

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
**10am – 3pm**



## FESTIVAL: **Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival**

**Gallatin County Fairgrounds - Exhibit Buildings 1-4**

Exhibits ~ Talks ~ Children's Activities ~ Music ~ Food

### **Clean Up Week (April 20-27) Presented by the City of Bozeman**

The City of Bozeman welcomes individuals and groups to help pick up litter around Bozeman after a long winter! As the snow melts, we tend to see more trash around our neighborhoods. Not only do cleanups improve habitat for humans and critters within city limits, but they also directly impact our downstream neighbors by helping to keep our streams and rivers clean.

### **Register yourself or your group at [www.bozeman.net/CleanUp](http://www.bozeman.net/CleanUp)**

Pick-up your custom CleanUp kit at the Gallatin Valley Earth Day Festival.

CleanUp your area any time during the week!

### **Exhibits (Outside & Inside)**

#### **Outside (10 am - 3 pm)**

- Streamline Bus
- Petting Zoo
- Electric Cars

#### **Inside (10:00 am - 3 pm)**

- Composting with Happy Trash Can Curbside Composting
- Vermicomposting with YES Compost
- Solar panels with Bozeman Green Build
- Native plants with MT Native Plant Society
- Gallatin Wildlife Association
- Sierra Club
- Climate Change with Citizens' Climate Lobby
- Gallatin Valley Beyond Plastics
- Gardening with Broken Ground
- Birds with Sacajawea Audubon Society
- Sustainability with Bridger Bowl Ski Area
- City of Bozeman Forestry
- Montana Outdoor Science School
- Gallatin Conservation District
- Norwex - Life Changing Miracle Cleaning Cloths and more!
- US Fish & Wildlife Service/Bozeman Fish Health Center
- Gallatin Yellowstone Wilderness Alliance
- plus much more! (details at [www.gallatinvalleyearthday.org](http://www.gallatinvalleyearthday.org))

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**Children's Activities**

**10 am/10:30 am: Magic Monster Show** - improv/puppet show in the Crawford Theater with Random Acts of Silliness, Exhibit Building #4



**Earth Day Passport** - pick up a passport at the festival information table, visit exhibits, get a stamp, win a prize (plus put in for grand prize drawings which include a stuffed toy owl or squirrel courtesy of Rocky Mountain Toy Company, and a cute stuffed owl courtesy of Alpacas of Montana)



**Petting Zoo with Gallatin Conservation District**

**Face Painting**



**Live Music**

Live music: **Luke Johnson (10:30am - noon) & Taylor Burlage (1 pm - 3 pm)**

**Food**

Delicious food provided by the **Fork & Spoon**



**Journaling (10 am - 3 pm)**

**Introduction to Nature Journaling with MOSS in Exhibit bldg #1**

Calling all nature lovers and journalers. Improve your memory, connect and learn about nature, and feed your creative side - no experience or art skills necessary. Join Naturalist and artist Christy Howard from the Montana Outdoor Science School (MOSS) as we celebrate Earth Day by learning the basics of nature journaling and starting your own. Open to beginners and all ages. Bring your own journal or beginner supplies will be provided.



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**Talks**

**11:00 am "Is Your Property at Risk for Wildfire?"** with Jay Pape,  
Gallatin County Emergency Management

**Location:** Exhibit Building #4, Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Join Jay to learn how you, as a homeowner, can reduce your risk of wildfire impacts through a variety of cost-share mitigation grants.

**About Jay Pape**

Jay Pape works for Gallatin County Emergency Management as the Preparedness & Mitigation Manager with an emphasis on wildfire. He was an active member of Gallatin County Search & Rescue for 10 years and has been a firefighter for the US Forest Service, Montana DNRC and Ft Ellis Fire Department. Schedule your FREE Home Risk Assessment today!



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**12:00 pm "Create Your Own Backyard Food Forest" with Kareen Erbe, Broken Ground**

**Location: Exhibit Building #4, Gallatin County Fairgrounds**

Join Kareen Erbe of Broken Ground to learn how you can grow a forest of fruit trees and berry bushes in your own yard. Food forests are intentionally designed ecosystems of plants that provide yields of food, fuel, fodder, fertility, medicinal plants, and more. Learn about design tips, implementation strategies, recommended species, and plant sourcing. Get the tools you need to start planting this spring and provide homegrown fruit for your family throughout the year!

**About Kareen Erbe**



Kareen Erbe, owner of [Broken Ground](#), is a garden design consultant and educator. For over a decade, she has helped people in cold climates grow their own food so they can eat healthier, live more sustainably, and become more self-reliant. Kareen is certified in permaculture design, a whole-systems approach to land management and sustainable living and believes growing your own food and bolstering local food systems is one of the most actionable steps to address the climate crisis. She is on the faculty of the Permaculture Women's Guild and the Green Path Herb School, as well as an instructor for the Central Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute. Kareen and her husband live on a suburban homestead in Bozeman, Montana, with their dog Beni, a greenhouse, pond, vegetable gardens, a food forest of fruit trees and berry bushes, and a flock of chickens.

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**1:00 pm "Trees for the Gallatin Valley - Advice & Tips from Cashman Nursery" with Jerry Cashman**

**Location: Exhibit Building #4, Gallatin County Fairgrounds**

Learn from the pros! Jerry Cashman has been giving advice on trees since they opened their doors in 1976. Join Jerry to learn about the best trees, especially native trees, to plant in your yard plus how to plant and care for them.

**About Cashman Nursery and Jerry Cashman**

Jerry and Jan Cashman came to Bozeman in 1975, purchased the property where Cashman Nursery is now, and built the present nursery building in 1976. But this was not the first time Cashman Nursery had a presence in Bozeman.



In 1926 and 1927, Jerry's father came here selling windbreaks, fruit, and shade trees as a representative of Cashman Nursery in Owatonna, Minnesota. Then, in the 1960s, Jerry's older brother Dan reintroduced Cashman Nursery, taking orders for trees and shrubs door to door and shipping them from his nursery in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Jeremiah (Jerry) Cashman calls Fergus Falls, Minnesota home although his family lived in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a time when he was a child. He was the youngest of 7 children. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Horticulture. His family has a long history in the nursery business from his father and grandfather both.

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**1:30 pm & 2:30 pm: "Live Raptor Presentation"** with Keaton Thomas, Montana Raptor Conservation Center

**Location: Exhibit Building #3, Gallatin County Fairgrounds**

Learn about the Montana Raptor Conservation Center's mission and explore the distinctive features that set birds apart from other animal groups, with a specific emphasis on raptor characteristics. This program caters to all age groups.

**Keaton Thomas**

Keaton Thomas joined the Montana Raptor Conservation Center in early 2023 as the Education Director. She has over 9 years of experience of working with raptors as well as many species of mammals and reptiles. She graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in wildlife ecology and management and will graduate with her master's degree in instructional leadership from Northeastern State University in May 2024.



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**2:00 pm: "Get to Know the City's Forestry Division!"** with Alex Nordquest, City of Bozeman Forestry, and Lilly McLane, Gallatin Watershed Council

**Location: Exhibit Building #4, Gallatin County Fairgrounds**

Forestry Division Manager Alex Nordquest will explain the responsibilities of the City's Forestry Division in maintaining our urban forest. The talk will also detail how residents can help care for boulevard trees. Lilly McLane from Gallatin Watershed Council will join the talk to announce our joint urban forest initiative: Branch Out Bozeman.



**Alex Nordquest**

Alex Nordquest is the Forestry Division Manager for Bozeman's Parks & Recreation Department. Prior to Bozeman, he lived in Columbus, Ohio where he obtained a B.S. in Forestry & Wildlife Studies from The Ohio State University. He is an ISA Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist with sixteen years of experience in the Urban Forestry field.



**Lilly McLane**

Lilly McLane is the Restoration Director for the Gallatin Watershed Council and earned her master's degree in Bioresource Engineering from Montana State University. She believes that our efforts to protect natural resources in the Gallatin Valley are strongest together.