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Welcome music lovers!

I am pleased to welcome you all to the 2017 Red Ants Pants Music Festival here in beautiful White Sulphur Springs.

You are fortunate to be a part of this unique musical experience and jubilation of spirits under the Big Sky. I want to thank all the organizers, sponsors, and the community of White Sulphur Springs who help put this event together. Without you, this extraordinary event would not be possible each and every year.

From a tear in her pants to a nationwide company, Sarah Calhoun has worked tirelessly towards developing and expanding leadership roles for women, preserving and supporting family farms and ranches, and enriching our rural communities. Montana has the most entrepreneurs per capita in the nation, and it is no surprise that a young entrepreneur like Sarah is a shining example of how important Main Street businesses are to Montana's economy.

While attending the Red Ants Pants Music Festival, please enjoy the iconic landscape surrounding White Sulphur Springs from the Big Belt Mountains to the Smith River—and take some time to learn about the deep history and culture of this unique area. Please explore the festival demonstrations profiling traditional agricultural and work ethic—the bedrock of our Montana values. This is a celebration of rural Montana with old-fashioned hard work, hardy craftsmanship, and a family friendly atmosphere.

Now get ready for a rip-roarin', music stompin', dust kickin' good time at this year's Red Ants Pants Music Festival. Here's to another remarkable year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor