

Bozeman's Top Restaurants: Chosen by You!

by Reilly McNaught

It's that time of year the people of Bozeman get to choose the best of the best in town. To highlight last year's results, here are Bozeman's 10 Best Restaurants around town (in no particular order) – as voted by you for the Best of Bozeman! Voting for

fresh, artisan-style pizzas. Along with hosting community events such as pint nights for local charities, and inhouse local music, they remain a staple in Bozeman culture. Check them out near MSU campus on 11th Ave. Dave's Sushi: 2019 Best

Sushi. A longstanding winner of best



the 2020 Best of Bozeman is currently open through April 30th.

Montana Ale Works: Ale Works really took the cake in 2019 with Best Restaurant, Best Casual Dining, Best Service, Best Bar Food, Best Dessert, and Best Place for a First Date! Located right on Main Street, the Ale Works aims to partner with local farmers to source ingredients used in their culinary dishes. And with 95% of their draft beers being Montana-made, they show their commitment to ensure quality, locally-sourced products.

Backcountry Burger Bar: Bozeman's Best Burger in 2019. The restaurant uses Montana-raised beef and bison for their burgers, served alongside locally grown, hand-cut potatoes, and delicious buns baked fresh with Montana flour. They strive to keep it simple by using the best ingredients they can find. And with 18 beers on tap, it's definitely a spot to enjoy great food. Check them right downtown off Main Street and Willson Avenue.

Bar 3 BBQ: 2019 Best Barbeque. Boasting "Big Sky style with Southern soul," they offer dinein as well as takeout, and their Bozeman location even has a drivethru window (perfect for social distancing)! They smoke beef brisket, turkey, burnt ends, bratwursts, ribs, pork, ham and chicken - all inhouse! They put their heart and soul into their cooking, allowing them to win best barbeque for four straight years! Located off North 7th Ave in Bozeman and Main Street in Belgrade.

Blacksmith Italian: 2019 Best Italian Food. They aim to "bring joy through food, wine, and conversation." Their head chef, Cory Dragone, started working in restaurants at the age of 14. Since then, he has earned a position at the Culinary Institute of America, been head chef at Lake Hotel in

sushi in town, Dave's has been a favorite local spot since opening in 2003. With a laid-back Hawaiian style, they boast amazingly fresh sushi with a friendly atmosphere. And they pride themselves with one of the best sake menus in town. Check out Dave's for consistent quality food and service, three blocks off Main Street on Bozeman Ave.

I-HO's: 2019 Best Korean. A hot Bozeman spot originally opened in 1999. They offer traditional Korean dishes from Bi-Bim-Bop, a warm rice and vegetable dish in a hot ceramic bowl, to Den-Jang-Che-Gae, a Korean miso soup with tofu, noodles, and vegetables, as well as their classic Kim-Chi. I-HO's offers their home-made Kim-Chi, a traditional fermented Korean dish with vegetables and spices, in multiple stores in Bozeman and Belgrade. Kim-Chi offers many health benefits including antioxidants, cholesterol suppressants, and immunity boosts! Check them out, off West Main Street.

Nordic Brew Works: 2019 Best New Restaurant. Nordic offers a unique taproom specializing in woodfired pizzas, variety of craft beers, and imaginative cocktails. They source the highest quality ingredients for their menu, as well as serve an extensive selection of craft beers that rotate weekly. Enjoy the experience at The Market at Ferguson Farm on Bozeman's west side.

The Roost: 2019 Best Inexpensive Restaurant. The Roost offers traditional Southern recipes with an eclectic twist. They focus on fresh ingredients presented with friendly service at economical prices (\$35 for a 12-piece family meal with sides, biscuits, and drinks). Their commitment to quality landed them a spot on Food Network's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives! Check them out both on TV and for lunch, located off West Main Street.

Best of Bozeman extended: support neighbors with your vote!

What a difference a few weeks makes! Due to the ongoing COV1D-19 outbreak, the BoZone has extended the voting window for the 19th annual **Best of** Bozeman. The ballot box will now be open through April 30th. This health crisis has upended life as we know it, but our local businesses and service industries still need your support - now more than ever!

A friendly local competition, this is the original celebration of everything we love about our town and its countless offerings. This is an opportunity for Southwest Montanans of all ages to have their say in the crowning of area establishments, whether first-time winners or defending champions.

This year's voting again consists of a multiple choice format,

favorites from previous surveys and the option to add a choice not listed. While there are many categories to

displaying area

represent our area's finest, voters can decide the winners of as many or as few titles as they please. Right around 2,500 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.thebestof**bozeman.com** to peruse the complete list of 2019 winners and to make your picks. The 2020 Best of Bozeman voting window has been extended through April 30th. •

Kids: burn off pent up energy with MOSS **Summer Programs**

After being cooped up this spring, kids are going to be ready to head outside with their friends for summer activities! Montana Outdoor Science School (MOSS) is now registering for its 2020 Summer Programs for youth ages kindergarten through 9th grade. The diverse slate of weeklong day camps and overnight trips are fun, engaging and educational explorations of the natural world in and around the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

MOSS believes that inspiring a love for nature helps children become aware of - and want to care for - the amazing environment in which we reside. Log on to www.outdoorscience.org to browse the digital catalog of all summer offerings. Those interested are advised to register early as courses fill quickly! Each registration comes with a free MOSS t-shirt to wear at camp. Scholarships available. And be on the lookout for new camps and many added dates! Contact



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Britney Gitch at bgitch@outdoorscience.org with additional questions.

Montana Outdoor Science School inspires curiosity, understanding and awareness of nature through quality educational experiences. MOSS engages people of all ages through hands-on, experiential learning. It uses the outdoors as its classroom! Their

summer camps allow kids an indepth opportunity to learn about nature, particularly our own unique backvard. In-school programs, taught to current curriculum standards, help children develop their scientific inquiry and learning skills. Visit the aforementioned website to learn more about these and other outdoor programs.

Voice your opinions at the ballot box registration deadline approaching

Yellowstone National Park, and now serves timeless Italian dishes with locally sourced ingredients, homemade pasta, cheese and pastries. Blacksmith continues to serve high quality food with excellent service. Located off West Kagy Boulevard near the intersection with Willson Avenue.

Bridger Brewing: 2019 Best Lunch. Bridger was founded in 2013, and has since become one of Bozeman's most popular community gathering spots. Not only do they brew amazing beer, but also provide an extensive menu including their

Saffron Table: 2019 Best Indian Food. Saffron table offers diverse culinary plates inspired by India and South Asia. Their menu offers a variety from steaming curries to delicious street fare of samosas and pakoras in an elegant fine-dining setting. They are located near downtown, off West Babcock Street.

Is your favorite spot not on the list? Vote now for the Best of Bozeman to have your say for best restaurants (and other businesses) in town! Make your picks at www.bestofbozeman.com. •

Though the novel coronavirus continues to ravage every corner of the nation, attention must still be shared with the monumental election ahead. Are you registered to vote? Montana's state and

presidential primary is June 2nd, giving residents the chance to decide who should have a spot on the general ballot in November.

Primary and caucus season reduces the sometimes expansive candidate pool, a process that varies state by state. Montana uses an "open primary" which allows registered electors choice of party ballot through which to cast their vote, regardless of affiliation. Voters may vote for any party, but can only return one ballot



to be counted.

If you're not sure about the status of your voter record, log on to www.votinginmontana.com and click 'My Voter Page' at the top of the screen. You'll be rerouted to the Montana Secretary of State's voter information service. By simply entering your first and last name with your date of birth, you can see if you're registered to vote, whether

vou're an active or inactive voter, whether you're signed up to vote absentee, and the location of your polling place. You

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can also view or download a sample ballot 30 days before the election.

Voting in Montana is a thorough online resource for any resident looking to get "Election Ready" in the Treasure State. Find the 'My Voter Page,' first-time voter applications, election deadlines, informational articles and more through the aforementioned website. Act now - regular registration deadline for the Montana primaries is May 4th. •





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Building Community in a Time of Uncertainty

by Casey Lokken-Baker Flattening the Curve

If there's one feeling I've been able to cling to since the emergence of the Coronavirus Pandemic this spring, it's a feeling of pride in the Bozeman community. Even before it was mandated by our state government, many businesses both large and small shut their doors and canceled events, giving up precious dollars to "flatten the curve" in order to save the lives of anonymous strangers.

This past week I watched drivers becoming more patient, shoppers being more polite, neighbors giving bigger smiles, and a sense of "togetherness" enfolding our entire community.

But the thing is, "flattening the curve" drastically extends the duration of a pandemic. This isn't going to be a sprint — it's going to be a marathon, possibly over a year in length — and we must adjust our expectations accordingly. If we want to get to the other side of this in the best shape possible we must all invest in our community and recognize that sacrifice will be required for each and every one of us for the entire duration.



Caring for Others

First and foremost, we must have gratitude, patience, and discipline. We must honor the nurses, doctors, service workers, package deliverers, grocery clerks, and yes, even the TSA, all of whom will be on the front lines not only saving lives but also ensuring life itself can proceed forward as functionally as possible. To best honor these people, practice social distancing and stay home, and when you must venture out, cover your cough, wash your hands frequently, and give six feet of space to the people around you.

Help your grocer by buying only what you need in one trip per week and sending someone else in your able future. Support the elderly by offering to run their errands, bringing them groceries, taking their vehicle in, and virtually connecting to help ease feelings of social isolation. Donate groceries the Bozeman Food Bank, as they are being utilized now more than ever.

While many employees have been directed to work from home, keep in mind that up to 20% have either lost their jobs or have had a dramatic reduction in hours. Seek these people out and offer paid work, free groceries, or financial assistance. Tasks that could be outsourced include shopping, picking up takeout, yard work, babysitting, and doing laundry. There really is no limit if you get creative.

Several local churches are organizing volunteers to grocery shop and run errands for the elderly, sick, and at-risk. If you have spare time, consider using it to help those in need. **Supporting Local Business**

Bozeman's local businesses are what make this city so vibrant and it's essential that we as a community do what we can to help get them to the other side.

On March 20th I spoke with Ian the manager of Dave's Sushi on the phone about how they are adapting their business during this unique time. Ian explained that Dave's Sushi started out as "takeout only" in 2003, so the transition hasn't been especially difficult for them. They will soon be partnering will UberEats in an effort to expand takeout orders. They also received word from the governor that "takeout alcohol" may soon be an option. Additionally, many of their regulars have been purchasing gift cards for future visits and leaving large tips.

Starting on March 17th Bridger Brewing transitioned to takeout only and growler fills. The brewery posted the following message to their Facebook page: "Your patronage is so appreciated and will help support our spectacular staff. We have an exemplary seven-year record for food safety and sanitation practices, and we will be taking even greater precautions during this time. Be well, take care of yourself and others. We cannot wait to see you all back in the brewery!"

While many gift shops, galleries, and boutiques have shut their doors to the general public they are still selling gift cards. Purchase one for future use or as a gift to give to a loved one. Additionally, event venues such as the Verge Theater, the Ellen Theatre, and Intermountain Opera have had to cancel events and thus lose revenue. Now would be a wonderful time to protect the arts by making a donation to one or more of these companies.

Building Community

Thousands of drops make up an occan and thousands of acts of kindness, no matter how small, can greatly change the world. If we commit to investing in our communities now and recognizing that sacrifice will be required of us we will emerge on the other side of this in both in the best shape possible and strengthened in unity. •

Coronavirus, taking life for granted

by Dr. Glenn Mollette

The **Coronavirus** is a pandemic that most of us don't understand, but we are learning. This disease has taken over 9,000 lives and made over 220,000 more people sick (as of this writing). We've heard via television about it starting in China and its impact even before arriving in America.

So far this is what we know about Coronavirus. The disease is life threatening. If the disease does not kill you, there is a chance you will be very sick with severe respiratory problems. Thousands of respirators are needed across the country because of the nature of the disease. Who wants to be in an intensive care unit of a hospital on a respirator?

The virus is teaching us that we are a fragile human race. We are vulnerable to disease, death and chaos. Our masses of wealth can disappear almost overnight. The stock market has fallen like a rock. As of this writing, everything that the stock market gained in the three years that Trump has been President has been wiped out. What if it crashes totally? How many companies will go bankrupt and everything people have invested will be gone? We could experience a kind of poverty that our country has

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not known for a long time.

What was it like during the Great Depression? I remember old folks talking about those hard times. Could we be in for that kind of a difficult time, or even worse?

We are learning that what previously seemed far-fetched and unrealistic, for our great economy and planet, is possible. It just takes one plague to rearrange our lives. One virus cleans out the grocery stores, idles our jobs and robs our bank accounts. One virus immobilizes our society and robs us of the social interaction that we have taken for granted.

Most of us are always looking down the pike for better days and greener pastures. Typically, we are on the hunt for the bigger and the better. We usually don't miss the good things of life until we no longer have them. Sadly, we spend a lot of life looking beyond or looking back and we miss the present. I'm sure you've heard before that "now" is life's greatest gift. That's why we call it the "present."

The Coronavirus is no "gift" and is certainly something we want to put behind us as soon as possible.

IRS, Montana extend filing & payment deadline for 2019 taxes

To help ease sudden financial burdens left in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, the United States Treasury and Internal Revenue Service have pushed Tax Day from its usual slot of April 15th to July 15th, a threemonth filing and payment deadline extension. Those who have yet to file and/or owe income taxes will now have until the recently announced date to settle their dues, whether paying in full or making alternative arrangements. Those owed a refund are encouraged to file as soon as possible, though six-month extensions may still be available if needed.

When this is behind us maybe we will feel different about sitting in our favorite restaurant, a beauty salon, house of worship or entertainment venue. Many Americans already look forward to going back to work and resuming paychecks. Hopefully, grocery stores will once again have ample food, toiletries and other basics that we have come to The extension automatically applies to all individual returns for up to \$1M of taxes due in 2019, including self-employed taxpayers and other entities. As of this writing, penalties and interest are set to go into effect beginning July 16th.

Note: the State of Montana also extended its filing and payment deadline to July 15th, in accordance with the federal extension. Learn more at www.mtrevenue.gov.

To learn more about the IRS relief efforts in response to COVID-19, visit **www.irs.gov**. Those with an annual income of \$69,000 and below qualify for various Free File products. •

take for granted.

When we are beyond all this, maybe we won't take all that we have for granted, or will we?

Glenn Mollette is a syndicated columnist and author whose latest book, *Uncommon Sense*, is available now. Learn more at **www.glennmollette.com** and find him on Facebook. •

MSU professor featured in book about women in workforce

Marie Gary Agency

From MSU News Service

When **Connie Chang** was in graduate school, a senior colleague told her to not expect to become a professor. He may have thought he was giving her a friendly reality check, Chang said, but the comment nonetheless illustrated the persistence of gender stereotypes that all too often undercut women's aspirations.

Now an accomplished researcher in Montana State University's Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering, Chang is featured on the cover of a new book titled *Women's Work: Stories From Pioneering Women Shaping Our Workforce*, which highlights women defying expectations to lead careers shaped by their persistence and talent.

"I had no idea I would be on the cover," said Chang, assistant professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering. "I thought the book was a really neat idea, and I've been happy to be part of it."

A project of award-winning photographer Chris Crisman, the book pairs his photos of 56 women – including a blacksmith, a vice president at Google and a rancher who lives near Livingston – with short essays authored by each woman about their upbringing and the challenges they've overcome.

The cover photo shows Chang in her lab in MSU's Center for Biofilm Engineering, seated in front of a microscope and surrounded by a variety of chemistry glassware. "Forging a path as a woman in science is challenging, but each experience has helped me to grow and gain confidence in my abilities," she writes in the two-page essay about her parents, job at MSU and roles as mentor and mother of two young daughters.

Crisman invited Chang to participate in the project about two years ago, when he told her he would be in Montana for another photo shoot, according to Chang, A prominent scientist at MSU, Chang won a \$500,000 CAREER grant, the National Science Foundation's highest honor in support of earlycareer faculty, in 2018. Her work focuses on new applications of microfluidics, in which tiny drops of



fluid are manipulated in channels the size of a human hair in order to rapidly sort different microorganisms to help create vaccines, and test antibiotics, among other applications.

"I'm really proud to have Connie as a colleague," said Abbie Richards, head of the chemical and biological engineering department. "Her research is truly cutting-edge. She's very creative and is a top performer in our department. She's also an excellent mentor to the students in her lab, both graduate and undergraduate, and through her mentorship, she provides opportunities for others to follow in her successes."

Richards, who was appointed in January as the engineering college's first female department head, serves with Chang on MSU's committee for the IChange initiative. MSU is one of 15 public research universities participating in the inaugural cohort of the IChange Network, which is designed to increase the diversity of faculty in science, technology, engineering and math.

IChange comes as the latest chapter in an effort, going back at

least a decade, to increase the number of women faculty in STEM fields at MSU, according to Richards. In 2012, MSU won a \$3.4 million NSF grant called ADVANCE Institutional Transformation, designed to improved gender equity, job satisfaction, inclusiveness and diversity. "It has been really transformative for our college," Richards said. Both Chang and Richards are featured in a recent video highlighting women in engineering at MSU.

Over the past decade, the number of female tenure-track faculty has climbed from 9% to 24% in the engineering college and from 18% to 38% in the chemical and biological engineering department. Lloyd Berg, who served as the department's head for 33 years until 1979, pioneered efforts to recruit women students into the field. Chang recalls her father, who earned a doctorate in chemical engineering, coming across an old article in an engineering publication about MSU setting national records in 1972 for its number of female graduates. "I'm incredibly fortunate to be a member of a department that has a long history of supporting women students and faculty," Chang said.

"In our college, we're very motivated to change the culture of engineering to one that is inviting to all people," said dean Brett Gunnink, who serves on the IChange committee as well as the President's Commission on the Status of University Women at MSU. "When new, talented faculty join our community and excel, we aren't surprised. Dr. Chang is an outstanding example."

Chang said she is awed by the variety of paths forged by all the women featured in the book. "There are no limits to what women can do," she said.

The book is available for sale online from publisher Simon and Schuster at www.simonandschuster.com. •

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Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 declare that a state of emergency exists in Montana due to the global outbreak of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus.

COVID-19 is a contagion that most frequently spreads person to person. The virus may live on surfaces and remain in the air after someone coughs or sneezes for an unknown period of time, creating a range of opportunities for exposure. Exposure can also happen when a person touches a surface or object that has the live virus on it and then touches one's face.

I have determined that to protect public health and human safety, it is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Montana during the ongoing state of emergency that, to the maximum extent possible, **individuals stay at home or at their place of residence.**

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Hyalite's annual road closure begins, canyon remains open to spring recreationists

The Hyalite Canyon

recreation corridor closes for spring break-up, annually, starting April 1st through May 15th, reopening to the dam on May 16th. Hyalite is one of the most popular recreation destinations in Montana and receives an overwhelming amount of traffic.

During the spring melt and thaw, the subgrade becomes saturated and is unable to support the repeated motorized traffic, which can increase surface cracking and potholes. The transition from winter to spring is a great opportunity to enjoy Hyalite in a non-motorized way, including walking, running and biking.

This year, please also respect the latest and current guidance for social distancing as the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve. Gallatin County Health Department provides the most upto-date information daily.

The road is anticipated to reopen May 16th, to the dam only. The road above the dam will remain closed through May 31st as road widening and construction beings for the season. The road above the dam is projected to open June 1st, but with frequent delays expected through the summer season. Traffic lights and delays of up to 20 minutes are expected to be reoccurring throughout the summer. Please plan recreation activities accordingly.

"The road widening, resurfacing, straightening and possibly paving will improve public and user safety up Hyalite, enhance

recreational facilities, decrease annual maintenance needs and improve water quality, by decreasing the amount of runoff and sedimentation directly going into Bozeman's municipal water supply," said Corey Lewellen, Bozeman District Ranger.

Over 20,000 visitors a month explore Hyalite

during the winter, and more than of 40,000 a month during the summer given a typical year. Campgrounds, as well as Maxey Cabin and Window Rock Cabin will each remain closed until June 1st this year to allow construction to begin; opening dates are appropriately



reflected at recreation.gov. In addition, Hood Creek Campground will reopen July 1st, once construction moves beyond this campground.

Recreationists traveling on West Shore Trail and Lick Creek and hoping to loop back via the Hyalite Road, will need to find another route or do an out and back to respect the construction closure. No uses will be allowed with in the construction area.

For additional information, please contact the Bozeman Ranger District at (406) 522-2520, follow Custer Gallatin National Forest on Facebook or visit **fs.usda.gov/custergallatin.** •

Wilderness State plate benefits wilds of Montana

Celebrate the Treasure State's greatest asset with the **Wilderness State license plate** sponsored by Friends of the Wild Swan. Available at the Gallatin County Motor Vehicle Department and affiliate offices statewide, the purchase of this plate supports the Bigfork nonprofit's work to protect and restore native fisheries, water quality, wildlife habitat, and

wilderness ecosystems in Montana. Donations accumulated through sales of the Wilderness State plate provide support for programs designed to secure the integrity of the Wild Rockies bioregion through citizen empowerment and the application of conservation biology, sustainable economics and environmental law. Find additional

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purchase information through **www.dojmt.gov/driving**. Show your *wild* side!

Established in 1987, Friends of the Wild Swan secured Endangered Species Act protection and critical habitat for the imperiled bull trout. They work to ensure the development of clean-up plans for impaired waters throughout Montana, and challenge logging and road building projects that threaten fish and wildlife habitat. The organization also constructed the Sprunger-Whitney Nature Trail, which serves as an outdoor educational resource for Sun Valley youth. Learn more about their continued efforts by visiting www.wildswan.org. •

HRDC donor to match local contributions in response to COVID-19 outbreak

Local businessperson and HRDC friend, **Tim Crawford** of Pheasant Farms, will match contributions up to \$10,000 given to HRDC.

In any crisis – from pandemics to weather events – economic challenges will arise. HRDC recognizes that many of their customers and community members are more likely to experience a significant financial hardship during this outbreak. Crawford's donation and those matching will all support HRDC's efforts to respond to the pressing needs of our community including housing support, emergency shelter, food and nutrition, transportation and supplies.

"My wife Cathy and I are happy to be fortunate enough to make this contribution to our community and hope others will be able to donate at a level they are comfortable with," said Crawford.

"From donations of supplies, financial contributions, words of encouragement and gratitude, the community has really rallied around us and we feel confident moving forward that we can address the needs of our most vulnerable community members," said Kristin Hamburg, HRDC Development Director.

Community members interested in making a donation towards Crawford's challenge can do so at www.thehrdc.org/give-now or by mail to 32 South Tracy, Bozeman, MT 59715. For more information on how you can help, please contact Kristin Hamburg at khamburg@thehrdc.org. •

Yellowstone Gateway 'People & Place' lecture series moves to online format

The Yellowstone Gateway Museum has announced its "People and Place" speaker series with Museum Director Paul Shea; **"The Day that Finally Came,"** a program about the Little Shell the Museum's YouTube channel. Further details about how to watch the scheduled programs are forth-



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Publisher, Sales Mgr. & Editorial Director Glenn Ghamberlin <u>Managing Editor</u> John Kirk Vincent Graphic Designer Casey Lokken-Baker <u>Calendar//Social Media</u> Reilly McNaught will proceed in an online format. The series will be streamed weckly on YouTube from Park Photo at 7pm, beginning April 22nd.

The program lineup includes "Livingston and Park County: The Early Years" Chippewa Tribe with Chris LaTray; **"Montana Women: Making Do and Making a Difference"** with Museum Curator Karen Reinhart, and possibly others.

These broadcasts will stream on

coming. Be sure to join for these nights of fun, local history!

For more information about the museum and other upcoming programs, visit **www.yellowstonegatewaymuseum.org** or find them on Facebook. •

Bike Kitchen helps local youth stay active & outside during quarantine

Every year, Bozeman Bike Kitchen organizes a Christmas bike giveaway for kids with great success season after season. It meets many parts of the local cooperative's mission and gets kids onto bikes.

As Montanans are struggling with the effects of the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the Bike Kitchen has announced it will reopen the **kids bike giveaway** this Spring and will operate indefinitely to ensure kids have a healthy way to stay active during these uncertain times. Bike Kitchen staff is committed to local children and teens having an outside outlet.

From 10am to noon on Saturday mornings, the Kitchen will have a stock of bicycles free to those impacted by school closures

(K through 12) who can benefit from a healthy distraction during this time of uncertainty.

The bikes will be lined

up in the communal parking area north of the shop, located at 2104 Industrial Drive. Those who wish to pick up a bike are asked to only take what they need and that they fill out the attached tag with some basic information.





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Experience the World Virtually While Stuck at Home

Got the social distancing blues? Take your family on a **virtual field trip!** Thanks to modern wizardry we no longer have to venture out of the home to learn more about the world around us.

Animal lovers can explore the world famous San Diego Zoo at https://kids.sandiegozoo.org, be soothed by the jellycam at www.montereybayaquarium.org, take a self-guided tour of the National Aquarium at www.samuraivirtualtours.com, and learn about life on the farm at

www.FarmFood360.ca. Budding scientists both big and small can view celestial bodies in the night sky at www.StarAtlas.com, track the eruptions of Old Faithful at www.nps.gov, and explore the coastal wetlands of the Great Lakes at www.greatlakesnow.com. Head over to the red and rocky surface of the planet Mars as recorded by NASA's Curiosity Rover by visiting https://accessmars.withgoogle.com.

Spend your evening strolling through America's most prestigious museums! Wonder at the majesty of the African Bush elephant in the Smithsonian at

https://naturalhistory.si.edu and marvel at the Met exhibit featuring the works of Christian Dior at https://artsandculture.google.com. A quick trip across the pond will bring you face-to-face with Egyptian Antiquities at the www.louvre.fr and a timeline of history at https://britishmuseum.withgoogle

.com. Take the little ones

on a virtual tour of the Boston Children's museum at www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org

Lovers of travel, fear not: while getting on an airplane may be out of the question right now, you can still explore the world both near and far. Walk along famous metropolitan streets such as Fifth Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, and Bourbon Street at www.360cities.net. Visit the mysterious stone giants of Easter Island at www.pbs.org and the ancient pyramids of Egypt at https://discoveringegypt.com. Look out on the Baishi Mountains from the Great Wall of China by visiting www.thechinaguide.com/ destination/great-wall-of-china.

Experience the excitement of opera, theater, and dance from your

living room! Recordings of operas and ballets both past and present are available to stream at www.staatsoperalive.com free of charge for 24 hours after being posted. A full schedule of performances are available online. Broadwayhd.com brings the magic of Broadway to your home for \$8.99 per month, which includes a free thirty day trial.

As more festivals, performances and concerts are canceled due to the coronavirus shutdown, musicians of all stripes and sizes are taking to social and streaming platforms to play live for their fans.

NPR Music is compiling a list of live audio and video streams from around the world, categorized by date and genre, with links out to streaming platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Some will require registration or a subscription, but most will be free, often with digital tip jars and opportunities to directly support artists by buying music and merchandise. Just search "Virtual Concerts" at www.npr.org/search.

Last but not least, experience Montana PBS's *11th and Grant* again. You cam stream the best of Montana music anytime, anywhere, for free! Visit watch.montanapbs.org/show/11thand-grant.

The number of places and events that can be virtually experienced is limitless! For more virtual event listings, visit **www.bozone.com**. •

Rockin' the Rivers announces August slate, early bird discount

Who's thinking about live outdoor music this summer? **Rockin' the Rivers** is set to return to The Bridge near Three Forks to celebrate 20 years with its 2020 event. The riff-heavy festival will be held Thursday through Saturday, August 13th–15th with a hair-raising slate of performers.

This year's festival will feature performances by **Skillet**, **Iron Maidens**, **Candlebox**, **.38 Special**, **Steven Adler** of Guns N' Roses, **Lit**, **Jefferson Starship**, **The Georgia Satellites**, **Saving Abel**, **LA Guns**, **Hell's Belles**, Dead Fervor, Defenders of the Faith honoring Judas Priest, Blue Tattoo, Jared

Stewart, Kozmik DreamZz Band paying tribute to Janis Joplin, Montana acts 50 Watt Sun and Voodoo Cadillac, among others! Celebrate with some of rock's favorite legends and the hottest upand-comers. Stay to revel in the



party that is uniquely Rockin' the Rivers, Montana's largest and most loved rockfest.

Early bird special! The popular weekend package for two is on sale for \$375 *until April* 14th. This package includes a pair of threeday wristbands, reserved campsite and two vehicle passes. One-day general admission is \$75 or \$125 for VIPs, while three-day tickets are available for \$165, or \$325. Lone campers pay \$250 for a weekend package, including a threeday festival pass. VIP packages are also available. Above rates do not include processing fees.

For two decades, Rockin' the Rivers has been bringing the music of rock legends to Montana for a three-day rock festival – the only one of its kind in the state. The legacy will continue in 2020! Visit **www.rockintherivers.com** for ticketing information and official outlets, camping info, and more on the festival and its awesome rockin' acts! •

Peak to Sky festival lineup announced

Eight acts featured: Sheryl Crow, Wilco and Sleater-Kinney to headline

Outlaw Partners recently announced the full lineup including eight acts for this summer's Peak to Sky music event that will take place in Big Sky on August 7th and 8th at the events arena in Town Center.

Sheryl Crow will headline on Friday, Aug. 7th. The nine-time Grammy Award winning artist, accompanied by her band, will bring her well known classics and sounds from her new album, *Threads*, to the stage beneath the backdrop of the iconic Lone Peak.

Headliners for Saturday, Aug. 8th include Wilco and Sleater-Kinney as part of their newly announced "It's Time" Summer 2020 co-headlining tour. Wilco, a Chicago-based powerhouse and Grammy Award-winning alternative rock band, has over two decades of musical experience, 10 studio albums, and their own record label among other acclaims. Sleater-Kinney, comprised of Corin Tucker and Carrie Brownstein, who also starred in Portlandia, formed in '90s Olympia, Washington. The female rock band has been dubbed 'punk rock

heroes' by fans and critics alike, including *Rolling Stone* who noted the fusion as "radical feminism and challenging, fiery punk."

On Friday, guests will be treated to a comedy and music show by Fred Armisen, actor, comedian, writer, producer and musician best known for his role in *Portlandia* and as a cast member on *Saturday Night Live* from 2002 until 2013. Warming up the stage for their Nashville neighbor, Jamie McLean Band will open for Crow with fiery guitar and southern soul vocals.

Saturday's lineup will also include the desert disco band

Kolars, and Peak to Sky curator Mike McCready & Friends who will take the main stage following Wilco and Sleater-Kinney. Earlier in the afternoon, McCready will present "Life in Polaroids" – a glimpse into his coffee table book, *Of Potato Heads and Polaroids* offering perspective into his world inside and outside of Pearl Jam.

A family friendly show by Caspar Babypants, also known as Chris Ballew, twice Grammynominated lead singer and songwriter for the Seattle band The Presidents of the United States of America, will take place Saturday morning under the venue's 'big top' tent.

Tickets for Peak to Sky go on sale April 21st and will be available for purchase online only at **www.peaktosky.com**. Ticket

www.peaktosky.com. Ticket options will include single and twoday passes in Skybox, VVIP, VIP, seated GA and floor GA.

Note: The health and safety of the Peak to Sky community and artists is paramount. Event hosts are closely monitoring Coronavirus COVID-19 and related guidance from the CDC to ensure the highest health and safety standards are met for Peak to Sky attendees. •

Dustin Lynch, Clay Walker & Midland to headline Country Jam

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With summer on the horizon, we're all banking on some fun in the sun to put these isolating times behind us. **Headwaters Country Jam** returns to The Bridge near Three Forks for its 2020 event, Thursday through Saturday, June 18th–20th.

Headliners **Dustin Lynch**, **Clay Walker** and **Midland** are joined by featured performers **Ashley McBryde**, **Mitchell Tenpenny**, **Craig Morgan**, **Tanya Tucker**, **The Cadillac Three**, **Blanco Brown**,

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Rayne Johnson, Meghan Patrick, Madison Kozak, Ryan Griffin and Tim Montana for this year's festival.

Country Jam tickets are on sale now. Secure your spot with single-day and weekend general admission tickets. VIP weekend passes and campsites are also available. Reserve yours and learn more about the festival at

headwaterscountryjam.com. Held every summer since 2008,

Headwaters Country Jam was created to bring live country music in a festival atmosphere to Montana and the Northwest. The festival takes place at the venue known as The Bridge, an area near Three Forks comprised of 159 acres and is the final resting ground for the historic Sappington Bridge that once spanned the Jefferson River. Sixty acres are used for the state-certified campground, which holds 1,200 20x40 sites. Within the venue is a 12-acre arena where all the magic happens. Live music from national and local acts plays all day and into the night. Aside from the music, festivalgoers can enjoy horseshoe tournaments, dance contests, mechanical bull riding, as well as food and merchandise vendors. •



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Red Ants Pants announces 2020 side stage lineup

April 4th main stage lineup release event moves to online-only

For the first time in its ten-year run, the Red Ants Pants Music Festival is announcing its side stage lineup ahead of its main stage lineup in an effort to highlight the depth and talent of these up-andcoming performers.

The 2020 Side Stage lineup for the 10th annual Red Ants Pants Music Festival features artists from across America. Ireland and some Montana favorites. The side stage bands are competing for festival attendee votes to become the 2020 Emerging Artist of the Year. The winner of this competition gets a set on the main stage in 2021.

2020 Red Ants Pants Music Festival side stage competitors:

- Counting Coup
- Few Miles South
- Greg in Good Company
- Kalyn Beasley
- Kenan Flannery
- Mandy Rowden
- Sara Keden



- Sara Milonovich & Daisycutter
- The Backwoods Dreamers
- The Federales
- The Jensen Sisters
- Wes Urbaniak and the
- Mountain Folk

Also featured will be Side Stage Ambassador Larry Kiff, the 8th Annual Beard & Moustache Competition, 3rd Annual Yodeling Contest and Cowboy Church. With 16 sides stage acts and

along with a full main stage lineup, which will be released on April 4th, music-lovers won't want to miss the Red Ants Pants! Save the date: the 10th annual festival will take place July 23rd–26th at the Jackson Ranch in White Sulphur Springs.

As always, the festival will feature Montana-made food, crafts, beer, and wine. Agricultural and traditional skills demonstrations. kids activity tent and so much

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more! The mission behind the Red Ants Pants Music Festival sets it apart. A portion of the proceeds from the Festival goes to the Red Ants Pants Foundation, which works to support women's leadership, working family farms and ranches, and rural communities.

A message from the Red Ants Pants regarding COVID-19: "As a locally managed and communitysupported event, we have always

put the health and safety of our festivalgoers, artists, vendors, community, and staff first...heck, there's no hiding from our wonderful Sheriff in a town of 900 people! Our dedication continues now, as we want to ensure that all of you, and our vulnerable friends and neighbors, remain safe. We are carefully monitoring the COVID-19 situation and following guidance from the CDC and Montana State Health Department while assessing the situation daily. Based on that guidance, we feel it is our responsibility to make our April 4th lineup release in White Sulphur Springs an online-only event. No matter what, we will have a live stream available to you to join in on the fun, even if we're all stuck in self-quarantine.

Log on to

redantspantsmusicfestival.com to learn more about the festival. Tickets will go on sale following the April 4th main stage lineup online announcement event. •

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Mountains walks to you! Local brewery offers delivery service

Bozeman's craft brewing community is one of the many local industries to be affected by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, effectively shutting down what have become some of our area's favorite gathering spots. But

Southwest Montana beer-lovers' still have thirsts to quench! Order in some brews to enjoy while social distancing and self-

quarantining. Mountains Walking Brewery is now offering a daily Beer

Delivery Service from 5–9pm. Choose from a selection of



lagers, ales, IPAs, sours and stouts available on the brewer's regulary updated menu at mountainswalking.com/beer.

With a minimum purchase of \$50, Mountains Walking will bring your favorite suds to you! Call (406) 219-3480 or email sales@mountainswalking.com to place your

receive beer.

Mountains Walking is located at 422 Plum Ave., in Bozeman. Learn more about the local brewery and tasting room through the website. Be sure to follow them on Facebook and Instagram for updated event information and other specials. •

Stream MT musicians anytime, anywhere

Though critical to "flattening the curve," social distancing directives have put a pin in one of our favorite pastimes - live music! 11th & Grant is available to fill the void as we await the reopening of local venues. All episodes of MontanaPBS's signature music series are streaming now.

Current season features include the energetic soul of Paige & the People's Band, rustic stompgrassers Laney Lou & the Bird Dogs, organist Matthew O'Sullivan, groove salsa of John Roberts y Pan Blanco, jazzy funk trio Betty Jane and classical stringmaster Gregory Young. These episodes, and those from back seasons, are free to stream from the comfort of your quarantine.

11th & Grant with Eric Funk is the

devotes significant time to each artist's personal story, insights into their music and their approach to life, ultimately providing a deeper experience than a seat at a concert. Accomplished composer and musician Eric Funk serves as host and artistic director, hand selecting each performer from communities around the state to form a diverse series featuring genres from jazz to classical, country to zydeco, and rock to fusion. Previous episodes are available to

stream anytime at www.11thandgrant.com or on the app. •

HRDC launches "Shop 4 a Senior" program

During the COVID-19 outbreak, HRDC will offer shopping assistance for seniors. This service helps these community members meet their essential needs by getting their groceries or other items without having to head out themselves.

Using a model similar to an Angel Tree, seniors can contact HRDC to request their essential needs and a donor/volunteer will pick them up. HRDC then delivers them the items.

A participating senior, Irv, is confined to a wheelchair. He was concerned about how he'd be able to shop for groceries so he asked for help. Debi, from HRDC Senior

Programs, learned that all Irv needed was toilet paper, whole milk, Cheerios and a roll of paper towels. Debi gathered all the items Irv needed and dropped them safely at his door. Irv is now on HRDC's weekly call list, where staff will check-in with him during the outbreak.

This service is confidential and available to all seniors at no cost. To receive assistance, call (406) 587-5444 or visit www.thehrdc.org and click "Request Support."

HRDC is not accepting in-kind donations at this time. Those who would like to make an impact may still do so through the website. •

Legendary '80s Missoula teen band releases two new songs Founding members of popular they won a slot on the Montana

Missoula rock band, The Rage, have collaborated on a new twosided single, marking a long awaited return to making music together since disbanding in 1984. The release is available on all streaming and download services now.

Gold II album in a statewide contest to find the best ten bands in Montana. Their song "Break Another Heart" was a featured track and received 2nd place in the voting. The Rage went on to play

for a few years. The results are the power ballad "Brightest One" and the fast-paced rocker "Wreck of Me." Both songs can be found on Spotify, YouTube, Apple Music, Google Play and most other music services.

Whitson and Brenner continue

Chip Whitson, Kyle Brenner, Greg Sanders, Kevin Hammond and later John Brenner, all Sentinel High School students formed the rock and roll group, popular throughout Montana for the better part of the early 80s. If you went to high school during that period, there's a good chance The Rage played your prom or homecoming dance. As mere high school kids

All-Night Graduation Party. They were also known for holding teen dances at the East Missoula Fire-Hall, which were always full to capacity.

music at Missoula's first ever Senior

Guitarists and singers Chip Whitson and Kyle Brenner got in touch recently and decided the time was right to finish writing and recording a couple of original songs that had been around in their vaults

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to play and write music in their respective communities: Whitson as a solo artist in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Brenner with his band of 36 years, The Max, based in Livingston, Montana. The collaboration was made possible through digital recording technology over the internet, and Whitson's son Jesse Lionberger, who is pursuing a career in recording studio work. •





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