



~ GCF FOCUS ~

May
2011

Website: www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com
Email: fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov
Fax: 406-582-3273

901 N. Black Ave.
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-582-3270

World Class Ice Climbing Structure Being Planned

What's Up With That?

Towering Vision (excerpt from March 7, 2011 Bozeman Daily Chronicle Article by Rachel Hergett)

"Bozeman is already a world-class climbing destination, with the Hyalite Canyon alone boasting dozens of established routes and untold others yet to be explored. Still, there is no local facility sanctioned by the International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation - known by the French acronym UIAA - that could host World Cup events. In fact, according to Mike Everts, a registered architect and associate professor at Montana State University, there is no such facility in the country.

Everts and the MSU School of Architecture have been working with the Alex Lowe Charitable Foundation on the Khumbu Climbing Centre in Nepal. Impressed by their work, Everts said he was approached by internationally renowned climber and Bozeman resident Conrad Anker with the possibility of working with students to design a climbing tower for the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

"It would be a climbing tower most of the year and an ice climbing competition venue in winter," Everts said.

MSU School of Architecture, Friends of Hyalite and the Competition Committee congratulates the winners of the Ice Climbing Structure Design Competition!

First Place: Michael Spencer, Tymer Tilton, and PJ Kolnick

Inside This Issue:

Ice Structure	Page 1
Gem Show	Page 2
Marketing Minute	Page 2
Schedule of Events	Page 3
Garage Sale	Page 4
Cattle Show	Page 5
FairEver Yours	page 6
Fair Logo	Page 7
Dates to Remember	Page 7
Foundation	Page 7
Fair Entertainment	Page 8



For more information on the competition see <http://bozemanicetower.wordpress.com/>

GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR



JULY

20 - 24

Bozeman Gem & Mineral Clubs Annual Rock Show

The Bozeman Gem and Mineral Clubs Annual Rock Show is this May 7th and 8th, Mothers Day weekend. The show is for the public and there is something for everyone. The garnet table is always a big hit with the kids. They will sit and sort garnets for hours if they get a chance. The garnets also are home grown here in Montana and every now and then one of the kids will get a very nice garnet that could be faceted.

Our annual show helps us at a few field trips through the summers from fossils, agates to all thyst and clear crystals). For and Mineral Show/Rock Show vendors come from all over the county a variety of items, from jewelry **on the shelf and collect dust.** It's come on down to the Fairgrounds



tract new members. We do quite a mer and search for all kinds of speci-kinds of quarts crystals (smoky, ame-anyone who has never been to a Gem you will not be disappointed. Our ventry and Montana and they have a wide and minerals to things you can just put a great way to spend a couple hours so and enjoy the show!

Marketing Minute



Spring is here, and if your place is like the Fairgrounds, **mud and mess has made it's way to town!** All of the precipitation is bringing about a little green grass and a whole lot of excitement to clean out the cob webs and get geared up for another great summer at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. With the Gallatin County Fair already in full planning mode, Montana High School Finals Rodeo, and Farmers Market all around the corner, we are cleaning house and getting ready for our many summer visitors. Maybe planning for what events you plan on attending this summer here at the Fairgrounds is still in the back of your mind, perhaps spring cleaning is right up front, and we at the Fairgrounds would love to tell you about a great company who supports the fairgrounds and has all the tools to get a clean sweep on spring.

House of Clean has been a long standing and supportive sponsor of the Gallatin County Fair and Fairgrounds. House of Clean is dedicated to serving customers, offering the most advanced environmentally friendly products as well as equipment and supplies that make life easier! They do on-site and in-store vacuum repair, floor cleaning machine repair, janitorial equipment repair and carpet machine repair. From residential to commercial needs Conrad and the gang at House of Clean will have what you need accompanied with exceptional customer service. Visit them on Gallatin Park Drive and make sure **to tell them thanks for supporting the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and here's to a great hopefully clean-spring!**

Jaime Cargill
Sponsorships & Marketing

May Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

May 1	Mountaineers 4x4 Swap Meet <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	10 am - 3 pm	Indoor Arena
May 5	Weed Board Meeting	1:15 pm-3 pm	Fairgrounds Office
May 6	Under 21 Youth Dance <i>(Admission-\$7)</i>	9 pm-12 am	Building # 3
May 7-8	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Show <i>(admission \$3, children free with paying adult)</i>	10 am –6 pm (Sat) 10 am –5 pm (Sun)	Building # 1
May 10	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm-8 pm	Fairgrounds Office
May 12	Fair Planning Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fairgrounds Office
May 13-15	Little Bear School House Museum Antique Show <i>(Admission \$4, good all weekend)</i>	5 pm –8 pm 9 am-5 pm (Sat) 10 am– 3 pm (Sun)	Buildings # 1 &2
May 14	MT Draft Horse & Equipment Auction	9 am - 6 pm	Indoor Arena
May 19	WWW Meeting	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fairgrounds Office
May 21	Town Square Media's Super Garage Sale <i>(Admission \$3)</i>	8:30 am– 3 pm	Hayne's Pavilion
May 21	Mountain Magic Jr. Classic Cattle Show	11:30 am-5 pm	Indoor Arena
May 30	Memorial Day		



More information is available at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.com

Super Garage Sale

Town Square Media Group is doing a Spring Super Garage Sale this spring at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds and would like to invite you to have first shot at a booth!

The Spring Sale will be May 21st, 2011, from 7:00AM-3:00PM. The Booths will be 10x10 and will be \$50.00. Each additional booth will be at a \$10.00 discount. Set-up will be from noon-7:00PM on Friday, March 20th, 2011. You will receive your two free entrance tickets with your booth price, and may purchase additional tickets if needed for \$2.00 each.

Early bird tickets are available at the door for \$5.00. This will allow the person to shop an hour and a half before the doors open to the general public (7:00 AM-8:30 AM)

Admission to the Super Garage Sale will be \$3.00 and will be available at the door the day of the event. Children 10 and under will be free. For more information or for questions, please call Kelly at 406.586.2343. Registration is due by MAY 13th, 2011.

SUPER GARAGE SALE MAY 21



1:00AM-1:00PM
EARLY BIRD 1:00-8:30
GALLATIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
HAYNES PAVILION

Be Our Friend!



twitter™

www.Twitter.com/gcfFUN

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bozeman-MT/Gallatin-County-Fairgrounds/117188404989943>

Mountain Magic Junior Classic



Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Bozeman, MT

Friday - May 20th

1:00 p.m. Barn is Available
3 - 6:30p.m. Check In Cattle,
Hip Height Steers
& Read Tattoos

Saturday - May 21st

7 a.m. to 8 a.m. - Check In Cattle
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Hip Height Steers & Read Tattoos

11:30 A.M.

MMJC Steer Show

Heifer Breed Show:

Reg. Hereford

AOB

Reg. Black Angus

Supreme Grand Champ

Showmanship

NILE Merit Heifer Show

Reg. Angus Steer Show

CHB Steer Show

Awards Ceremony



PRIZE MONEY PAID:

1st- \$50.00 2nd - \$40.00 3rd-\$30.00 4th -\$20.00

\$100 & Belt Buckle: Grand Champion Steer & Supreme Grand Champion Heifer

Vests or Coats for Reserve Champion Steer, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Reg. Black Angus, Reg. Hereford, & AOB Heifers (Must have 8 heifers to have a breed division)

Awards: Grand & Res. Champ. Beginner, Jr., Int., and Sr. Showman



For more information email:

jl.wags@hotmail.com or

Call **Kari Wagner 406-670-9619** or **Becky Sidwell 406-322-4425**

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Fair Planning

Fair Board

WinterFest

Minutes are available on the

Fairgrounds website:

gallatincountyfairgrounds.com

FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Brekke - Chairman

Dennis Farnham - Vice Chairman

Vickie Johnson

Linda Warner

Jeff Wade

Tim Stefan

Kurt Bushnell

COMMITTEES

WinterFest ... Fair Planning

Bozeman Roundup Rodeo

Volunteer ... Parking

We are always looking for more volunteers to help on committees. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Fairgrounds Office.

Fairever Yours

Is it spring yet? According to the calendar we are almost one and one half months into the season of spring yet there were a few snowflakes drifting down this morning as I headed to work – just Mother Nature’s way of saying – **“Remember you are in Montana”!**

Springtime at the Fairgrounds means mud, the return of the gophers (Richardson Ground Squirrels) and lots of outside cleanup. This year it also means the installation of a new waterline to the barns along the south side of the Fairgrounds. In November we discovered the line was leaking and there was no time to repair it before the ground froze. We only have one other line that is as old as this one. All the other lines have been replaced over the past few years. For many years, as things broke, they were patched, only to need more repairs down the line. We are trying our best to replace worn out parts and pieces with new, functional parts and **pieces so we don’t spend money for the same thing over and over.** It is working out well, but we can only do a little at a time.



We have other projects lined up for this spring and summer. There will be a new addition to the Haynes Pavilion. The Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association will be enlarging the mechanical room on the west side. This project will mean some changes for setup during Fairtime, but change is good. **J The Farmers’ Market won’t be affected by the construction, nor will other events planned to take place in the Haynes Pavilion throughout the summer.**

We will be permanently installing two of our ticket booths at the new main entrance to the Fairgrounds. **We have remodeled them to “match” the new restroom building at the entrance and will really enhance the area.** Many of our annual events are starting to use the new entrance and the ticket booths.

Hail damage repairs will begin in June and probably be on-going throughout the summer. We have almost a dozen roofs that need to be replaced and another 2 or 3 that need to be repaired. We have painting and residing projects to complete as well. That hail storm took its toll on the Fairgrounds – almost 300 broken windows have been replaced.



We are hoping to complete some small landscape projects as well – **GREEN IS GOOD!** We are hoping, perhaps, there will be some organizations and some local nurseries that may help with the landscaping. We have designated areas around buildings and barns where landscaping would be beneficial and we are also working on the design of the trail system for the interior of the Fairgrounds. If you can help, just give our office a call. We need all the help we can get!!

Improving the Fairgrounds means it will be even more beneficial to our community. If you are planning a wedding, a family reunion, a dance, auction, or other summer event, be sure to check out your Fairgrounds. It can accommodate many activities, has a great location and the staff is very friendly!

Until next month –

Fairever Yours

Sue Shockley

2011 Fair Logo Contest!



Congratulations to Davia Buchacher of Belgrade for her winning logo entry for the 2011 Gallatin County Fair. Davia is a 17 year old student at *For the Love of Learning*, a home school Co-op. Davia has volunteered during the Gallatin County Fair during the last two years in various departments. When asked how she came up with her design Davia commented, "Plain old boots are boring so I made them into people". Good job Davia on winning the 2011 Fair Logo Contest!

Gallatin County Fair—Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars! The Fairgrounds Office staff have to plan ahead to get everything done on time. Here are a few Fair dates to remember:

- ▶ Sponsorship deadlines are May 15—Contact Jaime Cargill at 406-582-3275 or jaime.cargill@gallatin.mt.gov.
- ▶ Commercial Exhibitor & Food Vendor applications have been emailed, mailed and on the web. Get applications returned ASAP to hold your space. To be added to the contact list, call the Fairgrounds Office at 406-582-3270 or email fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov.
- ▶ Gallatin County Fair entries for most contests and open class exhibits will begin June 6.



Fairgrounds Foundation News

The Gallatin Fairgrounds Foundation held their annual meeting on April 29 at the Holiday Inn. After a no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres there was a Fairgrounds master plan presentation by Fair Board Member Tim Stefan. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Ice Climbing Structure Design Competition (see front page).

As part of the annual meeting the members passed an amendment that would increase the number of Foundation Board members to 11. They also voted to accept the following members to the Foundation Board: Tim Kuhlman, Lorna Simard, Kathy Brekke, Bob Brekke, Glenna Patten, Andy Leep, and Peggy Hart.

The Foundation Board would like to thank the sponsors for helping with door prizes. The following are the door prizes and who won them:

Bucket of Alcohol Minis from Joe Domanski with Spectators/Pour House—Don Seifert

\$50 Murdochs Gift Certificate—Peggy Hart

\$20 Wild Joes Gifts Certificates donated by Kathy & Bob Brekke—Linda Warner, Linda Blomback

& Don Seifert's sister

Fairgrounds Hat—Al Lien

Fairgrounds Coat—Sonja Berg

Fair Admission Tickets & Carnival Passes—Tim Stefan

The next Foundation meeting will be May 18th, 5:30pm at the Holiday Inn and will include the election of officers. The public is welcome to attend.

2011 Gallatin County Fair Entertainment & Family Activities



YESTERDAYZE - 60'S BAND

A high energy six-piece band with great vocals, re-creating your favorite songs from the 60's...The era that changed modern music forever! Every tune a Top-40 hit from 1960 to 1969...The Beatles, The Stones, The 5th Dimension, Steppenwolf, The Rascals...from Motown to the British Invasion, from Elvis to Hendrix, from Aretha to Warwick, YESTERDAYZE delivers a non-stop blast-from-the-past you'll never forget!



JAMES WEDGWOOD - VENTRILOQUIST

A James Wedgwood show is "as much fun as you can have without moving your lips!" James uses both traditional comic ventriloquism along with cutting edge props and skills to create a unique show full of laughs and audience participation. James' show is a variety show in and of itself. He makes virtually everything talk - from a variety of great characters to purses, brooms, bottles, and audience members (yes, they open their mouth and he puts in the words). Game shows, tap-dancing, singing (without moving his lips!) and much more are all part of the fun.



DICK HARDWICK - COMEDIAN

Laughing is his life. Laughing is his business.



LLOYD MABREY - COMEDY/MUSICIAN

Lloyd has been performing since 1976 as a professional entertainer and has become one of our country's most respected performers. He has opened for more than a hundred major acts from Buck Owens to the Beach Boys. His versatile singing style and 12 string guitar skills are complemented by his warm wit and his incredible improvisational skills. His extensive song list and talent to write songs on the spot enable him to appeal to all circles from Wall Street Executives to Ranchers. Lloyd's performance and style appeals to all ages. From seniors to kindergartners he can adapt. Lloyd Mabrey is truly a one of a kind entertainer!



MICHAEL MEZMER - HYPNOTIST

Michael is known as the "Phenomenist" who combines his talents as one of the world's top performing stage hypnotists with his award winning skills in the field of organic magic phenomena to create amazing performances. Michael's goal is to present the allied arts of hypnosis and magic in a way which people of all ages can learn about and enjoy them in a unique theatrical experience.



POWERHOUSE!!! - RHYTHM, SOUND, POWER

POWERHOUSE!!! combines brilliantly innovative tap, precision clogging, and explosive stomp to bring you an electrifying dance experience. Uniquely American, it has all the power, excitement and style of America's best music and dance. Selected from the very best competitive dancers in the country, POWERHOUSE!!! performers do more than simply dance. They entertain from start to finish, engaging the crowd the crowd with their amazing energy and talent. Audiences can't help but clap along and stomp their feet as they see, learn about and even try PERCUSSIVE DANCE.



ALL ABOARD TRAIN

Relax, learn and enjoy an exhilarating ride with Engineer Jim on a 40 ft trackless train. Adults & kids alike will appreciate a ride from one end of the Fairgrounds to the other.



KIDS PEDAL TRACTOR PULLS

The Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Competitions will be happening in 2011 all over North America from Calgary, Alberta Canada down to Naples, Florida, and everywhere in-between. We look forward to meeting all of you and we certainly want to see your smiling faces in one of our shows. And if you don't have a smile, don't worry, we will give you one of ours! So get those legs in shape and come see us at the Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls!



YOUNG GUNS WILD WEST FUN PARK

Offers children 10 & under fun filled activities with wild west themes & an old west town facade.

See www.gallatincountyfair.com for all the fun being planned for the Fair.