THE WEST

THE BEST OF

GYPSY HOUNDS

From the Gypsy Hydes collection by Leslie Sisk, which the artist and store owner creates at the studio of her Gypsy Hounds shop in Ruidoso, New Mexico, this cowgirl belt is handcrafted from vintage leather and features a large floral buckle and conchos inset with colorful stones (\$1,199). The wide strap is great for cinching a spring tunic or sundress, and you won't even need to further accessorize—just pull on a pair of cute boots and your ensemble will be complete. **505.681.9979**, www.gypsyhounds.com

HUNT FOR FASHION

Creating "beautiful accessories that make a difference," Claudia Alan established its Ava Optical collection to benefit the ONEXONE First Nations nutritious breakfast program. Aya's fashionable frames are the work of world-renowned First Nations artist Corrine Hunt, who incorporates her contemporary take on Pacific Northwest tribal art into the temples, utilizing traditional symbols that reflect her First Nations Kwakiutl and Tlingit heritage. Made from bamboo and buffalo horn, which traditional Chinese medicine states is good for helping balance yin and yang, the frames of the new Sitka eyeglasses feature a raven-the spirit bird often depicted as the creator. 604.836.1967, www.claudiaalanstore.com

DANG, CHICK

It was Stephanie O'Connor's husband who came up with the name of her women's clothing line, Dang Chicks. At first she wasn't completely sold on his suggestion, but when Tim O'Connor asked his wife what she wanted people to say when they saw someone wearing one of her designs, Stephanie replied, "Dang, chick!" and it was settled. The spirited collection consists of styles like the Dang Southern tee—a tribute to all the girls of the South, who can win anyone over with a little Southern belle charm and a big glass of sweet tea (\$40). **888.315.2334, www.dangchicks.com**

