will be

expected to up their production as well while the rest of the roster gains experience early in the season.

Although Bozeman lacks experience in varsity action, a number of the new faces have played multiple years together, which Gustavsen sees as a strength of this year's squad. “We have a lot of good athletes and a lot of the girls have played multiple years together which makes our team dynamic and over teamwork good.”

As with the boys, the biggest change this season for the Lady Hawks is the added challenge of competing in a divisional tournament for the first time. Bozeman earned an automatic bid to the state tournament last season after winning the Eastern Conference regular season championship, but this year Bozeman, and the other six conference members will battle for four spots out of the east at the Eastern AA divisional in Butte, March 1st–3rd.

Gustavsen sees both pros and cons in the change. “The division-

al tournament will be a new experience. It definitely adds a different dimension to the end of the season and in some ways takes a little pressure off of the regular season,” she said. “It will be an adjustment to playing another tournament instead of having a week of practice or a playoff game and the obvious, of playing teams for the third time will be interesting. I do think it will be exciting and give kids another feel for what the state tournament is like and make everyone fight for those four spots to go to state.”

Bozeman, which finished 16-8 and earned a fourth place finish at state last season, will open the 2017-18 campaign on the road at always tough Helena Capital on Tuesday, December 5th.

For a complete schedule of all Bozeman Hawk girls' basketball games, log on to the Bozeman School District website at www.bsd7.org and click on the ‘activities’ page.

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Kids: head to Motion Athletics for bouncing & tumbling Friday fun

Looking for a fun activity for you and your little one? Motion Athletics presents **Kinder Play** every Friday from 10:30am–noon. The Gallatin Valley's only All-Star Cheerleading and Tumbling Gym features a Tumbl Trak, bounce house, and lots of mats for play and exploration. This event is open to all kids ages 6 and under with a supervising adult. There is a nominal entrance fee of \$5 per child. Punch cards available at the front desk. Come run, bounce, and play! Final Kinder Play dates in 2017 are Fridays, December 1st, 8th and 15th. Motion Athletics is located at 100 Maus Ln. in Bozeman. Call (406) 586-2444 for further

information.

Motion Athletics facilities are dedicated to cheerleading and tumbling, allowing individuals and teams throughout the Gallatin Valley the space to improve in all areas. Through dedication, commitment, and teamwork, members of the gym can reach their goals! Motion Athletics offers classes and team participation in both cheer and tumbling, designed around all skill levels and ages to create a supportive and progressive learning environment youth athletes. Learn more at www.motion-athletic-scheer.com. •



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BUSINESS IN AND AROUND THE BoZONE

Get down to biz with pre-holiday networking events

The Bozeman Chamber will present **Business Before Hours** on Thursday, December 7th from 7:30–8:30am. *Mountain Arts Pottery* will host the event at their location, 80795 Gallatin Rd., just south of Four Corners. This gathering provides a business networking outlet for Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce Members and others. This edition of Business Before Hours is \$5 with Chamber membership and \$50 for non-members.

The next **Business After Hours** will follow on Thursday, December 14th from 5:30–7:30pm. The event will be hosted by *Rikki's Furniture Gallery* at their 511 N 7th Ave. location in Bozeman. This gathering provides a business networking outlet for

Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce Members and others. This edition of Business After Hours is \$5 with Chamber membership and \$50 for non-members.

Save the date! The **2018 Chamber Annual Banquet** is set for Friday, January 19th at Bozeman's Best Western Plus GranTree Inn. The event will feature a cocktail hour, dinner, and evening program. Held in January every year, the annual gathering is a networking event for over 400 Chamber members.

Visit www.bozemanchamber.com to register for any of these events and to learn more. Call (406) 586-5421 for further information. The Chamber Center is located at 2000 Commerce Way in Bozeman. •



Local entrepreneurs inspire with tour of downtown shops

Montana Women's Business Center will present a **Women-Owned Business Tour** with *Heyday + Dawn Josephine Collective* on Wednesday, December 13th from noon–1pm. Join for a walking business tour of two woman-owned businesses. Each business owner will share her experience with starting, operating, and growing her business. There will also be time for networking and shopping! Tour participants will meet at Dawn Josephine, 5 E Main St., the afternoon of the event. Registration and further information is available at www.prosperabusinessnetwork.org.

The Montana Women's Business Center (WBC) is a program of Prospera Business Network and is partially funded by the U.S. Small

Business Administration. Established in October 2009, the Montana WBC is one of over 100 business centers across the country. The center provides the necessary tools and support to help women establish, grow, and sustain businesses throughout the state of Montana.

The Montana WBC is focused on providing confidential business counseling and training services to women entrepreneurs and is a critical resource to those who are economically or socially disadvantaged. The Montana WBC gives women the opportunity to excel in business and contributes to the growth of economies throughout the state. Learn more about the Montana Women's Business Center at www.montanawbc.org. •

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Montana Chamber defends business issues in special session

From Montana Chamber of Commerce

After three days of hearings and voting on a three-part solution for the state budget, the Montana Legislature concluded the **2017 Montana Special Session** [in November]. Before, during, and after the unique event, the Montana Chamber actively defended and promoted the interest of the business community.

“Overly-optimistic revenue estimates and catastrophic fire season expenses forced the special session,” said Webb Brown, President/CEO of the Montana Chamber. “Going forward, the tax study we have commissioned as part of our Envision 2026 research will help address some of these issues going forward.”

Through a combination of revenue enhancers, fund transfers, and government agency cuts, the Montana Legislature recovered its share of the \$227 million necessary to balance the budget. The series of bills awaits Governor Bullock's action.

The Montana Chamber opposed several anti-business bills in the spe-

cial session. Two bills it opposed were SB 6 and SB 7, which would have temporarily increased the lodging/rental car tax and taxed third party intermediaries to pay/remittance the lodging facility use tax. Another bill the Montana Chamber opposed was SB 4, which was the Montana State Fund management rate bill.

Airbnb and others as an alternative to the tax increases.

While the State Fund Bill initially failed on the House floor, it was revived and passed the House 71-29.

“SB 4 sets poor precedent because this bill allows the state to redirect policyholder money in a way that runs counter to its intended purpose,” said

Bridger Mahlum, government relations director of the Montana Chamber.

“Whether we agree or disagree with their positions and votes, we commend all 150 legislators and the Capitol staff for putting in the long hours to achieve a balanced compromise in this special session,” he continued. “The disruption in their lives for little reward is greatly appreciated.”

Maintaining a

strong business climate is essential to Envision 2026, the Montana Chamber's 10-year strategic plan for Montana's future. Defending pro-business policy during this fast-paced special session was a critical component of that objective.

Learn more about Envision 2026 by visiting www.montanachamber.com/envision-2026. •



On Wednesday night, SB 6 and SB 7 were tabled in the Senate Taxation Committee. The Montana Chamber opposed these bills because it increased the cost of doing business in Montana. Recognizing the budget situation, the Montana Chamber recommended capturing revenue from the emerging, sharing economy in

MSU business students to offer consulting for area businesses & nonprofits

From MSU News Service

Montana State University's Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship is **seeking local and regional businesses and nonprofit organizations** that are willing to offer students practical business experience in return for research, issue analysis or operational advice during the upcoming spring semester, which runs from January 10th through April 27th.

Participating students will be enrolled in “BMGT 463 – Entrepreneurial Experience” or “BMGT 475R – Management Experience.” Both are senior-level courses taught by Gary Bishop, associate teaching professor of management. Bishop said the entrepreneurial experience course is primarily focused on new start-up organizations or small, locally owned businesses. The manage-

ment experience course focuses on more established businesses, as well as civic and non-profit organizations.

During the four-month courses, students will help manage special consulting projects requested by area businesses and nonprofit organizations. Past projects have included developing business, marketing and financial plans, identifying ways to improve businesses, suggesting solutions to problems, re-branding businesses, developing websites and social networking sites, market and competition analysis, sales analysis, feasibility studies, assisting with human resources and customer services issues, developing employee training and handbooks and other business and management processes.

Businesses and organizations that wish to participate in the spring

are invited to apply to the MSU Jake Jabs College of Business and Entrepreneurship. *Applications are due by Tuesday, Jan. 16th.*

In addition, the college has an internship program known as Student Entrepreneurs in Action. As part of the program, local businesses and organizations may apply to host a college intern from the program to work with the business or organization for 10 to 20 hours per week. In some instances, the student may work with the business or organization at no cost.

Application materials may be obtained by contacting Linda Ward at (406) 994-1995 or lward@montana.edu, and Gary Bishop at (406) 994-7017 or gbishop@montana.edu. More information also is available at www.montana.edu/business/center/for-companies.html. •

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