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Paint town PNK for breast cancer awareness

Downtown Bozeman will turn **PNK** for the entire month of October with pink banners lining Main Street and window decorations at many of downtown’s retailers and restaurants. Participating businesses will offer “PNK Promotions” with funds going towards local organizations that provide resources and support for those in our community affected by cancer.

Community members are encouraged to join PNKBZN stakeholders in Downtown Bozeman on October 1st for the second annual “PNK Promenade.” Decked out in your best pink attire, join outside the Rocking R Bar at 4:30pm to kick off the start of PNKBZN. Participants will walk the northside of Main’s sidewalk traveling east, turn at Rouse, and proceed down the southside heading west all the way back to the R Bar.

Montana State University and Bobcat Athletics are likewise encouraging fans to participate in the annual “Pack the Place in Pink” event at the Oct. 25th volleyball game to promote breast cancer awareness.

Fans are invited to purchase limited edition apparel to wear during the match against Idaho State. Items for purchase

include a pink T-shirt and two styles of baseball hats that feature a special ‘Pack the Place in Pink’ Bobcat logo. All items will retail for \$25 at Universal Athletic and the MSU Bookstore. A portion of the sales will be donated to the Pack the Place in Pink organization, a nonprofit project supporting breast cancer patients in Montana, providing them with financial assistance in all of our local communities.

PNKBZN seeks to: enhance local mindfulness and adherence of following screening guidelines for breast care; spread awareness on how to access screenings and diagnostic screenings and other resources; increase the community conversation around cancer awareness; and provide inspirational stories of people in our community who are living with breast cancer.

Community resources and program information is located at www.downtown-bozeman.org/PNKBZN and www.PinkBozeman.com. A list of PNK promotions will also be available through the DBA website. The monthlong event is hosted by PNKBZN community partners, with inclusions from other community partners. •

Discover unique MADE treasures en masse with Brick market

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

The **Bozeman Fall MADE fair** returns this 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 17th and 18th. 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 the Gallatin Watershed Council, a local nonprofit that guides collaborative water stewardship for a healthy and productive landscape.

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 mission 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. •

Ellen brings variety with downtown silver screenings

Downtown Bozeman’s Ellen Theatre will present a number of upcoming film screenings of the classic and family favorite variety this month, along with a pair of wildlife documentaries. Gather friends and loved ones for some popcorn and the following titles.

A must-see on the big screen, Alfred Hitchcock’s *The Birds* shows on Friday, October 10th. Wealthy socialite Melanie Daniels (Tippi Hedren) meets charming lawyer Mitch Brenner (Rod Taylor) during a playful San Francisco pet shop encounter involving lovebirds. Melanie, intrigued, follows Mitch to Bodega Bay to surprise him, but soon after her arrival, several birds act strangely, even attacking the local people. All seats are \$9.

Following on Saturday, Oct. 11th is a complimentary screening of *Bringing Up Baby*, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. While trying to secure a \$1 million donation for his museum, a befuddled paleontologist is pursued by a flighty and often irritating heiress and her pet leopard, Baby. Considered one of the best screwball comedies of all time, all seating is free on a first come, first served basis.

Celebrate “wild” places and the incredible life they support with *Wild, from Pole to Pole* on Thursday, Oct. 16th. Award-winning professional wildlife photographer and naturalist Rich Kirchner and naturalist Marylou Blakeslee explore wild areas and their importance, plus the amazing creatures that depend on these areas for their survival. Travel from the High Arctic to Antarctica, through Alaska, the American West, Baja, Galapagos, South America and South Georgia Island! This presentation includes a 65-minute multi-media slideshow/video and engaging Q&A. All seats are \$11.25.

Considered Charlie Chaplin’s most beloved work, *City Lights* illuminates the silver screen on Friday, Oct. 17th. In the film, friendship and social

ranking are not always as they seem. Enter a world of a disenchanted bourgeoisie, where a tramp is king and a blind girl is queen. Despite being a silent film in an era of “talkies,” *City Lights* continues to be understood and appreciated universally, a quality noted by Albert Einstein himself. All seats are \$7.

Bring Them Home – a powerful story of resilience, culture and the fight for identity – screens on Saturday, Oct. 18th. The poignant documentary follows a group of Blackfoot Confederacy members as they work to bring the buffalo back to their ancestral lands and spiritual traditions. More than a story about wildlife, this film is a testament to Indigenous sovereignty, cultural survival and generational healing. Montana-native filmmakers Daniel Glick and Ivan MacDonald will be in attendance for the screening, with all seats available for \$11.75.

Late this month, journey into the American West with Kevin Costner’s Academy Award-winning film *Dances with Wolves* on Saturday, Oct. 25th at 7pm. This sweeping epic follows Lieutenant John Dunbar, a Union officer who forms an unlikely bond with the Lakota Sioux after being stationed on the frontier. As he immerses himself in their way of life, Dunbar is forced to confront his own identity, loyalties and the harsh realities of a changing world. All seats are \$9.

Also screening at the Ellen this fall: *Georgia O’Keeffe: The Brightness of Light* on Nov. 1st and *Fly Away Home* on Nov. 2nd. These are ticketed events. See host website for additional details.

Concessions will be sold in the lobby one hour before each event. All begin at 7:30pm, unless otherwise noted. Ticketing and further information about these and other upcoming happenings is available at www.theellentheatre.org. For additional inquiries, call the box office at (406) 585-5885. •

Anderson youth guide trip down Corpsewood Road

The creepastic days of October leading up to All Hallow’s Eve offer locals a fun batch of events to celebrate the season before winter takes hold. For more than two decades, the 8th grade class at Anderson School has scared the residents of Gallatin Valley at their annual haunted house.

On Friday and Saturday, October 31st and November 1st, the popular horror show returns with *Haunted Ghost Town on Corpsewood Road*. This season’s haunted house will guide participants through a gory Old West setting with sinister chills and thrills. Be prepared to scream at the top of your lungs!

As in years past, the kids will transform the Little Red Schoolhouse into a terrifyingly fun

adventure for those who dare to visit. Lights will be ON from 5:30–6:30pm for little ones and the faint of heart. Lights will be OFF from 7–10pm with plenty of frights! Sponsored by Costco, Entropy Brands, Rocky Mountain Rigging, Montana Angler and Feed Café, admission begins at \$10 with fast pass and line-skipping tickets available. Purchase advance tickets at www.eventbrite.com.

This is an annual fundraiser for Anderson’s 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. Hot and cold beverage will be available for purchase while you wait and find the courage to enter. *Haunted Ghost Town on Corpsewood Road* can be found just 5 miles south of Huffine off Cottonwood Rd. at Anderson’s Little Red Schoolhouse. •

Doc Series enters new season with pair of acclaimed titles

On Thursday, October 9th, at the Emerson Center for the Arts & Culture, the Bozeman Doc Series returns for its eleventh season with the beautiful, award-winning new documentary, *Runa Simi*. The film screens at 7pm.

Fernando Valencia, an Indigenous voice actor and single father from Cusco, Peru, became a viral sensation by dubbing beloved animated clips into Quechua – an endangered yet still widely spoken language in South America. Now, Fernando dreams of an ambitious new goal – to dub Disney’s *The Lion King* into Quechua, reimagining a global classic in the language of his ancestors. What began as a playful project with his son Dylan quickly transforms into a full-fledged mission: a joyful act of preservation, identity and pride.

With rare tenderness and warmth, director Augusto Zegarra documents Fernando’s cultural mission, capturing each step as he assembles a voice cast, pursues financial support and confronts the barriers of Hollywood gatekeeping, all while balancing the joys and responsibilities of fatherhood. Both intimate and expansive, *Runa Simi* is a buoyant and heartfelt portrait of resilience, cultural pride and the transformative power of language.

Runa Simi world-premiered at this year’s Tribeca Film Festival, where it won the The Albert Maysles Award for Best New Documentary Director, and has screened at major festivals around the world.

“Simply delightful... This has all the inspiration and dream-big attitude of the best of the Walt Disney Studios catalog, and that is no small feat.” – *Film Threat*

“Augusto Zegarra’s buoyant first feature *Runa Simi* delivers a big-hearted and emotionally resonant story, anchored by a captivating exploration of fatherhood and cultural appreciation.” – Tribeca Film Festival

“Heartwarming... a bonafide David and Goliath story... a beautiful story about inclusion and the preservation of language... You will undoubtedly find yourself rooting for Fernando’s mission.” – *Reel News Daily*

Following on Thursday, October 23rd, the

Doc Series continues with the Montana premiere of *Love + War*. The new documentary from Oscar-winners Jimmy Chin and Chai Vasarhelyi screens at the Emerson at 7pm.

Love + War chronicles Pulitzer Prize-winning Lynsey Addario’s ascent in the male-dominated world of conflict photography. But her work is dangerous. She’s been kidnapped twice while on assignment in war zones – a cost she must wrestle with each time she leaves her husband and two sons to go on assignment. Behind the camera, Addario is torn between her unwavering commitment to the essential work of journalism and the powerful, competing demands of motherhood, grappling with what it truly means to follow your calling when it threatens everything you love.

Love + War world-premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in September to widespread critical acclaim.

“Intense... fascinating... an insightful portrait of what it means to stand one’s ground in a conflict zone and pause for just enough time to capture the unfolding horrors of war in real time. This intense saga of courage under fire offers an all-too-timely reminder why the world needs independent eyes on the ground in times of conflict.” – *POV*

“A visually harrowing but often ravishing record of some of the many conflicts Addario has covered over the years... a remarkably strong work.” – *The Hollywood Reporter*

“Enlightening... real, raw and deeply human... it isn’t often that documentaries are made about women who choose their work over their family, but Lynsey Addario’s dedication to her job is anything but ordinary. *Love + War* ultimately feels like a confrontation with the cost of that dedication, rather than a celebration of one person’s achievements. The film contrasts harrowing war zone footage with quiet, fragile moments at home, creating a visceral portrait of a life split between two worlds.” – *The Wrap*

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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BFS screens waterway doc, rock n’ roll profile

Bozeman Film Society continues its latest season with documentary ***The American Southwest*** on Wednesday, October 15th. The event will be held at Downtown Bozeman’s Ellen Theatre at 7pm.

Take a wild and unforgettable journey down the mighty Colorado River. Narrated by Quannah Chasinghorse, the film beautifully showcases the region’s abundant wildlife, confronts the ecological impacts of dams and river depletion, and boldly advocates for increased water and wildlife conservation.

The Fin and Fur Films production travels through legendary landscapes from the viewpoint of some of the Southwest’s most charming characters – such as wetland-building beavers, bugling bull elk and desert-adapted rattlesnakes. Made in association with Natives Outdoors, *The American Southwest* highlights the region’s deep cultural history and the crucial need to better manage the river for both wildlife and society to thrive.

Written and directed by Ben Masters, the film is Rated G. A Q&A with assistant editor Chet Stefan will follow the screening.

Following on Wednesday, October 29th, catch an Ellen screening of music doc continuation ***Spinal Tap II: The End Continues***. The film begins at 7pm.

LFS features ‘30s adaptation of Victor Hugo classic

The Livingston Film Series is delighted to present a special spooky screening of ***The Hunchback of Notre Dame*** on Thursday, October 9th. In advance of its community theatre production of the same story, the film begins at 7pm at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts.

This 1939 adaptation of the Victor Hugo novel is set in medieval Paris, where a deformed but kind bell ringer at a cathedral falls in love with a bewitching Gypsy who’s given sanctuary in the church after being framed for murder by a jealous official.

Directed by William Dieterle, the film stars Charles Laughton, Maureen O’Hara, Cedric Hardwicke, Thomas Mitchell and Edmond O’Brien. Critic Mike Massie

Forty-one years after the release of the groundbreaking mockumentary *This Is Spinal Tap*, the now estranged bandmates David St. Hubbins, Nigel Tufnel and Derek Smalls, are forced to reunite for one final concert. *Spinal Tap II* also marks the resurrection of documentarian Marty Di Bergi (Rob Reiner), who once again tries to capture his favorite metal gods as they contemplate mortality – and the hope that their 12th drummer doesn’t join them in The Great Beyond. Joined by music royalty Paul McCartney and Elton John, *Spinal Tap* wrestles with their checkered past to put on a concert that they hope will solidify their place in the pantheon of rock n’ roll.

Rated R, the film has a runtime of 83 min and also stars Michael McKean, Christopher Guest, Harry Shearer, Fran Drescher, Paul Shaffer, Questlove and Chris Addison.

“As funny as they are loud, these metal gods have actually improved with age.” – Tara McNamara, Common Sense Media

The American Southwest and *Spinal Tap II* screen on Oct. 15th and 29th, 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.boze-manfilmsociety.org – and Keep ‘Em Flickering! •

wrote of the film, “Laughton and O’Hara’s performances always bring back the momentum; their poignant interactions are the clear highlights of the production.” Not Rated, the film has a runtime of 117 min.

Kicking off 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.the-shanecenter.org.

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

Forum talks Gallatin housing

From MSU News Service

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Montana State University will host a virtual Friday Forum on October 10th to discuss housing availability and affordability in the Gallatin Valley.

The forum, “**Challenges & Solutions for Housing in the Gallatin Valley**,” will be held from noon to 1:30pm via Zoom. It is free and open to the public.

David O’Connor, executive director of Big Sky Community Housing Trust and member of the Gallatin Regional Housing Coalition, will describe housing costs, income trends and how local organizations

and policymakers are addressing housing challenges in the Gallatin Valley. He will also discuss the Gallatin Regional Housing Coalition’s new “Permanent Affordability Playbook.”

Participants must register for the Friday Forum before 11am Oct. 10th. They will receive an email from Zoom with a link and login instructions ahead of the event.

For more information about Friday Forums, visit OLLI at MSU’s offerings page. Forums occur on the second Friday of each month through May and are hosted by OLLI at MSU, a program of Academic Technology and Outreach. •

MOR hosts gross family fun, eerie elegance for adults

Museum of the Rockies creeps into the spooky season with a favorite returning event for local youth. The **Grossology Halloween Family Day** is set for Saturday, October 11th with activities from 1–4pm.

Step into a world of scientific wonders and meet real scientists from MSU and local organizations stationed throughout the museum. Pick up your “Grossology Passport” and embark on a journey to observe thrilling chemistry experiments and get up close with creepy, crawly critters. Embrace the challenge by visiting every gross station, and if you can stomach it all, a delightful bag of treats awaits!

It’s the perfect setting for a family costume party themed around “mad scientists,” ideal for unleashing the inner scientist in all ages. This event is included with museum admission.

Secure your spot by pre-registering or simply get your tickets at the door for a spooktacular time.

The local exhibitor has likewise announced the return of spirited seasonal event, “**Pour &**

Gore: A Victorian Halloween Party” Two adults-only events will be held Friday and Saturday, October 24th and 25th from 6–10pm each night.

Slip into your finest vintage threads and uncover the shadowy secrets of the Victorian era at this delightfully dark and immersive evening of spirited fun. History has never been this haunting, or this stylish.

At Pour & Gore, the 1890s Tinsley House comes alive with hauntingly beautiful décor and vintage fun. Try your hand at classic Victorian parlor games, create a creepy crepe paper snake in a hands-on workshop, and receive a personal tarot or fortune-telling session. Visit the Taylor Planetarium for a spooky, celestial-themed show, then explore Montana’s mysterious past through captivating tales of local myths and legends.

Whether you’re fascinated by folklore, drawn to handmade oddities, or enchanted by eerie stargazing, Pour & Gore offers an evening filled with mystery, history and Halloween celebration.

Shane stages Parisian tale of Quasimodo & Esmeralda

Venture back to 15th century Paris at Livingston’s Shane Lalani Center for the Arts as their community theatre season continues. Dress accordingly for ***The Hunchback of Notre Dame*** with performances running from October 17th through November 9th.

What makes a monster and what makes a man? This is the central theme of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, a sweeping, grand-scale musical. Based on the 1996 Disney film and Victor Hugo’s 1831 novel, the play tells the story of Quasimodo, the hunchbacked bell-ringer of Notre Dame, and his desire to one day be a part of the outside world.

When he summons the courage to attend the Feast of Fools, he meets Esmeralda, a compassionate gypsy who protects him from an angry mob. But at the same time, Quasimodo’s master, the archdeacon Dom Claude Frolo, and the new captain of the guard, Phoebus de Martin, fall in love with the beautiful girl.

Adding to Quasimodo’s struggle is his punishment and derision from Frolo, following

years of psychological abuse, and the danger posed by the gypsies, who are willing to kill any outsiders who venture into their secret hideout. But before Paris is burned to the ground, will Quasimodo be able to save Esmeralda from Frolo’s lust and anger? Will she return Quasimodo’s affection? Who is the true monster of Notre Dame? [*Stage Agent*]

The Hunchback of Notre Dame runs weekends from Oct. 17th to Nov. 9th. Performances take place in the Dulcie Theatre. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30pm, with Sunday matinees to follow at 3pm. A special Thursday show is set for Nov. 6th at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$19 for seniors/students/veterans, and \$13 for youth 17 & under. Make reservations at www.theshanecenter.org or call the box office at (406) 222-1420. This production contains mature themes and situations, and may not be suitable for young children. Concessions available.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame is generously sponsored by Foodworks, Dusty Daws State Farm and Chico Hot Springs Resort. •

Verge explores love in digital age

Verge Theater presents a staged reading of Caryl Churchill’s ***Love and Information***, a kaleidoscopic play exploring how we connect in the digital age. Events will be held October 10th–12th, with Friday and Saturday shows at 8pm, and Sunday at 5pm.

Love and Information consists of over 50 scenes, ranging from poignant to hilarious, each offering a glimpse into the lives of people navigating the intricate web of modern relationships. With its innovative structure and sharp insights, this play is a theatrical experience unlike any other.

This groundbreaking play explores the complexities of human connection in a fast-paced, information-saturated world, offering a kaleidoscopic look at love, identity and

communication. Directed by Kyrie Dawson, this staged reading features a talented ensemble cast taking on multiple roles, showcasing their versatility and bringing Churchill’s vivid characters to life.

And coming soon to Verge... enjoy some haunting teen theater with *Beetlejuice Jr.* Performances will be held November 1st–9th. Friday and Saturday shows at 7pm, followed by Sunday matinees at 2pm. See host website for additional details.

Staged readings of *Love and Information* are free with a suggested donation of \$20 at the door, as seats are available. Advanced seats may be reserved for the donation cost at www.vergetheater.com as well as further information about educational opportunities for aspiring thespians. •

Conservation panel explores music, science & storytelling

The Bozeman Symphony and Montana State University’s Montana Institute on Ecosystems invite the public to “**Symphony, Storytelling & Science**.” Open to all, the free event takes place Thursday, October 9th, from 2–3:30pm at the Museum of the Rockies’ Hager Auditorium.

This dynamic panel discussion blends music, science, and storytelling to highlight the vital roles of honey bees, wolves and buffalo in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Panelists include:
– Dr. Jill Falcon Ramaker, MSU Assistant Professor of Indigenous Food Systems and Land Practices; Director, Buffalo Nations Food Systems Initiative
– Dr. Michelle Flenniken, MSU Professor, Department of Plant Sciences & Pathology; Co-Director, Pollinator Health Center
– Mike Phillips, Executive Director, Turner Endangered Species Fund
– Stephanie Ann Boyd, composer of *Carnival of the Nearly Extinct Animals*
The conversation will be moderated by

Norman Huynh, Music Director of the Bozeman Symphony.

This panel is presented in conjunction with the world premiere of Boyd’s *Carnival of the Nearly Extinct Animals* during the Symphony’s upcoming concert, “Nature’s Wonders: Beethoven’s Pastoral Symphony,” on October 11th and 12th at Willson Auditorium in Downtown Bozeman.

In her new work, Boyd brings thirteen endangered species to life through the orchestra, weaving together the sounds of their environments to create a vivid and deeply human musical journey. Both celebratory and urgent, the piece sheds light on threats such as pollution, habitat loss and climate change – urging audiences to reflect on nature’s fragility and resilience.

Concerts are Saturday, Oct. 11th, at 7:30pm and Sunday, Oct. 12th, at 2:30pm. Tickets begin at \$30 for adults, with discounted tickets available for students. Purchase at www.bozemansymphony.org or by calling (406) 585-9774. •

Victorian or vintage-inspired attire is encouraged, and eerie elegance is welcome.

Enjoy a complimentary drink of your choice, whether it is a haunting cocktail, crisp beer, fine wine or non-alcoholic beverage, and savor light refreshments provided by MSU Catering and Plonk. Additional drinks will be available for purchase.

“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 ***Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall*** will be on display into early 2026.

Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace, braved the unknown to give the world a remarkable window into humankind’s closest living relatives: chimpanzees.

In this hands-on, transportive multimedia exhibition celebrating her extraordinary life and work, visitors will explore Dr. Goodall’s early years through iconic images and a multiscreen experience and venture on an immersive projection of Tanzania’s Gombe Stream National Park where she did her famous behavioral research on chimps.

Visitors will also see a life-size hologram of Dr. Goodall, enter a replica of her research tent, and learn about her current role as a leader in community-centered conservation and youth empowerment. Finally, visitors will find out what they can do today to make a positive impact in the world.

MOR is open from 9am–5pm daily. For more information about featured exhibits, membership details and ‘Pour & Gore’ tickets, visit www.museumoftherockies.org. •

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Gallatin County RV & Boat Show
10am Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Field & Stream Bozeman Hotel Opening Party 5pm Field & Stream Bozeman

Valhalla Drink and Draw 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Ian & Friends Jazz Trio 6pm Tune Up Bar

Evening at the Museum 6pm Museum of the Rockies

Tom Kirwan 6pm MAP Brewing

Jakob Alexander 6pm Gallatin River Lodge

Jazz Night 6pm Last Best Comedy

Always Rockin Bingo 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

Waypoint Trivia 7pm The Big Sky

7pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway

Scratchin' Gravel 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Chandler Huntley 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Brian Kassay 8pm Eagles Bar

Darden Smith 8pm

Open Jam 8pm Murray Bar – Livingston

Bombargo 8pm The Filling Station

Bits & Beats: Comedy + JAZZ 8pm Last Best Comedy

Jampoke 9pm Haufbrau

Eddie T & Jazz Friends 9pm Tune Up Bar

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Business Before Hours 7:30am Bozeman Brokers Real Estate

Show 10am Gallatin Fairgrounds

Public Skate 11am Ressler Rink – GCF

Music Seminar: Student/Faculty 11am MSU Reynolds Recital Hall

Thursday's Table 1pm Bozeman Public Library

Husband Daycare 4pm Sawdust & Steel Brewery – Three Forks

Teen Kitchen Lab – Baked Apples 4pm Bozeman Public Library

LAST Farm Party 5pm Bodhi Farms

Kalyn Beasley 6pm Tune Up Bar

Bozeman Water Adequacy Town Hall 6pm Bozeman Public Library

hosted by the WARD Working Group 6pm Bridger Pub 3 Forks

Mark Taylor Jr. 6pm Bridger Pub 3 Forks

MSIP Free Performance of Richard III 6:30pm Black Box Theater – MSU

Way Down North 7pmBozeman Hot Springs

Scratchin' Gravel 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Manhattan Short Film Festival 7pm The Big Sky Waypoint

2nd Annual Livingston Songwriter Festival 7pm Murray Hotel – Livingston

Vintage Swing 7:30pm La Brasserie

Line Dancing 8pm Bourbon

Tyler Krahleing 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant

Open Mic 8pm Bozeman Taproom

Trio Grandio 9pm Tune Up Bar

Max Niemann 9pm Haufbrau

Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar

Karaoke 9:30pm Legion – Bozeman

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Bridger Raptor Festival 10am Bridger Bowl

LAST Brunch: Jared Hudgens 10am Bodhi Farms

RV & Boat Show 10amGallatin Fairgrounds

Harvest Market 11am Yellowstone Allian

Books Week 2pm Studio Wheelhouse

Sunday FUNDay 2pmBozeman Brewing Co.

Bozeman Fire Station #3 Open House 2pm Bozeman Fire Station #3

Gallatin Valley Band Concert: Grainger & Friends 2:30pm Gallatin High School

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Public Skate 3pm Ressler Rink – GCF

Celtic Jam 3:15pm Valhalla Meadery

Warren Miller Arts Center – Big Sky

Live Trivia 5:30pm AC Lounge

Lena Schiffer 6pm Sage Lodge

Johnny Dango 7pm Norris Hot Springs

Icarus 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs

Tom Georges 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Cole Decker 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Kafka's Monkey 7pm Tinworks Art

Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pmEagles Bar

The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus 7pmThe Elm

Tom Georges 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Johnny Dango 7pm Norris Hot Springs

Stonefruit 8pm Tune Up Bar

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Public Skate 1pm Ressler Rink – GCF

GVFB Pop-Up Pantry 4pm Peace Lutheran Church – Belgrade

Brian Stumpf 6pm Bunker Deck & Grill

Author Talk: Leah Sottile in Conversation with Betsy Gaines Quammen 6pm Country Bookshelf

Open Range Duo 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston

Wildrye Trivia 6pm WildRye Distilling

Documentary Film Night – Banned Together 6pm Bozeman Public Library

Tuesday Night Rodeo Club 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Chandler Huntley 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub

Salsa Mondays @ VII:XXX 7:30pm Bar IX

Comedy Night 8pm Eagles Bar

American Monday Karaoke 9pm American Legion – Bozeman

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Public Skate 12:45pm Ressler Rink – GCF

Newcomer Orientation 5pm Bozeman Dharma Center

Off-Season BINGO Night 5:30pm Riverhouse BBQ & Events – Big Sky

Last Best Trivia! 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.

Valhalla Open Mic 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Andrew Olivo 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston

Colombo's Trivia 6pm Colombo's Pizza

406 Trivia 6pm406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan

Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm Gute Laune Wurstar in The Rialto

Always Trivia 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation panel "Ascending together: Public action for high-elevation forests" 7pm Norm Asbjornson Hall – MSU

VNEA Pool League 7pm Eagles Bar

Pheasant Tail Simplicity Book Launch 7pm MSU – SUB

Tuesday Night Rodeo Club 7:30pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

University String Orchestra and University Band Concert 7:30pm MSU Reynolds Recital Hall

Tips Up Open Mic Night 8pm Tips Up – Big Sky

IX Karaoke @ VIII 8pm Bar IX

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Symphony Storytime 10:15am Bozeman Public Library

Paint & Sip – "Spooky Season" 5:45pm Audrey's Pizza & Freefall Brewery

Valhalla Drink and Draw 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Phil Madwell 6pm Gallatin River Lodge

Ryan LittleEagle 6pm Tune Up Bar

Phil Madwell 6pm Gallatin River Lodge

Scott Connors Band 6pm MAP Brewing

Always Rockin Bingo 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

Letterpress 102: Photopolymer Plates 6:30pm Studio Wheelhouse

Candidate Forum – Bozeman City Commission 6:30pm Bozeman Public Library

Chandler Huntley 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Scratchin' Gravel 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Adult Swing Wednesdays 7pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway

Bozeman on the Brink 7pm Emerson Center for Arts and Culture

Waypoint Trivia 7pmThe Big Sky Waypoint

Treasure State Comedy Showcase 7pm Last Best Comedy

Mathias 8pm Eagles Bar

Jampack 9pm Haufbrau

Jacob Rountree Band 9pm Tune Up Bar

9

Life Line Health Screening 10am Fairgrounds

Public Skate 11am Ressler Rink

Music Seminar: Montana 11am MSU Reynolds Hall

Chamber Music – 11amMSU Reynolds Hall

Restoration Thursday 1pm Bozeman

Thursday's Table 1pm Bozeman Library

Choral Colloquium – Voices and Montanans 2pm Holy Rosary C

Conservation Panel Exploring Music, Science, and Storytelling 2pm MOR

4:44 @ 4C 4:44pm Montieris Outlet

Elise R. Donohue Lecture Series | Northern Cheyenne Plants & Their Uses 5:30pm Museum Rockies

Kathy Widdicombe 5:30pm Tune Up Bar

Rod Morisson 6pm Bridger Pub – 3 Forks

& Ballot Initiative 6:30pm BZN Library

BZN Doc Series: Runa Simi 7pm Emerson

Ryan LittleEagle 7pmBozeman Hot Springs

Scratchin' Gravel 7pm Buckhorn Saloon LV

LFS Presents: The Hunchback of Notre Dame 7pm Shane Center – Livingston

CMarie Fuhrman 7pm Elk River Books – LV

Vintage Swing 7:30pm La Brasserie

MSU Wind Symphony 7:30pm MSU Reynolds

Line Dancing 8pm Bourbon

Colin Morelock 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant

Open Mic 8pm Bozeman Taproom

Mark Taylor Jr 9pm Haufbrau

Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar

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Nature's Wonders: Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony 2:30pm Willson Auditorium

Public Skate 3pm Ressler Rink – GCF

Celtic Jam 3:15pm Valhalla Meadery

Paint & Sip – "Spooky Season" 4pm Bar 3 BBQ

Love and Information 5pm Verge Theater – Emerson Suite 107

Lena Schiffer 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston

Johnny Dango 7pm Norris Hot Springs

Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pm Eagles Bar

Tom Georges 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Patty PerShayla w/ Steven Stephen 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs

Bozeman paranormal society 8pm Sunset Hills Cemetery

Brice Ash Quartet 8pm Tune Up Bar

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Indigenous Peoples' Day Pub Skate 11:15amRessler Rink

Indigenous Peoples' Day Youth Celebration (Ages 0–14) 3:30pm Museum of Rockies

Brian Stumpf 6pm Bunker Deck & Grill

Wildrye Trivia 6pm WildRye Distilling

Cole Decker 6pm Sage Lodge

Ryan Little Eagle 6:30pm Red Tractor Pizza

Tuesday Night Rodeo Club 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Chandler Huntley 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub

Salsa Mondays @ VII:XXX 7:30pm Bar IX

Comedy Night 8pm Eagles Bar

American Monday Karaoke 9pm American Legion – Bozeman

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Flavors of Wellness 11am Bozeman Public Library

Gallatin County Open Lands Program 25th Anniversary 4:30pm Gallatin County Regional Park

Grief, Loss, and Bereavement Support Group 4:30pm Bozeman Public Library

Last Best Trivia! 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.

Valhalla Open Mic 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Always Trivia 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

Marcedes Carroll 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston

Colombo's Trivia 6pm Colombo's Pizza

406 Trivia 6pm406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan

Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm Gute Laune Wurstar in The Rialto

VNEA Pool League 7pm Eagles Bar

Tuesday Night Rodeo Club 7:30pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Fall Choral Concert 7:30pm MSU Reynolds Recital Hall

Tips Up Open Mic Night 8pm Tips Up – Big Sky

Molly Tuttle w/ Joshua Ray Walker and Cecilia Castleman 8pm The Elm

IX Karaoke @ VIII 8pm Bar IX

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Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Rink – GCF

Ocktoberfest Green Drinks 5:30pm Intrinsik Architecture

MOR's Presenting Prehistory Lecture Series | Dr. Mary Schweitzer 5:30pm Museum of the Rockies

Valhalla Drink and Draw 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Marcedes Carroll 6pm Gallatin River Lodge

Brendan Nolan 6pm Tune Up Bar

Mother Linda 6pm MAP Brewing

Marcedes Carroll 6pm Gallatin River Lodge

Always Rockin Bingo 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

Adult Swing Wednesdays 7pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway

The American Southwest 7pm The Ellen Theatre

Scratchin' Gravel 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Chandler Huntley 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Waypoint Trivia 7pmThe Big Sky Waypoint

Hannah Jo Lally 8pm Eagles Bar

Come Back K! 9pm Tune Up Bar

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Thursday's Table 1pm Bozeman Public Library

The Stand-Up Pop-Up 6pm Apres Brewing & Coffee

Marcedes Carroll 6pm Tune Up Bar

Brendan Nolan 6pm Bridger Pub & Grill – 3 Forks

Letterpress 101: Halloween Cards 6:30pm Studio Wheelhouse

Scratchin' Gravel 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Tinworks Free Movie Night: Last Things 7pm The Rialto

Colleen O'Brien 7pm Elk River Books – Livingston

Jack Ooster 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs

Downbeat Vintage Swing 7:30pm La Brasserie

Wild, from Pole to Pole 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre

Soaked and Toasted bluegrass jam 8pm Antlers Bar – Clyde Park

Line Dancing with Western Roots 8pm Bourbon

Josh Sanchez 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant

Open Mic 8pm Bozeman Taproom

MAGMA Movie Tour 8pm The Elm

Jampoke 9pm Haufbrau

Icarus 9pm The Filling Station

Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar

Bitter Roots Revival 9pm Tune Up Bar

American Thursday Karaoke 9:30pm American Legion – Bozeman

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Stained Glass 101: Mirror Webs 2pm Studio Wheelhouse

Public Skate 3pm Ressler Rink – GCF

The Hunchback of Notre Dame 3pm Shane Center – Livingston

Celtic Jam 3:15pm Valhalla Meadery

Jazz Jam Session featuring The Alex Platt Trio 5pmRed Tractor Pizza

Paint & Sip – "Halloween Night" 5pm Audrey's Pizza & Freefall Brewery

Gary's Variety Show 5pm Warren Miller Performing Arts Center – Big Sky

Live Trivia 5:30pm Benchmark at The AC Hotel

Lena Schiffer 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston

Mathias 7pm Norris Hot Springs

Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pmEagles Bar

Tom Georges 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Hornbread 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs

Finding Lucinda 7pm Live From The Divide

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Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Rink – GCF

GVFB Pop-Up Pantry 4pm Peace Lutheran Church – Belgrade

The Montana Constitution Road Show 6pm Bozeman Library

Brian Stumpf 6pm Bunker Deck & Grill

Wildrye Trivia 6pm WildRye Distilling

Open Range Duo 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston

Mohohand with Steven Stephen and Logan Lieber & The Light Blue 7pm The Filling Station

Tuesday Night Rodeo Club 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Chandler Huntley 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub

Salsa Mondays @ VII:XXX 7:30pm Bar IX

MSU Symphony Orchestra and Gallatin High School Kamerata 7:30pm Gallatin High School – GHS

Comedy Night 8pm Eagles Bar

American Monday Karaoke 9pm American Legion – Bozeman

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Off-Season BINGO Night 5:30pm The Riverhouse

Death on the Frontier – Mourning and Funeral Rituals in 19th-Century Montana 6pm Bozeman Public Library

Last Best Trivia! 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.

Open Mic 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Between the Buried and Me & Hail The Sun 6pm The Elm

Chandler Huntley 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston

Colombo's Trivia 6pm Colombo's Pizza

406 Trivia 6pm406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan

Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm Gute Laune Wurstar in The Rialto

Always Trivia 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

VNEA Pool League 7pm Eagles Bar

Tuesday Night Rodeo Club 7:30pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Guest Artist Series: Rhonda Larson, flute 7:30pm MSU Reynolds Recital Hall

IX Karaoke @ VIII 8pm Bar IX

Tips Up Open Mic Night 8pm Tips Up – Big Sky

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Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Rink – GCF

What's Cooking? with Dr. Joe 12pm Bozeman Pub Library

Memory Cafe 3pm Bozeman Public Library

Business During Hours 4pmStockman Bnk

Celebrating Trailblazing Women of the West 5:30pmBest Western Plus GranTree

Drink and Draw 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Friends of the Avalanche Center: Powder Blast 2025 w/ Roadrunner 6pm The Elm

Johnny Dango 6pm MAP Brewing

Always Rockin Bingo 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

Level-Up Men's Collective 6:30pm American Legion – Bozeman

St. Olaf Orchestra 7pm Hope Lutheran Church

Chandler Huntley 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Scratchin' Gravel 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky

Adult Swing Wednesdays 7pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway

Waypoint Trivia 7pm The Big Sky Waypoint

Science Inquiry Series: The Energy, Economy and Climate Nexus 7:30pm Bozeman Public Library

Workshop Jazz Band Concert 7:30pm MSU Reynolds Recital Hall

Rob Lethert 8pm Eagles Bar

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Music Seminar: Mike List, Percussion and Electronic – Guest Artist 11am MSU Reynolds Recital Hall

Thursday's Table 1pm Bozeman Public Library

Author Talk with Donna L. Erickson 6pm Country Bookshelf

LOVE + WAR 7pm Emerson Center for Arts and Culture

Brice Ash Trio 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs

Melodies for Montana PBS 7pm The Ellen Theatre

Shann Ray 7pm Elk River Books – Livingston

Downbeat Vintage Swing 7:30pm La Brasserie

Guest Artist Series: Mike List, percussion and electronics 7:30pm MSU Reynolds Recital Hall

Line Dancing with Western Roots 8pm Bourbon

Cody Bartels 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant

Open Mic 8pm Bozeman Taproom

Paul Gilbert 9pm The Filling Station

Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar

Jampoke 9pm Haufbrau

Karaoke 9:30pm Legion – Bozeman

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Sunday FUNDay 2pm Bozeman Brewing Co.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame 3pm Shane Center for the Arts – Livingston

Public Skate 3pm Ressler Rink – GCF

The Addams Family 3pm Warren Miller Performing Arts Center – Big Sky

Paint & Sip – "Halloween Night" 4pm Gallatin River Lodge

Live Trivia 5:30pm Benchmark at The AC Hotel

Lena Schiffer 6pm Sage Lodge

The Addams Family 6:30pm Warren Miller Performing Arts Center – Big Sky

Tom Kirwan 7pm Norris Hot Springs

Clint Reimann 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs

Bridger Mountain Big Band 7pmEagles Bar

The Tallest Man on Earth 7pm The Elm

Wayne Bergeron & MSU One O'Clock Jazz Band 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre

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Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Rink – GCF

Estate Planning – Families and Legacies 6pm Bozeman Public Library

Wildrye Trivia 6pm WildRye Distilling

Brian Stumpf 6pm Bunker Deck & Grill

Paul Lee Kupfer 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston

Tuesday Night Rodeo Club 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Bacchus Trivia 7pm Bacchus Pub

Salsa Mondays 7:30pm Bar IX

Comedy Night 8pm Eagles Bar

American Monday Karaoke 9pm American Legion – Bozeman

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Warren Miller's Sno-ciety 4:30pm The Ellen Theatre

Last Best Trivia! 6pm Last Best Place Brewing Co.

Valhalla Open Mic 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Marcedes Carroll 6pm Sage Lodge

Colombo's Trivia 6pm Colombo's Pizza

406 Trivia 6pm406 Brewing Co. – Manhattan

Always Trivia 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

Bozeman Backgammon Club 6pm Gute Laune Wurstar in The Rialto

Showman & Cool Concert 7pm Gallatin Labor Temple

VNEA Pool League 7pm Eagles Bar

Warren Miller's Sno-ciety 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre

Faculty Artist Series: Beth Antonopulos, oboe 7:30pm MSU Reynolds Recital Hall

Tips Up Open Mic Night 8pm Tips Up – Big Sky

IX Karaoke @ VIII 8pm Bar IX

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Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Rink – GCF

MOSAIC Health and Rehab – Free Halloween Party 4pm MOSAIC Health and Rehab

Valhalla Drink and Draw 6pm Valhalla Meadery

Bitter Roots Revival 6pm MAP Brewing

Always ROCK'N BINGO 6pm It Will Always Be That Way Lounge

SPINAL TAP II: THE END CONTINUES 7pm The Ellen Theatre

Adult Swing Wednesdays 7pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway

Chandler Huntley 7pm Montage Alpenglow Lounge – Big Sky

Waypoint Trivia 7pm The Big Sky Waypoint

Levi Main 8pm Eagles Bar

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Music Seminar: Jazz Jam – student jazz and commercial music 11am MSU Reynolds I

Thursday's Table 1pm Bozeman Public Library

Steven Stephen 6pm Bridger Pub & Grill – 3 Forks

Paige & the Overtones 7pm Bozeman Hot Springs

Downbeat Vintage Swing 7:30pm La Brasserie

MSU Wind Symphony and GHS Band Concert 7:30pm Gallatin High School

Open Mic 8pm Bozeman Taproom

Chuck Briseno 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant

Line Dancing 8:30pm Bourbon

Mosquitos on the River 9pm Haufbrau

Nickel B 9pm The Filling Station

Karaoke 9pm Eagles Bar

Karaoke 9:30pm Legion – Bozeman

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

3 Virtual Fossil Friday 9am Virtual Event
Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane
Goodall Exhibit Opens 9am Museum of Rockies
Gallatin County RV & Boat Show 10a Firgrnds
2nd Annual Livingston Songwriter Festival
10:30am Murray Hotel – Livingston
Public Skate 1pm Ressler Rink – GCF
Bozeman Parade of Homes 4pm Bozeman
Art, Algorithms, and Future of Connection: A Night of
Thtr & Technology 4:30pm American Computer Musm
Left for Dead 5:30pm Willies Distillery – Ennis
Loving Loic Annual Gala w/ The Tiny Band 6pm Armory
Brice Ash 6pm Tune Up Bar
Cory Johnson 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston
Joe Sings Songs & Sons 7pm Norris Hot Springs
Kafka's Monkey 7pm Tinworks Art
Joe Sings Songs & Sons 7pm Norris Hot Springs
Stand-Up with Lachlan Patterson 7pm Last Best Comedy
IX Trivia @VIII 8pm Bar IX
Mosquitoes on the River 8pm Tips Up – Big Sky
Shakedown County 8pm The Jump
Aaron Golay & The Original Sin
8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant
Western Skies 8pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway
Brendan Nolan 8:30pm Fainting Goat Pub – Livingston
Band of Drifters 9pm Murray Bar – Livingston
Plaza Karaoke 9pm Plaza Bar – Three Forks
Big Blonde 9pm Haufbrau
FLAVATOWN 9pm Eagles Bar
Still Fools 9pm The Filling Station
JR's Karaoke 9pm JR's Lounge & Casino
Funky Moto 9pm Tune Up Bar
Kraig Rieger 9pm Bozeman Taproom
The Fossils 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Stand-Up with Lachlan Patterson 9pm Last Best Comedy

10 Public Skate 1pm Ressler Rink – GCF
Steve Rose 5:30pm Willies Distillery – Ennis
TGR Presents: "PRESSURE DROP"
6pm The Big Sky Waypoint
The Hooligans 6pm Tune Up Bar
Quality Ski Time Film 6pm Emerson Center
Luke Flansburg 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston
History After Dark 7pm The Extreme History Project
Gregory Rawlins 7pm Norris Hot Springs
ASMSU Country Swing Dance 7pm Gallatin Fairgrounds
Stand-Up with Jay Washington 7pm Last Best Comedy
Soaked & Toasted 7:30pm Elks Lodge – Livingston
Cinema Classic – The Birds 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre
Ice dogs vs Helena 7:30pm Haynes Pavilion – GCF
Montana Chamber Music – Kenji Bunch with Monica
Ohuchi & Angella Ahn 7:30pm MSU Reynolds Recital Hall
IX Trivia @VIII 8pm Bar IX
Love and Information 8pm Verge Theater – Emerson
Trent Brooks Band 8pm The Jump
Peter King Trio 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant
Katie Boeck 8pm Live From The Divide
TGR Presents: "PRESSURE DROP" 8pm BS Waypoint
Lissa Dee Band 8pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway
Old Crow Medicine Show w/ Meels 8pm The Elm
JR's Karaoke 9pm JR's Lounge & Casino
Lost Canyons 9pm Murray Bar – Livingston
Kid Boyo 9pm Haufbrau
Icarus 9pm The Filling Station
Buffalo Burrows 9pm Tune Up Bar
Cole Thorne 9pm Bozeman Taproom
KGLT Fundraiser at the Eagles on Main 9pm Eagles Bar
Ian Thomas & Band of Drifters 9pm Chico Saloon
Steens 9pm Grey Dog Bar
Stand-Up with Jay Washington 9pm Last Best Comedy

17 Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Rink – GCF
Bozeman Fall MADE Fair VIP night
5pm Brick Breeden Fieldhouse – MSU
Tyler John Kraehling
5:30pm Willies Distillery – Ennis
Stained Glass 101: Bats 6pm Studio Wheelhouse
Jacob Rountree 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston
Speed Dating: 38-58 Edition 7pm Sky Oro
BLKWRM 7pm Norris Hot Springs
The Bo Show 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky
Yung Gravy 7pm The Elm
Stand-Up with Maggie Maye 7pm Last Best Comedy
The Hunchback of Notre Dame
7:30pm Shane Lalani Center for the Arts – Livingston
Charlie Chaplin – City Lights 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre
IX Trivia @VIII 8pm Bar IX
Signal Fire 8pm Tips Up – Big Sky
Jarred Hanson & The SunsAh406 8pm The Jump
Jodi & Marcus Engstrom 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant
Kailey Marie Band 8pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway
Jackson Holte & The Highway Patrol
8pm The Attic – Livingston
JR's Karaoke 9pm JR's Lounge & Casino
The Dirt Farmers 9pm Murray Bar – Livingston
Plaza Karaoke 9pm Plaza Bar – Three Forks
West Dakota Stutter 9pm Haufbrau
Willy On The Wire 9pm Eagles Bar
Academy Order 9pm The Filling Station
Jeff Peterson Band 9pm Grey Dog Bar
Lost Canyons 9pm Tune Up Bar
John Razook 9pm Bozeman Taproom
El Wencho 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Stand-Up with Maggie Maye 9pm Last Best Comedy

24 Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Rink – GCF
Annual Hunters Feed 3pm Downtown Ennis
Hunters Feed & Critter Call 3pm Willies Distillery
Zombie walk 5pm Lewis & Clark Park – Belgrade
Matt Wallin 5:30pm Willies Distillery – Ennis
Pour and Gore: A Victorian Halloween Party
6pm Museum of the Rockies
Jacob Rountree 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston
Charlie Denison 7pm Norris Hot Springs
Zach Williams' 'REVIVAL NIGHTS TOUR' 7pm Fieldhouse
Stand-Up with Aaron Woodall 7pm Last Best Comedy
Montana's Got Talent 7pm Whitefish Performing Arts Center
Kip Moore 7pm The Elm
The Hunchback of Notre Dame 7:30pm Shane Center LV
Ice dogs vs Yellowstone 7:30pm Haynes Pavilion – GCF
MSU Symphony Orchestra Concert 7:30pm MSU Reynolds
IX Trivia @VIII 8pm Bar IX
Leaving a Mark – A Dark Comedy 8pm The Ellen Theatre
Brandon Hale & The Dirty Shame 8pm The Jump
Lena Rich – Album Release 8pm Live From The Divide
Columbia Jones 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant
Cody Bartels Band 8pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway
SKULL AND ROSES BALL 8pm The Big Sky Waypoint
JR's Karaoke 9pm JR's Lounge & Casino
Gary Small & The Coyote Brothers 9pm Murray Livingston
Basketball Jones 9pm Eagles Bar
The Dead and Down 9pm The Filling Station
Cellar Door 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon
Steven Stephen 9pm Grey Dog Bar
Big Ole 9pm Haufbrau
John Oosterhuis 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Stand-Up with Aaron Woodall 9pm Last Best Comedy

31 BSF Ski Swap – Consignment Dropoff
10am Gallatin County Fairgrounds
Public Skate 11:15am Ressler Rink – GCF
Trick or Treat 3pm Bozeman Health Deaconess
Ghost Town Corpsewood Rd 5:30pm Little Red Schilhouse
Fare MT Frog Dogs 5:30pm Willies Distillery – Ennis
Tarek Isham 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston
Public Skate 7pm Ressler Rink – GCF
Margo Price 7pm The Elm
The Hunchback of Notre Dame 7:30pm Shane Center
Halloween w/ Clint Reimann 8pm The Jump
Ticket Sauce HALLOWEEN PARTY 9pm Old Saloon
Chuck Bresno Band – 8pm The Westerner Gateway
JR's Karaoke 9pm JR's Lounge & Casino
Plaza Karaoke 9pm Plaza Bar – Three Forks
Fairly Brief 9pm Haufbrau
The Love Darts 9pm Eagles Bar
Signal Fire 9pm The Filling Station
Logan Liebert and the Light Blue 9pm Grey Dog Bar
Tyler Stepp 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Justin Case Band (Halloween Party) 9pm Chicoo
The Beagles 9pm Murray Bar – Livingston

4 Ressler's Motors Cars & Coffee 9am Audi Bozeman
Buddhism Basics 9am Bozeman Dharma Center
Bozeman Winter Farmers Market 9am Fairgrounds
Bridger Raptor Festival 10am Bridger Bowl
Gallatin County RV & Boat Show 10am Fairgrounds
Livingston Songwriter Festival 10:30am Murray Hotel – Livingston
Harvest Market 11am Yellowstone Alliance Adventures
DogDash Monster Mash 11am Story Mill Community Park
Public Skate 12pm Ressler Rink – GCF
Stained Glass 201: Foxes 12pm Studio Wheelhouse
Showcase of Marching Bands 2pm Bobcat Stadium – MSU
SHINE Battle of the Beers 2025 5pm SHINE Beer Sanctuary
Burgers & Bingo 5:30pm Eagles Bar
Brendan Nolan 5:30pm Willies Distillery – Ennis
West Dakota Stutter 6pm Sawdust & Steel Brewery – Three Forks
Tarek Isham 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston
Max Bartos Duo 6pm Tune Up Bar
Trevor Hall The Monsoon Nights Tour 7pm The Elm
Colter John 7pm Norris Hot Springs
Cole Swindell w/ Priscilla Block 7pm Brick Breeden Fieldhouse
Kafka's Monkey 7pm Tinworks Art
Heart in Winter – A Festival of Irish Writing 7pm Butte America
Colter John 7pm Norris Hot Springs
Will Evans supporting Trevor Hall 8pm The Elm
Country Dancing with Western Roots 8pm Bourbon
HEYZ'd And Confused Tour 8pm Club Zebra
Puttin on the Hits Karaoke! 8pm The Jump
Aaron Golay & The Original Sin 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant
HEYZ'd And Confused 8pm Club Zebra
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Comedian Todd Barry 8pm The Ellen Theatre
Stillgone & Street Milk LIBRA Party 8pm The Filling Station
Meyer'd Down 9pm Murray Bar – Livingston
Outdoor Recess 9pm Haufbrau
FLAVATOWN 9pm Eagles Bar
Jelanie's Birthday Jam 9pm The Filling Station
King Ropes 9pm Tune Up Bar
Colton Miller 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Latin Night 9pm Grey Dog Bar
The Fossils 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon

11 Living From True Nature 9am Bozeman Dharma Center
Bozeman Winter Farmers Market 9am Fairgrounds
Public Skate 12pm Ressler Rink – GCF
Open House 12pm Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter
Censorship is so 1984 Pub Crawl 12pm
Wheatgrass Books – Livingston
Bobcat Football vs. Idaho State 1pm Bobcat Stadium
Grossology Halloween Family Day 1pm Museum of the Rockies
Burgers & Bingo 5:30pm Eagles Bar
Tessy Lou Williams 5:30pm Willies Distillery – Ennis
The WYRD Gala 2025 6pm Bozeman Event Space
Justin Bigart 6pm Tune Up Bar
Cory Johnson 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston
Larry Myer 7pm Norris Hot Springs
Clint Reimann Band 7pm The Jump
The Motet 7pm The Elm
Nature's Wonders: Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony
7:30pm Willson Auditorium
Bringing Up Baby 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre
Ladybird, Stonefruit & Tyler John Kraehling 8pm The Filling Station
Country Dancing with Western Roots 8pm Bourbon
Love and Information 8pm Verge Theater – Emerson Suite 107
Honey Hollar 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant
Bozeman paranormal society presents cemetery tours
8pm Sunset Hills Cemetery
Rocky Mountain Pearls 8pm The Westerner – Gallatin Gateway
Ben Larson & The Growmass Men 9pm Murray Bar – Livingston
Home Game After-Party w/ DJ Mike 9pm American Legion – Bozeman
Petrobike 9pm Haufbrau
Scott H. Biram 9pm Eagles Bar
Emma & The Ledger 9pm Tune Up Bar
Brendan Nolan and Harpdog John 9pm Bozeman Taproom
Ibiza Sound Club 9pm Grey Dog Bar
Ian Thomas and the Band of Drifters 9pm Chico Hot Springs Saloon

18 Livingston HealthCare – Fall Health Festival
8am Park County Fairgrounds – Livingston
Bozeman Fall MADE Fair
9am Brick Breeden Fieldhouse – MSU
National Fossil Day Celebration 9am Museum of the Rockies
KGLT's Record Fair & Music Swap 9am MSU – SUB
Bozeman Winter Farmers Market 9am Gallatin County Fairgrounds
Public Skate 12pm Ressler Rink – GCF
8th Annual Montana Fresh Hop Festival 3pm Gallatin Fairgrounds
Livingston 2nd Street Oktoberfest 4pm 2nd Street – Park to Lewis
Burgers & Bingo 5:30pm Eagles Bar
We are Her Reception Fundraiser 6pm Bozeman Event Space
Spooky Slumber Party: Halloween Aerial Dance Show 6pm Emerson
Nathan Rodacker 6pm Tune Up Bar
Tarek Isham 6pm Sage Lodge – S of Livingston
German Restaurant Ghost Invest 6:30pm Road Agent's Roost VC
West Dakota Stutte 7pm Norris Hot Springs
Buffalo Burrows 7pm Horn and Cattle Saloon – Big Sky
The Hunchback of Notre Dame 7:30pm Shane Center Livingston
Bring Them Home 7:30pm The Ellen Theatre
Country Dancing with Western Roots 8pm Bourbon
Puttin' on The Hits Karaoke 8pm The Jump
Jessica Eve Duo 8pm Old Saloon – Emigrant
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Acclaimed composer debuts commission with MCMS

Unveiling the next in its 2025 performance series, Montana Chamber Music Society will present its first commissioned piece featuring the talents of **Kenji Bunch** with support by **Monica Ohuchi** and special guest **Angella Ahn** on Friday, October 10th. The concert will be held at Reynolds Recital Hall on the Montana State University campus. Music begins at 7:30pm.

A groundbreaking violinist, Kenji was the first student to receive dual degrees in viola and composition from The Juilliard School. His genre-defying music has been performed on six continents and by over seventy American orchestras.

Kenji is joined by his wife Monica Ohuchi on piano and long time friend and collaborator Angella Ahn. Included in the program is Montana Chamber Music’s first commission –

a duo for violin & viola by the extraordinary composer, performed by Angella and Kenji.

The trio’s regional tour will include “An Intimate Evening of Music & Conversations” at Belgrade’s Willow Spring Ranch on Oct. 9th at 6:30pm and a free rural concert at River Ranch in Cardwell on Oct. 11th at 1pm. Find ticketing information for these performances through the host website.

Admission to all regular Montana Chamber Music Society performances is \$35 for adults, \$25 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased at www.montanachambermusicsociety.org. These are also available at the door, depending on availability. Net proceeds from these programs support MCMS’s mission to present great chamber music performances throughout Montana year-round. •

Nights of modern & faith-based country come to Brick

In the waning weeks of autumn vibrance, local audiences have several opportunities to experience the national tours of some of the music industry’s brightest stars at Brick Breeden Fieldhouse.

Next up, **Cole Swindell** brings his “Happy Hour Sad” tour to Bozeman on Saturday, October 4th. Opening support comes courtesy of Priscilla Block and Greytan James with the music set to begin at 7pm.

The multi-platinum-selling superstar who Rolling Stone has called a “proven hit-maker,” comes to Bozeman in support of his new album, *Spanish Moss*. The release includes his 13th No. 1 single “Forever to Me” where *Country Now* says “Cole Swindell pours his heart out,” and for which *Today’s Country* calls Swindell a “sophisticatedly talented songwriter” and “and in moments like this, we realize just how much he still has to offer with his penmanship and musicianship” and *The Music Universe* calls it an “emotion-filled song.”

Swindell has been releasing new music from the 21-song album, including new radio single “We Can Always Move On,” the album’s debut No. 1 single “Forever to Me,” as well as the digital-only releases of “Dale, Jr.,” “Bottom of It,” “Dirty Dancing,” “Spanish Moss,” “Kill a Prayer” and “One Day.”

Following on Friday, October 24th, **Zach Williams** delivers his “Revival Nights Tour” to the Gallatin Valley. Opening support comes courtesy of We the Kingdom, Ben Fuller and Leanna Crawford. Music begins at 7pm.

The two-time Grammy Award winner and multiplatinum artist has established himself as a force to be reckoned with. From sold-out headline performances to multiple number one radio singles and over 1.5 billion on-demand streams,

Williams has used his unique blend of southern rock, country and faith-filled songs to deliver a deeply personal message of redemption that has connected with audiences across the globe. His new album, *Jesus Loves*, released last month. Williams’ performances are more than just concerts – they’re nights of revival and renewal. Come as you are and experience the transforming power of music, worship and community whether you’re seeking hope, healing or simply a night of incredible music.

Looking to next month, long-touring American rock band **Styx** take the stage Thursday, November 6th. Special guest Loverboy will open the 7:30pm show.

The seven men comprising Styx have committed to rocking the Paradise together with audiences far and wide by entering their second decade of averaging 100 shows a year, each committed to making the next show better than the last. The band draws from over five decades of barn-burning chart hits, joyous singalongs, and hard-driving deep cuts. Like a symphony that builds to a satisfying crescendo, a Styx set covers a wide range of stylistic cornerstones. From the progressively sweeping splendor that is “The Grand Illusion” to the hunker-down fortitude of all that is the “Blue Collar Man,” from the regal reach-for-the-stars bravado of “Come Sail Away” to the grainy all-in gallop of that rugged “Renegade” who had it made, the band draws on an unlimited cache of ways to immerse one’s mind and body in their signature sound. Their latest full-length, *Circling from Above*, is available now.

Advance tickets to these shows and other events are available for purchase now at www.montana.edu/brickbreeden or at the Fieldhouse box office. •

Symphony presents nature-based premiere

Bozeman Symphony unveils the world premiere of *Carnival of the Nearly Extinct Animals* by composer Stephanie Ann Boyd during its upcoming concert, “**Nature’s Wonders: Beethoven’s Pastoral Symphony.**” Performances will be held October 11th and 12th. Saturday show begins at 7:30pm, followed by a closing performance on Sunday at 2:30pm. All will be held at the Willson Auditorium in Downtown Bozeman. Pre-concert talks are scheduled to begin one hour prior to each performance.

Thirteen endangered species will come alive through the orchestra in this evocative new work, co-commissioned by the Bozeman Symphony. Boyd’s score weaves together the voices and environments of animals on the brink of extinction, creating a vivid musical journey. At once celebratory and urgent, the piece highlights the threats of pollution, habitat loss and climate change – inviting audiences to reflect on nature’s fragility and resilience.

“We are honored to bring this powerful new work to life,” said Music Director Norman Huynh. “Stephanie Ann Boyd’s music reminds us of the extraordinary beauty of our natural world and challenges us to be its stewards. This premiere is not just a concert event – it’s a call to action.”

“It is both deeply symbolic and delightfully serendipitous that this piece will be premiered in a part of the world that cares so deeply about the caretaking and protecting of its land and its animals,” said Composer

Stephanie Ann Boyd. “I am thrilled and honored to be working with Norman Huynh and the Bozeman Symphony on bringing this piece to life. I am incredibly grateful for how the Bozeman community is already leaping up to support and take part in the exciting events taking place during the week of the premiere. This work is incredibly close to my heart, and it is a beautiful privilege to be able to work hand in hand with the Bozeman Symphony and community on the very first performance of this meaningful work.”

The program continues with Beethoven’s beloved Symphony No. 6, a heartfelt tribute to the countryside. Listeners will be transported to a serene landscape of flowing streams, birdsong and rustic dances, punctuated by the drama of a sudden summer storm. A timeless masterpiece, the *Pastoral Symphony* has long inspired audiences, famously featured in Disney’s *Fantasia*.

Performances are Oct. 11th–12th at the Willson Auditorium. Individual tickets are available for purchase online at www.bozemannsymphony.org or by phone at (406) 585-9774. Tickets at the door based on availability. Adult tickets begin at \$30 with student-discounted tickets available.

These performances are made possible by the generous support of sponsors Calum & Tricia DeSouza, Bob & Donna Ritchie, Bruce & Kimberlie Jodar, Prof. Rob Maher & Ms. Lynn Peterson-Maher, Keith & Lisa Reed, Liz & David Richards and the Utzinger Family. •

Fall festival features sudsy harvest hops

Prepare the ole taste buds for the autumn-centric **Montana Fresh Hop Fest**, returning to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 18th from 4–8pm. The 8th annual event will feature pours from 35+ Treasure State breweries in a celebration of the harvest, craft beer and those who make brew culture possible in the Gallatin Valley and beyond.

Presented by Crooked Yard Hops, come enjoy a harvest festival featuring delicious fresh hopped styles of beer from an array of Montana breweries. Join to celebrate the completion of the harvest season with delicious beers, live music, and tasty eats from local food vendors. The fresh hop style of beers is a true-brewed seasonal way of making some of our favorite brews. By adding fresh, straight-out-of-the-field hop cones to a brew, a more

unique, floral, grassy flavor can be imparted to any style of beer. Enjoy a wide selection of variations on this simple theme and experience the freshness first hand!

Event admission is \$25, or treat yourself to an extra hour of tastings with VIP early access for \$35. VIPs get in at 3pm. Cost includes commemorative glass and unlimited samples! Advance tickets may be purchased at www.mtfreshfest.com. Proceeds will directly benefit the Gallatin Valley Land Trust, a local nonprofit whose work connects people, communities and open lands through conservation of working farms and ranches, healthy rivers and wildlife habitat.

Crooked Yard Hops provides local breweries with the ability to produce an entirely locally sourced product with fresh, high quality, and Gallatin Valley grown hops. •

2nd Street Oktoberfest block party

The vivid fall foliage is on full display, but there are still opportunities to enjoy the Southwest Montana outdoors before the first snow. The Livingston Tourism Business Improvement District has announced the third annual **2nd Street Oktoberfest** to be held on Saturday, October 18th from 4–7pm.

Raise a glass and your spirits at this family friendly harvest fest in the heart of Livingston. Enjoy brews, autumn drinks and foods, live music and kids’ activities, or kick off your holiday shopping at great 2nd Street shops. Admission is free and there will be fun to be had for all!

The event will include a lively contests for adults, interactive kids’ activities, delicious autumn food & drink specials from local vendors, food trucks with a variety of offerings, live music and a chance for shopping at locally owned small businesses.

Connect with friends and neighbors at the Community Table while soaking in the festive

atmosphere. Whether you’re downtown for the fun competitions, to sample great food and drinks, or to support local shops, Livingston’s Oktoberfest promises something for everyone.

During the event, 2nd Street will be closed to traffic for the block party just past Park St. from the alley near the Owl Lounge and Post Office to Lewis. Shops all along 2nd and throughout downtown will be open late, offering great shopping, dining and special seasonal deals. The Oktoberfest event is open to the public and all are welcome. Follow the LTBD on social media or visit www.explorelivingstonmt.com for event updates.

Returning for its third event, the 2nd Street Oktoberfest is a project formed in collaboration with local businesses, sponsored by the Tourism Business Improvement District, whose efforts work to enhance the vitality of Downtown Livingston by facilitating commerce, enhancing streetscapes, conducting maintenance as well as improving security and safety. •

KGLT Record Fair & Music Swap

Alternative Public Radio station KGLT-FM, located on the MSU campus in Bozeman, has announced their fall **Friends of KGLT Record Fair & Music Swap**. The one-day-only event will take place Saturday, October 18th, in rooms 233 and 235 of the Strand Union Building on the Montana State University campus.

The event will run from 10am–3pm with FREE admission, preceded by an “Early Bird” special hour for collectors from 9–10am. With a \$5 donation, the first hour allows real vinyl hounds first dibs on the rare, collectible vinyl, CDs, cassettes and hi-fi gear being offered by KGLT, and the vendors, who give a percentage of their sales to the station.

All event proceeds benefit KGLT, guardian of all music and community information, an independent, free-form college radio in operation since 1968. These events are even more important now due to the absence of federal funding. Friends of KGLT vinyl events brings

together a vast community of music listeners and fans from across the broadcast area, which includes Helena, Big Timber, Livingston, Gardiner and the Gallatin Valley.

Operated as a program of Montana State University – Bozeman, KGLT has broadcasted from the campus since its inception in 1968, providing non-commercial, educational radio to area listeners. KGLT is funded by donations from listeners, grants, and foundations, as well as underwriting and support from the Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU).

KGLT works with many clubs and programs on and off campus, writing and producing over 1,500 public service announcements per year on topics including sexual harassment, GED completion, senior education, preventative health measures, low cost medical services, humane control of animal population, new classes on campus, psychological counseling, crisis hotlines, among others. Learn more at www.kglt.net. •

Attic adds sonic spice to the season

Downtown Livingston’s favorite live music spot brings in acts to suit every palate – and plenty of cocktails to go with ‘em! Here’s a look at some of the upcoming artists heading up to The Attic.

The Butcher Bird opens for **Jackson Holte & the Highway Patrol** on Friday, October 17th. The Missoula-based rock n’ roll band is fronted by Holte, whose blend of earthy narrative songwriting and soaring blues guitar playing is complemented by Marko “The Midnight Shadow” Capoferri on bass, Tyson Gerhardt on guitar, Eric Rudnick on pedal steel, and Aaron Chiazza on drums. With a firm grounding in America’s folk traditions, the band is able to bound across genres in an authentic and emotive re-imagining of what a working rock n’ roll band can be. Their latest release, *Last Rain of Summer*,

is out now.

Enjoy some authentic hippie music on Saturday, Oct. 18th with **The Fossils**. Known around town for their particular brand of boogie, the band guarantees a rockin’ good time. The members have been acquainted for years and are connected by their love of music.

Late this month, **Dead Sky** takes the stage for a Saturday, Oct. 25th show. The local Grateful Dead tribute features members of Pinky & the Floyd, MOTH, Kelly Nicholson Band, Hooligans, Dead Yellers, SlomoJoe and more.

All events begin at 8pm. Advanced ticketing information for other upcoming Attic shows is available at www.theatticmontana.com. The Attic is located at 110 N Main in Livingston, just above Whiskey Creek Saloon. •

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Montana PBS benefit concert offsets funding cuts

The Friends of Montana PBS are pleased to announce **Melodies for Montana PBS**, a benefit concert to raise funds for Montana PBS's "Bridge the Gap" campaign launched to help offset the organization's \$1.8 million federal funding cut.

On July 24th, 2025, President Trump signed H.R. 4, the Rescissions Act of 2025 into law, canceling two years of previously approved funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). Beginning in October, Montana PBS will experience a shortfall of \$1.8 million, which represents 20% of its annual operating budget. Montana PBS is calling on viewers and supporters across the state to help bridge the gap.

To meet this unprecedented challenge, a group of generous Montana donors has stepped forward with a \$900,000 matching gift, pledging to match dollar-for-dollar every

contribution from the public until the full funding gap is closed. All proceeds raised from "Melodies for Montana PBS" will be counted toward this matching challenge.

The lineup for the concert includes a who's who of Montana music. More than 40 artists will be performing, representing a wide range of musical styles and genres. From contemporary classical musicians like Angella Ahn and Carrie Krause, to artists like Jeni Fleming, Paige Rasmussen and Phil Aaberg, to the hard-driving "sloppy rock" of the Love Darts, this concert will feature something for everyone. Eric Funk personally curated the list of artists and invited them to perform, and all the featured musicians are donating their time to raise funds for Montana PBS. The Ellen Theatre is also donating the venue and promoting the event to support fundraising efforts. "We are thrilled to present this event and

humbled by the fact that these amazing artists as well as The Ellen are donating their time and talent to help secure the future of public media in Montana," said Kristina Martin, Director of Development for Montana PBS. "Eric (Funk) has been a friend of ours for many years, and we are so grateful to him and the Ellen Theatre for making this happen."

Montana Governor's Award for the Arts recipient Dr. Eric Funk, classical composer, conductor, musician and professor, recipient of multiple teaching awards during his 50-year teaching career, 20 years of which were at Montana State University, is also the Host and Artistic Director of the Montana PBS series *11th & Grant*. The series has won multiple Emmy Awards, and features Montana musicians representing all genres of music. The amazing Montana musicians featured in this event have appeared or soon will appear on

11th & Grant. "This concert will I think be one of the most memorable showcases in recent Bozeman history," said Funk. "Should be absolutely stellar."

Melodies for Montana PBS will take place at 7pm on the evening of Thursday, October 23rd at the Ellen Theatre. Tickets to the event are available at www.theellentheatre.com. Admission starts at \$125 per person. All proceeds from tickets sales will go to Montana PBS's "Bridge the Gap" Matching Challenge, and attendees will be given the opportunity to make an additional contribution during the event.

For 40 years, Montana PBS has been dedicated to connecting the people of Montana to the land they call home – and to each other – by highlighting their shared stories and fostering a spirit of community. The statewide network now broadcasts five channels with more than 275,000 Montanans viewing each week. •

Ellen features stand-up, dark comedy & more

A destination for entertainment of all varieties, Downtown Bozeman's Ellen Theatre is also the perfect venue to catch a comedy show, musical acts and more. Here's a look at who's on the calendar.

Catch a night of laughs with comedian **Todd Barry** on Saturday, October. 4th. Fellow funnyman Chris Fairbanks will warm up the crowd at 8pm. All seats are \$36.25. Fairbanks opens the evening with his twisted take on life, something he dispenses regularly on Comedy Central as well as his popular podcast Do You Need a Ride?! Next up, Barry, a longtime staple of the late-night comedy circuit (*The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, *Conan*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, *David Letterman*) as well as from various TV shows

such as *Flight of the Concorde*, *Chappelle's Show*, *Spin City* and *Sex and the City*. Fans will also recognize Barry from one of four stand-up specials including the Netflix hit *Spicy Honey* and his latest release *Domestic Shorthair*.

Delve into *Leaving a Mark: A Comedy About Scars* on Friday, October 24th. Written and performed by Ophira Eisenberg, the one-woman show begins at 8pm. All seats are \$29.75.

Raw, smart and occasionally wildly inappropriate (in the best way), *Leaving a Mark* is a hilariously visceral, deeply personal look at the scars – both literal and metaphorical – that shape us all. From childhood mishaps to near-fatal accidents, botched first loves and a

battle with a health crisis, Eisenberg (NPR's *Ask Me Another*) weaves together a survival tale that's equal parts stand-up comedy and dynamic storytelling. This joyful celebration of imperfection is about resilience, humor in the face of pain, the messy/triumphant art of learning to love oneself, and ultimately, the absurdity of being human. Directed by Soren Kiesel, the performance is recommended for mature audiences.

Late this month, enjoy a night of brass instrumentals with acclaimed trumpeter **Wayne Bergeron** on Sunday, October 26th. The MSU One O'Clock Jazz Band will be on hand for the 7:30pm show. All seats are \$19.25.

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trumpet? Bergeron, the acclaimed L.A. studio legend whose signature sound brings to life *The Incredibles*, *Soul*, *Toy Story 3* and *4*, as well as over 500 blockbuster film scores. Join for an unforgettable evening of dynamic jazz featuring this trumpet icon live in concert. Bergeron is a Yamaha Performing Artist and one of the most sought-after lead trumpet players in the industry – a true legend and master of his craft.

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.theellentheatre.org. For additional inquiries, call the box office at (406) 585-5885. •

Eagles hosts KGLT fundraiser, 'Dirty Old One Man Band

Beneath the glow of its iconic signage, 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.

Brian Kassay delivers a solo performance on October 1st. One of the Bird Dogs, the local musician mixes guitar, violin, keyboard and harmonica in creation of his unique, live-looping performances.

Billings-based **FlavaTown** brings down the house on Oct. 3rd and 4th. The multi-piece is known for their brand of flavorful old school soul, R&B and funk pop grooves. The band features Scott Morales, Alex Nauman, Erik Olsen, Gabe Bonvicino and Isaiah Morales.

Take in the acoustic stylings of area favorite **Mathias** on Oct. 8th. With powerful vocals and a percussive guitar style, he's known for his dynamic live performances full of acoustic folk, rock, and funk tunes.

Brian Kassay returns on Oct. 10th to perform as part of a special **KGLT Fundraiser** event. Doors open at 8pm with KGLT merchandise for sale, followed by live music from Kassay. All are welcome and donations to the alternative public radio station are appreciated.

Returning to the Eagles for another special show, **Scott H. Biram** performs on Oct. 11th.

Sasquatch & the Sick-a-Billys and The Electric Outlaw open the 8pm show. Advance tickets are \$20, or \$25 at the door. Unleashing a fervent display of conviction through, not only the genuine blues, classic country, bluegrass, and rock n' roll, Biram seals the deal with punk, heavy metal, and anything else he wants to. He's "The Dirty Old One Man Band." His live shows deliver a take no prisoners attitude, a stomping, pulsing John Lee Hooker-channeling, and cock-eyed tales of black water baptisms and murder, all while romanticizing the on-the-road lifestyle.

Singer/songwriter **Hannah Jo Lally** shows off her talents on Oct. 15th. From the back roads of Eastern Washington, enjoy an evening of country cuts and distinctive originals. She draws influence from the likes of Suzy Bogguss and Charley Pride, Waylon Jennings and Mary Chapin Carpenter, among others.

New local band **Willy on the Wire** are set for performances on Oct. 17th and 18th. The Bozeman-based multi-piece are known for their vibey shows covering the best of rock, blues, soul and funk. Head down for a drink and check these guys out!

Poison Lovers guitarist and vocalist **Robert Lethert** performs on Oct. 22nd. Expect a blend of old school country and contemporary Americana. His strong gravely voice will perfect-

ly complement your evening at the downtown tavern.

Butte's **Basketball Jones** take the stage Oct. 24th and 25th. The power trio is comprised of Pete Heidt on guitar, bassist Scott Murphy and drummer Jock Holmes. Each band member contributes vocals for an eclectic evening of harmonies and crowd interaction.

A member of local "rockabilly" group Bluebelly Junction, **Levi Main** delivers a solo show to Eagles-goers on Oct. 29th. De-stress midweek with a drink and the stylings of this talented local musician.

Happy Halloween! **The Love Darts** perform on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st. The hard rock punk band got its start playing venues like the Haufbrau, having since grown into a fine-tuned project featuring some of Bozeman's most energetic guitarists. Take a listen to their self-professed "sloppy rock n' roll" on their EP, *Girly*.

'Best Getaway' topped with sizzling Saloon sounds

The sublime shades of autumn have returned to Southwest Montana, best enjoyed with a nice drive to take in the view. Take the scenic route to this year's winner for 'Best Overnight Getaway.' 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.

Paradise Valley favorites **The Fossils** front shows on October 3rd and 4th. Known around town for their authentic hippie music, the band guarantees a rockin' good time. The members have been acquainted for years and are connected by their love of music.

Performing next is **Ian Thomas & Band of Drifters** on Oct. 10th and 11th. 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.

Enjoy the talents of **El Wencho** on Oct. 17th and 18th. The powerhouse duo delivers big sound that relates the Montana lifestyle through immersive lyrics, catchy melodies and driving rhythms. Their authentic music is an eclectic fusion of genres that draws on sonic elements from red dirt rock, blues, country, Americana and polyrhythmic Latin percussion. Live shows are an experiential combination

of their dynamic Montana sound, engaging storytelling and comedic flair.

Rock n' roll outfit **Cellar Door** bring their debut performances to Chico on Oct. 24th and 25th. A rising presence in the local music scene, the band fuses deep industry roots with a creative take on familiar tunes. They don't just play covers – they reinvent them. From the 1960s to the 2000s, their unique versions of classic hits blend timeless melodies with fresh energy, offering listeners a nostalgic journey with a modern twist.

The following weekend features the return of **Justin Case Band**, performing Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st with a special Halloween party on Friday. The '70s to '90s rock band covers tunes ranging from the Allman Brothers and Three Dog Night, to Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Jam. Grab a drink from the bar, boogie down and show off your silly or scary costumes!

Live Saloon music begins at 9pm. Chico Hot Springs is located in Pray, 20 miles south of Livingston. For more information, visit www.chicohotsprings.com. •a



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Celebrate annual golden eagle migration with Bridge Bowl

The Treasure State skies are a little less trafficked as fall settles in, with many avian species already soaking up the Southern sun. Gliding back into Southwest Montana for its return event, the annual **Bridger Raptor Festival** will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th.

Sponsored by the Sacajawea Audubon Society, 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, with discounted pricing on ‘25-’26 season passes through Oct. 31st.

Find a full schedule of Raptor Fest weekend events and learn more at www.bridgerraptorfest.com. The annual celebration promotes an awareness and appreciation for the migration of raptors and other wildlife through the Northern Rockies. •

Master anglers front moderated panel, book launch

Join for a rare evening with legendary anglers and authors Yvon Chouinard and Craig Mathews as they unveil their new book, *Pheasant Tail Simplicity: Recipes and Techniques for Successful Fly Fishing*. The event takes place at 7pm on Wednesday, October 8th in Norm Asbjornson Hall Room 165 on the Montana State University campus.

The event is co-hosted by the MSU Library and Patagonia and is a chance to hear adventure stories from decades on the water, guided by two voices who continue to bring fly fishing back to its essence – where skill, knowledge and technique matter far more than gear.

The book’s premise is radically simple: while the industry attempts to convince you that you need 10,000 fly patterns, Yvon and Craig have proven you can catch fish anywhere in the world with variations of just one. Yvon spent an entire year fishing globally – from Montana rivers to Patagonian streams – using only pheasant tail patterns. The experiment proved remarkably successful.

Pheasant Tail Simplicity isn’t about buying more gear or carrying hundreds of flies. It’s about understanding why more knowledge and carefully selected, efficient tools consistently outperforms the latest trends.

So, grab a Patagonia Provisions beer and the *Pheasant Tail Simplicity* book – Yvon and Craig will be signing. Connect with non-profits The Salmonfly Project, Upper Missouri Waterkeeper, and Cottonwood Environmental Law, and mingle with your local fly-fishing community, for a special evening at Montana State University.

Yvon Chouinard is the founder of Patagonia and a lifelong conservationist. He is a noted fly fisher and was named Angler of the Year by *Fly Rod & Reel* in 2009. He co-founded, with Craig Mathews, 1% for the Planet, a group of businesses giving back to the environment. He lives in Ventura, California.

Craig Mathews is a Montana-based author and conservationist and co-founder, with Yvon Chouinard, of 1% for the Planet. He and his wife, Jackie, founded Blue Ribbon Flies, a fly shop and outfitter in West Yellowstone. Craig has authored and co-authored nine books on fly fishing in the western United States and Yellowstone National Park. He was chosen by *Fly Rod & Reel* as Angler of the Year in 2005. He and Jackie live in the Madison River Valley of Montana.

Seating is limited with RSVPs encouraged. Visit pheasanttailmsu.splashthat.com to secure a seat and to learn more. •

Science lecture discusses life in a climate crisis

Learn about impacts and potential solutions in an ongoing climate crisis with Gallatin Valley Friends of the Sciences, whose popular lecture series continues its new season this month with all new subject matter. Co-sponsored by Museum of the Rockies and Hopa Mountain, the next talk of the ‘25-’26 series is set for Wednesday, October 22nd. “**The Energy, Economy & Climate Nexus**” will begin at 7:30pm. It will be held in the Community Room at Bozeman Public Library.

What are the challenges and tools available to reduce climate impact while maintaining a mod-

ern economy and a publicly acceptable standard of living? Dr. Lee Spangler, Director of the Energy Research Institute at MSU, will discuss the scale of the problem, the strengths and weaknesses of the energy infrastructure, and details of MSU research projects in carbon sequestration as a potential partial solution.

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

The informative talks are presented in person on select Wednesdays. The presentations are free and open to the public, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Face masks are recommend-

ed but not required.

Looking ahead, Rachael Dines, PhD candidate in MSU’s Department of Animal and Range Sciences, will discuss her research on riparian systems in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. The next Science lecture is set for Nov. 19th. Stay tuned for details.

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

Warren Miller profiles society of winter adventure

Warren Miller Entertainment presents its 76th annual winter sports film, *SNO-CIETY*, at Downtown Bozeman’s Ellen Theatre this month. Take part in the global kickoff to winter on Tuesday, October 28th, with showings at 4:30pm and 7:30pm.

SNO-CIETY is not just about snow – it’s about the tight-knit community, shared rituals, and sense of belonging that come with snow culture. The film explores a world where snow creates its own society, bound together by mountain life, adventure, and seasonal tradition.

The film takes viewers on a journey from the Scottish Highlands and the streets of Finland to the back bowls of Whistler, BC, and a local hill-

turned-terrain park in downtown Denver. With a unique, fun and motivational narrative, the film celebrates both the action and the camaraderie of winter. A diverse lineup of Olympians, urban riders and local legends including Judd Henkes, Britta Winans and many more, uncover what drives us to chase powder year after year.

“This film is a deep dive into the culture behind the sport,” said Josh Haskins, Warren Miller executive producer. “It captures the humor, approachable personalities, and memorable moments that make our community so unique. It is a celebration of what binds us together.”

Since its first film debuted in 1949, Warren Miller has been

capturing the stories of skiers and riders across the globe. Each fall, the film tour celebrates the start of the season with the largest gathering of snow enthusiasts.

Advance tickets are \$18 or \$22 for adults, early and late show respectively, at www.theel-lentheatre.com, and \$22 or \$26 at the door. Learn more about this year’s film at www.warren-miller.com.

Warren Miller Entertainment has been a pioneer in action sports cinematography since 1949. *SNO-CIETY* marks the 76th installment of its expansive feature film library. Warren Miller is a division of Pocket Outdoor Media, whose collection of brands serve as a hub for active lifestyle enthusiasts. •

Chamber aids business savvy with trade events

A new season is underway in the Gallatin Valley, and with it a slew of opportunities to support local ventures and strengthen business practices for the holiday rush and new year. Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce continues to host monthly gatherings designed for trade professionals in and around town.

Another edition of **Business Before Hours** is set for Thursday, October 2nd, from 7:30–8:30am. The event will be hosted by *Bozeman Brokers Real Estate* at their location, 1934 Stadium Dr., Ste. A. Their representation includes attention from full-time agents,

negotiation experience, network of trusted vendors, full disclosure, interest advocacy, updated market trend information, access to professional marketing, immediate listing knowledge and peace of mind for their clients.

Next up is a **Business & Community Conversation** on Wednesday, Oct. 8th. A discussion of the *Water Adequacy for Residential Development Initiative* will be held from 11:30am–1pm. Attendees will be learn more about the ballot measure and potential impacts of passage or failure in our community. Mayor Terry Cunningham, David Fine, Economic Development Manager, and Shawn Kohtz, Utilities Director, all 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.

The latest **4:44 @ 4C** follows Thursday, Oct. 9th, at *Monteriors Outlet* from 4:44–6pm. They’re located at 7345 Shedhorn Dr., in Four Corners. The local designers help create inspired spaces, offering scratch and dent appliances and a variety of surplus cabinets onsite with outlet specials and special-order products.

Register for **Business Lunch Seminar** entitled *The Neuroscience of*

Leadership: Putting Your Team in Discovery vs Defend Mode on Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, from 11:30am–1pm. Jill Thorngren of JT Coaching & Consulting will present, leading a discussion about the science of stress and how to manage it while leading a team, difficult conversations without defensiveness, the happiness advantage and employee success. The forum will take place at the Chamber Center. Members pay \$32 for this presentation.

Also on Oct. 22nd, *Stockman Bank* will host the next **Business During Hours** gathering. The event will be held at their south Bozeman location, 1815 S 19th Ave., from 4–6pm. Founded in 1953, Stockman is the largest private, family owned bank in Montana, serving as the Treasure State’s premier financial center for personal, business, agriculture, commercial developers and real estate owners.

Bozeman Chamber gatherings and other forums provide a business networking outlet for members and others. Visit www.bozeman-chamber.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. •

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The Best of Bozeman 2025

Locals spread love for survey of Bozeman's Best

And in the blink of an eye, our summer season has gone the way of each before it, only to return with the many avian species on sabbatical in a more appealing climate. Most don't have the same luxury of relocation when the weather turns, so we're rotating our drawers with attire befitting of cooler days and even colder nights.

Classes are back in session with the 'Cats already tearing up the gridiron, the leaves are putting on their annual color show, and pumpkin spice is being served hot. Soon our mountains and valleys will be draped in white with holiday gatherings on the horizon, not to mention some intense year-ending shopping.

But before we can celebrate among family and friends, it's the time of year for recognizing all the reasons we call South-west Montana home during every turn of the calendar.

The votes have been tallied for the annual **Best of Bozeman** community survey, the original canvass of the area's preferred food and beverage destinations, cultural happenings and live music, recreational access and everyday service industries. As decided by the impassioned locals, read on for a detailed look at Bozeman's best in 2025.

Of our many favored pastimes, indulging in the vast collective of food and drink options keeps those who don't like to cook busy and the local economy bustling.

Find a warm morning perk during the snowy season at **Wild Joe's Coffee Spot**. The established downtown space welcomes folks of every stripe for their caffeinated needs and other nourishments, taking the prizes for *Best Coffee* and *Coffeehouse* this year. Their walls are enriched by monthly art installations and there's always room for casual conversation.

Failing to plan for rush hour congestion may see commuters running a little too behind to sip-in, with **Jump Start Espresso** ready to serve those on the go. Jump Start takes *Best Coffee Hut* this round. Get your morning fix from either location in Bozeman or Belgrade.

Born beneath the peaks that surround and inspired by our shared sense of place, **Steep Mountain Tea** is an alternative for less java-inclined sippers. Their leisurely space is excellent for quiet work or a moment of calm. Order a bubble tea or kombucha in-house or take some loose leaf to-go for home enjoyment. Voted *Best Tea*, Steep Mountain also offers an online

store with easy ordering.

Another healthy option for day-time drinks comes courtesy of **The Well Juicery**, located in the Ferguson Farm building. Their nutrient-dense menu is complete with cold-pressed favorites, wellness shots, smoothies and bowls, among other tantalizing eats. They're your *Best Juice & Craft Beverage Bar* another year running.

It's cane o'clock somewhere.

Wild Crumb packs their displays with unique spins on the sweet treat, supplementing a robust menu of artisanal breads. Whether you're on the hunt for a loaf, homemade pies and cakes, or individual delicacies, the repeat winner for *Best Bakery* has something for every palate.

On the opposite side of town sits **Granny's Gourmet Donuts** whose menu caters to the sweetest of Bozeman teeth. Traditional rings, daily specials and other confections have aided this mom and pop maintain its iron grip on *Best Donuts*, *Pastries & Sweets*. Drop by Friday through Sunday mornings to give Robert a howdy!

Find classic American fare at **The Western Café**, downtown's longtime greasy spoon with hearty plates to rev the engine at the onset of a busy Montana day. The "Last Best Café" is known for its simplistic but tasty dishes like chicken fried steak and eggs, biscuits and gravy, and Bobcat French toast. They took *Best Breakfast* once again.

Come the noon hour, there are so many eateries to help bustling locals have the energy they need to finish out the day. Step into **Backcountry Burger Bar** for replenishment at their popular downtown spot, voted *Best Lunch*. A menu of eclectic patties, small plates and salads are best washed down with a craft brew on tap. Enjoy the *Best Burger* in Bozeman seven days a week.

Grab a cold cut or hot hoagie from **Pickle Barrel** whose subs reclaimed the prize for *Best Sandwich* this year. Order halves or wholes with chips and a drink, maybe even a decadent dessert, from the campus-adjacent shop as a lunchtime alternative. They also were named *Best Inexpensive Restaurant*.

Though they've opened a dine-in space in the University Square Shopping Center, **Mo'Bowls** is still your *Best Food Truck* in town. A deliciously zesty mac n' cheese variety is available at their restaurant and rotating locations around the Valley. Enjoy the *Best Take-Out* in town at your pleasure.

Most local foodies have a predilection of sorts, and those seeking the flavorful spice of Latin America frequent **Fiesta Mexicana**. The area franchise serves from locations in Bozeman and Belgrade, offering a broad menu of traditional plates and bowl-style margaritas. They're your *Best Mexican* once more.



Even the landlocked crave some aquatic protein from time to time with Bozemanites getting their fill at **Seven Sushi**. Often paired with sake or Sapporo, their various maki rolls, sashimi and nigiri helped the Cannery District restaurant take the prizes for *Best Sushi* and *Place to Eat Seafood*.

Having settled into its new home a few years back, **I-Ho's Korean Grill** continues to operate in the spirit of its founder, offering a warm space for diners to enjoy her family recipes along with casual connections. We'll keep coming back for the *Best Korean* and *Asian Food* in town as I-Ho always imagined.

A few blocks east lies **Pakeezah** where fans of international cuisine can indulge in Bozeman's *Best Indian Food*. Begin with some flavorsome naan or a clay oven-baked dish, or select one of their many entrées featuring chicken, lamb and goat. Seafood options available as well as wine, beer and traditional Indian beverages.

Even with the close of grilling season, there's always **Bar 3 BBQ** for the cookout taste when the flakes start flying. Roll up your sleeves for some delicious ribs, brisket and brats, protein-rich sandwiches and homemade sides. Voted *Best BBQ*, Bar 3 also offers catering services.

There's a new winner for *Best Pizza* this year, a coveted prize in a town with so many fantastic options for specialty pies.

Pizza Campania can be found just off Oak, offering classic Neapolitan pizzas backed in a wood-fired oven. Their patio is a major draw in the summer months to be enjoyed with a glass of wine or pint of beer.

Logan's destination steakhouse, the **Land of Magic**, is an opportunity to take in the Montana scenery on the way to dinner fit for a king. Whether you've got eyes for a ribeye or filet, prime rib or seafood entrée, this rural escape invites parties large and small to cut into a Treasure State tradition. They take *Best Steak*.

Securing the most votes for *Best Italian* this cycle, **Fresco Café** reclaims the top spot for its intricate execution of time-honored fare. Their intimate space is perfect for quiet celebrations with a selection of authentic wines to get the conversation flowing. Begin with antipasto before affixing a bib for your entrée of choice.

Feast Raw Bar & Bistro remains the *Best Fine Dining*, a contemporary and inviting space on Kagy. Rooted in epicurean values, the restaurant features sustainable seafood and locally sourced meats and produce, with highlights like oysters and mussels, lobster and crab, as well as scallops and other hearty items.

Support the troops and grab a bite at **Sidewinders American Grill**, a west end dining room whose expansive space suits

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large parties and family meals. The *Best Family Friendly Restaurant* and *Casual Dining* experience offers classic American grub and shareable starters that also helped them secure *Best Appetizer* this year.

There can only ever be one *Best New Restaurant* with **Texas Roadhouse** beating out the competition in '25. Known for its hand-cut steaks, fall-off-the-bone ribs and sides made from scratch, the Western-themed eatery is visited by locals in droves. They offer hearty meals, friendly service, and a fun dining experience.

The culinarians at **Montana Ale Works** give their dishes enough of a certain something to collect the prize for *Best Chef* year after year. Operating in a restored freight house, the popular spot offers elevated comfort food made with local ingredients, dozens of Montana craft beers on tap, and a lively atmosphere with indoor and outdoor seating. Ale Works also took *Best Place for a First Date* and *Restaurant – Dessert*.

There's a new champ for *Best Restaurant* this year, with Downtown Bozeman's **Revelry** taking the W in a photo finish. With a warm, modern-rustic vibe, diners visit for lunch or dinner and weekend brunch. Their menu features wood fired pizzas, burgers, pasta and pub style fare made with locally sourced ingredients. Their relaxed but stylish atmosphere and outdoor seating draws the masses.

Scoop up something sweet after dinner from **Genuine Ice Cream**. The small batch, handmade ice creamery uses premium local ingredients and house perfected recipes. Voted *Best Ice Cream Shop*, their flavor menu mixes classic staples with rotating seasonal and experimental options, including dairy free choices. Available at the Peach Street shop or find a trademark

pink pint from area retailers.

Arguably one of the most favored additions to the service industry in the last many years is the ever-popular craft brewing industry, serving beer lovers and casual consumers weary of the bar scene.

Locking down the top prize once again is **MAP Brewing**, the northside *Best Brewery* set on Glen Lake with gorgeous views of the Bridgers – earning them Best Patio as well. They offer craft beer brewed on site, scratch-made eats using local ingredients, and a spacious, friendly atmosphere indoors and out. Slug down a few **Midas Crush IPAs** voted *Best Local Beer Flavor* in town, and find out why MAP is the *Best Local Beer Crafter* from its *Tasting Room*.

Find the area's *Best Beer Selection* at Bozeman's laid back, community-focused **SHINE Beer Sanctuary**. Featuring an unparalleled menu of craft beers on tap, as well as cider and wine options, there's also a bottle shop for suds to-go. Or dine in with burritos, nachos, salads and more from LaPa Grill & Soup Shack with indoor, patio and rooftop seating.

There's more adult local flavors to be had with a stop into **Bozeman Spirits Distillery**. They distill and bottle on site a wide range of spirits including whiskey, vodka, gin, rum and bourbons. Their tasting room has a warm, saloon like feel with reclaimed wood and metals, local grain sourcing, and full cocktail menu befitting of the *Best Distillery*.

A trusted watering hole collects a trophy four-pack this cycle, well-earned accolades for the everyman's **Korner Klub**. The casual *Best Bar* is known for its friendly vibe, affordable pub food and big win casino. Located on one of the Four Corners, those surveyed also voted the KK *Best Bar Food* and *Sports Pub* – the perfect spot for game day. The Korner is also

Best Place for Guys' Night Out.

A little further out of town, **Stacey's Old Faithful Bar & Steakhouse** invites locals and visitors to enjoy the *Best Authentic Montana Ambiance*. The longtime western saloon opened in Gateway back in the 1930s and has always retained its relaxed, rustic vibe. They serve hearty menu classics along with cold beer and a full bar.

Sitting next door to Stacey's is **The Westerner**, a honky tonk that chipped away enough votes from **The Jump** to end their contest in a cowboy draw. They both win *Best Place to Dance* this year. Check out their live country music calendars before boot scooting to Gallopin' Gateway for one or two rounds around the dance floor. Do-si-do!

Find another experience entirely with a return to Downtown Bozeman's **Plonk** for the perennially voted *Best Cocktails*. They offer a global wine selection, inventive cocktails, seasonal dishes and modern atmosphere with exposed brick, comfortable seating and artful enhancements. Plonk also wins *Best Happy Hour* and *Place for Girls' Night Out* another year running.

Our most youthful citizenry pack into the **Rocking R Bar** for its attention to offering the college crowd a hangout and town's *Best Nightlife*. With big screens, pool tables, darts and lively DJs, the R welcomes those of any age looking to let their hair down after dusk.

Next wander over to **Bar IX**, voted the *Best Place to Meet Singles*. The high-energy space is great for happy hour conversing and moonlight fun, with a casual food menu and creekside patio suitable for a little ooh la la.

Best Karaoke goes to the **American Legion** this year, who host opportunities for locals to show off their vocals on Monday and Wednesday nights. Here's your chance to let loose, sing on or off-key, and share laughs in a music-filled, judgment-free

zone.

Aside from a few alternating food trucks, there's only one place to feast after last call – **Tarantino's Pizzeria**. Soak it up with their New York-style, handcrafted slices complete with fresh in-house toppings. They win *Best Late Night Grub*.

The pain of morning may be impossible to avoid, but **Storm Castle Café** has the elixir. Known for its full-plated comfort food, the café offers generous portions of classic staples and tasty specialties. The vibe is cozy and unpretentious, with a rustic interior and personable staff. Their own Hilltop 7-raised beef and pork adds to the farm-to-table touch necessary of the *Best Hangover Food Cure*.

Avoid the scene altogether and mix up your own concoctions with ingredients from **Belgrade Liquor**. Their huge, well-curated selection of liquors, wines and "ready-to-drink" options, including many Montana-made spirits, helped brown bag the award for *Best Packaged Liquor Store*.

Tour the viticultural regions of the world from Bozeman's own **Montana Spirits & Wine**. Their more than 1,500 personally curated vinos cover a wide range of styles – from light whites and aromatic sparklings, to rich reds, dessert wines and full-bodied varietals. The *Best Wine Shop* is ready to assist for dinner party hosts or casual swishers.

Find your vibe at **Collective Elevation**, known for its living-soil grown, organic cannabis, offering a wide selection of flower, edibles, vapes and concentrates. It was once again voted *Best Dispensary* and can be found at two Bozeman locations.

Turning away from the food and beverage industry, Bozeman and its boroughs are supported by a bustling local economy of small businesses whose goods and services keep our days busy and homes furnished.

Adorn the walls with an artful find from **Altitude Gallery**. The eclectic exhibitor specializes in contemporary, affordable work by local and regional artists. A diverse collection of paintings, pottery, hand-blown glass, jewelry, photography and sculpture helped Altitude take *Best Art Gallery* again in '25.

Every piece of art deserves its proper presentation, and **The Frugal Frame Shop** is here to ensure yours are display-ready. Their custom framing and printing are marked by friendly service, a wide selection of frame styles and affordable pricing. They collect the plaque for *Best Frame Shop*.

Legacy items are often passed down among generations, but anyone can add historical touches to their space with the help of **Antique Barn**. The spacious antique mall houses curated vendor booths featuring high end pieces, custom furniture and yard art, as well as locally made décor and vintage gifts. The *Best Antique Store* also hosts the occasional workshop.

Fall feng shui might see dwellers looking to add a home furnishing or set one free. The locally owned **Used Furniture Store** deals in clean, quality finds, home goods and décor with thousands of pieces available at any given time. They also buy furniture directly from locals with home estimates and pickup. It's no surprise they took each prize for *Best Furniture* and *Used Furniture Store*.

An end table can be made whole with a delightful vaseful from **Labellum**, your pick for *Best Florist*. The modern flower boutique creates unique, seasonal floral arrangements, offers a selection of plants and gifts, and is a locally superior source for custom wedding and event designs.

Get a read on historical events or modern culture with a new title from **Country Bookshelf**. The independent *Best Bookstore* accommodates two floors of curated books across genres, with gifts and stationery, as well as regular author and book club events.

Music Villa has helped experienced and developing musicians get equipped for their performances since the '70s, being awarded the gramophone for *Best Musical Instrument Store*. Their full-line shop features guitars, amps, drums, keyboards, pro sound gear and accessories. They also offer repairs, rentals, lessons, and host in store events and performances.

A Bozeman marquee, **Cactus Records & Gifts** is the iconic indie music shop and "weirdo" novelty store with a loyal customer base and local charm. The *Best Record Store* stocks new and used vinyl, CDs and cassettes, gifts, oddities, apparel and souvenirs. They're also home to 'Record Store Day' celebrations every year.

Heavens us, we are already on the precipice of gift giving season. **Heyday** shoppers needn't fear disappointment when picking something from the *Best Unique Gifts*. The lifestyle boutique offers a thoughtfully curated mix of home goods, jewelry,

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And if you're shopping for the gentlemen in your life, **Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply** has the *Best Gifts for Him*. The farm and ranch retailer sells clothing and boots, tools and hardware, as well as sporting and outdoor gear inspired by the Western lifestyle.

Bozeman Vintage rises to the top this year, staking its claim on *Best Clothing Store*. The well curated shop carries high quality pieces from the 20th century – Western wear, denim, 70s and 80s tees, dresses, boots, leather jackets, hats and more. Items available for both men and women.

Add some sparkle to the new 'fit with a dazzling new accessory from **Alara Jewelry**. The downtown gallery showcases unique, ethically sourced pieces – including Montana and Yogo sapphires – along with custom design, repair services, and in-house artisan work. Alara is the *Best Place to Buy Jewelry*.

Sack's of Bozeman sees a bargain hunter blitz as Bozeman's *Best Thrift Store*. A nonprofit whose proceeds support Help Center programs, they sell donated clothes, housewares, furniture, books, antiques and more — a clean, well organized place to shop affordably.

Two downtown retailers are dedicated to keeping Montanans comfortable in their various, movement-based activities.

Schnee's Boots & Shoes, voted *Best Shoe Store*, and **Bozeman Running Company**, named *Best Running Shoe Store*, go the extra mile to help outdoor enthusiasts find the perfect fit – whether for hiking, hunting, running, or everyday walks.

Take the new soles for a spin up **Peets Hill**, voted *Best Jogging Trail*, or lace up in the spring for **Run to the Pub**. The lively St. Paddy's tradition sees friends gather for a fun run, festive costumes, and plenty of post-race cheer with beer and community celebration. It was again voted *Best Timed Foot Race*.

Daily living in Southwest Montana is a bustling affair and wonder for those who reside under its big skies. Thankfully we've got a solid local scene highlighted by small businesses and folks who get what it takes to keep us healthy, happy and well-fed.

Though families often opt for wholesale shopping, many choose **Town & Country Foods** when meal planning for the week. Known for its strong community roots, the *Best Grocery Store* operates multiple full service locations offering fresh produce, quality meats, organic and natural foods, complete with in-store bakery and deli. Employee-owned, T&C is also the *Best Store to Buy Beer*.

Organics are available in bulk at the **Community Food Co-op**, the runaway pick for *Best Eco-Friendly Products*. Bozeman's neighborhood spot for fresh, feel-good food serves from two member-owned locations, offering organic, non-GMO and locally sourced groceries, plus a scratch-made deli, bakery and juice bar. The Co-op is committed to sustainability, making it easy to shop with purpose.

Find a protein specific to your occasion with a stop into two popular establishments. **Daniels Gourmet Meats & Sausages** is a local butcher shop offering premium beef, poultry, wild game processing and a full grocery department. They're cut above the rest for *Best Place to Shop for Meat*. And on the opposite side of town sits **Primal Meat & Fish Market**, a local shop specializing in fresh seafood and quality meats, known for offering Montana's freshest catches. They reel in *Best Place to Buy Seafood*.

Securing the top spot for *Best Convenience Store* in '25 is **Kagy Korner Store**. The welcoming, community-focused market offers a variety of everyday necessities, snacks and ice cream cones & cups, all served with a friendly small-town atmosphere that keeps customers coming back.

Beyond provisions, there's more to shop for in maintenance of hearth and home. **Owenhouse** prevails in another survey cycle as the area's *Best Hardware Store*. Locally owned and operated, two Bozeman locations provide a broad range of tools, home improvement products and gardening supplies, backed by knowledgeable staff dedicated to helping customers find exactly what they need.

As we enjoy the spoils of fall harvest, many are already making plans for another planting season come spring. **Cashman**, the trusted full-service nursery and landscaping business, provides a wide variety of healthy plants, trees and garden supplies, along with professional design and installation services to help

create and care for beautiful outdoor spaces. They take *Best Garden Shop / Nursery*.

While the Streamline bus service is a wonderful support, it can be difficult to do what needs doin' without a set of wheels. *Best Car Dealer* **Ressler Motors** has long been the go-to for the latest ride. Known for its wide selection of new and pre-owned vehicles, including top brands, as well as reliable service, parts and flexible financing, Ressler delivers for its customers with a strong commitment to satisfaction and community values. Their Collision Center also wins *Best Autobody* and *Automotive Repair*.

Edging out the win for *Best Oil Change* goes to the roadrunners at **Speedy Lube**. The quick and dependable auto service center specializes in oil changes, fluid checks and routine maintenance. Celebrated for its friendly staff and efficient, appointment-free service, it's the locals' destination for keeping their vehicles running smoothly.

A pair of new categories were introduced this year, both focusing on vehicle cleanliness and care.

Scrubby's provides the tools for self-service as the Valley's *Best Car Wash*, while **Bozeman Car Care's** mobile services took *Best Auto Detailing* for those looking for the professional treatment. Cruise through the wash or schedule a detail to keep the whip in its best form.

Rev a different sort of engine at **Yellowstone Motor Sports**, where gearheads get equipped for Montana's many outdoor adventures. The powersports dealership offers a wide selection of ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles. With a full parts and service department, the *Best ATV / Motor Sports Store* provides expert support and maintenance to help enthusiasts gear up for every season.

Cap a day in the outdoors with a dip into the rejuvenating waters of **Norris Hot Springs**, named *Best Hot "Wada"* again this year. The natural mineral hot spring destination attracts with its relaxing soaks, live music, local food and unique Montana experience in a scenic setting.

Or make a trip of it to **Chico Hot Springs**, the favorite for *Best Overnight / Weekend Getaway* year after year. The historic Montana resort nestled in Paradise Valley offers natural hot spring pools, cozy lodging, fine dining and its popular saloon with live music. It's a favorite destination for relaxation, entertainment and unwinding.

Elevate your self-care routine with a treatment from **Canyon River**, christened *Best Day Spa* and *Place for a Massage*. They tender a full range of luxurious treatments and therapeutic massages designed to relax and restore. With skilled professionals and a serene environment, it's the perfect place to de-stress and enjoy personalized care for body and mind.

Evolve Hair Design bestows fresh cuts and color on its many returning clients whose pristine 'dos awarded the local studio with *Best Hair Salon* another year. The contemporary salon provides expert haircuts, custom color and innovative styling. Find lookbooks for their team of skilled stylists online, each dedicated to their clients' looking and feeling their best.

The boys maneuver to **Legends Barber Club** when it's time for a trim. They offer a range of modern and classic men's and boys' haircuts, with experienced barbers who focus on precision and style. Voted *Best Barber Shop*, clients leave looking sharp whether with a manicured beard or clean shave.



East Main Ink is game for body art for first-timers or canvass enhancements. The studio specializes in custom designs, working with clients to create tattoos tailored to their ideas, style and personality. The *Best Tattoo Studio* artists cover a wide range of styles, from traditional and bold color to realism, fine line work and illustrative pieces.

With facilities on the west end and downtown, the **Ridge Athletic Club** focuses on body work of a different class. The full-service *Best Gym / Fitness Center* houses everything from a heated pool, courts, and group classes to certified personal trainers, wellness resources, and a welcoming atmosphere for all ages and body types.

Montana Mixed Martial Arts, Bozeman's long-standing MMA and Jiu Jitsu academy, is a venue that promotes physical health and self-defense practices. The *Best Martial Arts Gym* focuses on developing strength, fitness, balance and confidence in a low-ego environment that supports students for both competition or general fitness.

Peace is paramount at **Ekam Yoga**, whose variety of classes for all skill levels is an excellent avenue for relaxation, mindfulness and physical wellness. Your *Best Yoga Studio*.

Movement comes with a little sonic spice at **Tanya's Dance Co.** All ages and skill levels can partake in a variety of classes,

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including ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop and lyrical forms at the *Best Dance Studio*.

It's all about optics at **Advanced Eyecare**, that is, perceiving the world around us with the clearest vision possible. The *Best Optical Shop* offers comprehensive eye exams, contact lens fittings, dry eye treatment and advanced diagnostic services.

Banking on a prosperous future requires just the right amount of forward-thinking, something the folks at **First Security** enable with their many financial resources. The community *Best Bank* provides personal and commercial services including loans, mortgages, traditional accounts, mobile banking and full branch network across the state.

Invest a few hard-earned dollars into your most cherished companions with the knowledgeable staff at **Dee-O-Gee**. The pet supply retailer deals in natural foods, treats, toys, grooming and daycare services for dogs (and some cats). They emphasize holistic, high-quality products and a pet-friendly shopping experience. Dee-O-Gee gets its paws on the prizes for *Best Place for Pet Supplies* and *Pet Groomer*.

For canine healthcare needs or that of another variety, schedule a check-up with **Hardaway Veterinary Hospital**. The full-service animal infirmary provides comprehensive medi-

cal, surgical and dental care for pets, with a focus on compassionate, high-quality and Bozeman's *Best Veterinary* services.

Prospective pet owners and those looking to add a new member to the family wag their tails for *Best Nonprofit Heart of the Valley* again in '25. A welcome community resource, HOV imparts compassionate care, shelter and second chances for un-housed pets. With adoption, education and outreach programs, they connect animals with loving families and promote responsible pet ownership.

There's plenty of space for rascally recreation at **Snowfill Recreation Area**, a broad open space and the *Best Place to Take Your Dog*. The scenic, off-leash dog park features wide trails, rolling hills and mountain views – perfect for year-round hiking, running and play with your pup. Or take them to **Story Mill Community Park** when closer to town, the *Best City Park*.

Southwest Montanans are free to include their pooches during **Hiking** excursions, and often do, for the regularly enjoyed *Best Outdoor Activity*. Although our four-legged friends may get ahead of us, a trip up **The M** may be just the right amount of exertion for end-of-season outings. It was voted *Best Hiking Trail* this year.

In preparation of like adventures, **Bob Ward's Sports & Outdoors** claimed a pair of awards for their product lines and focus on our active mountainside lifestyle. The Montana-based supplier sells outdoor gear, apparel and equipment for hunting, fishing, camping and other adventures. They win *Best Outdoor Gear* and *Sports Equipment Store*.

Waders and floaters journey west for a day on the **Madison River** for slow-going immersions. Voted *Best River*, enjoy blue-ribbon trout fishing, scenic beauty and year-round outdoor recreation.

The River's Edge Fly Shop was hook, line and sinker for *Best Fly Fishing Store* this survey cycle. The premier Montana outfitter offers expert gear, guided trips and local knowledge for enthusiasts and casual anglers.

Bozeman riders need only thicker tread for the winter months, just one of the many things **Owenhouse Cycling** can assist with. The *Best Bike Shop* is run by seasoned pros who help pair locals with quality bikes, gear and expert repairs to support every ride, from mountain trails to city streets.

Cottonwood Hills gets the birdie and takes *Best Golf Course* this year. The locals' course features a championship 18-hole layout, family friendly 9-hole course and stunning mountain views from its space just west of Four Corners.

Though the gorgeous fall weather may suggest otherwise, it's nearly time to carve up the slopes at **Bridger Bowl**. The community-owned *Best Ski Area* is known for its legendary powder, diverse terrain and a laid-back, local vibe. Bridger is set to open its season with anticipated 'Community Event Series' on Dec. 12th!

Moving into first for *Best Place to Experience Nature* is **Yellowstone National Park**, a major draw for tourists but also accessible for returning locals to see the sights. America's first national park is famous for its geothermal wonders, abundant wildlife, and breathtaking landscapes that draw adventurers far and wide.

There's plenty of entertainment to be enjoyed indoors, and while Montanans love the sunshine of summer, a far less welcoming new season is upon us.

Discover some educational fun with an afternoon at **Museum of the Rockies** whose displays and many activities give wondrous minds a chance to learn in exciting ways. Take in a show at Taylor Planetarium or wander through the famous Siebel Dinosaur Complex, with changing exhibit *Becoming Jane: The Evolution of Dr. Jane Goodall* opening this month. MOR is the regular favorite for *Best Place for Family Fun* and *Kids' Activities*.

Develop some familial history with a collaborative project at **Arts on Fire**, a paint-your-own pottery venue voted *Best Art or Craft Studio* this cycle. Visitors of all ages can pick out pre-fired bisque pieces, paint them onsite, and have them glazed and fired. They offer drop-in painting, host parties and special events, and run weekly specials to make it affordable and fun. Or pick up some supplies from **Hobby Lobby** who again took the prize for *Best Craft / Hobby Store*.

With a revered summer run of *Cabaret* in the can, **The Ellen Theatre** secured the trophy for *Best Live Theatre Venue* once more. With productions executed by Montana TheatreWorks, they endeavor to entertain, educate and inspire through high-quality performing arts while celebrating community and preserving the historic landmark that is their stage. Next up is Dickens holiday classic *A Christmas Carol*, arriving in Dec.

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Bozeman's busiest months always have to make room for **Montana Shakespeare in the Parks** and this sunny season was no different. With kickoff performances of *As You Like It* and *Henry V* at the MSU Grove, the troupe hit the road for a slew of al fresco performances around the Treasure State. The outreach theatre company tours free, professional performances of Shakespeare and other classics throughout rural and under-served communities in Montana and nearby states.

Bozeman Farmers Market pulled off another squeaker for *Best Local Event*. The weekly evening market in a summertime Lindley Park is a family friendly gathering that features local growers, artisans, food vendors, non-profits and live music. A portion of proceeds go to support and improve Bozeman's parks.

Another marquee Gallatin Valley event has reason to celebrate. Celebrating its 48th outing in '25, **Sweet Pea Festival** is a vibrant summer tradition and voted as your *Best Festival* after a year off. The annual three-day arts celebration features live performances, art and craft vendors, kids' activities and food, as well as a beer and wine garden. The festival supports local arts education and community projects.

Take in a show at **The ELM** when the mood strikes. Bozeman's go-to indoor music venue supports a capacity for touring acts, offers great sound, open space and balcony views, making it perfect for catching both big-name artists and local bands. The *Best Event* and *Music Venue* is set to host upcoming shows by the likes of Old Crow Medicine Show, Molly Tuttle, Kip Moore and Margo Price, among others.

It's been a year of change for **Pinky & the Floyd**, the routinely prized *Best Local Band* whose longtime keyboardist tragically left us last summer. Dedicated to recreating the music and atmosphere of Pink Floyd, they perform full albums and deep cuts, using elaborate visuals and a large lineup including multiple vocalists and instrumentations. They're set to bring their "Wish You Were Here" 50th anniversary tour to Bozeman on Nov. 29th.

Take a break from the national turmoil with an attention shift to Gallatin Valley happenings with **KBZK** whose start and end-of-day programs collect the prizes for *Best TV Morning* and *Evening News Show*. Expect local headlines, community stories, live reports and weather updates during each broadcast, reflective of the station's commitment to serving the Bozeman community.

Get the latest with a dash of laughs courtesy of the **KSKY 106.9** morning show featuring the sprightly personalities of **Dave & Ally**. Blending popular country music with community-focused conversation, actually enjoy the drive to work with programming from 6–10am. The duo are repeat winners for *Best Radio DJs* while the country catalog on their host frequency strummed up the votes for *Best Radio Station*.

Urbanites may scoff at those many of us who complain about traffic, but as so many social media posts suggest – we have a problem on our hands. Platted in the late 19th century, our founding fathers may have never imagined what their passion project would evolve into. Though modifications to our roadways remain constant, so does the sprawl. Once again taking the "prize" is **11th & Durston**, voted *Best Place for a New Traffic Solution* another year. The intersection is consistently congested and an area to avoid when school is in session.

John Bozeman and his associates may *not* be surprised to learn of our booming popularity for the same reasons they planted a flag beneath the Bridgers, but would surely take issue with the challenges faced by hardworking locals whose lives have become more difficult in our relentless discovery.

Best Use of Taxpayers' Money and *What Could Make Bozeman Better* again go to **Rent Control** and **Affordable Housing**, respectively, as simply having a roof over one's head lost its guarantee many years ago. Laborers and servicepeople, those individuals who keep our local economy moving, should not have to beg for basic accommodation. We'll have to see if recent tax reform and incrementally improving housing options will serve those who deserve it the most.

Access to the Great Outdoors continues to be the gift that keeps giving, once again voted your *Best THING About Bozeman*. There's no denying this major perk of our locality sees many of us accepting the increasing challenges of everyday life in Southwest Montana as we enjoy the surrounding natural playground. A sweet escape into the fresh mountain air offers a certain serenity confronting our growing pains does not, but remains of the greatest reminders of why this is home. •



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