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LFS highlights Yellowstone wolves with Q&A

The Livingston Film Series is delighted to present a special screening of Yellowstone-based documentary *Mollie's Pack* on Thursday, March 13th. The film begins at 7pm at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts. On January 12, 1995, wolves returned to Yellowstone 50 years after their extirpation. Mollie Beattie, the first female director of the US Fish & Wildlife Service, carried the first Canadian born wolf, Alpha Female Wolf No. 5, into the Park's experimental acclimation enclosure. From that day forward, their lives would be forever connected. This is the true story of Mollie's Pack. *Mollie's Pack* is a thrilling feature documentary derived from primary 16mm film footage – recovered and restored for the first time – and in-depth interviews with the key players at the center of the historic Yellowstone Wolf reintroduction. The narrative follows the eternally interconnected stories of Mollie Beattie and Wolf #5. Beattie's unprecedented journey included a

brief stint as a fashion model in New York and a life-changing Outward Bound expedition that inspired her to pursue a career in environmental science and conservation. In January 1995, she initiated the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone, one of the most controversial and ambitious wildlife restoration projects in recorded human history. It was a "Grand Experiment."

Enjoy a post-film discussion with Doug Smith, Yellowstone Park Wolf Project Manager and film participant.

Continuing its latest season of screening independent features, documentaries, local films and vintage classics, doors open at 6:30pm with screenings to follow at 7pm. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Concessions available. For more information, please visit www.theshanecenter.org.

The Livingston Film Series is generously sponsored by Marilyn Clotz & Mary Ann Bearden and Donald B. Gimbel.

Blue Slipper stages seaside character study

Livingston's Blue Slipper Theatre presents the next production of its new season with Harold Pinter's *Old Times* this month. Performances are set for March 7th-16th. Friday and Saturday shows will begin at 8pm, with Sunday matinees to follow at 3pm. The local production is directed by Marc Beaudin. Its story features only three characters: Deeley, Kate and Anna – played by Hugh Kinslow, Valerie Kinley and Sherry Pikul, respectively. On the surface, *Old Times* offers the simple premise that Anna has come from Italy to visit an old friend Kate, and her husband Deeley in their house by the sea. Yet almost from the beginning there are tensions between the three characters, and an apparent contest

for Kate's affection. While hostilities are rarely overtly expressed, the characters seem to be locked in a struggle for power which reaches back in to the past. Through conversations and reminiscences, their histories and personalities are exposed, but it seems unlikely that everything we hear is accurate, particularly as many of the accounts contradict each other. The question arises about whose memories are actually true. Tickets for *Old Times* are \$20 or \$15 for students/seniors (plus fees) and are available at www.blueslipper.org. Seating at the Blue Slipper, located at 113 E Callender St, is limited. Please call (406) 222-7720 for more information.

Verge unveils twisted cabaret

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Shane presents abso-bloomin'-lutely lovely musical

Local thespians are on stage in Livingston this month with a trip to 1912 London. The Shane Lalani Center for the Arts presents a production of Lerner and Loewe's *My Fair Lady* through March 23rd. Hailed by critics and audiences for its heart and its wit, *My Fair Lady* is a beautiful musical about transformation, patronage, gender politics and class, based on George Bernard Shaw's play, *Pygmalion*. *My Fair Lady* is a true classic by which all other musicals are measured. The tale of a low-class flower girl transformed into an elegant society lady features one of musical theatre's greatest scores, including "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?," "The Rain in Spain," "I Could Have Danced All Night," "On the Street Where You Live" and many more. Eliza Doolittle is a young flower seller with

a thick Cockney accent which keeps her in the lowest rungs of Edwardian society. When professor (and committed crank) Henry Higgins tries to teach her how to speak like a proper lady, an unlikely friendship begins to blossom. *My Fair Lady* runs weekends through March 23rd. Performances take place in the Dulcie Theatre. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm, with Sunday matinees to follow at 3pm. An additional 7:30pm performance will be held March 20th. Tickets are on sale now. Make reservations through www.theshanecenter.org or call the box office at (406) 222-1420. *My Fair Lady* is generously sponsored by Paradise Flowers, State Farm's Dan Rust and Sarah Skofield, and Dale Hopkins of the Kitchen Shop.

Ellen silver screenings distract from seasonal thaw

Downtown Bozeman's Ellen Theatre will present a number of upcoming film screenings of the classic and family favorite variety this month. Gather friends and loved ones for some popcorn and the following endearing titles. First up is the extended edition of *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* at 7:30pm on March 14th. Picking up where *The Fellowship of the Ring* left off, *The Two Towers* plunges you deeper into the heart of the epic struggle against the dark lord Sauron. As the Fellowship is fractured, Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Sam (Sean Astin) continue their perilous quest to destroy the One Ring, guided by the treacherous Gollum. Meanwhile, Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), Legolas, and Gimli find themselves amidst the war-torn kingdom of Rohan, where King Théoden has fallen under the influence of the sinister Saruman. A film Trivia Night follows on March 15th with a screening of *Dune* at 7:30pm. Follow Paul Atreides (Timothée Chalamet), a gifted heir to a powerful legacy, as he ventures to a treacherous desert world where destiny, betrayal and war collide. With the universe's most coveted resource at stake, survival demands courage, strategy and the power to conquer fear. Witness the breathtaking battle for Arrakis – where legends are forged and the fate of civilizations hangs in the balance.

On March 21st, enjoy the extended edition of *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* at 7:30pm. This cinematic masterpiece, based on J.R.R. Tolkien's timeless classic, brings the battle for Middle-earth to its breathtaking climax. Witness Frodo and Sam's perilous journey into the heart of Mordor as they struggle to destroy the One Ring, while Aragorn leads the desperate defense of Minas Tirith against the overwhelming forces of Sauron. This extended version offers even more of the stunning visuals, intricate storytelling and emotional depth that made the Lord of the Rings a cinematic legend. Acclaimed classic *Lawrence of Arabia* screens on March 23rd at 2pm. The epic of all epics, released in 1962, the film cements director David Lean's status in the filmmaking pantheon with 3 hours and 47 minutes of grand scope, brilliant performances, and beautiful cinematography. The all-star cast includes Peter O'Toole, Anthony Quinn and Alec Guinness. All seats for these films are \$9.50. Wine, beer and concessions will be sold in the lobby one hour before each event. Ticketing and further information about these and other upcoming happenings is available at www.theel-lentheatre.org. For additional inquiries, call the box office at (406) 585-5885.

MSU celebrates Women's History Month

The Montana State University Women's Center is pleased to announce the second annual **Wikipedia Edit-Thon: Women in Montana** on Tuesday, March 4th. Co-sponsored by a number of university departments, the event will be held from 10am-4pm in Renee Library. This is a powerful way to invest students in information literacy and contributing to citizen research programs. This year's theme will be used to highlight women on Wikipedia and bring attention to those who have contributed to Montana's history, humanities, agriculture, computer science, engineering, medicine and art. This year's edit-a-thon will be conference style with speakers, panels and editing instruction segments throughout the day. Participants can join for as many sessions as they like. Following on Wednesday, March 5th, the Women's Center will present a Sack Lunch Seminar in celebration of **International Women's Day**. The event will be held from noon-1pm in the SUB Legacy Lounge. Join students from around the world as they share their cultural celebrations and recognition of International Women's Day as well as their experiences living in the United States and attending MSU. Sack Lunch Seminar "**Disparities in Access to Healthcare for Indigenous Women in Montana**" will be held on Wednesday, March 12th. It will be held from noon-1pm in the SUB Legacy Lounge. Dr Maggie Thorsen, Associate Professor of

Sociology, will speak about the limited and unequal access to maternal health care in the United States, particularly for rural and Indigenous people. In this talk she will share insights from her research on Montana and findings from across the United States, to highlight the ongoing barriers to and facilitators of accessing care during pregnancy and childbirth, as well as the health implications of limited maternal health care for women and communities. "**Unruly Women: Policing the Female Body – Then & Now**" is set for Wednesday, March 26th. The seminar will be held from noon-1pm in SUB 168. Throughout history, women have had to fight for bodily autonomy and basic human rights. After so much effort and sacrifice, why does misogyny remain? Why has access to reproductive care been once again restricted? Why does violence against women persist despite repeated generational movements? Join Associate Professor, Jennifer Hill, as she explores the lives of past and present Montana women, providing insight into the systems supporting misogyny and the multiple ways women have continued to resist these violations over time. The MSU Women's Center is a department in the division of Student Success and was created to promote greater responsiveness to the needs of university women. Lectures are FREE and open to the public. For more information about these and other events, visit www.montana.edu/women.



MARCH 28-30, 2025

Explore the world of dinosaurs with expert presentations, family-friendly programs, and special events. Kick-off with a members-only evening featuring an exclusive mosasaur reveal. Partake in a dinner with keynote by **Dr. Jingmai O'Connor**, and over two days, enjoy 18 talks from top paleontologists, hands-on workshops, Jr. Paleontologist stations, and more! Do not miss a chance to dive into the prehistoric world with activities for all ages, from fossil casting to terrarium building.



DINOS & MOR! All Access Paleo Lecture Series
 Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30
 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
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Over two days, 19 renowned paleontologists will present on topics ranging from trilobites to *T. rex* to Sabre-toothed cats! Each presentation will be 30 minutes long with a Q&A, making it an informative and engaging experience for all attendees. The speaker's lecture dates and times are subject to change without notice.

Dinner and Keynote with Dr. Jingmai O'Connor
 Saturday at 6:30 p.m.
 Registration is required
 \$50 - \$75/person

DINOS & MOR! Family Weekend
 Saturday and Sunday, March 29 - 30
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | All Ages
 Included with membership/admission

Enjoy paleo-passport activity stations throughout the Siebel Dinosaur Complex and view *Dinosaurs: A Story of Survival* in the Taylor Planetarium. Collect passport stamps at all stations to receive a Jr. Paleontologist Certificate signed by MOR's Dr. John Scannella upon completion.

Doc Series profiles brown bears, Lennon & Ono

On Thursday, March 6th, at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, the Bozeman Doc Series continues with the critically acclaimed new documentary, *The Shepherd and the Bear*. The film screens at 7pm. Set high in the majestic French Pyrenees, the documentary explores a conflict provoked by the reintroduction of brown bears in the midst of a traditional shepherding community. The film follows an aging shepherd who struggles to find a successor as bears prey on his flock, and a teenage boy who becomes obsessed with tracking the bears. Through its breathtaking cinematography and immersive storytelling, *The Shepherd and the Bear* is a modern folktale about tradition, community and humanity's relationship with a vanishing natural world. "Lyrical, visually and aurally ravishing... Balances its sympathy for mountain folk with an ecological vision that is wordlessly embedded in every shot." – *Screen Daily* "A richly satisfying reminder of the power of longitudinal verité" – *Filmmaker Magazine* Following on Thursday, March 27th, at the Emerson, the Doc Series proudly presents the Montana premiere of the critically acclaimed new documentary, *One to One: John & Yoko*. The film screens at 7pm. On August 30, 1972, in New York City, John Lennon played his only full-length show after leaving The Beatles, the "One to One" benefit concert at Madison Square Garden, a rollicking, dazzling performance from him and Yoko Ono. Oscar-winning filmmaker Kevin Macdonald's riveting documentary takes that

legendary musical event and uses it as the starting point to explore eighteen defining months in the lives of John and Yoko. By 1971 the couple was newly arrived in the United States – living in a tiny apartment in Greenwich Village and watching a huge amount of American television. The film uses a riotous mélange of American TV to conjure the era through what the two would have been seeing on the screen: the Vietnam War, *The Price is Right*, Nixon, Coca-Cola ads, Cronkite, *The Waltons*. As they experience a year of love and transformation in the US, John and Yoko begin to change their approach to protest – ultimately leading to the "One to One" concert, which was inspired by a Geraldo Rivera exposé they watched on TV. Filmed in a meticulously faithful reproduction of the NYC apartment the duo shared, *One to One: John & Yoko* offers a bold new take on a seminal time in the lives of two of history's most influential artists. "Revelatory... I've seen documentaries reveal fascinating dimensions of John Lennon, but *One to One: John & Yoko*, may be the most accomplished and arresting of these tightly angled Lennon profiles... the rare rock doc that's a must-see." – *Variety* Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are available at the door or before the show online at www.bozemandocseries.org, where you can also buy Season Passes and 7-film punch cards, learn more about the series, and view trailers for upcoming films. The series will continue every other Thursday through April.

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Dino Play Workshop (Ages 2-5)
 9 – 10 a.m. | Redstart Classroom

Prehistoric Palettes Workshop (Ages 6-12)
 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Redstart Classroom

DIY Dinosaur Terrarium Workshop (Ages 13+)
 1 – 3 p.m. | Redstart Classroom

Make and Take Fossil Cast Workshop (Ages 13+)
 3 – 4 p.m. | Redstart Classroom

For pricing & tickets scan the QR code or go to museumoftherockies.org/dinos

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MSU symposium addresses future of AI research

From MSU News Service

Exploring the possibilities and challenges of large-scale research in the age of artificial intelligence and machine learning will be the focus of a conference co-hosted by Montana State University on March 27th–28th in Bozeman.

“The Future of Research in the Age of AI” is the first of three symposia being held by the American Historical Association in 2025. William Thomas, dean of MSU’s College of Letters and Science and vice president of AHA’s research division, said the conference will showcase large-scale research by eminent scholars and provide an opportunity for participants to learn how to successfully conduct research with new technologies and techniques.

The conference is free and open to anyone with an interest in large-scale research. Registration is required.

“Large-scale research is on a scale that no single scholar on their own can accomplish,” said Thomas, a professor of history. “In my field, large-scale research is becoming increasingly prevalent because historical data, such as emails and legal records and other social and cultural records like social media posts, are themselves massive. We’re not organized yet as scholars to work with this scale of material, and we need to be.”

John Paxton, director of MSU’s Gianforte School of

Computing, said the conference will help researchers develop the skills they need to leverage technology more effectively.

“As the volume of humanities-related data continues to rapidly increase, humanities scholars need an understanding of artificial intelligence, as well as the ability to utilize high-performance computers in order to conduct research,” Paxton said.

At MSU, the Research Cyberinfrastructure Core Facility provides centralized support, systems and services for researchers who have high-performance computing needs.

Conference presenters include some of the nation’s leading historians in research, Thomas said. They are:

- Thavolia Glymph, Peabody Family Distinguished Service Professor at Duke University and former president of the American Historical Association

- Lauren Tilton, E. Claiborne Robins Professor of Liberal Arts and Digital Humanities at the University of Richmond

- Matthew Connelly, professor of history at Columbia University

- Katrina Jagodinsky, associate professor of history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Walter Hawthorne, professor of African and digital history, and Dean Rehberg, director of Matrix, both at Michigan State University

- Loren Moulds, assistant pro-

fessor at the University of Virginia Law Library.

MSU faculty will serve as panelists or moderators at the conference, including professor Clemente Izurieta, assistant professor Ann Marie Reinhold and Distinguished Professor John Sheppard of the Gianforte School of Computing; Cat Dale, associate professor in the School of Film and Photography; Michelle Miley, director of the Writing Center and associate dean of the College of Letters and Science; Cascade Tuholske, assistant professor in the Department of Earth Sciences; and Kristen Intemann, director of the Center for Science, Technology, Ethics and Society. Thomas and Sarah Weickel, incoming executive director of the American Historical Association, will open and participate in sessions throughout the conference.

In addition to the College of Letters and Science, the symposium is co-sponsored by MSU’s Norm Asbjornson College of Engineering, College of Arts and Architecture, Gianforte School of Computing, Buffalo Nations Food Systems Initiative, Center for Faculty Excellence, Museum of the Rockies and the MSU Library.

More information and a full schedule of events is available at www.montana.edu/lettersandscience/future-of-research-in-age-of-ai/.

Fairgrounds host to community garage sale

A plentiful winter with abundant snowfall may suggest otherwise, but the days of spring cleaning are quickly approaching. Locals are already getting a head start in preparation of one of Bozeman’s favorite springtime events – **Garagarama!** There’s no better place to find hidden treasures and new-to-you wares than this community consignment sale.

The Optimist Club of Bozeman will present the annual event at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 5th from 8am–3pm. This yearly sale features an array of garage sale booths as well as breakfast and lunch available for purchase. As it has in years past, the event will feature a silent auction with great items from local vendors. The day will include raffles, great food and family fun! All this for a nominal admission with ALL proceeds benefiting local youth.

If you’d like to show your support by donating items to the Optimists’ annual garage sale extraordinaire or are interested in available booth space, please call (406) 599-3535.

Donations include furniture, household items and garage items, but does not include mattresses, tires and most appliances. Pick-ups available on a case-by-case basis.

On April 5th, head down and support our community’s kids while finding a ton of fantastic deals in the process! Visit www.optimistclubofbozeman.org for additional details. Be sure to follow on Facebook for updated event information.

The Optimist Club of Bozeman is an area nonprofit and “friend of youth,” devoting its time and energy to raising funds for local youth groups, organizing youth-oriented community events, and giving out non-traditional student scholarships and sports gear scholarships. Chartered in 1947, the Bozeman Optimist Club holds two major fundraising activities – its annual Christmas tree sales and Garagarama. Monies raised support a number of local organizations and activities that directly benefit area youth. •

Secure spring success with Chamber event

First up is a **Business & Community Conversation** on Wednesday, March 5th. *North Park Update* will be held from 11:30am–1pm. Attendees will be presented with topics surrounding the development and proposed Tax Increment Finance District. North Park developer Casey Tippens and David Fine from the City of Bozeman will be on hand to present. The forum will take place at Riverside Country Club. Members pay \$32 for this presentation.

Another edition of **Business Before Hours** is set for Thursday, March 6th from 7:30–8:30am. The event will be hosted by *Stifel* at their location, 875 Harmon Stream Blvd. With a local branch, the diversified global wealth management and investment banking company focuses on building relationships that help individuals, families and organizations

pursue their financial goals.

On March 26th, *Buffalo Restoration* will host the next **Business During Hours** event from 4–6pm. It will be held at their location, 555 Manley Rd. Serving the Gallatin Valley and beyond since 1991, Bozeman’s premier disaster restoration company offers residential and commercial services that include water and fire damage repair, smoke clean-up, mold remediation, carpet and rug cleaning, and more.

Bozeman Chamber gatherings and other forums provide a business networking outlet for members and others. Visit www.bozemanchamber.com to register for any of these events and to learn more. Event admission may be included with membership. The Chamber Center is located at 2000 Commerce Way in Bozeman. •

GVCC conference explores life’s final journey

Gallatin Valley Circle of Compassion invites community members to participate in their annual conference, **Mountains of Courage: Conversations on Death & Dying**. The single-day conference is designed to explore the end of life journey by providing a relaxed setting for individuals and caregivers to discover available resources, tools and information.

The conference will be held on Saturday, March 29th, at the Hilton Garden Inn from 9am–4pm. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. The registration fee includes lunch. Doors open at 8:30am.

Presenters and panelists will include health professionals, spiritual counselors, social workers, community support services and caregivers. Participants will have the opportunity to explore practical issues, emotions, myths and traditions and learn how to shift the current paradigm. They will learn

about practical tools and resources to assist in making informed decisions when faced with end of life issues.

Keynote speaker Michael Fratkan, MD, FAAHPM will present “Humility & Healing: How Psychedelic Assisted Therapy May Address Demoralization in Palliative & End-of-Life Care.” Dr. Fratkan, a compassionate palliative care pioneer, offers profound insights into navigating the emotional and spiritual challenges of serious illness, grief and approaching death. His work inspires a more thoughtful and healing approach to this often-overlooked part of life.

Other presenters include Suzanne O’Brien, leading a discussion about how to have a good death while reviewing her new book, *The Good Death*. Lorca Smetana will present ‘Human Resilience – Where Grief Wants to Meet Us.’ Join in-person and virtually as event hosts and participants

courageously explore this important journey together.

The host for the conference is Gallatin Valley Circle of Compassion (GVCC), a volunteer group of local community members who are professionally and/or personally touched by the human experience of death and dying. Their mission is to connect, educate and support our community on matters related to death and dying. GVCC’s intention for the conference is that participants will feel empowerment, courage, a sense of calm and confidence, and the ultimate realization that one does not have to be alone on this journey.

Conference fees are \$80 with VIP packages also on sale. Lunch is included in the cost. CEUs are available. Workshop information, additional conference details, and registration are available at www.gallatinvalleycircleofcompassion.org. •

MOR home to annual dino fest, new T.rex exhibit

Bozeman’s Museum of the Rockies takes a bite out of spring with its annual **Dinosaurs & MOR! Festival** late this month. Events will be held Friday through Sunday, March 28th–30th.

Explore the world of dinosaurs with expert presentations, family friendly programs and special events. Kick-off with a members-only evening featuring an exclusive mosasaur reveal. Partake in a dinner and keynote by Dr. Jingmai O’Connor, and over two days, enjoy 18 talks from top paleontologists, hands-on workshops, Jr. Paleontologist stations and more.

Don’t miss a chance to dive into the prehistoric world with activities

for all ages, from fossil casting to terrarium building. Find a complete schedule of events through the Museum website.

Also at MOR, take in their latest changing exhibit *SUE: The T.rex Experience*. Step into the world of SUE the T. rex to uncover the mysteries about the life of this fearsome fossil.

Come between two titans with full-scale casts of SUE and T. rex’s nemesis, Triceratops. Experience a unique multimedia show transporting you to the Cretaceous forest alongside SUE. Learn how the fossil was unearthed, and how scientists continue to make discoveries about SUE, the most complete Tyrannosaurus rex

specimen ever discovered.

Use all of your senses to take in SUE’s world. Take a whiff of their putrid breath, watch SUE tromp through the Late Cretaceous forest, feel the texture of dinosaur skin, and hear the subsonic rumble of a T. rex. See the fossils of animals, plants and dinosaurs that lived during the Late Cretaceous period, and come face-to-face with a full-size, fleshed-out replication of a ferocious T. rex battling the duck-billed herbivore, Edmontosaurus.

MOR is open from 9am–5pm daily. For more information about these exhibits and other museum happenings, visit www.museumoftherockies.org. •

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Science Inquiry Series explores cosmic mysteries

Learn about our universe with Gallatin Valley Friends of the Sciences, whose popular lecture series continues its season this month from an all new venue. Co-sponsored by nonprofit org Hopa Mountain, the next talk of the '24-'25 series is set for Wednesday, March 5th. **"Cosmic Conundrums: Things We Still Don't Know About the Universe"** will begin at 6:30pm. It will be held in the Community Room at Bozeman Public Library.

What are the current big mysteries about the universe, and how are scientists trying to solve them? James Manning, former executive director of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, will address this question in the first presentation of the spring series. In his presentation, Manning will describe current cosmic enigmas from how the universe formed, to dark matter and energy, to whether life exists elsewhere – and how scientists are trying to find answers.

Manning holds a graduate degree from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill in science

education. He's a past director of the Taylor Planetarium at Museum of the Rockies and has worked at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore as Head of the office of Public Outreach, and as Executive Director of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific in San Francisco. Manning has taught, spoken and written extensively on astronomical subjects.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A period.

The informative talks will be presented in person on select Wednesdays in the coming months. 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. •

Pro climbing film fest returns to Emerson

The North Face and Spire Climbing + Fitness presents the Bozeman return of the **REEL ROCK Film Tour** at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture on Friday, March 7th. Films begin at 7pm.

The 19th annual tour showcases three world-premiere climbing films spanning disciplines, characters and continents: a heartfelt story of second chances in love and climbing on Squamish's legendary Cobra Crack; an outrageous 18-day big wall epic on Patagonia's towering Torre Central; and the pursuit of a lifelong dream – a 5.15 first ascent – made possible by an unlikely partnership.

Death of Villains – A former child climbing-prodigy confronts his struggle with disordered eating to attempt his life-long dream of climbing a groundbreaking 5.15 first ascent, with the help of an unlikely, and controversial partner

Riders on the Storm – Three Belgian big-wallers endure eighteen days of howling snowstorms, frozen feet and gnarly runouts in their attempt to make a long-coveted alpine first ascent

The Cobra & the Heart – A turbulent 20-year saga of love, loss and

redemption: a whirlwind romance, a crushing defeat on a legendary climb, a religious epiphany and family betrayal, all building to a desperate bid for a rare second chance – at love, fatherhood and climbing

REEL ROCK brings the best climbing and adventure films of the year to live audiences throughout the world. The screenings are high energy, community events that go beyond mere film screenings to include prize giveaways, athlete and filmmaker appearances, non-profit fundraising and a festival atmosphere.

Founded in 2005 by groundbreaking filmmakers Josh Lowell and Peter Mortimer, the REEL ROCK Film Tour has grown into the premier global platform for award-winning climbing films that weave bold action, humor, heart, and soul into larger-than-life human stories for a wide audience, from the core climber to the arm-chair mountaineer.

Tickets for the Bozeman event are \$24 in advance and available through www.theemerson.org. For more information about the films and additional tour stops, visit www.reelrocktour.com. •

Locals don shamrock best for early Saint Paddy's Day run

With an unrelenting winter winding down, it's time for one of Bozeman's favorite springtime traditions. The streets will soon be lined with vibrant shades of green just ahead of St. Patrick's Day for the annual return of Pub 317's **Run to the Pub!** As is customary for this immensely popular event, thousands of 10K and half-marathon racers are expected to don their finest emerald attire before gathering at the starting line on Saturday, March 15th.

Participants will include those looking to run a personal best on the '25 course, creative costume enthusiasts, and everyone in between. Registering for the event earns participants a tech-

nic race shirt, finisher's medal and a well-deserved beer (for those 21+) at the finish line after party in Downtown Bozeman. Live entertainment will once again be provided by DJ Missy O'Malley.

A trademark of the annual race, two lucky registrants will be awarded a trip to Ireland to compete in the Dublin Marathon. The drawing will be held during the after party, allowing a pair of Bozeman racers an opportunity to represent Montana on the international stage!

Run to the Pub grew from humble beginnings when one of the owners of Pub 317 motivated a few friends for a St. Patrick's Day jog that ended with a

beer at the bar. The event steadily grew from there, now hosting thousands of racers from all over the map.

The event is more than just a chance to get outside and have a good time – it's also a way to aid the efforts of local nonprofits with a portion of the proceeds benefiting area organizations.

The half marathon will commence at 9:30am, with the 10K to follow at 9:45am. Loop course begins and ends on Main Street in Downtown Bozeman. Packet pickup is set for 10am-6pm on March 15th at Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Registration for the race and more information can be found at www.runtothepub.com.

Earth Day lectures talk agriculture, indigenous lands

Gallatin Valley Earth Day continues its annual event series preceding the spring festival with a pair of presentations this month. First up is **"Healing the Earth by Growing Food as Medicine"** on Tuesday, March 11th, at Museum of the Rockies. Bob Quinn, Montana organic farmer and businessman, will present at 7pm.

Since WWII, our national ag goal has been plentiful, low-cost food. Now we have the most abundant, cheap food in the world. However, this cheap food has come at a very high cost. Let's start with rural America – what percentage of the farms from our grandparents' era still exist? – hardy half. Look down Main Street of most small towns. What percentage of the businesses are boarded up? Again, about half.

Look at the pollution due to ag chemicals throughout our country and throughout the world. What percentage of your family and friends have at least

one chronic disease? The national average is now 60%. All these problems can be mediated by growing food as medicine. We start by healing our land, then our communities and finally our people. Quinn will use his personal experiences and observations over the past 70 years to suggest a few solutions that can involve everyone in a very positive way.

Following on Thursday, March 27th, Bozeman Public Library hosts **"An Indigenous Perspective on Living with the Land"** at 6pm. Steven Davis, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe member and descendant of the Blackfeet Nation, presents.

We can't have an Earth Day theme of "living with the land" without acknowledging the Native land on which we all live. The Gallatin Valley was known as the "Valley of the Flowers" by the Niitsitapi (Real Original People) who shared this land as a common hunting ground.

Join Davis, KiiNock"KooMii (First Thunder), an enrolled member of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe and descendant of the Blackfeet nation, as he shares his perspective of the Great Plains tribes living in balanced relationships with the peoples, places and processes that have shaped this continent since time immemorial.

Quinn and Davis' talks will also be presented virtually for those who cannot attend. Find a registration link and additional event information at www.gallatinvalleyearthday.org. Details about other upcoming talks will be available through the website leading up to the April 19th festival.

Gallatin Valley Earth Day encourages local citizen action to help protect our planet from here in the Gallatin Valley. The group came together in creation of a Bozeman festival that celebrates this vital work. Learn more by visiting the aforementioned website. •

Bridger event series wraps for season

Area skiers and snowboarders have been afforded an incredible season on the slopes, flocking to the locals' hill, Bridger Bowl, all winter long. Take part in some alpine competition to show off your conditioned form. Here's a look at what's coming up.

Ride & Seek brings on-snow scavengers out on Saturday, March 1st. Hunt for checkpoints around the mountain, fill up your card and present to the events crew for a chance to win door prizes. Participation benefits the Bridger Bowl Foundation, for which the event has raised \$32,901 since 2020!

The **Apron Challenge** follows on

March 2nd. This is a timed hike up the Apron and a wild descent down an off-piste GS course. Open to all skiers and boarders of all ages.

A full weekend of competitive action is set for March 8th and 9th with the **Slushy Slalom**. Best of two timed runs on the banked slalom down the natural gully below Slushman's Ravine. Snowboarders on Saturday and skiers on Sunday.

The **Molly Hayes Spring Equinox GS** is set for Saturday, March 15th. Open to skiers and snowboarders. One run on the blue course and one on the red. Best of two. Finish out the season a champion! The annual **Grand Prize Drawing** for those who participated in this season's Community Event Series will follow in Jim Bridger Lodge with beer promotion by Bayern Brewing and live music courtesy of Cole & the Thornes.

Annual benefit **Carve Out Hunger** will take place Saturday, March 29th. Donate 15 cans of food and receive a voucher for a \$25 lift ticket valid through the end of the

season. You'll also be entered to win an Adult Season Pass for the 2025-26 season! The event has collected a total of 40,321 pounds of food since 2013. All donations benefit the Gallatin Valley Food Bank.

Bridger Bowl operates a FREE ski bus service to and from the mountain, with multiple pick-up times daily. Operating midweek and weekends, the bus picks up at MSU's Strand Union Building and the Gallatin County Fairgrounds' Park n Ride lot on Tamarack St. throughout the entire ski season. Additionally, Eagle Mount Shuttle operates its own transportation service for disabled skiers and riders Friday-Sunday. Find a request form through Bridger's website along with shuttle schedules.

The ski area is located on the east slope of the Bridger Mountain Range. Download the Bridger Bowl app for snow reports and other announcements! For season pass information, bus schedule and upcoming event details, visit www.bridgerbowl.com. Bridger's projected closing day is April 13th. •



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