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MSIP closes summer tour with regional performances

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is set to conclude its 52nd summer tour with regional performances of William Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* and *Hamlet*.

Both productions have elements of comedy and tragedy (and in the case of *Winter's Tale*, a healthy dose of magic!). All ages are welcome to attend and enjoy the performances.

Hamlet tells the story of the young prince of Denmark who returns home following the sudden death of his father. The most famous ghost story ever told, Hamlet grapples with the weight of his responsibility to avenge his father's death, to outmaneuver his traitorous uncle, and "to be, or not to be." With some of Shakespeare's most memorable lines and iconic characters, audiences won't want to miss this tale of love and loss, duty vs desire, and the power of performance.

"I do believe that all of Shakespeare's plays are timeless, but *Hamlet* has a point of view that

everybody can identify with. I think we are all individually a version of *Hamlet* and can relate to the character on some level," says Kevin Asselin, MSIP Executive Artistic Director and director of *Hamlet*.

As for *The Winter's Tale*, this play spans sixteen years during which a jealous king accuses his wife of infidelity and exiles his newborn daughter to Bohemia where she is raised by shepherds and, ultimately, falls in love with the Bohemian king's son. Audiences are sure to relish this story of love, loss, and forgiveness.

"The play is one of Shakespeare's last, and as such is blessed with a writer who really understood how to manipulate the form to achieve new heights of storytelling," shares Eva Breneman, Director of *The Winter's Tale*.

Performances of *The Winter's Tale* are set for Sunday, September 1st, in Townsend's Heritage Park and Saturday, Sept. 7th in Pony Park, both at 5pm. *Hamlet* comes to

Livingston's Blake Pavilion on Friday, Sept. 6th, at 6pm, and Bozeman's Grant Chamberlain Park for a closing performance on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, at 5:30pm.

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks is an outreach program of Montana State University's College of Arts and Architecture and was founded on the firm belief that Shakespeare belongs to everyone. The accomplished company of performers, designers and staff work tirelessly to connect communities, many of which are rural, to the arts in local parks and public spaces free of charge, providing a reach and accessibility that is unmatched by any other program of its nature in the country.

The public is invited to experience the magic of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks and their free, world-class performances under the big skies of the West. For the most up to date tour schedule, visit www.ShakespeareInTheParks.org.

Inaugural Livingston Songwriter Festival will take over downtown Venues

The first ever **Livingston Songwriter Festival** will take place in locations all over town on Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th. For two days, the festival will feature hit songwriters from Nashville and rising stars from Montana performing in songwriter rounds, sharing songs and stories.

Thirteen songwriters will perform in the theaters, restaurants, coffee shops and bars of Downtown Livingston with some of the best songwriters in the music industry. Each show will feature two or three songwriters telling stories, trading songs and showcasing their creativity.

The hit songwriters featured this year include -

- Stephanie Quayle
- Even Stevens (member of the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame)
- James Dean Hicks
- Stephanie Davis
- Helen Darling

The rising stars include -

- Christy Hays
- Tom Catmull
- Abigail Kompst
- Kalyn Beasley
- Erica Sunshine Lee
- John Hewitt
- Chad Okrusch
- Jess Jocoy
- Matt Strachan.

The event has historically taken place in Red Lodge, Cody and Whitefish, but this year Whitefish let the festival producers know they wouldn't be able to host it. Mike Booth, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Songwriter Festivals organization reached out to Kris King with *Explore Livingston* and John Lowell and Joanne Gardner Lowell of *Mighty Fine Time Live* Events to discuss moving the popular festival to Livingston.

"Livingston makes so much sense," said Booth from his home in Red Lodge. "It's an arts town that has fostered and celebrated writing of all types forever. Adding hit songwriters and up and coming song-

writers in a forum people can connect with - I think we've found a forever home."

The Livingston Songwriter Festival is a production of the Rocky Mountain Songwriter Festivals, Inc. The RMSWF is a nonprofit organization dedicated music education in local communities. Since its inception, the festivals have gifted more than \$130,000 to fulfill this mission. The local festival is being supported by the Livingston TBID, *Explore Livingston*, the Livingston Bar & Grille, Montana's Yellowstone Country, the Murray Hotel, Neptune's Brewery, the Red Ants Pants Music Festival, Tito's Vodka, American Bank, the Art of Parks Reece, *Montana Quarterly*, Flying S Title & Escrow, Mighty Fine Time Live Events, KGLT and *The BoZone*.

Performance venues include 1900, The Attic, The Owl Lounge, Livingston Center for Art and Culture, Livingston Bar & Grille, Tru North and the Elks Lodge. The festival is hosting a free community concert featuring all of the songwriters to perform at the Elks Lodge on Oct. 4th at 7pm.

"This gives Livingston a chance to get acquainted with the concept of a songwriter circle," added Mike Booth. "We're hoping people enjoy the concept and buy a ticket to all the shows on Saturday. Your ticket/lanyard gets you entrance to every venue on Saturday, and a chance to see several combinations of writers playing their songs."

Tickets are \$55 for Saturday, with plans to expand the festival to three days in 2025. Find ticketing access and additional information at www.livingstonsongwriterfestival.org.

There are opportunities for VIP packages, sponsors and patrons to become involved, and a need for volunteers to keep things rolling. One four-hour volunteer shift gets you an all access pass to the rest of the festival. Those interested in volunteering can contact Joanne Gardner Lowell at joannegardnerlowellmt@gmail.com or (406) 599-1075.

Engrossing PK Night(s) return to Downtown Bozeman

A photograph of Bozeman's Main Street in 1872 paints a vivid picture of life in Bozeman during its formative years, offering a unique perspective on the town's development and early residents.

Crystal Alegria, director of Bozeman's Extreme History Project, will shed new light on the city's structures, people and commerce 150 years ago at the next **PechaKucha Night(s)**. The events will be held at Downtown Bozeman's Ellen Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 10th and 11th. Crystal is one of 11 featured speakers, with shows starting at 6:40pm that will include the same line-up of speakers both nights.

Acclaimed writer and environmental activist Rick Bass will talk about the prized Black Ram guitars fashioned from giant spruce in the Yaak Valley and ongoing efforts to preserve the very wild part of Montana where he now lives.

Susan Curtis will describe her efforts to live in a more populated part of Montana by building a tiny house in Livingston that can provide a comfortable shelter for her, and her three cats and a dog.

As far as we know, no Bozeman trees have been made into guitars yet, but they have their fans and defenders as well. Angie Kociolek of the Bozeman Tree Coalition will present on the local group's efforts to preserve and educate about the important role trees play in our community.

Of course, it's not just trees that deserve preserving. Jeff Vick, principal timpanist and percussionist with the Bozeman Symphony, will detail

how the Ellen Theatre's 100-year-old Mighty Wurlitzer Organ, Opus 979, was dismantled and removed so that the percussion components could be brought back to life.

In keeping with the eclectic and wide-ranging spirit of PK, Barbara Graham will present on "Rites of Passage," a remarkable way to help people at the end of life, a topic that our modern culture often prefers to ignore. She works with the Greater Yellowstone Threshold Choir, which sings in trios, a capella, at the bedside of those who are actively dying.

Barbara's grandson, Ezra Graham, a freshman at Gallatin High, will be making his third presentation for PK - this one on several of the fascinating stories he has heard since starting his podcast and radio show. The stories come from a journalist working in Ukraine, a small business owner who rebuilt after suffering from a series of tornadoes, and a journalist at the *Missoulian* who taught Ezra about listening, writing, and life in Montana.

Tanner Weigand, a Bozeman native who is now an associate research scientist at Columbia University, will describe his work on CRISPR, a group of immune systems that protect bacteria from the viruses that infect them. His goal is to explain to people who don't work in the field why this vital medical knowledge is so important.

Matt Peters calls himself "a passionate generalist of all things good for the earth." In addition to his day job, he's out learning about and experiencing the world. At PK Night, he will talk about the experiences leading up to a recent trip to India in search of snow leopards,

something he's wanted to do more than anything else in the world.

Bella Butler, a Montana journalist and editor of *Montana Outlaw* magazine, will caution about the news desert in many parts of the state as many vital sources of information about local communities - particularly smaller, more rural ones - disappear. Bella will use data, historical context and personal anecdotes to illustrate the peril this poses to our communities and highlight the efforts to address this challenge.

If this and other bad news is weighing you down, Lisa Downing urges you not to despair! She will present on "The Bright Side: Unlocking the Power of Optimism." As a college advisor, Lisa uses evidence-based positive psychology approaches to help students understand their capabilities, develop their strengths, explore their purpose and thrive.

Emcee will be Missy O'Malley, auctioneer, ski instructor and all-around personality extraordinaire. Rapid Clean Car Wash is sponsor of the September event. Tickets are available at www.theel-lentheatre.com for \$9 (including facility fee). Students may purchase tickets at the door for \$5.50.

PechaKucha (peh-chak-cha) offers anyone with a passion or a vision - designers, artists, inventors, architects, adventurers, entrepreneurs - an opportunity to share their ideas with the community during a fast-paced, friendly social get-together. There's just one catch: presenters have only 20 slides x 20 seconds each, a total of 6 minutes, 40 seconds! •

Return of modern handcrafted market announced

Shop creations from hundreds of regional artists at the annual *Bozeman Fall MADE fair* at Brick Breeden Fieldhouse

The **Bozeman Fall MADE fair** has been announced for early next month, with event organizers excited to connect artists with the Gallatin Valley community once again. The event will take place at Brick Breeden Fieldhouse on Friday and Saturday, October 18th and 19th. Friday is VIP Night from 5-8pm, with early bird admission on Saturday at 9am and general admission from 10am-4pm.

Shop and discover a curated collection of 195+ local and regional artists. You can expect to see everything from affordable, functional works of art to fine heirloom pieces at the show. Make a day of it with your friends and enjoy strolling the aisles and supporting your local artists.

Though entry and parking are free to attendees during the main Saturday event, those interested in a head start on shopping can purchase a \$10 Friday VIP Pass for an exclusive shopping experience from 5-8pm the night before the event opens to the public. Beat the crowds with a \$5 Early Bird Pass to gain entry from 9-10am on Saturday. Proceeds will benefit Shakespeare in the Parks, a traveling troupe that connects communities, many of which are rural, to works by the Bard in local parks and public spaces free of charge. Attendees: please bring a non-perishable food item to help support the Gallatin Valley Food Bank.

Visit www.handmademontana.com for additional details, access to VIP tickets, and to pre-shop all of the participating artists.

The MADE fair is a modern art and handcrafted market featuring local and regional artists and makers. Events are a curated collection of skilled artisans as well as a handful of non-profits. The MADE fair's mis-

sion is to increase awareness of handmade goods as an alternative to mass-produced items and support local and regional small craft businesses by providing a place to sell their goods.

handMADE Montana provides opportunities to artists of all levels, from the hobbyist to the seasoned professional. It has been awarded 'Retailer of the Year' by the Made in Montana program. •

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Six venues throughout downtown Livingston

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

1 7th Annual Art for Everyone Show and Sale - 7am Wilson Hotel - Big Sky



2 Gallatin County RV & Boat Show 10am Gallatin County Fairgrounds - GCF

8 Harvest Celebration of Agnes Denes' Wheatfield-An Inspiration. 10am Tinworks Art

3 Public Skate 12:45pm - GCF Fairgrounds Edis at the Bozeman Farmer's Market 5pm

10 Greater Gallatin United Way for the 2024-25 Annual Campaign Kickoff Meeting 11am MSU - SUB

4 Fiber Arts 4pm Bozeman Public Library Livingston Farmers' Market 4:30pm

11 Cookbooks and Coffee 10:30am Bozeman Public Library

5 Chamber Business Before Hours 7:30am Hillcrest

12 Public Skate 11am GCF Fairgrounds Seminar Series on Election Economics 12:15pm

Public Skate 3pm Ressler Motors Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds

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9 Homeschool Mondays 9am Museum of the Rockies

Wild Trivia 6pm WildRye Distilling

Public Skate 12:45pm GCF Fairgrounds

Public Skate 1pm Ressler Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds

w/Laura Orvidas 12pm Virtual Event

Public Skate 11am Ressler Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds

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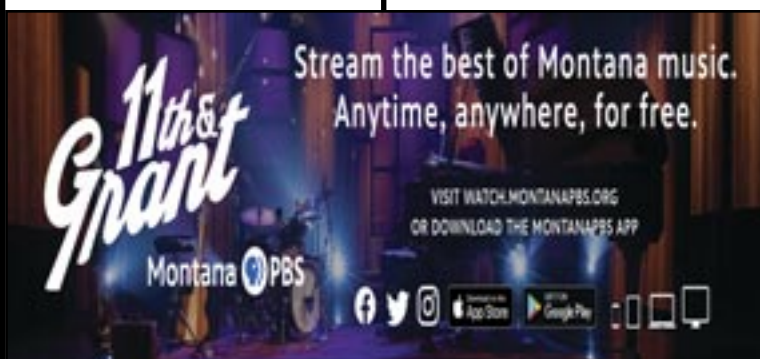
15 The Rut in Big Sky 8am Big Sky Resort

16 Public Skate 1pm Ressler Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds

17 Public Skate 12:45pm Ressler Motors

18 Cookbooks and Coffee 10:30am Bozeman Public Library

19 Public Skate 11am Ressler Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds



22 First Aid for Outdoor Adventures w/ Ashleigh Phillips 9am

23 Homeschool Mondays 9am Museum of the Rockies

24 Public Skate 12:45pm Ressler Motors

25 Cookbooks and Coffee 10:30am Bozeman Public Library

26 Public Skate 11am Ressler Motors

29 Montana Crystal Collectors Rendezvous 10am

30 Public Skate 1pm Ressler Motors

1 Public Skate 12:45pm GCF Fairgrounds

2 Shiny Trivia 6pm SHINE Beer Sanctuary

3 Public Skate 11am GCF Fairgrounds

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

6 Virtual Fossil Fridays 9am Virtual Event
Public Skate 1pm Ressler Motors
Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds
Winnie Brave (duo) 5pm
Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
Warrior Taste Fest 5:30pm The Commons
MSIP - Hamlet 6pm
Shane Lalani Center for the Arts - Livingston
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm Bar IX
Hoppy 6pm The Big Sky Waypoint
Montana Exit 6pm Bale of Hay Saloon - Virginia City
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza
Ian Munsick 6:30pm Brick Breeden Fieldhouse - MSU
The High Hawks w/ Vince & Silas Herman
7pm Pine Creek Lodge - LV
Liquid Gnar + Stranded By Choice 7pm The Rialto
Kjyl & Hyde 8pm Club Zebra
Hockey party-no music 8pm Bozeman Taproom
Fool's Gold 8pm The Jump
Knights of Doniker 9pm Haufbrau
Leah Turner Band with Estrelle & The North Black
Band 9pm The Filling Station
Fritz Road 9pm Grey Dog Bar
The MAX 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Karaoke Plaza 9pm Plaza Bar - Three Forks
Daniel Kosel & Madrona Road 9pm Murray Bar - Livingston
Waypoint Karaoke Night 10pm The Big Sky Waypoint
Late Night Happy Hour Open Mic 11pm Last Best Comedy

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The Rut in Big Sky 8am Big Sky Resort
OLLI at MSU Friday Forum: Community Health: Painting the Picture of Health in Gallatin County 12pm Virtual Event
Public Skate 1pm Ressler Motors Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds
Lena Schiffer 5pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm Bar IX
Kent Johnson. 6pm The Big Sky Waypoint
Summer Art Walks 6pm Downtown Bozeman
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza
Tasty Fest 2024 featuring Corey Kent, Mike Ryan, and Tanner Laws 6:45pm Brick Breeden Fieldhouse - MSU
Tractorbeam / The Disco Biscuits 7pm Pine Creek Lodge - LV
Lost Canyons 7pm The Rialto
Speed Dating: 50+ Edition 7pm Sky Oro
Widow Cicquot 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre
Brandon Hale & The Dirty Shame 8pm The Jump
Cajun Moon 9pm Haufbrau
Bryson Evan 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Bottlecap 9pm Grey Dog Bar
Band of Drifters 9pm Murray Bar - Livingston
710 Ashbury 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Waypoint Karaoke Night 10pm The Big Sky Waypoint

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Virtual Fossil Fridays 9am Virtual Event
Public Skate 1pm Ressler Motors Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds
Big Sky Oktoberfest 3pm Big Sky Town Center Park
Chandler Huntley 5pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
The Stibitz-Wilson Awards: Code to Cure - FREE - 5pm The Elm
Bridger Ski Foundation Aprés Ski 5pm Hardscrabble Ranch
Brendan Nolan 5:30pm Willie's Distillery - Ennis
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm Bar IX
Bozeman Straw Bale Maze 6pm Bozeman Hay Maze
The Hoologans 6pm Follow Yer' Nose BBQ - Emigrant
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza
Red Not Chili Peppers 7pm Pine Creek Lodge - LV
The Death of Dr. Pepper 7pm Story Mansion
Mountain in My Mind 3 - Ski Film 7pm The Rialto
Ryan Hamilton - Comedy Night 8pm The Ellen Theatre
Bozeman Paranormal Society Ghost walking tours 8pm Gallatin County Courthouse
North Fork Crossing 8pm The Jump
The Contractors 9pm Haufbrau
High Country Hustle 9pm The Filling Station
Ryan Yates 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Tsunami Funk 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
The Dirty Dirty 9pm Murray Bar - Livingston
Karaoke Plaza 9pm Plaza Bar - Three Forks
Waypoint Karaoke Night 10pm The Big Sky Waypoint

27 Virtual Fossil Fridays 9am Virtual Event
Montana Crystal Collectors Rendezvous 10am Best Western Grandtree
Public Skate 1pm Ressler Rink - GCF Fairgrounds
Cirque LuzDalia 4pm Gallatin County Fairgrounds - GCF
Dan Meyer 5pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
Livingston 4th Friday Art Walk 5pm Downtown Livingston
September Fourth Friday Art Walk & Book Signings w/ Marc Beaudin & LuAnn Rod 5pm Wheatgrass Books
Happy Hour Open Mic 5:30pm Last Best Comedy
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm Bar IX
Bozeman Straw Bale Maze 6pm Bozeman Hay Maze
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza
Cirque LuzDalia 7pm Gallatin County Fairgrounds - GCF
Vocalist Jeni Fleming with Eric Funk & John Sanders 7pm The Filling Station
Poetry Slam 7pm Tinworks Art
Stilgone w/ Mint 7pm Pine Creek Lodge - LV
WWW.Twang 7:30pm Music Ranch Montana - LV
PROF 8pm The Elm
Jeffrey Foucault 8pm Live From The Divide - LFTD
Walcrik 8pm The Jump
Willy and The Band 9pm Haufbrau
Brendan Nolan 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Vocalist Jeni Fleming with Eric Funk & John Sanders 9pm The Filling Station
Jampoke 9pm Grey Dog Bar
Ben Larson & The Grownass Men 9pm Murray Bar - Livingston
Justin Case Band 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Waypoint Karaoke Night 10pm The Big Sky Waypoint

4 Virtual Fossil Fridays 9am Virtual Event
Public Skate 1pm GCF Fairgrounds
Chandler Huntley 5pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
IX Trivia @ VI 6pm Bar IX
Friday Night Jazz 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza
The Livingston Songwriter Festival 7pm Elks Lodge - Livingston
Music of India: The Mysore Violin Brothers
Ensemble 7pm Pilgrim Congregational Church UCC
Hundreds of Beavers 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre
Highly Suspect Dead Poet Society 8pm The Elm
Mike Murray Duo 8pm Live From The Divide - LFTD
Karaoke Plaza 9pm Plaza Bar - Three Forks
The Fossils 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Brendan Nolan 9pm Long Branch Saloon - Ennis
Mathias 9pm Haufbrau
Knight of Doniker 9pm The Filling Station
Logan Leibert & the Light Blue 9pm Grey Dog Bar
Livingston Songwriter Festival
Late Night Open Mic 9pm TBD

7 The 13th Annual Morganzo 55: Double Nickels on the Grime Bike Ride 8am Dry Creek and Theisen Rd - Belgrade
Yellowstone River Clean Up 9am Sacajawea Park - LV
Introduction to Drytooling 10am Mountain Project
Family Workshop Nature Weaving 10:30am Tinworks Art
Public Skate 12pm Ressler Motors Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds
Pony Bar Olympics 1pm Pony Bar - Pony, MT
2024 IndependANCE Show: Horizons 2024 2pm Willson Auditorium
Beer + Birds Pint Night 2pm Sawdust + Steel Brewery - Three Forks
International Folk Dancing 3pm Bozeman Public Library
Far Afield Concert in Pony 4pm Pony Park - Pony, MT
Tarek Isham 5pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
MSIP: The Winter's Tale 5pm Pony Park - Pony, MT
The Rob & Lolli Show 5pm Bale of Hay Saloon - Virginia City
Roller Derby 6pm Haynes Pavilion - GCF
Bobcat Football Gold Rush Game vs Maine 6pm Bobcat Stadium
Roller Derby 6pm Haynes Pavilion - GCF
Jim Norton Live 6:30pm Emerson Center for Arts and Culture
Singer/Songwriters Rob & Bonni Quist 6:30pm Grassy Mountain Ranch
Bridger Creek Boys 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza
Crying Uncle Bluegrass 7pm Shane Lalani Center - Livingston
Colby Acuff 7pm Pine Creek Lodge - LV
Isabel Shaida Mary Overlie's Six Viewpoints 7pm Tinworks Art
Trout Basket at the Rialto 7pm The Rialto
a Night of Laughs with Isak Allen 7pm Cinnamon Lodge - Big Sky
Lena Schiffer Trio 7pm The Jump
Jim Norton Live 7:30pm Emerson Crawford Theater
Cody Johnson 7:30pm MetraPark - Billings
Minor Gold 8pm Live From The Divide - LFTD
Western Roots Country Dancing 8pm Bourbon
Latin Night featuring DJ Big Lou 8pm Grey Dog Bar
Deco & Miscoe 8:30pm The Big Sky Waypoint
West Dakota Stutter 9pm Haufbrau
Jampoke 9pm The Filling Station
Soul Bots 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Johnny Dango 9pm Murray Bar - Livingston
The MAX 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Adult Karaoke 9pm 49Er Diner - Livingston
Whiz BANG! Intoxicating Comedy 9:30pm Last Best Comedy

14 The Rut in Big Sky 8am Big Sky Resort
Bozeman Friends of Music annual Music Swap 8:45am Bozeman High School - BHS
Free Open House 9am 1889 Barn
Inaugural GVBC Storm Castle Gravel Bike Ride 9am Storm Castle Road
Isabel Shaida Three Hour Morning Workshop 9am Tinworks Art
Wheatfields, Railroads, and Brewers 1pm Tinworks Art
Crochet and Knitting Workshop 2pm Bozeman Public Library
Virginia City Fire Department Fundraiser 3pm Bale of Hay Saloon - Virginia City
Dan Meyer (duo) 5pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
The Disco Biscuits 7pm Pine Creek Lodge - LV
The Housewives of St. John 7pm The Jump
Isabel Shaida Mary Overlie's Six Viewpoints Public Performance 7pm Tinworks Art
Red Shahan at The Westerner 8pm The Westerner - Gallatin Gateway
Blistered Earth 8pm The Rialto
Western Roots Country Dancing 8pm Bourbon
Ladies Night with DJ Queen E - Latin Music 8pm Grey Dog Bar
Last Best Comedy Fest w/ Reggie Watts 8pm Emerson Crawford Theater
Taylor Swift DJ Night with DJ lifebymichael 8pm The Elm
Red Sharan 8pm The Westerner - Gallatin Gateway
Brandon Hale & The Dirty Shame 8:30pm The Big Sky Waypoint
Observe The Moon: A Member-Only Series of Events 8:30pm Museum of the Rockies
Tom Kirwan 9pm Haufbrau
Willy and the Band 9pm The Filling Station
Mike Collins 9pm Bozeman Taproom
710 Ashbury 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Johnny Dango Duo 9pm Murray Bar - Livingston
Adult Karaoke 9pm 49Er Diner - Livingston

21 Bozeman Straw Bale Maze 10am Bozeman Hay Maze
Raptor Meet & Greet 10:30am Museum of the Rockies
Public Skate 12pm Ressler Motors Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds
Big Sky Oktoberfest 12pm Big Sky Town Center Park
MSU Bobcat Football "Pack the Place in Pink" vs Mercyhurst 1pm Bobcat Stadium - MSU
Wheatfields, Railroads, and Brewers: Walking Tour 1pm Tinworks Art
Fall Gallatin Watershed Cleanup - 2pm Gallatin Valley
Montana InSite Theatre: Stories under the Land 3pm Tinworks Art
Inaugural Bozeman Beerfest w/ Taylor Austin Dye and Levi Blom 3pm Gallatin County Fairgrounds - GCF
BFS Annual Party 6pm Eagle Mount
Fairy Grove: An Enchanting Evening of Music, Theater, and Dance 6pm Boylan Road Entrance in Glen Lake Rotary Park
Tophouse 7pm Pine Creek Lodge - LV
Tycho 7pm The Elm
Oktoberfest celebration 7pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
Joe Man Duo 7pm The Jump
Lindsay Lou 7pm The Rialto
Ballroom Dance Bozeman's Autumn Dance! 7pm Tamarack Ballroom - Bozeman Senior Center
Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto 7:30pm Willson Auditorium
Signal Fire 8pm The Filling Station
Western Roots Country Dancing 8pm Bourbon
Kent Johnson 9pm Haufbrau
Maddie McCoy 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Matt Mitchell Band 9pm Murray Bar - Livingston
Tsunami Funk 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Adult Karaoke 9pm 49Er Diner - Livingston

28 Logan Liebert and the Light Blues 8am Haufbrau
Montana Crystal Collectors Rendezvous 10am Best Western Grandtree
Bozeman Straw Bale Maze 10am Bozeman Hay Maze
Bea Jacobs 11am Wheatgrass Books
Public Skate 12pm Ressler Motors Ice Rink - GCF Fairgrounds
Wheatfields, Railroads, and Brewers: Walking Tour 1pm Tinworks Art
Cirque LuzDalia 4pm Gallatin County Fairgrounds - GCF
AWAY: MSU Bobcats 4pm at Idaho State, Pocatello, ID - ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network
Mathias Nunberg 5pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
Evening of Hope 2024 5:30pm Armory Music Hall
WHY DINOSAURS? Documentary screening with Tony Pinto 6pm Museum of the Rockies
Cirque LuzDalia 7pm Gallatin County Fairgrounds - GCF
Sicard Hollow || with Blue Point Bluegrass 7pm Pine Creek Lodge - LV
710 Ashbury 9pm The Filling Station
Logan Dudding 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Walcrik 9pm Murray Bar - Livingston
Justin Case Band 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Adult Karaoke 9pm 49Er Diner - Livingston

5 Bridger Raptor Festival 10am Bridger Bowl
Livingston Songwriters Interviews 10:30am Tru North
Harvest Market 11am Yellowstone Alliance Adventures
76th Annual Harvest Sale 1pm Pine Creek Methodist Church
Christy Hays & Chad Okrusch 1pm Owl Lounge - Livingston
Matt Strachan, Jess Jocoy & John Hewit 1pm Livingston B&G
Tom Catmull, Abigayle Kompst & Kalya Beasley 1:30pm The 1900
Bobcat Football vs N. Colorado 2pm Bobcat Stadium
Chad Okrusch, Jess Jocoy & Matt Strachan 2:30pm The 1900
John Hewitt & Abigayle Kompst 2:30pm Owl Lounge
Christy Hays, Kalya Beasley & Tom Catmull 2:30pm Livingston B&G
Christy Hays, John Hewitt, Tom Catmull & Kalya Beasley 4:45pm The 1900
Chad Okrusch, Abigayle Kompst, Matt Strachan & Jess Jocoy 4:45pm Parks Reece Gallery
Lena Schiffer 5pm Sage Lodge - S of Livingston
Nashville Hit Songwriter Showcase 7pm The Attic - Livingston
Nashville Hit Songwriter Showcase 7pm The 1900
Wretches & Kings - A Tribute to Linkin Park 8pm The Rialto
Tylor & The Train Robbers 8pm Live From The Divide
Christopher Titus - (Mature Audiences) 8pm The Ellen Theatre
Adult Karaoke 9pm 49Er Diner - Livingston
The Fossils 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Roadrunner 9pm The Filling Station

THE CHICO SALOON

September 1 SUNDAY!! LABOR DAY!!
Brian Kassay - One Man
Musical Mad Man - 7:00
September 6/7 - THE MAX
September 13/14 - 710 Ashbury
Grateful Dead Cover Band
September 20/21 - Tsunami Funk
Funk, Groove & Soul
September 27/28 - Justin Case Band

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20/21- The Disruptors

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MOR hosts spirited event ahead of All Hallows' Eve

A spirited good time awaits those who visit Museum of the Rockies next month. The local exhibitor has announced the return of spooktacular seasonal event, "Pour & Gore." Three adults-only events will be held October 19th, 25th and 26th from 6-10pm each night. Join for an unforgettable evening of eerie elegance and historical intrigue! Immerse yourself in a night of hauntingly historic activities, including a Victorian séance, a chilling historic funeral, and a spine-tingling planetarium show. Delight in Montana whiskey from local distilleries, savor hearty appetizers from Sadie's BBQ, and indulge in delectable desserts. For an extra touch of frightful delight,

enjoy a seasonal cocktail from Plonk, with mocktails and non-alcoholic options also available. "Pour & Gore" tickets are \$49 for members and \$55 for non-members. Attendees must be 21+. Ticketing access may be found through the event host website. Also at MOR, current changing exhibit *Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids: Mythic Creatures* will be on display into early 2025. Immerse yourself in the origins of legendary beings worldwide, unveiling a mesmerizing showcase of imaginative models, captivating paintings and rich cultural artifacts. From the mythical Creatures of Water to the majestic Dragons, each section promises a

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BFS introduces new season with trio of indie flicks

Bozeman Film Society kicks off a new season with a screening of the critically acclaimed dramedy, *Ghostlight*. The event will be held at Downtown Bozeman's Ellen Theatre on Wednesday, September 4th. Directed by Kelly O'Sullivan and Alex Thompson, the film will screen at 7:30pm. O'Sullivan and Thompson's moving, gently comic collaboration is about the power of live theater to make sense of our offstage dramas and personal narratives. *Ghostlight* centers on Dan (Keith Kupferer), a melancholic middle-aged construction worker grieving a family tragedy. Cut off from his devoted wife, Sharon (Tara Mallen), and talented but troubled daughter, Daisy (Katherine Mallen Kupferer), Dan finds comfort and community in a misfit company of amateur actors. While moonlighting in a low-rent production of Shakespeare's most protean tragedy, Dan is forced to confront his buried emotions. Real-life family Keith, Tara and Katherine Mallen bring tenderness and authenticity to this poignant portrait, while Dolly de Leon - last seen stealing the scene in *Triangle of Sadness* - is hilarious as Dan's irascible, improbable co-star [Sundance Film Festival]. Rated R, the film runs 115 minutes.

by assuming the reins of the fledgling wine business they had nurtured together. Steering the company through dizzying political and financial reversals, she defies her critics and revolutionizes the champagne industry to become one of the world's first great entrepreneurs. Rated R, the film runs 90 minutes. "A worthy, if abbreviated, toast to the woman behind one of the most iconic Champagnes in the world." - *Tribune News Services* Politically charged documentary and *New York Times* Critics Pick *War Game* lights up the big screen at 7:30pm on Wednesday, Sept. 18th. The film is directed by Jerry Moss and Tony Gerber with appearances by Governor Steve Bullock, General (Ret.) Wesley Clark, Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Alexander Vindman and more. A real-life political thriller set on January 6th, 2025, *War Game* imagines a nation-wide insurrection in which members of the US military defect to support the losing Presidential candidate, while the winning candidate and his advisors - played by an all-star roster of senior officials from the last five administrations - war games the crisis in the White House situation room. They have 6 hours to save democracy as the country teeters on the brink of civil war. Not Rated, the film runs 94 minutes. "This film is a fascinating and dynamic investigation of American politics. It does more with the documentary form than I thought possible." - *Film Threat* *Ghostlight*, *Widow Clicquot* and *War Game* screen on Sept. 4th, 13th and 18th, respectively, at the Ellen. Wine, beer and concessions will be available prior to the screenings. Find ticketing access and learn more about the current season at www.bozemanfilmsociety.org and Keep 'Em Flickering!

Montana State launches free campus shuttle system

From MSU News Service Montana State University will launch a free shuttle service this fall that will transport people to and from locations on campus, including parking lots at the university's perimeter, the campus core, University Student Apartments and the MSU Innovation Campus. The new CatTracks shuttle service will run 7am to 6pm on weekdays. Shuttle vans will run continuously during those hours on two routes. Service has begun. The Gold route will circle main campus with stops at Bobcat Stadium, along 11th Avenue, near

Rendezvous Dining Pavilion, along Sixth Avenue and at the Strand Union Building. The Blue route will traverse the western portion of campus, with stops at 11th and Lincoln, the MSU Innovation Campus (including the Nopper Building), and along 15th Avenue south of College Street with a stop on Garfield Street near the ASMSU Early Learning Center. "CatTracks will be a safe and convenient way for our students, faculty, staff and visitors to get to/from various locations on our growing campus," said Lt. Randy Crandall, head of MSU Parking and

Transportation Services. "This has become more important as our need for academic and student services space has resulted in more campus perimeter parking and more employees located at the Innovation Campus." Riders can keep track of the location of the shuttles in real time, by downloading Passio GO from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store and searching for Montana State University within the app. More details and route maps are available at www.montana.edu/parking/shuttle.html.

Symphony invites families to music-enhanced storytime

The Bozeman Symphony invites families with young children, especially those ages 3 to 5, to attend upcoming *Symphony Storytime* events, offered free of charge. These engaging sessions are held at the Bozeman Public Library's Community Room, located at 626 E Main, on select Wednesdays throughout the year. *Symphony Storytime* coincides with the Library's regular Toddler and Preschool Storytime at 10:15am, where children can enjoy the unique experience of hearing a Bozeman Symphony musician perform live while a special guest reads

a storybook aloud. This enriching blend of music and storytelling aims to spark a love for the arts in young minds. Upcoming dates for the *Symphony Storytime* events include: September 18th and October 9th. In the new year, the event series will be held on January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, April 23rd, May 14th and June 4th. A special Saturday program is also scheduled for November 9th, at 10:15am. Families are encouraged to follow the Bozeman Symphony on Facebook and Instagram for updates on featured musicians and

instruments. "The goal of *Symphony Storytime* is to nurture a love for music, storytelling, literacy and discovery," said Cierra Wallace, the Bozeman Symphony's Education and Community Engagement Coordinator. "Through collaborations with community partners, we aim to introduce children to diverse stories, cultures, and musical experiences." For more information about the series and other *Symphony* events, just visit www.bozemensymphony.org or call (406) 585-9774.

Symphony kicks off season with Rachmaninoff staple

The Bozeman Symphony kicks off its 2024-25 concert season, a celebration of "Music That Moves Us," with one of the biggest works in classical music, *Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto* featuring rising star Vijay Venkatesh on the piano. Performances will be held on Saturday, September 21st, at 7:30pm and Sunday, September 22nd, at 2:30pm. Both will be held at the Willson Auditorium in Downtown Bozeman with pre-concert talks scheduled to begin one hour prior. "Rachmaninoff's *Third Piano Concerto* is a staple in the repertoire for the orchestra and especially the pianist. Seeing this concerto performed live is special because of the athleticism it takes for our soloist to play this concerto," said Bozeman Symphony Music Director Norman Huynh. "My favorite quality about Rachmaninoff's music is his ability to write lush melodies that elicit strong emotional reactions from the listener - a Russian tradition solidified by Pyotr Tchaikovsky."

belies his years," Indian-American pianist Venkatesh has been recognized on three continents as a pianist with profound, sparkling musicianship and an innate sense of partnership. The opening concert also includes the performance of John Adams' *Short Ride in a Fast Machine* which will showcase the orchestra running the gantlet through a rhythmic tunnel. The concert will conclude with the orchestra performing Richard Strauss' most popular tone poem, *Till Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks*, a musical depiction that chronicles the misadventures and pranks of a German peasant folk hero as the music follows his hijinks throughout the countryside. "After the intermission, it's the orchestra's turn to showcase our technical prowess," Huynh said. "John Adams' *Short Ride in a Fast Machine* uses driving rhythms and a pulse that will give you the feeling of riding in a fast vehicle." "One of the first pieces I learned in conducting school was *Till*

Chamber events promote fall success

With the sunny season quickly fading, abundant outdoor rec opportunities will soon be less of a distraction from vocational success. Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce continues to host monthly gatherings designed for trade professionals in and around town. Next up is a **Business & Community Conversation** on

Wednesday, September 4th. *Greater Gallatin United Way - How Nonprofits Can & Do Help Support Your Business* will be held from 11:30am-1pm. Attendees will be presented with topics like how partnerships with area nonprofits add value to local businesses, how nonprofit investments in the community support the workforce and economy, the intersection of private and public

interests, and how local businesses can get involved. Kimberly Hall, President and CEO of Greater Gallatin, will be on hand to present. The forum will take place at the Best Western Plus GranTree Inn. Members pay \$23 for this presentation. Another edition of **Business Before Hours** is set for Thursday, Sept. 5th, from 7:30-8:30am. The event will be hosted by *Bozeman Health Hillcrest Senior Living* at their location, 1201 Highland Blvd. The active adult retirement community offers living options ranging from well-appointed, independent living apartment homes to comfortable assisted-living accommodations with security services, underground parking, salon, massage therapy, postal and banking, fitness center, as well as weekly housekeeping and maintenance. Register for **Business Lunch Seminar** entitled *What the Corporate Transparency Act Means for Your Business or LLC* on Wednesday, Sept. 25th from 11:30am-1pm. Cody Townsend and Grant Dickson of Silverman Law Office will present, leading a discussion about the new federal law that requires most businesses and LLCs to report information on their owners and decision-makers - and the cost of failing to comply. The forum will take place at the Chamber Center. Members pay \$23 for this presentation. Also on Sept. 25th, *Gallatin Valley Carpet One* will host the next **Business During Hours** event from 4-6pm. It will be held at their location, 917 N 7th Ave, in Bozeman. Locally owned and operated, the Bozeman store offers superior customer service and quality residential and commercial flooring such as carpet, hardwood, floor tiles, vinyl and more.

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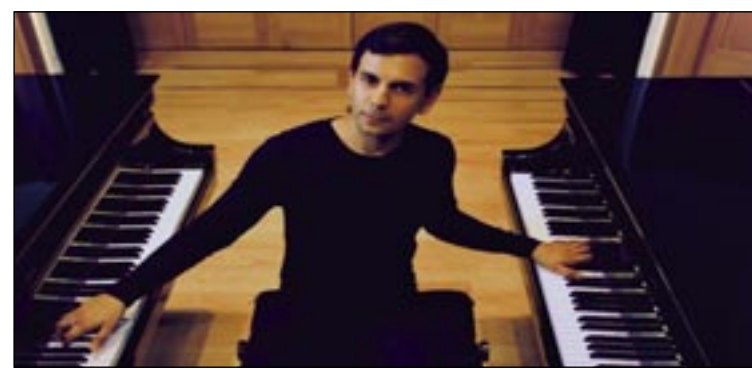
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Venkatesh has performed extensively in North America and Europe as a soloist with numerous symphony orchestras. Hailed by reviewers for his "dazzling pianism verging on the impossible, effortless technical command and authority with a sense of poetry and refinement that

Eulenspiegel's Merry Pranks," stated Huynh. "This piece is full of twists and turns for the conductor and orchestra. Richard Strauss, the master of Tone Poems, gives us a masterpiece in orchestration and storytelling through music. He writes perfectly for the orchestra, and I cannot wait to share this piece with the Bozeman Community!"

Performances are Sept. 21st at 7:30pm and Sept. 22nd at 2:30pm at the Willson Auditorium in Downtown Bozeman. Individual tickets are available for purchase online at www.bozemensymphony.org or by phone at (406) 585-9774. Tickets at the door based on availability. Adult tickets begin at \$27 with student-discounted tickets available. These performances would not be possible without the support of sponsors Cal & Tricia DeSouza, Donald B. Gimbel, Gary Kunis & Connie Wong and David & Kippy Sands.

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Bridger delivers final amphitheater show of season

After an amazing season of outdoor shows, Bridger Brewing's summer concert series sets up at its Three Forks amphitheater for one last celebration of music and Montana culture this month. **Greensky Bluegrass** are set to perform on Tuesday, September 10th. Music begins at 7pm.

For two decades now, the band has been building an empire, brick by brick. They are widely known for

their dazzling live performances and relentless touring schedule, but that is only the tip of the complex tale of the five musicians that make up Greensky Bluegrass: Anders Beck (dobro), Michael Arlen Bont (banjo), Dave Bruzza (guitar), Mike Devol (upright bass) and Paul Hoffman (Mandolin).

The five are connected through a deep bond, just as they are seasoned road warriors, they're a band of brothers who have seen each other

through decades of ups and downs, personal and collective highlights, and the moments when life turns it all upside down. These are real people having real experiences. As with traditional bluegrass, they write about their own contemporary day-to-day happenings, emotions and experiences in the modern world. The band embraces tradition while ushering bluegrass forward on their eighth full-length offering, *Stress*

Dreams.

Bridger Brewing has everything you need for an unforgettable live music experience. 360-degree views of six different Montana mountain ranges sit right behind the picturesque stage. Local food trucks are on site slinging delicious eats like fish tacos, authentic paella, fresh poke and more. Bridger Brewing also offers seamless parking and overnight camping. The camping package

includes access to porta-potties and space for a tent or car. Hookups not available.

Join for a night of unforgettable music, local food trucks and ice-cold brews at this beautiful outdoor venue. Advance general admission tickets for these shows are on sale now with VIP admission available. Visit www.bridgerbrewing.com to purchase tickets and to learn more. Cheers! •

Arts Council presents Pinky, metal showcase

The Arts Council of Big Sky caps another great summer of free **Music in the Mountains** with an evening featuring local tribute **Pinky & the Floyd** on Thursday, September 5th. The annual tradition again comes to Len Hill Park in Town Center and is one of the most anticipated nights of the series. There will be no opening band for this show with music beginning at 7pm.

Since its inception in 2008, the band has exploded in popularity, selling out nearly every show, wherever they travel. Their performances strike the perfect balance

between intimacy and intensity, and the energy and stage presence is unprecedented. The band performs over 80 songs, and seven full albums worth of Pink Floyd music making them one of the premier Pink Floyd Tribute acts in the industry. You can expect albums in their entirety, and a little something from every Floyd genre – from *Syd Barrett* to *Division Bell*, and everything in between. Their recent tour production entitled "Beyond the Darkside" featured a thoughtfully curated master set that explores Pink Floyd's darker side and other classics from the band's immense

catalog.

The Arts Council will again host its off-shoot to this summer's "Music in the Mountains" lineup. On Thursday, September 12th, settle in for the return of **Metal in the Mountains**, an end-of-summer festival featuring two regional heavy metal bands. The event includes Missoula's Metallica tribute **Blistered Earth** as the headliner, with support from Big Sky's own **Scavenger**. Music starts at 6:30pm in Len Hill Park.

Playing classic songs ranging from "Kill 'Em All" to selections from the band's self-titled release,

Blistered Earth pays its respects to one of the greatest heavy metal bands of all time with the raw energy, showmanship, look and song selections that die-hard Metallica fans want to see and hear. The band features Jared Kiess as James Hetfield, Shawn Murphy as Lars Ulrich, Cody Davis as Cliff Burton and Jesse Jensen as Kirk Hammett.

Riff-heavy metal band Scavenger has played more than 150 shows since then at venues around Montana and beyond, showcasing their original material. Their first album, *Cliff Manor*, was released in 2018, and the quartet released their

second album *Feral* last year. The band members – which include Timmy Bowers (drums/vocals), Ben Blodgett (bass/vocals), Joey Mathis (guitar), and Brent Philippi (guitar/vocals) – have been part of the Big Sky community for decades.

Len Hill Park opens at 6pm for both events. These tobacco and vape-free events are family friendly with food and beverage trucks on site. Dogs and glass containers are prohibited. For more information and to check out what other events the Arts Council has going on, please visit www.bigskyarts.org. •

Soak up the sounds with trip to Chico Saloon

With the fall feeling settling into Southwest Montana, many of us are looking forward to sweater season. Plan a weekend trip to Chico Hot Springs for a chance to soak the joints, feast on some delicious grub and enjoy live music in the Saloon. Here's what's coming up this month.

First up on September 6th and 7th, **The MAX** return to Chico. The three-piece band from the

Livingston area has entertained and delighted audiences across the country for decades. Featuring Kyle Brenner (guitar, vocals), Bobb Clanton (bass guitar, vocals) and Ethan Decker (drums), this "power pop party rock" trio from the Rockies puts out a massive sound for just three guys and has an incredible knack for pulling off spot-on covers of tunes young and old.

Gallatin Valley tribute group **710 Ashbury** follow with a pair of shows on Sept. 13th and 14th. The Helena four-piece lays down all your classic Grateful Dead favorites with every spirited performance. Committed to preserving the legacy of the popular genre-skewing rock band, 710 features a talented group of veteran Montana musicians.

Local rockstars **Tsunami Funk** deliver on Sept. 20th and 21st. The

Bozeman-favorite group always packs the dance floor with Funk/R&B-rocking grooves. They play tunes from artists like Stevie Wonder, Pharrell Williams, Bruno Mars, Red Hot Chili Peppers, James Brown, Earth Wind & Fire, Sly & the Family Stone, Kool & the Gang, Van Morrison, Steely Dan, Bob Marley and more.

The following weekend features the return of **Justin Case Band**,

performing September 27th and 28th. The '70s to '90s rock band covers tunes ranging from the Allman Brothers and Three Dog Night, to Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Jam.

Live Saloon music begins at 9pm, unless otherwise noted. Chico Hot Springs is located in Pray, 20 miles south of Livingston. For more information, visit www.chicohot-springs.com. •

Revel in night of comedy with New Jersey funnyman

Bringing his national outing to Bozeman this month, acclaimed comedian **Jim Norton** comes to the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture for one night only as part of the "Now You Know" tour. The performance is set for Saturday, September 7th, in the Emerson's Crawford Theater. It begins at

7:30pm. Get ready for a night of non-stop laughs and uncensored humor.

Jim Norton is a stand-up comedian, radio host, actor and a twice *New York Times* best selling author. Currently, he is the co-host of "The Jim Norton & Sam Roberts Show" on SiriusXM satellite radio. He has toured in

clubs and theaters throughout the world for the last 30 years. His comedy specials can be seen on Netflix, MAX, Hulu and Amazon. In addition to his stand-up specials, he has released 7 comedy albums. Throughout his career he has made multiple appearances on late night talk shows, and has appeared in sever-

al tv shows and films, including Martin Scorsese's, *The Irishman*. A longtime fan of mixed martial arts, Norton is also the co-host of the official podcast of the UFC, "UFC Unfiltered with Jim Norton & Matt Serra." He lives in New York City.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable evening filled with laugh-

ter and good vibes. Advanced tickets for Jim Norton Live are \$10 general admission and available through www.theemerson.org. Located at 111 S Grand Ave., the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture serves as a primary resource for the arts, arts education and cultural activities in Southwest Montana. •



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Pine Creek wraps ‘Summer Concert Series’

It’s been an incredible season of outdoor live music at Pine Creek Lodge, with numerous opportunities to experience one last show at the Paradise Valley venue before fall settles in. Here’s a closer look at who’s performing this month.

Performing next are **The High Hawks** on September 6th with opening support by Vince and Silas Herman. *Rolling Stone* described the band’s music as “a bit of breezy jam-rock that extolls the pleasures of music and togetherness.” The group is on tour in support of their latest album, *Mother Nature’s Show*, whose unconscious thread is a musical travelogue that begins in the high country and ends at the Gulf of Mexico. It’s not a stretch to say the album takes the listener down Highway 61, the oft-called “Blues Highway” immortalized by Bob Dylan that follows the Mississippi River from Minnesota to New Orleans, passing through St. Louis, Memphis and the Mississippi delta.

Bo DePeña and Tanner Lewis open for **Colby Acuff** on Sept. 7th. Sometimes it seems like country has forgotten its wild roots – or least outgrown them, changing as it has to reflect an ever-evolving world. A fourth generation Idaho native with a rugged spirit true to his mountain home, honest-to-a-fault lyrics and a sound as raw as the remote wilderness, Acuff’s untamed brand of country stands proudly apart in today’s format, pure and untouched by modern gimmicks. Self-taught and largely self-contained, he’s already used it to find success on his own terms. Acuff comes to the Lodge in support of his newly

released album, *American Son*.

Local tribute group **710 Ashbury** follow with a Sept. 8th show. The Helena four-piece lays down all your classic Grateful Dead favorites with every spirited performance. Committed to preserving the legacy of the popular genre-skewing rock band, 710 features a talented group of veteran Montana musicians.

Enjoy the talents of **Tractorbeam** on Sept. 13th. An offshoot of The Disco Biscuits, the group is a post-folk songwriting project of Toronto-raised, Vancouver based producer Sasha Balazic. Rounded out with a rotating cast of collaborators, contributors and friends, Tractor Beam is an ever-changing ode to the Y2K indie revival, 60s songwriting and DIY ethos.

Fronting a two-night run Sept. 14th–15th are **The Disco Biscuits**. An entirely different band than they were when first breaking out of Philadelphia in the mid-90s, The Disco Biscuits are still very much the pioneers of “trancefusion,” bridging the gap between electronic music and jam bands. They’re rock pioneers whose soul belongs as much to marathon dance parties as it does to live improvisational journeys. The band employs emerging technologies to help them create music that is 100 percent human although, perhaps, not entirely of this earth. Their new album, *Revolution in Motion*, is available now.

Check out **High Country Hustle** on Sept. 19th with openers The Pickpockets. Bringing big

smiles and foot-stomping good times to venues and festivals across the country, this four-piece bluegrass band delivers high-energy shows that get audiences moving. Their style combines unique songwriting with jam sensibilities that have propelled the band onto premier national stages and into popular festival lineups. Their sophomore album, *Weather the Storm*, was produced by Jake Simpson of The Lil Smokies and is available now.

The aptly named **Red NOT Chili Peppers** take the stage Sept. 20th. Combining nostalgic hits, full throttle energy, and virtuosic performances, the Red Nots channel the raging party that has given the Chili Peppers international acclaim and regal rock n’ roll status. Having performed at many of the country’s most prestigious concert halls as well as every major tribute festival, the Red Nots’ undying devotion to the classic California sound has filled venues and rocked audiences’ socks off all over the country and abroad. With a huge song catalog that spans every era of the Chili’s prolific career at their command, every Red Nots show provides a unique live music experience.

TopHouse show off their musicianship Sept. 21st. The four-piece, Montana-raised Americana/folk band is comprised of Jesse Davis, Joe Larson, Will Cook and Andy LaFave. Now based in Tennessee, the band released their *Theory* EP earlier this year.

Regular performers around Southwest Montana, **Band of Drifters**, will entertain on Sept. 26th. The group plays modern

American roots music and encourage audiences to dance. Based mostly in Montana and Tennessee, the band also includes players from all over the country, keeping the music varied in arrangement, instrumentation and regional influences. The Drifters’ sets draw from country, folk and blues traditions with an emphasis on original songs, done in the old style.

Vibe out to the sounds of **STiLGONE** on Sept. 27th. The band plays a unique fusion of genres, spanning funk, soul, hip-hop, reggae, psychedelic rock and more. While covering so many styles they manage to create a cohesive sound that is uniquely their own, one they have dubbed “intergalactic dirtbag soul.” Their live shows are an immersive trip through detailed soundscapes, danceable grooves and the lyrics of songwriter and guitarist Symon Palmer. Their new album, *B.O.L.O.*, is available now.

Closing out the summer series on Sept. 28th are **Sicard Hollow**. The four-piece progressive bluegrass band formed with a mutual passion for pushing the boundaries of genre. Heavily influenced by the Grateful Dead and New Grass Revival, these young pickers bring new energy to a timeless style with a combination of fearless improvisation and instrumental prowess. Their latest full-length, *Brightest of Days*, is available now.

All shows begin at 7pm. Please visit www.pinecreek-lodgemontana.com for ticketing access and to learn more about other upcoming shows, many free of admission. •

Comedy, & modern folk at Ellen

Get to laughing when Downtown Bozeman’s Ellen Theatre hosts a one-off show by comedian **Ryan Hamilton** on Friday, September 20th. Performing in Southwest Montana as part of his national tour, the event begins at 8pm.

Hamilton’s one-hour Netflix stand-up show, *Happy Face*, has been hailed as “the special you can’t watch enough times.” With a wealth of TV appearances and a non-stop headlining tour, his unique perspective of growing up in rural Idaho has made him a national favorite in the comedy scene. Named one of *Rolling Stone* magazine’s Five Comics to Watch, recent appearances include multiple visits to *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon* and *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, as well as opening spots for both Jerry Seinfeld and Jim Gaffigan.

“One of the most reliably funny regulars at the Comedy Cellar, an observational comic who often riffs on the absurdity of his own wholesomeness.” – *New York Times*

Following on Friday, Sept. 27th, enjoy an evening of modern folk courtesy of **Talisk**. Show starts at 7:30pm.

Ground-breaking, chart-topping, genre-bending, globetrotting, instantly enthralling... it’s little wonder that Talisk rank highly amongst the most in-demand folk-based groups to emerge from Scotland in the last decade and more. The trio has toured the world, stacking up major awards for their explosively energetic, artfully woven sound, and whose appearances at leading festivals across multiple continents have amassed a die-hard following.

Mohsen Amini (BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards’ Musician of the Year), Graeme Armstrong and Benedict Morris (BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year) fuse concertina, guitar and fiddle to produce a ground-breaking, multi-layered signature that has captivated audiences around the globe. At its core, three seemingly acoustic instruments – but in the hands of three master craftsmen: one unmistakable, bold sound and captivating live show.

Tickets begin at \$49.75 for Ryan Hamilton, with all seats \$33.75 for Talisk. Wine, beer and concessions will be sold in the lobby one hour before the show. Ticketing and further information about other upcoming happenings is available at www.theel-lentheatre.org. For additional inquiries, call the box office at (406) 585-5885. •

Eagles home to barroom bands & solo jams

A pillar of the Downtown Bozeman nightlife scene, the Eagles Bar features the very best talent the Valley has to offer with regular Wednesday acoustics and weekend jamming. Here’s a look at what’s happening in the coming weeks.

Poison Lovers guitarist and vocalist **Robert Lethert** delivers a solo show on September 4th. Expect a blend of old school country and contemporary Americana. His strong gravelly voice will perfectly complement your evening at the downtown tavern.

Take in the acoustic stylings of local favorite **Mathias** on Sept. 11th. With powerful vocals and a

percussive guitar style, he’s known for his dynamic live performances full of acoustic folk, rock, and funk tunes.

Check out budding local band **The Scurry** on Sept. 13th and 14th. The frontman of the Billings-based Arterial Drive, Drew McDowell has been writing songs and performing in Montana for years, also alongside his band The Scurry. Playing a poppy indie rock sound, he sings a healthy blend of amazing originals and classic covers. His eponymous debut album is out now.

A member of local “rockabilly” group Bluebelly Junction, **Levi**

Main delivers a solo show to Eagles-goers on Sept. 18th. De-stress midweek with a drink and the stylings of this talented local musician.

The Disruptors take the stage with a pair of shows on Sept. 20th and 21st. The high energy band does their darndest to get audiences singing along with their wide selection of rock n’ roll tunes from the ‘60s to now.

Exercise your pipes with **Karaoke Night** sponsored by Bozeman’s Best Entertainment Group, setting up at FOE every Thursday. Sing your heart out and cheer on your friends! Sign-ups start

at 9pm.

Make sure to check out **Bridger Mountain Big Band** on Sunday nights. The ensemble performs at 7pm. 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. Check them out on social media for performance announcements.

Acoustic Wednesdays start at 8pm and weekend bands are on at 9pm. Head downtown for some great live music or stop into the Eagles for a cold one when the next hankering hits. •

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LOCAL SPORTS IN AND AROUND THE BOZONE

Last chance: farmers' market season comes to a close

Even though we've seen some smoky skies in the waning weeks of summer, locals have still been able to enjoy the sunny outdoors we look forward to every season. The farmers' markets of Southwest Montana bring the locals together in Bozeman, Livingston and communities beyond with regular outdoor events. Read on to see where you can get your final fixes of garden-fresh produce, fantastic food, novelty items, live entertainment and more.

Bozeman Farmers' Market is back on Tuesday evenings in Lindley Park, running through September 10th. Market hours are from 5-8pm. Dedicated to the promotion of local growers, artisans, crafters, non-profits, small businesses, food artisans and musicians, this local favorite is a fantastic way to support our community. These markets feature fresh produce from local farmers, arts & crafts, dinner options and more. Grab some groceries, get that gift made locally for an upcoming birthday, and kick back with a bite under the summer sky!

Western Sustainability Exchange's **Livingston Farmers Market** is held Wednesday nights in Miles Park Band Shell through Sept. 18th. The event begins at 4:30pm and runs through 7:30pm rain, wind or shine. This destination event features locally grown produce and

meats, baked goods, prepared foods, beer, arts and crafts vendors, and much more! It's a great place to stock up on locally grown foods, shop from local artisans, or just relax and enjoy the view of the Yellowstone River and Absaroka



Mountains. Also on Wednesdays, the **Big Sky Farmers Market** takes over Town Center's Fire Pit Park from 5-8pm through Sept. 25th. Every year, numerous vendors including local and regional farmers, professional

artisans, young artists and entrepreneurs, and community organizations come together to help foster and maintain a market that's true to Big Sky mountain culture. Expect to find fresh produce, herbs, plants, flowers, baked goods, art, jewelry and clothing, as well as Montana-made products like antler art, woodworking and so much more.

The original **Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market** open its gates on Saturday mornings from 9am-noon, running through Sept. 14th. The market takes place at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman. Serving the community for more than four decades, the popular market provides an opportunity and location for numerous local vendors of homemade food, handmade crafts and locally grown produce to market, display and sell their goods to promote economic well-being and support the development of home-based businesses. All markets are FREE of admission, so be sure to attend one of these fantastic weekly events this summer in support of your fellow citizens! Follow your market of choice on social media for event updates. •

YNP hosts conference on Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

From *Yellowstone Public Affairs* From Tuesday to Thursday, September 3rd-5th, the **16th Biennial Scientific Conference** on the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem will take place in Big Sky. This year's conference will focus on advancing conservation in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Sponsored by Yellowstone Forever, the conference will highlight scientific study in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the efforts of the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee.

This year marks the GYCC's 60th anniversary, which presents an occasion to reflect on the research and conservation accomplishments over the years and an opportunity to enhance partnerships to seek solutions together to the pressing challenges facing the GYE, such as development outside the parks and a changing climate.

Conference participants will convey scientific findings, discuss management needs, share perspectives and propose solutions to improve future landscape-scale coordination and ensure the GYE continues to thrive over the next 60 years.

Keynote speakers Robert (Bob) Keiter, J.D., is an author and professor who teaches natural resources law and constitutional law at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. Bob is

currently a member of the National Park System Advisory Board and a trustee for the National Parks Conservation Association and the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law.

Tom Olliff is the National Park Service intermountain region manager for climate change and landscape conservation, assisting parks from Montana to Arizona understand climate science and manage climate impacts to park resources.

Francine Madden is executive director of the Center for Conservation Peacebuilding. For more than 20 years, Francine has successfully intervened in controversial fish and wildlife conflicts using these issues as entry points to target the deeper-rooted, systemic conflicts that underpin natural resource challenges.

Since 1991, the Biennial Scientific Conference on the GYE has been a critical forum for sharing science between researchers, land and resource managers, conservation groups, Tribal communities, the public and other stakeholders with a common interest in understanding the region's natural and cultural resources.

The conference is open to the interested public. Visit the conference website at www.gyescience-conference.org to learn more and register. •

Raptor Fest returns at top of Oktober

With many avian species already traveling south, we've still got some local feathered friends to recognize. Gliding back into Southwest Montana for its return event, the annual **Bridger Raptor Festival** will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th. Events are FREE and open to the public. Raptor Fest centers on the largest known Golden Eagle migration in the United States, with a local raptor migration count taking place

every fall at the top of the Ridge. Raptor Fest activities include two days of live bird talks, nature walks, educational programs, exhibitors and entertainment for people of all ages. Some of the events on this year's calendar include "Binocular Blitz," "Great Migration Challenge," "Sketch-a-Bird," "Raptor vs Raptor" and "Build a Nifty Nest Box," among others. A highlight every year, Raptor Fest will feature an Oktober

Fest event from 10am-6pm on Saturday and 10am-3pm on Sunday with live music, food and beer in the Jim Bridger Lodge. All skier services will also be open.

Please note: there will be no Ellen Theatre kick-off prior to the main event. Plan to enjoy the weekend's many planned activities at Bridger Bowl.

Find a full schedule of Raptor Fest weekend events and learn more at www.bridgerraportfest.com. •

Roll up your sleeves for fall cleanup on Gallatin

Did you know that 15 of our 23 streams don't meet water quality standards? Removing trash and waste from our rivers, wetlands and roadsides brings people together and improves the quality of water, soil, and habitat for the people and critters in our watershed.

The Gallatin River Task Force and Gallatin Watershed Council will once again join forces to host the annual **Gallatin Watershed Cleanup** with volunteer slots open from Friday through Sunday, September 20th-22nd.

During the event, teams of volunteers will be cleaning the watershed in the Gallatin Canyon and Big Sky, as well as along the lower watershed. The cleanup is a great opportunity to work together as a community to clean our beautiful Gallatin after the busy summer season on the river. Sign up for a volunteer slot as an individual or team through the Task Force website, or visit the Watershed Council site for volunteer opportunities on the lower watershed on Saturday, Sept. 21st from 2-4pm.

Last year, hundreds of volunteers between both organizations collected thousands of pounds of trash across the entire Gallatin Watershed. To celebrate this year's collection, head to Bozeman's Lindley Park Pavilion on Saturday, Sept. 21st at 5pm following an afternoon of cleanup for a celebration sponsored by the Watershed Council with ice

cream sundaes, refreshments, prizes and more!

Over the past century, the Gallatin River has become a famous hub for recreation. Even if you've never fished the Gallatin or rafted the Mad Mile, you've probably seen it. Since playing the role of the Blackfoot River in Robert Redford's adaptation of *A River Runs Through It*, the Gallatin River has become a world-class brand. The iconic final scene of the film, which won the 1992 Academy Award for best cinematography, is a shot of Storm Castle Peak towering over the river. Despite its fame, the story of the Gallatin River cannot be distilled to a single image. Instead, it must be told as a series of snapshots, which capture its resilience and capacity for change.

Gallatin River Task Force is a locally led nonprofit watershed group headquartered along the famous Gallatin River in Big Sky. Learn about how the Gallatin River Task Force is maintaining a healthy watershed for future generations at www.gallatinrivertaskforce.org.

Gallatin Watershed Council is a Bozeman-based nonprofit that works with local volunteers, landowners and community partners to bring water quality monitoring, stream restoration, and watershed education to the Gallatin Valley with the goal of improving water quality for all. Learn more at www.gallatinwatershedcouncil.org. •

Science lecture explores Yellowstone flooding

Delve into a home-grown, headline-making natural disaster with Gallatin Valley Friends of the Sciences, whose popular lecture series kicks off its new season this month with all new subject matter. Co-sponsored by Museum of the Rockies and Hopa Mountain, the first talk of the '24-'25 series is set for Wednesday, September 18th. **"Lessons from the 2022 Yellowstone Floods: The Power of Documentary Film Interviews"** will begin at 6pm. It will be held in MOR's Hager Auditorium.

How does making a documentary film help inform rural natural disaster response? Dr. Hugo Sindelar, MSU Assistant Professor of Film, will share his experience making a

documentary about the 2022 Yellowstone floods and what lessons can be learned from shared stories of the effects and recovery to prepare for and manage future natural disasters.

The informative talks will be presented in person on select Wednesdays this fall. The presentations are free and open to the public, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Face masks are recommended but not required.

Find Gallatin Valley Friends of the Sciences on social media or visit www.gallatinvalleyfriends.org for additional details and information about future talks. The nonprofit was established in 2017 to explore cutting edge science topics, their latest developments, and their relevance to society. •

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MOTIVATED BOBCATS READY FOR RETURN - A 2024 EARLY SEASON PREVIEW

Deep postseason runs have become an expectation for the Montana State football team, so last season's early exit has head coach Brent Vigen and Co. ready for a return to normalcy in 2024.

The Bobcats, the No. 6 seed in the playoffs, were bounced in the 2nd Rd. 35-34 in overtime to postseason nemesis North Dakota State to finish off a disappointing season that began with championship expectations. MSU finished the 2023 season ranked No. 9 in the Hero Sports FCS poll following a late season collapse that included a 37-7 drubbing by in-state rival Montana to conclude the regular season.

Montana State faced arguably one of the most difficult road schedules in all of the FCS in 2023, and the Bobcats struggled mightily with adversity throughout the season. A number of key players from last season return, giving Vigen an experienced group, one that he expects to improve on last season's disappointment. "We've got a group that's demonstrated a focus that we need, living in the moment, living day by day," he said.

The rest of the Big Sky Conference recognizes the talent the 'Cats return in 2024, and have picked MSU No. 2 in the preseason polls behind Montana. A more advantageous schedule should benefit the Bobcats as well.

MSU hosts both Idaho and Montana at Bobcat Stadium after falling on the road to both in 2023. Another change this season that could benefit the 'Cats is the expanded format of the FCS playoffs. This sea-

son, the FCS bracket will expand from eight seeded teams to 16, with matchups determined by seeds rather than regionalization like in



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year's past. That most likely means MSU would not have to face teams such as NDSU, SDSU or UM until later in the playoffs. However, despite all of the changes and expectations, MSU will still have to prove it on the field if they are to nab their first national title since 1984.

The following is a preview of the 2024 squad:

Offense
Things look bright on the offensive side of the ball as MSU returns nine starters to that unit, led by senior Tommy Mellott, who returns for his third season as the starting signal caller. A deep and talented backfield and experienced line

should continue the Bobcats' dominance in the run game, and a pair of transfers in the receiving core could boost the passing game.

Mellott has already established himself as one of the most accomplished players in Bobcat history, but he'll face a new challenge this season as the only quarterback with extensive playing time following the graduation of Sean Chambers. The Mellott/Chambers duo kept defenses on their toes for the past two seasons, and limited their opponent's ability to key on one player. With Chambers gone, all eyes will be on Mellott, and he'll need to prove he can handle the pressure of being "the guy."

Fortunately, Mellott may have the deepest backfield in all of college football with a host of ball carriers returning with talent and experience, led by senior Julius Davis. Davis starred in his first season in Bozeman, leading the 'Cats rushing attack with 739 yards and six touchdowns. Jared White was second on the team with 526 yards, and true freshman Scottie Humphrey was third with 445 yards and eight touchdowns, which led all running backs. Davis figures to be the regular starter when he returns from injury, but expect Humphrey's workload to increase after demonstrating his knack for the endzone.

Other notables, such as Adam Jones and Colson Coon could get their shot as well after strong spring performances from both.

For the better part of the 21st century, Montana State has established itself as O-Line U thanks in part to its punishing run game.



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That figures to be no different in 2024. Senior center Justus Perkins returns to anchor a line that features Preseason All-American candidate Marcus Wehr, as well as JT Reed and Cole Sain. Reed and Sain have previous starting ex-

rusher from Melstone, MT will don the legacy number 41 for his final campaign in Bozeman, and looks to be even more disruptive this time around.

Strong defensive line play has led to postseason success for the Bobcats in recent years, but the departure of stand-out defensive lineman Sebastian Valdez has left a huge hole up front for new defensive coordinator Bobby Daly to fill. Valdez left in the offseason for an opportunity with the Washington Huskies of the FBS, taking with him his five sacks and

eight and a half tackles for loss. While the stats don't seem gaudy, they reflect the opponent's focus on limiting his abilities while creating opportunities for others. Two players who figure to up their production in Valdez's absence are junior Paul Brott and sophomore Alec Eckert. Brott has played sparingly in his three years in Bozeman, but has shown potential as evidenced by his six tackles and one sack versus EWU last season. Brott is slated as a starter in 2024. Eckert also figures to be productive after transferring to MSU in January from Washington State. The former All-Inland Empire League First Teamer played in just one game last season for the 'Cougs, but finished second in the state of Idaho for sacks as a senior in high school.

The defensive unit returns seven starters from the 2023 squad, led by senior Brody Grebe, who was tabbed Preseason Defensive Player of the Year for the Big Sky Conference, in addition to being named to a number of Preseason All-American teams. The edge



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The middle of the Bobcat defense will be anchored by a pair of seasoned veterans in Danny Uluilakepa and McCade O'Reilly following the graduation of Nolan Askelson. O'Reilly was Askelson's primary backup, so he has plenty of game experience, and seems poised to be the next great linebacker for the 'Cats from the O'Reilly family, following in the footsteps of older

brother, Callahan. Uluilakepa has been a productive starter for the Bobcat defense over the past two seasons when healthy, but injuries have been a problem the past two seasons, forcing Uluilakepa to miss significant time in '22 and '23. If he can remain healthy the entire season, he should be an All-Conference performer. A pair of underclassmen in sophomore Neil Daily and Bryce Grebe will serve as Uluilakepa and O'Reilly's backups. Daily appeared in two games last season before an injury ended his year, while Grebe is a redshirt freshman who saw action in one game last season. Grebe, the younger brother of Brody, had a strong spring campaign to earn the No. 2 spot at the Will spot, and could be the next great thing to come out of Melstone, MT.

The back end of the Bobcat defense returns a number of experienced players, led by a trio of seniors in Rylan Ort, Simeon Woodward, and Jon Johnson. Ort was an Honorable Mention All-Big Sky pick last season, and finished second on the team in tackles with 74. He's a versatile defender who will see time at both safety and nickel. Woodward enters his fourth season as a starter for the Bobcat defense. During his time in Bozeman, Woodward has earned the reputation of being one of the top corners in the conference. Johnson earned a starting spot after a strong initial season in Bozeman after transferring from El Camino College. Dru Polidore, Caden Dowler, and Andrew Powdrell all figure to see extensive action for the Bobcat secondary as well.

Special Teams

The Bobcat kicking game looks to be one of the top units in the Big Sky this season with the return of Brendan Hall to handle the punting and kick-off duties. Hall earned Preseason All-Big Sky and All-American honors following an impressive '23 campaign. Hall earned First Team All-Big Sky and Second Team All-American honors last season after averaging 46.1 yards per punt. He also proved to be a weapon on kick-offs, drilling 72 kickoffs for a touch-back, which led the FCS. Casey Kautzman looks to return to form in the place-kicking game, while Taco Dowler and Marqui Johnson return to handle the punt and kick return duties.

MSU enters the season as the No. 4 team in the FCS polls and gets an early season test with a Week 0 game at FBS member New Mexico. The Bobcats have not defeated an FBS opponent since 2006 when they knocked off Col-



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2024 BOBCATS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

08/24/24	@ New Mexico Lobos	2pm MT	MSU <u>35</u> Opp <u>31</u>	Albuquerque, NM FS1 Bobcat Radio Network
08/31/24	@ Utah Tech Trailblazers	8pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	St. George, UT ESPN+ Bobcat Radio
09/07/24	vs Maine Black Bears Gold Rush Game	6pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	BOZEMAN BOBCAT STADIUM Scripps/ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network
09/21/24	vs Mercyhurst Lakers Pack the Place in Pink	1pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	BOZEMAN BOBCAT STADIUM Scripps/ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network
09/28/24	@ *Idaho State Bengals	4pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	Pocatello, ID Scripps/ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network
10/05/24	vs *Northern Colorado Bears Homecoming	2pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	BOZEMAN BOBCAT STADIUM Scripps/ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network
10/12/24	vs *Idaho Vandals Parent/Family Weekend	8:15pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	BOZEMAN BOBCAT STADIUM ESPN2 Bobcat Radio Network
10/19/24	@ *Portland State Vikings	2pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	Portland, OR Scripps/ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network,
11/02/24	@ *Eastern Washington Eagles	2pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	Cheney, WA Scripps/ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network
11/09/24	vs *Sacramento State Hornets Military Appreciation/Ag Appreciation	1pm MT	MSU ___ Opp ___	BOZEMAN BOBCAT STADIUM Scripps/ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network
11/16/24	@ *UC Davis Aggies	6pm MT (NOON)	MSU ___ Opp ___	Davis, CA Scripps/ESPN+ Bobcat Radio Network
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TGR premieres new winter adventure film in Bozeman

Get ready, Bozeman! On Friday, September 27th, join Teton Gravity Research at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture to experience the new ski and snowboard film, *Beyond the Fantasy*, on the big screen. This will be three kick-off celebration for all winter sport aficionados.

TGR, the global leader in action and adventure lifestyle media, announces its 29th annual snow film, *Beyond the Fantasy*. The film features an array of awe-inspiring locations, including Austria, Norway, British Columbia, Alaska and TGR's backyard, Jackson Hole.

TGR's elite team of athletes pushes the boundaries in some of the wildest terrain across the globe, inspired by the winter of 23/24 that provided abnormal weather trends across the globe. *Beyond the Fantasy* features stunning cinematography, mind-blowing scenery and TGR's most progressive riding to date.

Beyond the Fantasy features world-renowned skiers and riders such as Kai Jones, Ian McIntosh, Nick McNutt, Maggie Voisin, Sage Cattabriga-Alosa, Parkin Costain, Griffin Post, Janelle Yip, Yuki Kadono, Tim Durtschi, Alex Armstrong, Colter Hinchliffe, Brian Iguchi, and many more who pushed their limits to create this film. The film showcases insight into

athlete personalities and their relentless commitment to adventure.

Beyond the Fantasy will screen at the Emerson Center on Sept. 27th, with an early 6:30pm showing and late show to follow at 9pm. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for youth 16 and under. Student discounts available. Doors at 6pm and 8:30pm, respectively. Visit www.tetongravity.com to reserve your seat. Looking for a more intimate experience? See the film one night early at the Rialto as part of the "WhiSKI Series." Find additional details for this 21+ event through the host website.

Whether you choose to come to the family friendly early show or to get rowdy at the late show, it's sure to be a great night. As always, there will be athlete appearances and a ton of prize giveaways from Atomic, Volkl, K2, YETI, GoPro and Nissan, among others. Plus, everyone in attendance will have a shot at the tour grand prizes including a trip to TGR's hometown Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

One of the world's leading action sports brands, Teton Gravity Research has produced dozens of award-winning feature-length films, numerous television series, and national television commercial spots. •

Bozeman Folklore brings duo show to Labor Temple

Bozeman Folklore Society is excited to welcome **Scott Cook** and **Pamela Mae** for their debut Bozeman performance this month. The show will be held at the Gallatin Labor Temple on Sunday, September 8th. Music begins at 7:30pm.

In 2007, Albertan songwriter Scott Cook quit his job teaching kindergarten in Taiwan and moved into a minivan. He's made his living as a troubadour ever since, touring almost incessantly across Canada, the US, Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere, averaging 150 shows and a dozen summer festivals a year – and has released seven albums of plainspoken, keenly observant verse along the way.

His latest collection, *Tangle of Souls*, comes packaged in a cloth-bound, 240-page hardcover book of road stories and ruminations. The album spent two weeks at #1 on Alberta's province-wide community radio network CKUA, and earned Scott his third Canadian Folk Music Award nomination, for English Songwriter of the Year. Its second single, "Say Can You See," was the second most-played song of 2020 on Folk Alliance International's folk radio charts, and took top honors for the folk category in both the 2020 UK Songwriting Competition and the 2020

Great American Song Contest.

Since 2022, he's been touring steadily around North America with his sweetheart Pamela Mae on upright bass, banjo and vocals, traveling through 43 states and 8 Canadian provinces while broadcasting solar-powered livestreams from the back of their campervan, Roadetta. This year they've already done a three-month tour of Australia, and are gearing up to release a new album and book entitled *Troubadourly Yours*. Fresh from the open road, these are sturdy, straight-talking songs that see the good in you.

Advance tickets are \$10 at www.bozemanfolklore.org, or \$15 at the door based on availability. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Doors at 7pm. Gallatin Labor Temple is located at 422 E Mendenhall.

Bozeman Folklore Society is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving, enjoying and sharing the music, dance, arts, crafts and skills of traditional cultures. There's always a need for volunteers! For further event details or to pledge your support, visit the aforementioned website where you can also find a current list of all upcoming BFS concert and dance announcements. •

Shane Center Presents Golden State bluegrass foursome show in Livingston

The popular Shane Center Presents series winds up 2024 with a show featuring International Bluegrass Music Association's "Momentum Band of the Year" – **Crying Uncle Bluegrass Band**. This outstanding young band (none are old enough to rent a car) channels their own unique mix of bluegrass, David Grisman (Dawg), jazz and modern original tunes. The show is set for Saturday, September 7th. Music begins at 7pm.

Brothers Miles and Teo Quale are joined by bassist Andrew Osborn and 2023 National Flat Pick Guitar Champion Ian Ly, all outstanding young musicians of the vibrant California bluegrass scene. Founded in 2016 as a duo band, Miles and Teo formed the bluegrass band in 2017 and since then, they have continued to make waves in the world of bluegrass and acoustic music. The bluegrass band was the recipient of the 2023 International Bluegrass Music Association's "Momentum Band of the Year" award. The band was also honored to perform for the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame's induction of their hero, David Grisman.

Based in Northern California, Crying Uncle Bluegrass has opened for prestigious bands, including Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives and David Grisman Bluegrass Experience. The band has played at venues such as IBMA's World of Bluegrass Festival, CBA's Father's Day Bluegrass Festival, Strawberry Music Festival, SF's

Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Delfest and Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival. Internationally, the band toured Japan in 2023, and in 2022, they headlined at Bluegrass in La Roche, France. In 2019, they toured throughout Finland, culminating at Kaustinen Folk Music Festival. Miles was also a proud recipient of the Whippoorwill Arts Fellowship in 2022.

"Crying Uncle Bluegrass Band will blow your mind," said Russell Lewis, Shane Center's Artistic Director. "To see this skill from four individuals is one thing, when they combine, it's unlike any band touring today. We're delighted to round out our season with these young, brilliant performers. We know they're going to inspire a lot of young local musicians."

The band released their eponymous album, *Crying Uncle*, in 2018. And in 2020, they released their sophomore album, *Monroe Bridge*, which features guest artists including fiddler Chad Manning and mandolinist Sharon Gilchrist and was produced by banjoist Keith Little. In 2021, the bluegrass band came out with an EP of mostly self-written tunes, *Till I Dance Again with You*, inspired by a year of "isolating" during the pandemic. Most recently, they released their newest album, *The Thing of Dreams* (2022), which highlights their originals.

Advance tickets are available at www.the-shanecenter.org. General admission is \$30 for adults with senior and youth discounts available. Doors at 6:30pm. •

Filler goes jazz club with Jeni Fleming & friends

Acclaimed vocalist and veteran of the local music scene, **Jeni Fleming** will take the stage late this month with support from Eric Funk on piano and bassist John Sanders. The distinctive evening of music is set for Friday, September 27th, at the Filling Station. Two performances will be held at 7pm and 9pm. Concertgoers will delight to find Bozeman's most treasured barroom transformed into a one-night-only jazz club, complete with a 6-foot grand piano perched beneath the iconic Mobil Pegasus.

Having spent much of her career playing theaters, the Filling Station has been a bucket list venue for Fleming, who finds meaning in repurposing unexpected songs for audiences typically well-acquainted with jazz sub-genres. The juxtaposition of candlelit cocktail tables set between the beer can-lined walls of the Filler offers sufficient foreshadowing of the music being offered. When one thinks of 80s hair metal band Def Leppard, chances are they don't think – beautiful ballad. In the same way, utterances of "The Filling Station" to Bozemanites may not conjure – white linens & hushed tones. Herein lies the point: changing the form invites us to experience something again, for the first time, be that a song, a bar, or a singer.

Eric Funk is known for his success as a pianist, composer and beloved teacher. A mentor and colleague of Fleming, their work

together extends nearly 30 years, including several appearances on *11th & Grant with Eric Funk*, MT PBS's multi Emmy-award winning television program. His many roles in and varied connections to this community, musical and otherwise, transcend genre, generation or discipline, making Funk an immeasurable treasure to the Northwest cultural landscape.

John Sanders has built a steady and enviable career over two decades becoming a much sought after bassist in the area. He currently plays for upwards of 8 bands at any given time, including Pinky & the Floyd and The Tiny Band. His most recent solo album, *You & Me*, showcases an obvious songwriting, multi-instrumental and vocal prowess.

Marrying unexpected material with traditional style is a hallmark of Fleming's creative work. While environment certainly alters experience, time in all its power and meaning can transform it. At 50, Fleming performs substantially less than in years past, but when she does she gladly and unapologetically brings all parts of herself to the table.

One of Bozeman's precious few unchanged landmarks, surprising musical selections, delivered by a familiar, powerful and inviting voice. Doors at 6:30pm and 8:30pm, respectively. Limited seating with advance tickets only at www.brownpaptickets.com. Don't miss this one-night-only performance. •

Close out sunny season with true country in Paradise

Southwest Montana's "Last Best Live Music Venue & Dance Hall," Music Ranch Montana, has one more concert on its calendar before the snow starts to fly. Offering covered and outdoor seating for every show, the venue features the largest dance floor in the region and is the perfect place to take in acts true to the genre.

An early fall show featuring **www.TWANG** is set for Friday, September 27th. Enjoy a night of real country music for a wild Western good time with a 7:30pm start time. Grill opens one hour prior to the show.

The truck drivin', heart breakin', honky-tonk dance band has been offering up real country music to their fans for decades. These guys take no prisoners and leave nothing but

happy dancers in their wake. Don't miss their "real deal, premium country music" show!

Following an incredible season of country dance shows featuring the likes of Crazy Mountain Express, Michael Armstrong & the Prairie Fire, The Frontmen, Mountain Music, Cheyenne Dance Band, The Highwayman Show, Twitty & Lynn and Clint Anderson & the Montana Gazette, Music Ranch thanks audiences and looks forward to next year!

www.TWANG Tickets are \$12 with dinner sold separately. Ticketing access and additional details may be found at www.musicranchmontana.net. Music Ranch Montana is located at 4664 Old Yellowstone Trail North in stunning Paradise Valley, just outside of Livingston. •

Poolside music comes standard at Hot Springs

The outdoor performance space at Bozeman Hot Springs has become 'the poolside' stage with weekly showcases of regional and traveling acts every Thursday and Sunday at 7pm.

Kicking things off on September 1st are **Cole & the Thornes**. The mountain-island-infused soul band is a modern funk group that blends sultry vocals, gypsy-jazz guitar, playful horn melodies and reggae-style ukulele for a truly unique sound. Check out their new album, *Unbound*, now.

Soulbots follow on Sept. 5th. Comprised of Paul and Erin Ezekiel, the indie dance pop duo brings a fun, energetic show everywhere they play. Their sets include originals they've written throughout their years of performing as well as some covers sprinkled throughout.

Check out **Roadrunner** on Sept. 8th. Featuring guitarist Tyler James, Andrew Miscoe on keys, drummer Bob Johnson, and bassist Max Eaton, the foursome brings the music of the Jerry Garcia Band to life!

The talented **Bryson Evans** takes the stage on Sept. 12th. The rootsy singer/songwriter's music is a unique blend of his many influences including Hank Williams, Tom Waits and The Allman Brothers, to name a few. His songs are about real life – hard work, lessons learned, love, loss, pain, good times and bad. With roots in Classic Country and Americana, Evans intermixes happy tunes with sad truths in a way that bring audiences to their feet while simultaneously bringing them to tears.

Enjoy the sounds of **Sleeping Jesus** on Sept. 15th. The five-piece Minneapolis rock band released their latest album, *Hollywood Smile*, last year. The collection sees the band dipping their toes into the waters of rock n' roll and Americana, with their live shows consisting of jangly dueling guitars, three party harmony, tight locked rhythm, and intense moments of controlled chaos.

Kennan Krause entertains on Sept. 19th. The frontman of local rock group Lost Canyons, Krause brings a unique alt-rock sound with a healthy mix of recognizable covers and original tunes from the full band's shows.

A visiting favorite, **John Roberts y Pan Blanco**, perform on Sept. 22nd. Featuring vocals in Spanish, English and Portuguese, the group melds high-energy Funk, African and Latin grooves with soulful instrumental solos aimed at sharing musical and cultural diversity with its audiences.

Solidarity Service close out another month of live music on Sept. 29th. Performing funky rock and reggae, the group is a big band with a big sound. Featuring the songwriting of Mike DeJaynes, lush and lovely harmonies, and a groovin' rhythm section, Solidarity Service is guaranteed to fill the dance floor. Expect to hear and experience conscious lyrics and poly-rhythmic poetry, crazy covers, and well-crafted originals.

Bozeman Hot Springs is located just south of Four Corners. Visit www.bozemanhotsprings.com for details. •



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