



# Montana Outfitters and Guides Association *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Hearts under the Big Sky* Banquet and Auction

Best Western GranTree Inn Bozeman, MT - January 12, 2019

## Welcome to the *Big Hearts under the Big Sky* Benefit Auction!

The Big Hearts under the Big Sky Banquet and Benefit Auction is a celebration of 11 years of service to the Big Hearts Mission and is the primary fundraiser for Montana's premiere service organization serving military men and women, children facing a life-threatening illness and women battling breast cancer.

Since 2008, the Big Hearts program has served 70 families/groups totaling 406 people, involving 47 MOGA Outfitter businesses and accounting for over \$500,000 in donated Montana Outdoor adventures.

We have an appealing assortment of auction and raffle items available for this evening including quality trips, artwork, firearms and furniture. Enjoy yourself while you help benefit *Big Hearts under the Big Sky*.

We thank you for attending tonight's event,  
*Rachel Kinkie Meredith, EI Board Member and Banquet Chair*

### Event Agenda

- 4:30pm - *Big Hearts* Meet and Greet
  - 6:00 pm - Doors to Banquet Hall Open  
Gray Thornton - Emcee
  - 6:30 pm - Dinner is Served
  - 7:15 pm - Silent Auction Closes  
Family Testimonials
  - 8:25pm - Live Auction Begins
  - 9:00 pm - Stand Up for Big Hearts  
Last Drawings
  - 9:30 pm Closing Remarks, Event Ends
- (Times are approximations and may vary)



## Our Master of Ceremony **Gray N. Thornton, Emcee**

Gray N. Thornton serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF), the premier sheep and mountain game conservation organization in the world dedicated to “Putting and Keeping Wild Sheep on the Mountain®.”

Prior to joining the Wild Sheep Foundation in 2008, Thornton served as Executive Director of the Dallas Safari Club from 1997-2008 and Chapter & Membership Director for Safari Club International from 1990 - 1997 producing record results for membership growth, fundraising and mission funding for both organizations. Thornton followed his passion to the conservation/hunting industry after a successful sales career with Unisys and Xerox corporations.

It was at his time with DSC that he became a supporter and advocate for MOGA and the industry it serves. With the relocation of the WSF offices to Bozeman, that relationship grew to include the Big Hearts under the Big Sky program. Gray knows first-hand the therapeutic value that Montana outdoor adventures can bring, and he understands that “Montana Heals.”

Thornton serves on the Board of Directors of Bear Trust International, serving as Vice-Chairman of Board. He has also served on the Boards of the Conservation Fund, the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa Conservation and Empowerment Fund, the Ballot Issues Coalition, the Banovich Wildscape Fund, and the Lone Star Outdoor News Foundation.

He is a Summit Life Member of WSF, a Chadwick Ram Society Member, a WSF Legacy Society Member, and a Life Member of numerous WSF chapters and affiliates. Thornton is also a Life Member of SCI, NRA, DSC, TU, a Monarch Life Member of Wild Sheep Society of BC, and a Life Member of many guide/outfitter associations.

He is an avid hunter as well as salt and freshwater fly fisherman and has hunted and fly fished throughout North America and internationally, including 17 safaris to Africa, and has hunted in New Zealand, Germany, Mexico and Canada. As a mountain hunter, he has taken all Four North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS), a Rocky Mountain goat as well as tahr and chamois.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Marketing from California State University at Fresno and has earned advanced credits in Wildlife Management from Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

Thornton resides in Bozeman, Montana with his Weimaraner Sage and Vizsla, Sienna.

## *Big Hearts Family Meet and Greet*

*Sponsored by: Bloomquist Law Firm*

As an addition to this very special evening, we have added our *Big Hearts Family Meet and Greet*. We hope you took the opportunity to meet some of the people who have been served by the Big Hearts program and hear first-hand about the benefits these dream trips provide. The intangibles of the program are the hardest to measure, but the anecdotal evidence is abundantly clear.

*The Mission of Big Hearts under the Big Sky is to provide high quality, outdoor adventures with MOGA Montana Outfitters, at NO COST to carefully screened nominees.*

*Benefits of the Big Hearts program extend far beyond the harvest or catch; spirits are healed, capabilities and confidence grow, a sense of purpose is rediscovered, and families are restored.*

## **THANK YOU SPONSORS!**

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# 11 Years of Service

Montana Heals! For a decade the Big Hearts under the Big Sky program has been serving families of military veterans and those facing a life-threatening illness. These families have found comfort and solace in connecting with the outdoors in ways that have helped heal and restore them. Thanks to YOUR SUPPORT the Big Hearts program has served 400 people; offering a large variety of therapeutic experiences. All have become members of the Big Hearts Family.

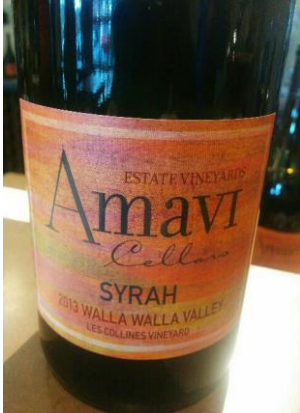
| <b>NAME</b>          | <b>OUTFITTER</b>              | <b>PARTNER</b>     | <b>DONATION</b>     | <b>#</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Ryan Hendrickson     | Montana Mountain West         |                    | Spring Black Bear   | 5        |
| Terry Staber         | 7 V Ranch Outfitters          |                    | Donated Antelope    | 2        |
| DJ Hrubes            | Swan Mountain Outfitters      | Billings Clinic    | Glacier Tour        | 6        |
| Chris Kimbrell       | MOGA                          |                    | Fishing Trip        | 2        |
| Ryan Barrett         | Montana Hunting Company       | West Creek Ranch   | Elk Hunt            | 4        |
| Tony Walters         | Montana Hunting Company       | West Creek Ranch   | Elk Hunt            | 3        |
|                      |                               | Mountain Sky       |                     |          |
| Todd Dunlap          | Montana Hunting Company       | Guest Ranch        | Elk Hunt            | 2        |
| Nathaniel Shurter    | Montana Hunting Company       |                    | Donated 380 Elk tag | 2        |
| Jamie Andries        | 7 V Ranch Outfitters          |                    | Donated 700-20 tag  | 3        |
|                      | Iron Wheel Guest Ranch and    |                    |                     |          |
| Brett Allen          | Outfitting                    | CADF               | Spring Black Bear   | 3        |
| Casey Burrows        | Upper Canyon Outfitters       | Billings Clinic    | Cattle Drive        | 5        |
|                      | Missouri River Lodge X-Stream |                    |                     |          |
| Reese Stringer       | Fly Fishing                   | CADF               | Fly Fishing         | 7        |
|                      |                               |                    | Back Country        |          |
|                      | Bob Marshall Wilderness       |                    | Horseback and       |          |
| Wendy Taylor Lund    | Outfitters                    |                    | fishing             | 3        |
| Mike Barker          | Montana Hunting Company       | YGN                | Elk                 | 3        |
| Will Hikes           | Montana Hunting Company       |                    | Donated 380 tag     | 2        |
| Roger Dover          | Montana Hunting Company       |                    | Donated 380 tag     | 2        |
| Seth Perkins         | 7 V Ranch Outfitters          | VA                 | Antelope            | 2        |
| Caden Puccinelli     | Montana High Country Tours    |                    | Elk Hunt            | 4        |
| Dylan Eubanks        | Montana High Country Tours    | CADF               | Fishing Trip        | 7        |
| Shelby Haworth       | Upper Canyon Outfitters       | Billings Clinic    | Whitetail deer      | 5        |
| Freddie Green        | Black Mountain Outfitters     | CADF               | Mule Deer           | 3        |
| Shayne & Michaela    |                               | Mountain Sky Guest |                     |          |
| Boushey              | Montana Hunting Company       | Ranch              | Elk Hunt            | 3        |
| CASTING FOR RECOVERY | Upper Canyon Outfitters       | CFR                | Fishing Retreat     | 18       |
|                      | Cody Carr's Hunting           |                    |                     |          |
| Ryan Ahern           | Adventures                    | GN                 | Black Bear Hunt     | 4        |
| Brooklyn Thompson    | Swan Mtn Outfitters           | CADF               | Family Fishing Trip | 5        |
| CASTING FOR RECOVERY | Upper Canyon Outfitters       | CFR                | Fishing Retreat     | 25       |
| Seth Fairchild       | Sunday Creek Outfitters       | HOAL               | Elk Hunt            | 3        |
| Wesley Spaid         | Montana Hunting Company       | MOGA               | Elk or Deer         | 3        |
| John Kriesel         | Montana High Country Tours    | MOGA               | Elk and Deer Hunt   | 2        |
| Tim Johnson          | K Lazy 3                      | WWP                | Deer                | 3        |
| Faith Petersen       | Dog Creek Outfitters          | NRA                | Mule Deer           | 4        |
| Chris Mastel         | 7 V Ranch Outfitters          | WWP                | Antelope            | 2        |
| CFR                  | Dome Mountain Ranch           | CFR                | Fishing Retreat     | 25       |

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|                  | Cody Carr's Hunting Adventures   | CADF      | Black Bear Hunt                    | 6  |
| Sam McCreary     |                                  |           |                                    |    |
| Shad Murphy      | Dome Mountain                    | CADF      | Family Fishing Trip                | 5  |
| Donald Honold    | Montana Hunting Company          | WWP       | Elk or Deer                        | 5  |
| Gabriel Martinez | Montana Hunting Company          |           |                                    |    |
| Andy Flannigan   | Royal Tine Outfitters            |           | Family Fishing Trip                | 5  |
| Trey Ward        | Sunday Creek Outfitters          |           | Elk Hunt                           | 3  |
| Alivin Shell     | Dog Creek Outfitters             | GN        | Mule Deer                          | 4  |
| CFR              | Dome Mountain Ranch              | CFR       | Fishing Retreat                    | 25 |
| Aidan Inman      | Cheff Guest Ranch and Outfitter  | CADF      | Family Fishing Trip                | 6  |
| Jesse Perrault   | Sunday Creek Outfitters          | HOAL      | Elk Hunt                           | 3  |
| Karl R. Lewis    | Dog Creek Outfitters             | ONF/WWP   | Mule Deer                          | 7  |
|                  | Montana Mountain West Outfitters | WWP       | Moose (Super Tag)                  | 3  |
| Mac Vosbeck      |                                  |           |                                    |    |
| Dallas Miller    | Vinny Delgato                    | WWP       | Elk Hunt                           | 1  |
| Taylor Bedichek  | Montana High Country Tours       | CADF      | Family Fishing Trip                | 5  |
| Kinsee Whiteaker | Iron Wheel Guest Ranch           | CADF      | Family Fishing Trip                | 7  |
| Megan Harmon     | Upper Canyon Outfitters          | CADF      | Family Fishing Trip                | 5  |
| CFR              | Lone Mountain Ranch              | CFR       | Fishing Retreat                    | 25 |
| Tyler Cothron    | Rollin Boulder Outfitters        | CADF      | Fall Black Bear                    | 4  |
| Jesse Chadwick   | S&W Outfitters                   | ONF       | Archery Elk Hunt                   | 3  |
| Eric Edmundson   | Sunday Creek Outfitters          | WWP       | Rifle antelope hunt                | 3  |
| Chase Rhodes     | Sunday Creek Outfitters          | CADF      | Elk Hunt                           | 6  |
| John Crose       | Montana High Country Tours       | WWP       | Rifle Elk                          | 6  |
| Aaron Bell       | Montana High Country Tours       | CADF      | Elk Hunt                           | 4  |
| Brooks Call      | Iron Wheel Guest Ranch           | CADF      | Lion Hunt                          | 6  |
| CFR              | Upper Canyon Outfitters          | CFR       | Fishing Retreat                    | 25 |
| Tamara Johnson   | Black Mountain Outfitters        | CADF      | Tour Yellowstone                   | 7  |
|                  | Dome Mountain Ranch              |           | Fishing, Dinner                    |    |
|                  | C. Francis & Co. Sporting Agents |           |                                    |    |
| Anna Wilkerson   | Montana Hunting Company          | CADF      | Bison                              | 3  |
| Tommy Harthan    | Royal Outfitters                 | HOAL      | Elk Hunt                           | 2  |
| Buddy Niskanen   | Swan Mountain Outfitters         | CADF      | Horseback hunt for                 | 6  |
| Rolan Steinlage  | Montana Hunting Company          | CADF      | Trophy Management                  | 6  |
| Kelli Silvester  | Iron Wheel Guest Ranch           | CADF      | Mountain Lion                      | 4  |
| Donna Stube      | Rollin Boulder Outfitters        | HAVA      | Spring Black Bear                  | 3  |
| John Lane Jr     | Montana High Country Tours       | CADF      | Summer fishing trip                | 5  |
| KJ Milligan      | Montana Hunting Company          | CADF      | Bison                              | 4  |
| J Carlton Smith  | Chase Hill Outfitters            | CADF      | Mule Deer                          | 6  |
| Tyler Tankersly  | Anchor Outfitting                | CADF      | Elk Hunt                           | 5  |
| Greg Stube       | Montana Hunting Company          | HAVA      | Elk, antelope, mule deer, pheasant | 3  |
|                  | Cottonwood Outfitters            |           |                                    |    |
| Daric Rupp       | Montana High Country Tours       | HOAL      | Elk and Mule Deer                  | 2  |
| Joshua Wofford   | Cottonwood Outfitters            | HAVA      | Mule Deer                          | 2  |
| Larry Dunlap     | Cottonwood Outfitters            | Nat Guard | Mule Deer Hunt for                 | 2  |
| Chris Grudzinski | Cottonwood Outfitters            | Nat Guard | two Veterans                       | 2  |
| Bryce Cole       | Montana High Country Tours       | HAVA      | Mule Deer Hunt                     | 4  |

# LIVE AUCTION

We have carefully gathered a collection of high-quality and unique items for tonight's live auction. The live auction is an important part of tonight's fundraiser. Thank you for your active participation and remember that all profits will help continue the Mission of the *Big Hearts under the Big Sky* program.

## 1) One Case of Amavi Cellars Syrah (2015 Vintage)



The 2015 growing season was the latest in a trend of being the warmest on record for our valley. The last week of June had the highest temperatures we've seen! The record-breaking heat gave way to cooler days and nights around veraison, allowing the fruit to develop perfectly. The last week of August brought harvest: our earliest ever. Wines of this vintage are richly structured, showcasing ripe fruit and floral characteristics.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

SMELLS LIKE: plum, blackberry, crushed rock, spice box

TASTES LIKE: currant, blueberry, blackberry, fig, olive tapenade

MOUTHFEEL: smooth & richly developed tannins, elegant finish

DRINK WITH: BBQ pork ribs, roasted lamb & chicken, ratatouille

**Donated by Amavi Cellars and Ray & Diana Goff**

## 2) Three Day/Four nights guided Fly-Fishing Trip for Two



Consider for a moment being the only angler on a three mile stretch of pristine water where the trout are big and hungry at the same time. That is what you will experience with this extraordinary fishing package. Fishing itinerary will include one day fishing at the Rein Anchor Ranch on the upper Sweetgrass River, one day fishing at the Vermillion Ranch on the Lower Sweetgrass and one day fishing on a local river.

In addition, these two lucky anglers will enjoy four nights lodging with meals at the Vermillion Ranch. Guides will be provided by Sweetgrass Travel.

Anglers will be responsible for licenses, libations and gratuities.

**Donated by Sweetwater Travel and /Anchor Outfitting (License # 525)**



### 3) Four-Day Summer Pack Trip for Two into the Absaroka/Beartooth Wilderness

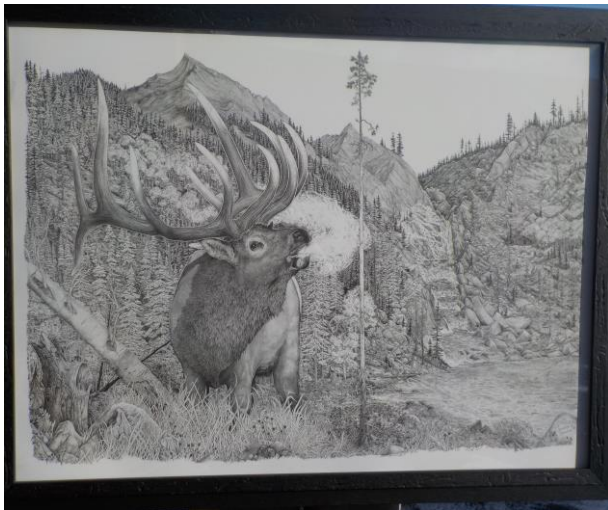
Enjoy riding, sightseeing, fishing and hiking in the pristine Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness. Trip is for two people for four days. Ride in on day one, two days in camp, and ride out on day four. Additional people may come for \$250 per person per day. Good for the 2019 season. This is a great way to spend a few days enjoying some the best of Montana's Wilderness!

*"Come as a client, leave as a Friend"*



Donated by Specimen Creek Outfitters - Lloyd Johnson, License #786

### 4) Montana Elk



This 43" x 32" signed, framed print is from a highly talented Montana Artist, Gordon Snyder. The original was done in 2018 using tattoo inkdot methodology. A close look reveals the entire print is a composite of thousands and thousands of small ink dots that create contrast and image. This highly-technical piece contains landscapes and images some may recognize from across Montana and hold special memories for him; the cabin from the South Boulder, the mountains from the Gallatin and many more. The background in this picture has over 620 hours in it. It is done one dot at a time. An unusual and beautiful piece.

About the Artist: Gordon Snyder is a Montana native born in Butte and raised in the Bozeman area. He is an avid outdoorsman. He spends time shed-horn hunting, hunting, fishing and he was a guide for a number of years. His art consists of carving, pen and ink, painting and tattooing. This is not the largest project that he has created but it is the most time spent on any one piece.

Donated by Rafferty Fish Bait, James and Darla Oakes

## 5) ULTIMATE Guide Pack



We consulted with many professional Outfitters and Guides as well as gear manufacturers to assemble the ULTIMATE Guide Pack. Each item has been carefully selected for quality and price points.

The foundation is the Mystery Ranch Metcalf- Foliage pack, a versatile hunting backpack for multi-day quests into the wilds, featuring both a large main packsack and a detachable, smaller day lid for quick stalks. This is top of the line!

In addition, we have added:

Vortex Diamondback 10x42 binoculars

Havalon Prianta Knife

Atlas 640 long sleeve gloves

Paracord, game bags, first aid kit, fire starter and much more!

This is Outfitter/guide proven gear and will be a great item for any serious hunter.

**Donated by: Mystery Ranch and Vortex Optics**

## 6) Madison River Valley Waterfowl Hunt for Two Hunters



Blast & Cast Outfitters would like to show off one of Southwest Montana's best kept secrets, waterfowl hunting in the Madison Valley!

With miles of spring creeks, canals, potholes and ponds, we have everything that we need to be able to find large groups of birds and have an unforgettable Montana duck hunting adventure with experienced Montana duck hunting guides!

Shoot a wide variety of waterfowl including big mallards, Canada geese, snow geese, teal, widgeon, pintails, gadwall, and many others mixed in.

Good for the 2019 season. Not included are licenses and waterfowl stamps, ammo and transportation to and from Ennis. Tips and gratuity not included.

**Donated by Todd France, Blast and Cast Outfitters, License #727**



## 7) Big Hearts Bowie by Dave Tobel



For over a decade, knifemaker Dave Tobel has created Sheffield style Bowie knives for the Big Hearts program. This year's offering features a traditional Trade-style knife.

This early American design was typical of the 1750s and was used by Frontiersman and soldiers of the period starting in the French and Indian War and through the American Revolutionary war. Fighters on all sides carried this important war-time tool.

A truly one-of-a-kind handcrafted American Bowie knife is made from ¼" 0-1 Tool Steel and fitted with a beautiful Birdseye maple and bloodwood handle. Decorative cuts and mosaic pins are unique to this build. At 9 ½ inches in length, this American Bowie would be considered small for the era as most had blades of the 12" to 14" range.

A very special item donated by a very exceptional man.

**Donated by Dave Tobel, knife maker**

## 8) Fully Guided Youth Mule Deer Hunt with Lodging and Meals and Taxidermy



Rich Birdsell with Northern Rockies Outfitting is offering a youth mule deer hunt for one qualified youth hunter for the two-day youth season preceding the opening of Montana's general rifle season.

Donation includes two full days of guided mule deer hunting, lodging, and meals for two nights for two people. Youth hunter shall be accompanied by one adult non-hunter.

In addition to the hunt, the successful hunter will be treated to a beautiful shoulder mount of their deer with the work completed by Rich Bradberry, owner of Wildlife Artistry in Livingston, MT.

What better way to introduce the new hunter to the pleasures of deer hunting than to visit the game rich country where Northern Rockies Outfitters operates. You are sure to see plenty of deer and have an experience of a lifetime.

Winner is responsible for licenses/permits and their personal transportation to and from the ranch, meat cutting, and trophy drop off at the taxidermist as well as gratuity. This offering is for the 2019 Montana Youth Season. A parent or guardian must accompany the youth hunter and may do so at no charge.

**Donated by Rich Birdsell, Northern Rockies Outfitters, License # 4292 and Rich Bradberry, Wildlife Artistry LLC**

## 9) Montana DREAM Rifle - Custom Proof Research .300 Win Mag

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Research



**TERMINUS**  
300 Win Mag

Proof Research and Defiance Machine are two Montana based companies dedicated to producing the highest quality hunting firearms available. This is the ultimate precision Big Game hunting rifle for any avid Montana hunter, outfitted client or shooting enthusiast.

The build started with a Defiance Machine Hunter Action SN BHUBS 001, made from 416 stainless steel and fitted with a one-piece bolt made from pre-hardened aircraft chrome molly in Rem 700 style.

Proof Research fitted a 24" Sendero .308 1/10 twist barrel chambered in the venerable .300 Winchester

Magnum and fitted to Terminus carbon fiber composite stock in brown granite. Complete with a Trigger Tech trigger and topped off with a Night Force SHV 5-20x - 56 precision scope.

Before this rifle left the shop, Proof Research will have it shooting at 1/2 MOA accuracy. You can see why we call it the Montana Dream Rifle!

**Donated by Defiance Machine Night Force and Proof Research**

## 10) 10 x 10 Storage Shed



Built by the Capital Highschool carpentry class, this is not your everyday storage shed. It is 10' by 10' and built for all your needs with 5' doors to accommodate lawn mowers and 4-wheelers. High quality 2x4 construction @ 16" on center. Pre-finished Hardi plank siding, and architectural Land Mark, "Heather" shingles. It is fitted with a 2' by 2' window for natural light.

Purchase of this shed comes with free delivery to Bozeman or Helena and points in between.

**Donated by Louis Eblen, Capital High School Carpentry Class**

## 11) Guided Fishing Trip for two people on the Big Hole, Beaverhead, or Clark Canyon Reservoir



This package includes two full days of guided fishing for two people on your choice of the Big Hole River, Beaverhead River or the famous Clark Canyon Reservoir. In addition, you will have 2 nights lodging with meals at Montana High Country Lodge in the grasshopper Valley.

Guests enjoy our very comfortable, spacious, and completely modern lodge facility and always appreciate its thoughtful guest-oriented design, laid back luxury atmosphere. It has 12 oversized guest bedrooms and suites all with private baths, huge grand room with stone fireplace and dining room.

Outfitter, Russ Kipp, has a PhD in Big Hole, Beaverhead River and Clark Canyon fishing. He's been guiding these premier Montana trout waters for over 40 years. Regardless of your skill level, prepare to learn something and enjoy the day on an iconic water with one of Montana's finest Outfitters. This is a bucket list opportunity!

**Donated by Russ and Karen Kipp, Montana High Country Lodge, License # 277**

## 12) Fully Guided Antelope Hunt for ONE Hunter, 2019 Season with Meals, Lodging and Taxidermy.



Join Outfitter Rod Paschke of Sizzlin' S Outfitters on a fully guided and outfitted antelope hunt in Jordan, Montana. This is a full package for one hunter including meals, lodging, and three days of fully guided spot and stalk antelope hunting in the plains of eastern Montana.

In addition, the successful hunter will be treated to a beautiful shoulder mount of their antelope with the work completed by Mitch Howe of Montana Wildlife Artistry in Billings.

Hunter is responsible for licenses/permits, transportation to and from the hunting destination, meat cutting, trophy drop off at the taxidermist, and gratuity. This offering is for the 2019 Montana Antelope Season, or until the tag is drawn. Rod is allowing one non-hunting guest to come at no charge.

**Donated by Sizzlin S Outfitters - Rod Paschke, License # 9800**



### 13) Guided Hike to the Nose of the Sleeping Giant



The Sleeping Giant, the iconic land form to the North of Helena, is an impressive landmark and recognized by tens of thousands of Helena visitors and residents every day. This is your chance to be among the very few who have climbed to the top and looked back upon the Missouri River and Helena Valleys while soaking in the views. This offering is for a small party of 8 to 10 who will be guided by Curt Synness, whose great grandparents Homesteaded in 1889 from below the nose to the tip of the nose. Learn about the rich

history of the area and enjoy the unprecedented views in a small group setting. Etch it in your memory but also bring a camera!

This is a non-technical hike that will last about 4 to 5 hours and will take place in April or May (date to be determined and at the request of the landowner on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday). Your group will be provided transportation from a common rally point, snacks for the trip up and back, and sack lunches will await you to celebrate the accomplishment and revel in the memory.

**Donated by Curt Synness and MOGA.**

### 14) Big Hearts under the Big Sky Quilt Auction – Bidders Choice!



The gift of a handmade quilt to each trip recipient is a time-honored Big Hearts tradition. It symbolizes the family as the centerpiece of our American culture and that every stitch holding these beautiful quilts together represent the bond among us all.

For the last ten years a group of quilters have gathered to create traditional quilts for the Big Hearts under the Big Sky program and have donated beautiful handmade quilts to the participants of Big Hearts Trips!

Tonight, we will auction one off as Bidders Choice! The highest bidder will select one quilt from several we have on display.

**Quilts Donated by:**

**Cindy Coad, Radiant Quilt**

**Brigitte Baker**

**Kathy Meier**

**Evelyn Alley**

## 15) #5 Weight Custom Made Fly Rod - built by Capital High School Machining Class



Using a Temple Fork 5 weight blank, these 9' rods are made to the highest standards and the 4-piece configuration makes the rod easy to pack. The handle is made from premium cork and turned to exacting standards. The reel seat sets this rod apart from all others. These seats are produced to close tolerances and are decorated with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Big Hearts under the Big Sky brand in a manner that can only be described as exquisite. Reel seats are then anodized in colors to enhance the rod.

Rod is fitted with a matte black anodized Maxxon Outfitters CNC machined reel and fitted with floating line and backing.

**Donated by Capital High School Machining Class**

## 16) Custom Made Bar



John Bacus, a senior with Capital High School woodshop created this one of a kind custom bar made from blue pine donated by shop instructor Bob Pearce. The bar features a removable sink top, high-quality faucet fixture, wine glass rack, and cabinetry of the highest quality. This is an outstanding piece.

**Donated by John Bacus, Capital High School Woodworking Class**

## 17) Women's Sitka Hunting Gear Package in Optifade Sublime



This outstanding package includes Jetstream Jacket, Timberline Pants, Core Heavyweight Hoody, Cloudburst Pants and Jacket, Core Lightweight Crew, Jetstream Women's Beanie, Ball Cap. These Items may be exchanged for correct sizes but NOT substituted for alternative items.

Sitka's approach to performance hunting apparel is systematic. Constructing the most functional designs from the most technical performance fabrics and insulations, then combining them in various strategic combinations, Sitka systems withstand the exertion level, temperature, wind and precipitation of any hunting scenario.

**Donated by SITKA Gear, Bozeman**





*Anyone that has either purchased or won a firearm this evening must complete the necessary paperwork before they can claim the firearm. Firearms may be claimed at the event this year. Firearm transfers are being completed by Priscilla Robinson of IP Gun Transfers.*

### **We Would Like to Recognize Our Donors That Made This Event Possible**

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| (CHS) Dustin Knutson            | Blast and Cast Outfitters            |
| (CHS) Eli Silvan/Xylon Walker   | Bob Flynn                            |
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| (CHS) Kaden Johnson             | Capital Sports                       |
| (CHS) Kolton Metz               | Cedar Creek Lodge                    |
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| (CHS) Matthew Richards          | Cliff Foster                         |
| (CHS) Russell Beckstead         | Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation |
| (CHS) Sean Isaacson             | Craggy Range Bar and Grill           |
| (CHS) Trent Grande              | Crooked Furrow Brewing               |
| 406 Bar and Grill               | Cupcake Mountain Cupcakery           |
| 406 Brewing Company             | Curt Synness                         |
| Amavi Cellars                   | Defiance Machine                     |
| Anchor Outfitting               | Desoto Grill                         |
| Barclay II Supper Club          | Discovery                            |
| Best Western Great Northern     | Ennis Pharmacy & Yesterday's Soda    |
| Best Western Plus Gran Tree Inn | Fountain                             |
| Big Sky Resort                  | Evelyn Alley                         |
| Big Sky Resort-Hunley Lodge     | Evergoing Products Group             |
| Black Gold Archery              | Fairmont Hotsprings                  |
| Black Mountain Outfitters       | Farcountry Press                     |
| Blackfoot Brewing               | Forterra                             |

Frontline Glass  
 Gallatin Recreation  
 Green Meadow Country Club  
 Hardware Café  
 Heels Down Books  
 Howe's Fishing  
 HWY 12 Caffé  
 Jim and Stacey Weber  
 Kandahar Lodge  
 Karen Hutchinson  
 Kenetrek Boots  
 Kramer Designs  
 Land of Magic  
 Lark and Laurel Bed and Breakfast  
 Livingston Bar and Grille  
 Lucca's  
 Mac Minard  
 MacKenzie River Pizza  
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 Museum of the Rockies  
 Mystery Ranch  
 Nightforce Optics  
 Nordic Brewworks  
 Northern Rockies Outfitters  
 NRA  
 OnXMaps  
 Outlaw Brewing Co  
 Pete Minard  
 Picolo Music  
 PROOF Research  
 Rafferty Fish Bait  
 Richard and Druska Kinkie  
 Ruger  
 Sacajawea Hotel  
 Sage Lodge  
 Santa Fe Reds  
 Schnee's  
 Seven Sushi  
 Shedhorn Sports  
 Sig Sauer Electro-Optics  
 Silverwood Theme Park  
 Simms Fishing Products  
 Sitka Hunting Gear  
 Sizzlin' S Outiftters  
 Snowhop Brewery  
 Speciman Creek Outfitters  
 Swan Mountain Outfitters  
 Sweetwater Travel/Rein Anchor Ranch  
 Tamarack Brewing Co.  
 Ten Mile Creek Brewery  
 The Tackle Shop / The MT Way Outfitters  
 The Peak  
 Townshends Bozeman Teahouse  
 University of Montana  
 Valley Sand and Gravel  
 Vortex Optics  
 Wheat Montana  
 Whispering Willow Spa and Massage  
 White Dog Brewing Co.  
 Whitefish Mountain Resort  
 Wild Sheep Foundation  
 Wildlife Artistry  
 WildRye Distillery  
 Willies Distillery

*Thank you and have a great evening!!!*