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Big Sky,
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Meadowview approved

Waivers to county subdivision design standards also a go

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An application submitted by Gaston Engineering on behalf of Meadowview LLC to begin development of a 52-unit condominium subdivision adjacent to the Community Park was unanimously approved by the Gallatin County Commission on Tuesday, April 24.

The 9.2-acre condominium development went through a subdivision approval process, unlike other developments of its kind, which typically go through site plan approval via the zoning process. This allowed Meadowview developers to request several waivers to the required standards.

Gallatin County Planner Tim Skop explained waivers are not the same as variances, which imply hardship.

Skop spelled it out, "A waiver is subjective, and allows you to talk in the context of

positives in order to offset a specific value you can't meet," like adding a second access road or including a set amount of egress space.

Skop has seen the Bough Community and Powder Light subdivision requests come to

and the roadway as well as sidewalks on both sides of the road. The proposed Meadowview subdivision's roadway, to be named Arapaho Trail, would have one sidewalk on the lower side of the road with no grassy area. The commission found no issue with this, noting that Little Coyote Road doesn't have any sidewalks at all.

High-density developments like Meadowview require more than one way to come and go, but Meadowview's location—abutted against a steep hillside, baseball fields and Forest Service land—prevents that redundancy in access. So, a waiver to have only one access point was requested. The commission looked to Big Sky Fire Chief Bill Farhat, who cited no concerns with the single access.

"One thing we look at is, 'Can the community get out?'

**"The area was intended for this to be developed at a high density."
—Commissioner Don Seifert discussing the Meadowview project approved for Little Coyote Road neighborhood.**

the commission only to be shot down due to each not meeting regulation requirements.

"In this case, they've thought things out," added Skop.

Two waivers were requested in relation to pedestrian facilities. Traditionally, for a development of this size, a four-foot grassy area is required between a sidewalk

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Another gate?

What is public could turn private



If the residents who signed the abandonment petition have their way, a gate would be installed at this location and the roads behind would be closed to the public. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

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A petition to abandon portions of Streamside Way and Great Horn Road made its way to the

Gallatin County Commission in late March and a viewing committee comprised of Gallatin County Commissioner

Don Seifert and Charlotte Mills with the county clerk and recorder's office came to Big Sky recently to take a look at the roads. They'll make a recommendation, which will be presented to the commission at one of its regular weekly meetings. The exact date is to be determined.

The roads in question are located to the south of Town Center and access several low-density subdivisions. A successful abandonment would allow the residents of subdivisions located along the roadways to install a gate to keep unwanted traffic out.

Gallatin County Planner Tim Skop voiced his concerns over the petition at the March 27 commission meeting.

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Is Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Big Sky?

Those with information about ICE activities are encouraged to contact the Lookout

Certain Gallatin County employees were notified about recent ICE operations by email on Wednesday, April 18 and the following day, the Lookout heard anecdotally that a white Suburban and a black pickup were in the county conducting raids.

While waiting for a response to questions sent to the ICE public information office in Texas, the Lookout is reaching out to anyone who might have information about local workers being detained and possibly deported.

Stay tuned for additional coverage in the May 3 edition. If you have information you'd like to share, please call the paper directly: (406) 548-7628 or email us: editor@lonepeaklookout.com

—DM

Road to nowhere

An aimless adrenaline ride to Big Sky



The car in this photo is not the white Honda that crashed on Lone Mountain Trail on Thursday, April 19, but the image conveys what law enforcement and local security were looking for—a small white sedan on the run.

The sign in the foreground sits at the bottom of Portal Creek Road, one of several Forest Service roads anyone trying to hide in Gallatin Canyon might consider, if they were not still locked up behind gates and covered in snow.

Immediately following the April 19 car chase through Big Sky, Capt. Don Peterson with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office commented about this quirk in circumstance. Had the chase occurred during the summer, it would have greatly widened the possibilities and search area.

PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON

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Show Place in Belgrade is a dead-end court lined with small apartment buildings and filled with cars. For someone on drugs who allegedly stole a vehicle in Billings and started to run out of gas in Belgrade, this quiet residential street looked like it held opportunity.

Around dawn on Thursday, April 19, a Show Place resident went outside to warm up her white 2003 Honda Accord. It sat idling in the early morning sunshine a block away from Belgrade Middle School.

Then, just before the sidewalks filled with school kids and one step ahead of any nosy

neighbors, someone drove off in the Accord.

"This morning a lady in Belgrade went back outside and her vehicle was gone," said Capt. Don Peterson with the

Gallatin County Sheriff's Office. An incident report details how "a witness subsequently called 911 and reported the theft to law enforcement." When the

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The accidental road issue

We didn't plan it, but this week there are several stories about roads.

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What's your *spirit* animal?

Heather Rapp's colorful creations paint the town



Artist Heather Rapp finds her inspiration in the natural world that surrounds her, from the forests around Portland, Ore. to the mountains and wildlife of her homeland—Montana. PHOTO BY MOUNTAIN TOWN PHOTOGRAPHY

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For Big Sky artist Heather Rapp, her paintings began as gifts. Before she started Heather Rapp Art & Design, she created works of art to give to her family and friends. Rapp was recently highlighted in the Arts Council of Big Sky's annual report, a mailing in which the nonprofit showcases its programs

and spotlights a musician, an artist, a volunteer and a student. She quickly gave a copy of the annual report to her mother, Marie Rapp, who was excited to see her daughter showcased. In fact, it was Marie, who was volunteering for the arts council at the time, who motivated her daughter to submit her work for the nonprofit's public art utility box program. Heather's art was chosen, and now her vivid rendition of Lone Mountain brightens up the busy intersection of Lone Mountain Trail and Ousel Falls Road. Rapp was raised in Amsterdam, Mont., attending high school in nearby Manhattan. Things got confusing when she headed off to college at the Art Institute of Portland, Ore. Whenever she told new friends about growing up in Amsterdam and Manhattan, they didn't think she was talking about Montana. "They'd be like, 'Wait, what?'" "I've been into art ever since I was a little kid," continued Rapp. "Always coloring, not necessarily painting, but always doing something like that. I got a lot of encouragement from the people around me—teachers, my family. My

parents really wanted to support me and that's been amazing the whole way." Originally, her goal was to be an animator for a company like Disney, because she loved drawing little characters. In college, she figured graphic design was a better avenue for a career. But when she graduated with a degree in graphic design, she found it tough to get a job in the field. Rapp took one painting class in college, "which I actually hated," she laughed. "I was super excited to take it, but the teacher spent the whole term making us paint still-lives. I understand the foundation of shadow and color, but I was hoping we'd move on. It was so boring." That would be her only formal painting class. "I think the reason that it bothered me was that I had so much in my head creatively. I knew what I wanted to paint," she said. "And then coming from Montana, the mountains have always inspired me. Even when I was in Portland, I was always designing mountains, nature in general. That's absolutely what inspires me, and living here it is so easy to find it."

That one class, among other things, taught Rapp what she didn't want to do. In fact, it propelled her to start creating her own small pieces on an easel in the kitchen of her basement apartment. She kept on painting in whatever space she could find in whichever apartment she was living in. "It was always mountains, nature stuff," she recalled. "Most of them ended up being gifts for



A wrap by Rapp: What started as a project with Lone Peak High School student Dasha Bough has led to a community project with several partners and more than 30 wrapped utility boxes and public trash receptacles. Rapp's rendition of Lone Peak is one of those art works, located prominently at the intersection of Lone Mountain Trail and Ousel Falls Road. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

family. That was another thing that drove me to paint more. I found out that this was a really special gift that I could give someone."

Those presents kept Rapp painting, inadvertently developing her signature, eye-catching colorful style over time. Rapp moved to Big Sky in 2012, and that was when she realized she could make her art into a business. "Before that it was a hobby, something I was doing OK at, but not something I thought of seriously as a business," she said. "Once I moved here, I realized instead of graphic design, I could make this my career."

Rapp does a fair amount of freelance design, and you can find her serving beer at Beehive Basin Brewery (she painted the door and tip jar there). But painting is her main focus. She was recently painting a lot, getting ready for her art show, which is currently on display at Katabatic Brewing Company in Livingston. The theme for that show is spirit animals—ones you can find around Montana—as well as her "mountain magic" themed works. In addition to the utility box wrap, you can also find Rapp's art brightening up a number of Big Sky locales. Her paintings were showcased at Sheddorn Grill at Big Sky Resort this past season, where she sold a number of small works. Her renditions of hops are on display at Caliber Coffee—and another mural at the former Yoga Stone space, now the Lone Peak Caregivers shop. Check out more of Rapp's work at www.heatherrapp.com or on her Facebook page.

"Once I moved here, I realized instead of graphic design, I could make this my career." —Big Sky painter Heather Rapp



If you're in Livingston, stop into Katabatic Brewing Company to see new works by Big Sky artist Heather Rapp. IMAGES COURTESY OF HEATHER RAPP



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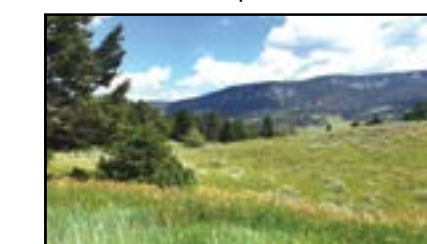
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Car Chase from 1

Belgrade Police Department responded to the scene, they found a 2012 Ford Escape—which was reported stolen from a car dealership in Billings.

"We suspect the subject was looking for a new car. Saw it running and saw an opportunity and took it," continued Capt. Peterson.

Not long afterward, a highway patrolman spotted the Accord on Jackrabbit Lane and began "a high-speed pursuit with the defendant" as the

The Accord was headed for Big Sky—home to one of Montana's dead-end highways. The officers in pursuit pulled back once they reached the canyon for fear a chase would cause a head-on collision.

As Capt. Peterson later explained, in the canyon, "You've got enough crazy drivers. You don't need 'em coming at you at 100 mph in the wrong lane, right?"

BIG SKY BOUND

Roughly twenty miles ahead of the Accord, Gallatin County Sheriff's Deputy Bryan Slingsby scanned every passing white sedan extra closely. He waited in Big Sky for the white Accord to emerge from the canyon. Other officers with Yellowstone National Park and West Yellowstone also went on alert, as did a highway patrolman who happened to be at Moonlight Basin.

There's no official estimate of how quickly the suspect navigated Gallatin Canyon, but it was likely fast. When the Accord rolled into Big Sky, the car apparently traveled past the turn off at the light by the Conoco and carried on to the south, but didn't make it far before it was spotted by Deputy Slingsby.

"A Big Sky deputy found him I believe down by Buck's T-4," recalled Capt. Peterson. "(Slingsby) Got into a pursuit down there. Kind of lost him. Again, because of speeds down there, the deputy backed off."

Soon afterward—sometime around 8 a.m.—the Accord was spotted by someone near Big Sky Resort.

In a press release, the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office later reported, "Security personnel witnessed the vehicle enter the area and kept eyes



Trooper Cody Ruane takes pictures of the crash scene. Describing law enforcement's strategy of backing off during car chases as a way to not make a bad situation worse by causing a crash with a motorist who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, Ruane said, "A life isn't worth a stolen vehicle." PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON



Sergeant Brandon Kelly (center)—who patrols the Gallatin Canyon for the sheriff's office—looks down at a ball cap later taken into evidence. Kelly is flanked by Montana Highway Patrol Sergeant Patrick McCarthy (left) and Gallatin County Sheriff's Deputy Douglas W. Lieurance. PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON

on the vehicle until it began traveling back down" Lone Mountain Trail, also known as Highway 64.

This is when Trooper Cody Ruane joined the chase. He spotted the Accord driving in the wrong lane, endangering oncoming traffic. Ruane was struck by the sight because at the time, the suspect was not clearly being pursued. Still, the driver was indulging in a game of chicken, occupying the left lane of the two-lane road, said Ruane.

The car was swerving "back and forth and jerking around putting everyone in danger," according to the trooper. Ruane, along with Sheriff's Deputy Douglas W. Lieurance, began pursuit and at around 8:20 a.m., motorists and bystanders in Westfork Meadows and Town Center witnessed what looked like a Hollywood car chase as the Accord sped downhill past Gallatin Alpine Sports and Big Pine Drive.

The traffic light at Ousel Falls Road lay ahead and Trooper Ruane accelerated into the intersection in order to prevent the Accord from making a high-speed right turn. "I went to the right to keep him from going into that Town Center," recalled Ruane, who figured more motorists and pedestrians would be endangered if the Accord were to careen onto Ousel Falls Road and speed through a densely populated part of the community. Also, a road block waited ahead at the intersection with Little Coyote Road.

So the chase continued down Lone Mountain Trail, when it appeared the driver inside the Accord saw patrol vehicles blocking his way. That's why he decided to take the Accord off-road

as Ruane and Deputy Lieurance closed in from behind. Lieurance later described the chase past Roxy's and the Big Sky Medical Center like this: "After continuing into the Meadow area of Big Sky, the vehicle turned off the road into the grassy golf course area." (A comment that evening on Facebook read simply, "Poor golf course.")

The law enforcement officers in pursuit followed and all three vehicles steered around the corner over Little Coyote Bridge and past ball fields in Community Park before racing through the neighborhood. Witnesses watching from across the golf course near the 3 Rivers Communications office on Skywood Road saw the Accord skid into a ditch on Little Coyote. For an instant, it looked like the pursuit might end there. But the Accord returned to the pavement, barreling toward four-year-old Frank Daily, who was safely at home, watching.

"He ran in and said, 'I just saw a cop go by with his sirens on. There were three of them,'" recalled Frank's mom Jodi Daily, who said the excitement made Frank's day. Observing how Big Sky is an ill-advised location to stage a high-speed getaway, Jodi said, "This is the silliest place to come. No place to go." After passing the Daily's home, Trooper Ruane said the Accord continued to endanger the public, with one motorist hitting the gas in a panic to get out of the way. Ruane and Lieurance followed the Accord back onto Lone Mountain Trail, past Lone Mountain Ranch and into Madison County,

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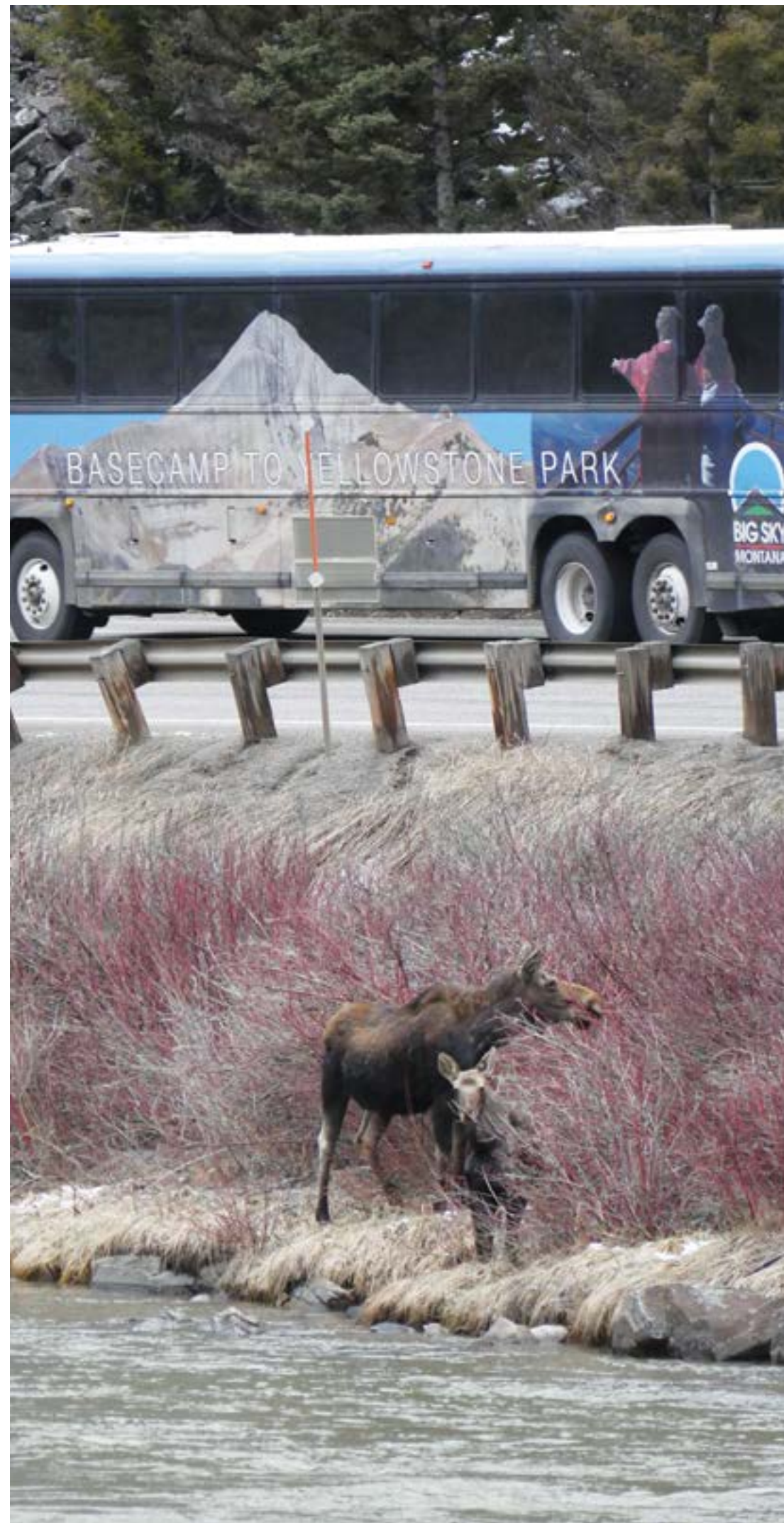


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Red dog season



PHOTO BY JIM FUTTERER COURTESY OF YELLOWSTONE FOREVER

I just had to write you about this exciting news from inside Yellowstone National Park: Our

“Moments like this—the ‘firsts’ of a season—are such powerful reminders of the wonders at work in Yellowstone National Park.”
—Heather White, Yellowstone Forever president and CEO

first baby bison of the season has been spotted!,” wrote Yellowstone Forever’s President and CEO Heather White in an April 18 email to supporters. “A wonderful photographer (and one of our longtime supporters) named Jim Futterer caught sight of the little one and took this breathtaking photograph in Lamar Valley.”

White continued: “Moments like this—the ‘firsts’ of a season—are such powerful reminders of the wonders at work in Yellowstone National Park. This baby bison—they’re sometimes called ‘red dogs’—was born among some of the world’s greatest natural marvels, joining a delicate ecosystem unlike any other.”
To learn more, please visit www.yellowstone.org or find Yellowstone Forever on Instagram. —YF

Last week, local angler Taylor Alastra was bluffed by a bull moose near Dudley Creek on the Gallatin River. At the time, Alastra mentioned he’d seen a cow and calf moose near Greek Creek.

Then, on Tuesday, April 24 around 8:30 a.m., this pair was spotted just upstream from Greek Creek, quietly dining riverside as traffic whizzed past.

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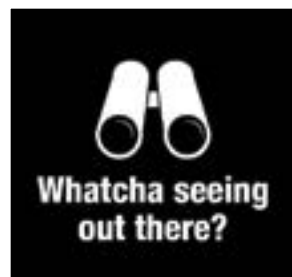
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BY DAN PLUTH

Late April in the mountains—the last few days of skiing, the dreaded taxman and bears coming out of hibernation. The grizzlies have been out for a few weeks now and just the other day we spotted a black bear. Time to remove the winter bird feeders and suet blocks.

The area below the feeder needs to be cleaned up as not to get the sour mash smell that is so attractive to the sleepy bruins. Any other attractant also needs to be removed. Yes, that popcorn and cranberry string put up at Christmas is considered an attractant. Any carcasses from winter kill also should be removed if they are close by.

It is time to get the hummingbird feeders cleaned out and ready. Have a high hook the bears can’t reach and keep the area clean.

Around Big Sky, I expect anyone with a feeder will see hummingbirds by Mother’s Day. Keep the food fresh even if you don’t see any use. On frosty mornings, you can spot the birds waiting for the sun to warm up the feeder and clear the ice. With the length of this winter, any bit of feeding help for the little travelers is a bonus.

As the snow recedes, get out and see what is coming back for the summer in this beautiful spot we call home. Also, remember to check dates on your bear spray and replace if needed.

Dan Pluth runs Animal Control Solutions (www.animalcontrolsolutionsmt.com) and is an avid wildlife watcher.



Another sign of the times—winter-killed carcasses picked clean by the strong, end-of-winter appetites of everything from grizzly bears to ravens to ermine. This elk skeleton was spotted at the bottom of Portal Creek Road. PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON



The ground squirrels are coming out, like this pair in Westfork Meadows. PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON

What are you seeing out there? Send your wildlife encounter stories and photos to editor@lonepeaklookout.com or call (406) 548-7628.

BRIEFS

“Last Chance U” turf students headed to

Big Sky



Students line up for class at East Mississippi Community College. PHOTO COURTESY OF EMCC

If you’re a fan of the Netflix hit series “Last Chance U” about the football program at East Mississippi Community College, then you can probably imagine Head Coach Buddy Stephens breaking a three wood over his knee and berating his foursome with a barrage of four letter words.

Put all of that out of your mind for a moment and consider the Zen science of turf management. In addition to launching once-troubled football players into the NFL, EMCC is also known for its quality turf management program—one designed

to create cutting-edge golf course managers of the future. This summer, two EMCC turf prodigies will work in Big Sky, according to a recent story in the Starkville Daily News. Zach Mozingo and Matthew Morse will begin internships next month. Monzingo will work at the Yellowstone Club, and Morse will get his hands dirty and keep the grass green at The Reserve at Moonlight Basin.

“While Morse and Mozingo will spend most of their time working on their respective courses, the two plan to explore nearby Yellowstone National Park,” reports the Daily News. “They also plan to try their hands at fly fishing.”

On the job, each will translate what they’ve learned in the classroom to real-world situations.

“Most of the time, when somebody asks you about the field, you end up making it sound like you’re a glorified grass-cutter more than anything else,” Morse said. “I guess that’s the misconception. You have to explain that there is some actual science and a little math that goes into it.” —DM

Work on Storm Castle



With the Storm Castle Bridge closed to traffic, there’s still parking just up the road at the fishing access site. PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON

After word of a mid-April closure for Storm Castle Bridge started circulating, it appeared the plan was delayed as the bridge remained open to appreciative hikers, anglers and dog walkers, who flock to the traffic-free Forest Service Road #132 this time of year. A scenic stretch of the road is gated and remains locked until May 16. Now it appears the bridge is

closed to all vehicle/motorized traffic. For people who would like to walk or bike in the area, the Forest Service asks that you park at the fishing access just south of the bridge off of Highway 191. Originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corp., the bridge has needed repairs meant to protect the historic character. The contractor will be reinforcing the bottom of

the structure with carbon fiber panels. This reinforcement will strengthen the bridge’s integrity to allow for continued vehicle use and meet highway legal requirements. For additional information, please contact the Bozeman Ranger District at (406) 522-2520 or visit us online at www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin. —CGNF

More road and trail news

Improvements made to a 3.5-mile section of Yellowstone Park’s East Entrance Road between Fishing Bridge and Indian Pond will benefit visitors and improve infrastructure in the park. Road construction efforts will widen narrow

roads, improve entry and exit points into developed areas, provide for better scenic viewing opportunities along the road, and repair the historic Fishing Bridge. Anticipate delays if your travel plans include visiting the park from the East Entrance.

Also, due to heavy snow and unsafe conditions, the following area trails and overlooks are closed until conditions improve: Norris Geyser Basin and all overlooks along the North Rim Drive at Canyon Village. —YNP

Another gate? from 1



department fundamentally objects to this process to abandon the roads,” he told the commissioners, citing plats he entered into record that clearly establish the roads are not private, but instead dedicated to the public. “The petition indicates that they’re private. I disagree with that,” he said.

Skop recalled when the subdivisions on Streamside Way and Great Horn Road were originally platted, saying, “Of specific interest is the K-Ranch... where two variances were denied to the subdivision regulation standards regarding cul-de-sac length and second access for the K-Ranch subdivision.”

Skop continued, “The commission at that time denied those variances and forced the current configuration of the roads that are now being requested to be abandoned.”

Also at question is whether the roads even qualify as county roads at all. Skop said roads like Gooch Hill and Stucky Road are examples of county roads, while

Streamside Way and Great Horn Road are actually interior subdivision roads, created through a subdivision review process.

“They’re dedicated to the public, but they’re not county roads, so the county abandonment process does not apply,” noted Skop, adding, “The appropriate process to adjust, abandon or even consider this is through the subdivision review process. These aren’t old roads. They aren’t old subdivisions. They’re largely less than 10 years old. We should follow that process if we want to abandon them.”

Attorney Alanah Griffith, who represents many of the landowners along the roadways, said she believes her clients’ abandonment request is the appropriate way to move forward.

“They are county roads, they’re dedicated to the public and the county has the ability to oversee the roads,” said Griffith during the March 27 commission meeting. “There are a lot of different issues with these roads right now... Whatever the appropriate process is, we’re happy to do whatever is needed.”

The abandonment petition states, “Because of the increased use of the roads to trespass on private roads, their cost to maintain the roads has increased. The owners would like to reduce this cost by limited access to those who actually are using the road legally... Some increased traffic is due to hunters who are using the

This sign is more of a deterrent than an actual statement of legal fact—according to Commissioner Don Seifert and Gallatin County Planner Tim Skop, who say this is actually a public road and those who use it are not trespassing. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

Car Chase from 3

putting more lives on the line with each bend in the highway.
 "He wasn't driving with a normal state of mind," recalled Ruane, describing how the Accord continued to cross the center line.
 Just before mile marker eight, the Accord went wide, into the oncoming lane. A truck appeared, heading for what looked to be a head-on collision in the making, said Ruane. But the suspect slammed on the breaks at the last minute and avoided a crash.
 This breaking maneuver by the suspect, said Ruane, allowed the trooper to slingshot ahead. So suddenly, the Montana Highway Patrol and the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office had the Accord boxed in, with Lieurance in back and Ruane upfront.
 "The guy did not want to be between us," said Ruane.
 Watching from the rear, Lieurance witnessed Ruane move "his vehicle closer to the suspect vehicle to get it to slow down."
 This was evidently a de-escalation strategy for an out-of-control situation. But the suspect wasn't having it, said Ruane.
 "He went full-throttle in the vehicle. I could hear the engine and he accelerated into my



Big Sky Fire Chief Bill Farhat directs traffic following the April 19 crash near the intersection of Lone Mountain Trail and Beehive Creek Drive. PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON

to give up," wrote Lieurance in his report.
 "He said, 'You got me,'" remembered Ruane, who said he came away from the crash with a strained back caused by the Accord's blunt force impact on his patrol car.
 "It's a minor injury. It is what it is. Just a lower back injury, nothing major," assured Ruane. He was prescribed Ibuprofen to ease the pain.
 When asked if the suspect appeared drunk or on drugs at the time of his arrest, Ruane said, "His demeanor was up and down. He seemed kind of excitable and surprised to be caught."
 The suspect was ordered onto the pavement, where he was placed in cuffs. Ruane couldn't positively confirm he was intoxicated, but "while helping the defendant to his feet, a glass smoking pipe, with burnt residue, commonly used to smoke methamphetamine fell onto the ground," reported Deputy Lieurance, who

possession of dangerous drugs.
 With the prospect of prison time looming, the defendant waited in the back of a patrol vehicle while more law enforcement arrived and secured the scene. Big Sky Fire Chief Bill Farhat managed the downhill lane of traffic, which stayed open while the right, uphill lane remained a crime scene.
 For about the next 20 minutes, a black ball cap sat in place on the pavement near the road's centerline. Skiers, job commuters and other motorists rolled slowly by, glimpsing the banged-up highway patrol car and the Accord, with its left front bumper smashed in. At some point, authorities placed the cap into evidence. Investigators later found an undisclosed amount of methamphetamine "inside the sweatband of the defendant's ball cap," reported Lieurance.
 As he waited to be taken to the Gallatin County Detention Center in Bozeman, the unidentified defendant said something that stuck with Trooper Ruane: "He just made a statement that if he drove bad enough the police usually stop chasing him. It just shows intent. He meant to drive like a jerk to get us to stop chasing him."

the two weeks leading up to his crash and arrest in Big Sky.
 There were chases in Helena and Billings, said Myers, before he took the white Accord from a residential street in Belgrade. In a Facebook post from April 15, Myers' delivered a disjointed account of sleeping in a Nissan Maxima he allegedly broke into at a Billings car lot.
 "Lost in Billings Montana I didn't walk it out and came here a few days ago got into a high-speed chase with the cops relax everybody I just got misdemeanor tickets after having to turn myself in because I was freezing cold and hiding inside a Maxima," wrote Myers. He went on to

**"I don't really have anybody. I feel like nobody cares."
 —Car chase suspect Maurice Myers during a recent interview at the Gallatin County Detention Center**

praise the responding officers, describing them as "pretty damn cool" considering the "high speed chase through their city at over a hundred miles an hour and was wearing a red bandana just gang Banging on everybody."
 Records show Myers was charged with two traffic violations—careless driving and fleeing or eluding a peace officer—by the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, April 14. He was driving a maroon Chevy and presented an "ID only" listing his home address as Leslie Avenue in Helena. Myers was not arrested at the time.

FROM MISDEMEANOR TO FELONY CAR CHASE?

On Monday, April 23—four days after the harrowing car chase through Big Sky—Maurice Danaye Myers, 32, picked up the phone on the other side of the glass in the visitation room of the Gallatin County Detention Center. The walls in the facility are a calming yellow. The separation windows are trimmed in a somber gray.
 Because Myers is in A Pod, designated for inmates in need of administrative segregation or observation, he was kept away from other prisoners and allowed to have the 16-stall visiting room all to himself for 30 minutes.
 Earlier in the day, the local public defender's office confirmed Myers was at the time unrepresented by counsel. He was being held on \$1 million bond and he wanted to talk about what he's experienced in the last two weeks.
 In his own words, which were punctuated by tears and contrition about needing mental-health counseling, Myers claimed to have led law enforcement on seven high-speed chases during



During an April 23 interview at the Gallatin County Detention Center, Maurice Myers described what he liked about car chases. "It's fun. It's real," he said, before expressing regret and sadness. MUG SHOT TAKEN AFTER MYER'S APRIL 19 ARREST

vehicle," stated Ruane (an assertion the suspect would later dispute). This acceleration allegedly sent both the Montana Highway Patrol car and the Accord into the guard rail. The rail may have stopped both from tumbling into the ravine separating Lone Mountain Trail from a steep descent into Beehive Creek below.
 With the driver's side of his patrol car smashed in, "Ruane managed to pull his vehicle forward of the collision as I pulled directly behind the suspect vehicle. The vehicle stopped and the driver stuck both hands outside the window as if

continued to recount how, "The defendant made the comment, 'Yeah, that just fell out of my pocket.' As I moved him past the pipe, the defendant quickly stomped on it, crushing it into small pieces. He then said, 'Sorry, I had to do that to keep from another charge.'"
 The defendant—who had no ID and whose identity would not be confirmed for several more hours—was eventually charged with one count of tampering with evidence. That on top of assault with a weapon, two felony counts of car theft, three counts of felony endangerment and felony



A local fox trotted through the crime/crash scene on April 19. PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON

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Meadowview from 1

Certainly there is more than enough egress capacity to meet that standard," said Farhat. "Given our mountainous location, there are always challenges for the subdivision regulations to apply well in Big Sky... This is a one way in, one way out community."
 A smaller right of way than required by road law was also requested in order to create the least amount of impact to the landscape. This did not take away from the road's 24-foot width, which is the same as Little Coyote's. In addition, Meadowview's turn radius was requested to be 100 feet rather than the standard 150-foot radius. Chief Farhat noted that his team would have no issues with the road size nor the turnaround radius.
 "In the areas that don't have fire hydrants you need to move a lot of trucks in and out if there's a fire. Well, we do have fire hydrants here, so I don't have to worry about that," Farhat said, continuing. "These are not large structures, so the ladder truck doesn't need to fit in this road necessarily... It's not like a four-story structure. It's more about our engines, and these roads certainly meet that (requirement)."
 In the Gallatin County staff report addressing Meadowview, it was estimated

"I consider this a neighborhood road. I use it to bike on," said Crocker. "It's often used by pedestrians, school buses, people biking, people running, folks walking their dogs and others."
 Crocker went on: "I believe in safety first. I think this additional traffic is going to create more impact on the narrow bridge and the intersections with the spur road... I believe the extra traffic is going to lead to collisions and other dangerous scenarios..."
 The commission addressed the traffic concerns, voiced by two other residents, highlighting the fact that the lot was originally zoned in 1972 as a multi-family development.
 "The area was intended for this to be developed at a high density," Commissioner Don Seifert said. "Those traffic concerns were addressed in the design of the area."

"In the Gallatin County staff report addressing Meadowview, it was estimated the development would add 300 trips per day to the roadway."

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driving abilities, insisting, "I love driving. I have a gift with the wheel."
 But at other moments in the interview, he downshifted toward regret, describing a lonely existence with no support from friends and family.
 "I don't really have anybody," he said, tearing up. "I feel like nobody cares."
 When asked about seeking mental health counseling, Myers nodded in agreement and again became weepy, saying, "I snap. I have snaps."
 To Big Sky, he offered this: "I regret that I put lives at stake. I apologize for running through their town like an (a-hole). I need help."



Evidence of a car chase left in snow along the edge of Big Sky Golf Course. PHOTO BY DAVID MADISON

"Lost Angel"

That's what it says in an angel wing tattoo on Myers' chest

Here are other details from Maurice Denaye Myers' official "offender information."
2011: Charged and sentenced for sexual intercourse without consent in Cascade County. The victim was 13.
2015: Released from Montana State Prison in Deer Lodge on probation in June. Violated probation by failing a drug test in August.
September 2015: Returned for a second stint and served two months in Deer Lodge before getting transferred to Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby.
August 7, 2017: Released from Crossroads.
 At the time of the April 19 car chase in Big Sky, Myers' Montana driver's license was reportedly suspended.
 —Montana Department of Corrections

A look at Meadowview



- 52 units comprised of a top row of 14 duplexes and a bottom row of 14 single family units, which could have an above-garage apartment
- 4.2 acres of open space
- Trails connecting to the Community Park
- 20 extra parking spaces scattered throughout
- Water comes from Big Sky Water and Sewer District
- Member of the Big Sky Owners Association
- Short-term rentals would not be allowed
- Access road, to be named Arapaho Trail, would be a fire lane with no parking

Tale of two car chases



Outside Billings, the chase suspect's car ended up with slashed and blown out tires. In Big Sky, the chase ended with this Montana Highway Patrol vehicle being towed away after at least one of its tires blew, apparently upon impact with the suspect's car. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

While law enforcement between Belgrade and Big Sky pursued Maurice Myers on the morning of Thursday, April 19, another car chase ensued between Billings and the Crow Reservation at about the same time that day.
 The Billings Gazette reported that unlike Myers, this driver continued to use his turn signal and appeared to be making an effort to follow traffic laws even while running from law enforcement. Officers used spike strips and a knife to slash the vehicle's tires as it defiantly crept toward the reservation at as little as 15 mph.
 When the suspect finally came to a stop, officers used a taser to take him into custody. His passengers included a woman and a two-year-old child. Officers initiated pursuit because the license plate attached did not belong to the vehicle.
 —Billings Gazette

Road trouble in Big Sky

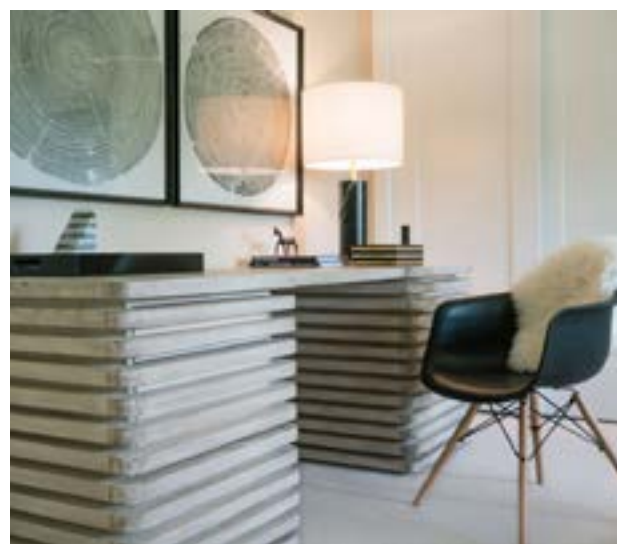
When the Montana Highway Patrol goes to work in Big Sky, duties include investigating traffic crashes, traffic stops, assisting the public, helping other law enforcement, handling complaints about hazards on the road and car chases.
This is a full rundown of past work in this community.
 2016 – 246 incidents
 2017 – 237 incidents
 2018 – 103 incidents (1/1/2018 thru 4/20/2018)
 —Montana Highway Patrol

NOTICE OF BIG SKY RESORT TAX DISTRICT DIRECTOR ELECTION
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the upcoming Big Sky Resort Tax District Director Election for two, four-year terms, will be held by mail ballot on May 8, 2018.
 The election will be conducted solely by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed only to active registered voters on April 23, 2018, and must be returned to the Gallatin County Election Administrator in person or by mail to 311 W Main St, Rm 210, Bozeman, MT 59715 by May 8, 2018.
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SPORTS

Track and field looks forward to using a track



Tracen O'Connor (left) and Kolya Bough (right) head off on a long-distance run from Lone Peak High to the Conoco and back. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

BY JOLENE PALMER
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Looking out at the snow-covered field, a track somewhere beneath, Lone Peak High School Track Coach Dave Brekke shook his head. "This time last year, we were rolling around, warming up on the grass," he said. His team of 10 boys and 10 girls hasn't had much chance to practice outside. On Monday, April 23, the sun made an appearance, and while it was hovering around 40 degrees—with fresh snow—the team headed outside to tackle long distance and relay. So far this season, three meets have been cancelled due to snow—in Bozeman, Belgrade and Columbus. Eight members of the team did compete in Butte on April 14. There,

Brooke Botha had a personal best in javelin and shot put. Brekke is confident the upcoming April 28 meet in Bozeman—put on by Manhattan Christian—will be a go. "The weather is looking good the rest of the week," he said, smiling. Cancelled meets can create a challenge for the young athletes, said Brekke. "Now they don't have the experience those meets would have given them," continued the coach. "But, there are only a couple of teams that have had two meets, because everyone has had them cancelled. They (the other teams) have been running outside, around a track, and that helps." Lone Peak track and fielders haven't had many track-running opportunities. "They don't know what they're missing, because they're so young, and they don't know what it's like. So this is all they know," Brekke said. "But they are missing a lot because they can't just get outside." The team did practice in the parking lot before its recent spring break, and spirits were high on Monday, April 23 as they braved the chill to get some cardio and relay experience. "But Wednesday, I think it'll be dry enough Wednesday," Coach Brekke said looking back at the field, imagining what it looks like in shades of brown and green instead of white.

Three new school records set at Butte meet



Members of the Lone Peak High track team take a break from competition during the first meet of the season in Butte on April 14. Many of the athletes were away for the beginning of spring break. With good weather in the forecast, the team will be out in full-force for an upcoming meet in Bozeman. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVE BREKKE

Freshmen	Ivy Hicks	Madi Rager
400m: 72 seconds (new school record)	800m: 2:56.53	800m: 2:55.12
100m: 14.34 seconds	800m: 2:56.53	1600m: 6:39.21
400m: 64.42 seconds	1600m: 6:25.98	300m hurdles: 60 seconds
Dolan Cain	Juniors	Brooke Botha
Long jump: 13' 8.5"	Cody Clack	Shot put: 29' 6" (new school record)
Triple jump: 30' 4.25"	800m: 2:47	Discuss: 84" 7"
Maddie Strauss	1600m: 5:46	Javelin: 93" 2"
300m hurdles: 58.178 seconds	3200m: 13:42	Long jump: 13" 3.5"
Long jump: 12' 7.5"	Milosz Shipman	Triple jump: 27" 3.5" (new school record)
Triple jump: 26:25"	100m: 13.97	
	Shot put: 31" 2"	



Emma Flach hands off the baton to Rowan Merryman as their teammates Cody Clack and Milosz Shipman do the same. Back to school following spring break, the team was eager to get outside to prepare for its upcoming April 28 meet in Bozeman. PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

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Rivals pause to listen?

Photographer and veteran Lookout contributor Mike Coil snapped this image not at first believing his eyes: a grizzly and a wolf in the same frame standing calmly next to one another? "The griz-wolf shot was in September 2010 near Pelican Creek in Yellowstone," recalled Coil. "I saw this pair about a quarter of a mile from the highway. As I started moving towards them, I lost sight of them for a bit. When I next saw them about 200 yards off, I got this one

frame and they spotted me and bolted. I never saw them again. I've seen bears and wolves together in the park two other times, but this is the only photo I have of them together. It's pretty rare and hard to photograph. Not sure why they were standing around so peacefully. There is a carcass out of the frame to the left. I think the rest of the pack was howling off in the distance and they stopped to listen or something."



PHOTO BY MIKE COIL

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Give a little, give a lot

Give Big Gallatin Valley organizers aim to raise \$1 million

\$1 million as a goal seemed like the next step," she said. This year, 193 nonprofits joined in, several of those from Big Sky: the Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO), Big Sky Discovery Academy, Thrive-Big Sky, the Arts Council of Big Sky, the Gallatin River Task Force and Morningstar Learning Center. The Yellowstone Club Community Foundation is the presenting sponsor for the event. The foundation, which already serves as a resource for nonprofits in Big Sky and beyond, contributed \$25,000 to GBGV. Half of those funds went towards working with the nonprofits involved to hone in on online social media tactics and the rest funded the prizes involved with the event.

Darby Lacey is the programs manager for BACF, and said the event has grown in leaps and bounds since its first year in 2015. Last year \$707,000 was raised for 168 nonprofits, up from \$500,000 the year before. "So Britt Ide, executive director of the YCCF, personally enjoys GBGV for a number of reasons. "I just love the concept of the online giving days because it helps all the nonprofits—it helps people be aware of them and all they do for our community, and it's that time of the year when it's not the annual giving time or during the summer with all the big gala events," Ide said. "The other thing I love about it is that it's really meant

to develop new donors. With a \$10 minimum, it targets younger donors online and through social media." During the 24-hour period between 6 p.m. on May 3 and 6 p.m. on May 4, donors can log onto www.givebiggv.org and search by name or cause to pick a nonprofit to provide funds to. You can choose any level of support—from \$10 to, well, as much as your credit card or bank account limits. "No matter what someone in our community is passionate about, be it fly fishing, clean water, or feeding the community, there is an organization working to make that a reality," the BACF's Lacey said of the extensive list of organizations to choose from. A unique aspect of GBGV are the prizes offered to the organizations being donated to. A number of \$750 prizes will be granted to the nonprofits for circumstances like the organization with the most donors, the nonprofit who receives a gift at the time closest to official sunrise, or the organization who receives a gift from a first-time donor. The money for the \$750 prizes was raised by the BACF and its sponsors, and works as a way to get more people excited about donating. "We really want to incentivize giving, to get people who have never given before to get involved," Lacey said, noting that a gift of \$10 could become an \$760 gift if a prize is won along with the donation. "We want donors to feel appreciated, because whatever the

amount, their gifts matter." It's not all online. GBGV also holds donor lounges where social philanthropists can gather and meet representatives of the organizations they support. In Big Sky, a lounge will take place at LUXE Spirits and Sweets on May 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. where donors can offer financial support to all the Big Sky nonprofits involved, with prosecco and sweet treats offered as a little extra incentive. Then on May 4, donors can stop by Compass Café from noon to 2 p.m. to support the BSCO.



Give Big Gallatin Valley is all about benefiting local nonprofits while making donors feel appreciated for their goodwill. This photo from last year's GBGV celebration in downtown Bozeman highlights a donor who chose to support ROC Wheels, an organization that specializes in wheelchair manufacturing, wheelchair distributions, youth programs and partnerships in order to provide wheelchairs to severely disabled children in developing countries. PHOTO COURTESY GBGV

A free dessert or drink will be given to those who donate. Funds raised for the BSCO will go to protect and preserve the Beehive Basin trailhead. Enhancements include additional parking, a bear-proof trash can and restroom. For more information on GBGV, contact Bridget Wilkinson at (406) 587-6262, bridget@bozemanfoundation.org or go to www.GiveBigGV.org. —JP

You, yes you, can lend a hand



PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

The Moose Creek Restoration Project is an ongoing collaboration between the Custer Gallatin National Forest and Gallatin River Taskforce. Last fall, new trails along the Gallatin River, a rack terrace leading to the water, a boat launch, bank stabilization and the addition of native plants were all added as part of the project. The work ramps up again on May 1 when the community is invited to join the Gallatin River Taskforce in a day of planting. This is just one of many volunteer opportunities offered in the coming months around Big Sky.

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The red-tails are out

PHOTOS BY DAVID MADISON

With rodents emerging from winter dens as the snow recedes, red-tailed hawks are soaring local skies, swooping over any meadowy-sagebrushy areas near Town Center in search of a meal. They're also out in force in the valley, like this one photographed near South Cottonwood Canyon.






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This blows

A man who was locked out of his car at 9:40 p.m. flagged down a deputy for help. The man voluntarily submitted a breath sample to check for alcohol consumption and was found to be over the legal limit to drive. He said he would call the Big Sky Sheriff's Office in the morning when he needed to get into his car.

April 17, 2018

■ An uneasy man called deputies just before 1:15 a.m. because while driving home a large red truck followed him there. The caller said when he got out of his car, the man in the red truck said he thought he was his friend, then left. A deputy could not locate any suspicious people.

■ A man lost his black Swiss Army backpack at the Broken Spoke. In it were his iPad, ID, Social Security card—and maybe his cell phone—he wasn't sure about that item.

■ A caller had questions regarding no trespassing signs and the enforcement of them.

■ Someone, possibly a man's fiancée, has reportedly taken control over his phone. He said his phone erases messages, pictures and recordings throughout the day. He also said his fiancée won't allow him to see bills or bank statements and keeps changing account passwords. He was told nothing he reported was criminal and was given some suggestions to get help with communicating better with his fiancée.

■ The sprinkler system at a building near the Community Park was found charged after it set off a water flow alarm at around 2 p.m.

■ Someone camping in a white custom van at the Community Park was asked to move along just before midnight.

April 18, 2018

■ Several drivers were stopped and warned for speeding in a construction zone on Lone Mountain Trail.

■ A deputy assisted a man by giving him a ride to the Big Sky Sheriff's Office so he could speak with a detective. He was also given a ride back home.

■ A man had questions about dump trucks not pulling over in the Gallatin Canyon to let vehicles pass.

■ A tenant of a Sitting Bull Road residence claims that officers entered her home without permission.

■ A blue sedan was seen passing three vehicles at a time on Gallatin Road just before 4 p.m.

■ A man was informed his roommate was released from the detention center.

■ A man who was already given a no trespassing order at a drinking establishment was back at the bar being disorderly at 8:20 p.m. Deputies located the man and arrested him.

April 19, 2018

■ A woman vacationing in Romania said she recently fired a contractor and now he is threatening her via social media. She was concerned the contractor would damage her home or vehicle.

■ At 10:30 a.m., a caller who stopped to check on a woman who was parked on the side of Gallatin Road and waving her hands, told deputies the woman seemed mentally ill. She was rambling and had disoriented thoughts.

■ A semi broke down on Ousel Falls Road at 2 p.m.

■ A man who was not allowed in a Black Eagle Road bar was at the establishment being disorderly at 4 p.m.

■ Rocks were causing a traffic hazard on Lone Mountain Trail at 4:30 p.m. They were removed by a deputy.

■ While someone was wiring funds to an out-of-state account, the money was intercepted and stolen.

April 20, 2018

■ A woman reported that several dogs have been wandering at-large on Curley Bear Road.

■ Rocks were removed by a deputy from Beaver Creek Road.

■ Several people called to report a loud party on Black Eagle Road at 11 p.m. The tenant agreed to lower the noise level.

April 21, 2018

■ A head injury was reported on Beaverhead Drive at 12:45 p.m.

■ A stolen lift ticket was sold on Facebook.

■ A Deputies and ski patrol assisted with a knee injury at the Pond Skim at 2:40 p.m.

■ A drunk woman outside of the Mountain Mall was causing a disturbance at 3 p.m. She was given a ride home by a deputy.

■ A backpack was reportedly stolen from Big Sky Resort.

■ Per the owner's request, a deputy performed a continuous patrol check at a Sitting Bull Road hotel.

■ A man was cited for criminal mischief after a deputy watched him break open the doors of a locked Big Sky Resort business just before 6 p.m.

■ A highly intoxicated person at Big Sky Resort was treated by Big Sky Fire Department and transported to the Big Sky Medical Center at 6 p.m.

■ The tire fell off of an older-looking van traveling through the Gallatin Canyon at around 6:30 p.m.

■ A person was warned for urinating in front of Scissorsbills Saloon at 8 p.m.

■ A courtesy ride was given to a man with a flat tire that needed to get to work at around 8:30 p.m.

■ A man was arrested at a Sitting Bull Road hotel for indecent exposure at 10:30 p.m.

■ A caller reported a possible child abuse situation at Big Sky Resort at 10:40 p.m. A deputy determined it was only an argument between a father and his kids and that everyone was safe.

April 22, 2018

■ The occupants of a Heavy Runner Road condo chased out a woman who broke into the residence just after midnight. The woman was cited for criminal trespassing.

■ A driver witnessed two men in a '90s model GMC Yukon throwing beer cans out of the swerving vehicle at 6:30 p.m. on Gallatin Road. A deputy could not locate the vehicle.

■ A number of people were attempting to break up a fight between two men wearing t-shirts and jeans at Big Sky Resort at 12:40 a.m. The disturbance was over before a deputy could respond.

■ A man in a white jacket flagged down a deputy near the intersection of Lone Mountain Trail and Ousel Falls Road at 12:50 a.m. and was given a ride home.

New sculpture for foyer?

Two men who stole a large bronze statue from Big Sky Resort were located in the free skier parking lot and cited for theft at around 1:15 a.m. The statue was returned to the business. At 2 a.m., a man had questions about why deputies were dealing with two men in the free skier parking lot.

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Mrs. Kathy House

This week's Miner of the Week is Mrs. Kathy House our K-5 librarian/Big Sky Community Library director and 24-year veteran of the Big Sky School District. Mrs. House shares her love of books with everyone who comes into the library. She has built two amazing libraries for our community and school. She is a role model for all. She has truly grown the library to evolve into an innovative space.

"I love that she taught us how to use the library catalog all on our own so we can find our own books and she has really fun lessons," said one student.

"She always reads to us and we get to learn about really cool stuff like whales," said another student. Mrs. House is the heart of our school and we are so happy to have her in our school and community.

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The Yellowstone Club Community Foundation serves as a resource for nonprofits in the greater Big Sky and Gallatin Valley area.

Volunteer from 11

together. Join the Big Sky Food Bank summer lunch volunteer and intern crew. It's a way to help the food bank with a rewarding, kid-friendly experience by serving at a summer lunch site. The volunteer commitment for meal service is generally two hours, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or so, and children are welcome to join in the fun. Other volunteer opportunities and times also may be available.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the food bank this summer can contact Lyra Leigh-Nedbor at summerlunch@thehrdc.org or visit www.gallatinvalleyfoodbank.org

Gallatin River Task Force

Join the taskforce at Moose Creek Campground for its volunteer planting day, May 1 starting at 9:30 a.m. There are 288 plants to get in the ground and volunteers are welcome to stay for as long or as short as they'd like. Contact Jack—jack@gallatinrivertaskforce.org to RSVP.

Big Sky Meadow Trails, Recreation and Parks Special District

There's an open spot on the five-seat board for this district, which was created by an inter-local

agreement between Gallatin and Madison counties in 2011. The district's goal is "to provide the residents and owners across jurisdictional boundaries and lines with improved opportunities to plan, manage, develop, create, maintain, finance and improve trails, recreation and parks in the area—which would promote quality of life and be of general benefit to the inhabitants..." Terms are three years. Contact the Gallatin County Commission at (406) 582-3000 or at commission@gallatin.mt.gov for more information.

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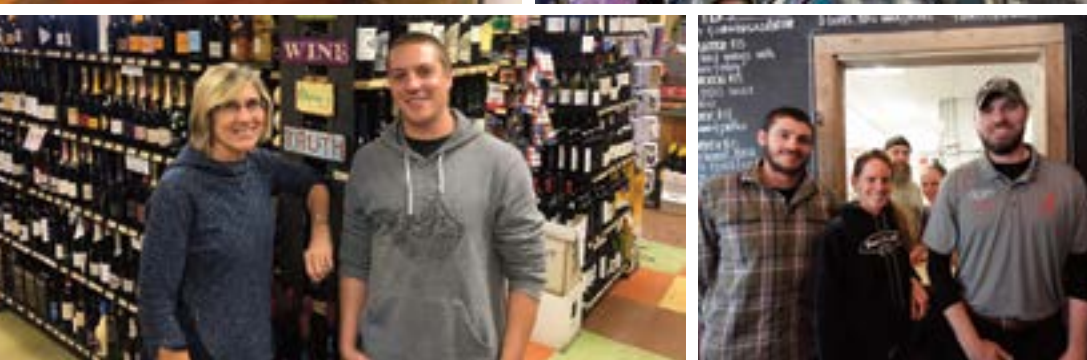
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Highway 64/Lone Mountain Trail (pictured) is not the only state highway that's a dead end. The roads to Pony (283), Ruby Reservoir (357), Red Rock Lakes (509), Menard (290), Trident (286), Willow Creek (287), Radersburg (285) and Chico (572) are dead-end routes that are state highways. All of them should be crossed off your list of get-away routes, as demonstrated by this week's lead news story "Road to nowhere." See front page.



Presents

BIG SKY Living

Thursday APRIL 26

4 p.m. ■ Al-Anon at the Big Sky Chapel

A support group for friends and families worried about someone with a drinking problem.

8 p.m. ■ Alcoholics Anonymous at the Big Sky Chapel

Friday APRIL 27

Plant a tree, it's Arbor Day! Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by a Nebraska journalist who—along with his fellow pioneers—missed trees on the open plains, where they served as important windbreaks. Today, communities around the country take time out on this day to plant a tree. In case you were wondering, Montana's state tree is the Ponderosa pine—

one of the nation's most abundant tree species and was named for its "ponderous" (heavy) wood.

Saturday APRIL 28

7:30 a.m. ■ Alcoholics Anonymous at the Big Sky Chapel

Sunday APRIL 29

Look up! The moon is full tonight. April's full moon has been called the full Pink Moon, the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Egg Moon or the Fish Moon—you decide. According to www.space.com, many cultures have given distinct names to each recurring full moon. The names were applied to the entire month, in which each occurred. The Farmer's Almanac explains that there were some variations in the moon names, but in general, the same ones were used among the Algonquin tribes from New England west to Lake Superior. European settlers followed their own customs and created some of their own names.

Sunday services at Big Sky Chapel

8 a.m. ■ St. Joseph's of Big Sky - Catholic Mass

9:30 a.m. ■ All Saints in Big Sky - A shared ministry of the Episcopal and Lutheran (ELCA) Churches

11 a.m. ■ Big Sky Christian Fellowship

Monday APRIL 30

5 p.m. - 9 p.m. ■ Class: Big Sky Homebuyer Education at Buck's

T-4. Two-day class, April 30 and May 1. Register at www.thehrdc.org.

Do you dream of owning a home? Would you like to participate in a down payment assistance program? It's never too soon to take a homebuyer education class. Course materials are relevant and useful to people from all walks of life who desire home ownership. The course is free and open to everyone, however, space is limited and fills up quickly. Registration and a \$25 refundable deposit check is required to hold a seat for an individual/ \$40 for a couple. You must attend an entire series (eight hours) to get a certificate. Partner sponsored refreshments will be provided. For more information or to make accommodations, contact Roselle Shallah, roadtohome@thehrdc.org or call (406) 585-4895.

Tuesday MAY 1

May Day! Today marks the halfway point between the first day of spring and the summer solstice. Originally, it was celebrated by ancient Romans with pagan rituals. Today, it's recognized as International Workers' Day, commemorating, among other things, the eight-hour workday.



Head to the Gallatin River on May 1 to aid in the ongoing restoration of the banks of the river at Moose Creek, an area frequented by campers, boaters and anglers. The riverbank was in poor shape due to heavy use, but recent efforts have whipped it back into shape. Come help! PHOTO BY JOLENE PALMER

9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ■ Volunteer: Moose Creek Planting Day

The Gallatin River Taskforce has 288 plants to get into the ground, so they're inviting the community to join in. Volunteers are welcome to stay for as long or as short as you like. Please RSVP to jack@gallatinrivertaskforce.org for more information and logistics. The taskforce, in partnership with the Custer Gallatin National Forest, is working to improve river health and public safety in Gallatin Canyon. The first project focuses on Moose Creek, a popular day use area with failing stream banks and excessive, disorganized trails. The project will prevent erosion by stabilizing stream banks, enhancing stream-side vegetation, building trails to concentrate use and installing a boat ramp and kayak launch. Volunteers will be planting, backfilling holes and hauling in buckets of water from the river, as well as helping unload the plants from the delivery truck and hauling them to the planting holes. Bring shovels if you have them and prepare to get dirty.

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. ■ Big Sky CSA Info Session hosted by Strike Farms at Lone Peak Brewery

Bozeman's Strike Farms comes to Big Sky and invites prospective gardeners and veggie lovers to learn about Strike Farms' CSA Veggie Subscription program and pick up some started vegetables and herbs for your own garden. Strike Farms is using a new, fully customizable option this year, so returning members are more than welcome to come as well. Strike Farms will also have a range of potted plant starts (veggies and herbs) for sale for folks to take home to their own gardens.

5:50 p.m. ■ Alcoholics Anonymous at the Big Sky Chapel



It's OK, go ahead and hug that tree. The last Friday in April is Arbor Day, a celebration of planting, caring for and learning about the importance of trees. PHOTO BY BRADY SMITH

Down in the Valley



Now is the time to get rid of those old, broken laptops, defunct cellphones and DVD players collecting dust—plus any other electronic trash that can't simply be tossed. Do you really need that Apple II and TSR 80? Take advantage of the free e-waste collection event at the Logan Landfill on April 28—if you're a Gallatin County resident.

Thursday, April 26

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Discussion: Pet food labels at Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter. Confused by all the pet food hype? Is grain-free food really better for your dog? Want to learn how to read pet food labels like a pro so you can decide what is best for your pet? Join Foothills Veterinary Hospital and several other area veterinary clinics for a discussion about these questions and more. Call (406) 556-0604 for more information.

Saturday, April 28

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Free e-waste collection at Logan Landfill hosted by Gallatin Solid Waste Management District

In a slightly late celebration of Earth Day, take advantage of a free opportunity to dispose of: computers, monitors, printers, televisions, radios, digital cameras, mobile phones, routers, scanners, fax machines, DVD players, stereos, remote controls, keyboards, set-top boxes, servers, tablets, VCRs and digital clock radios. Residents of the waste district are encouraged to carpool to save gas and time and avoid long lines. Those with large quantities should call a few days in advance and arrive early. All customers are required to stop at the scale house for detailed instructions. Normal rates apply to other forms of refuse. Logan Landfill is located at 10585 Two Dog Road, Logan, Mont.