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WEST YELLOWSTONE SEEKS FEEDBACK ON NEW HOUSING STRATEGY PLAN

By: Carrie Coan

The West Yellowstone community has taken an important step towards addressing its housing challenges with the release of the first draft of the West Yellowstone Housing Strategy Plan. This initiative, spearheaded by a dedicated group of community members, aims to tackle the town's pressing housing issues and create a sustainable framework for future development.

The West Yellowstone Housing Coalition, after completing a Housing Needs Assessment in June, has collaborated with an ad hoc Housing Strategy Group to develop this comprehensive plan. The drafting process involved a diverse group of contributors, including renters, homeowners, council members, individuals in job-attached housing, and employees from the education and government sectors. The project has been facilitated by the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) and the West Yellowstone Foundation, with funding support from the Montana Healthcare Foundation.

The draft of the Housing Strategy Plan identifies several key goals to address the community's housing needs:

- **Creating Affordable Housing Options:** Implementing tools like community land trusts, deed restrictions, and the use of publicly-owned land to develop affordable housing.
- **Expanding Housing Supply:** Increasing residential zoning and exploring the potential of manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- **Ensuring Long-term Sustainability:** Establishing dedicated funding sources and leveraging public-private partnerships to maintain housing affordability over time.

- **Addressing Immediate Needs:** Using land banking and other strategic initiatives to quickly respond to urgent housing demands.

Guided by the principles that housing should be safe, clean, modern, secure, attainable, and dependable, the plan emphasizes the importance of diverse housing options for the workforce and long-term residents. It also highlights the necessity of encouraging affordability in existing housing and expanding the housing stock for individuals who wish to live and contribute to West Yellowstone. Community engagement, education, and buy-in are deemed critical to changing the current housing momentum in the area. The plan outlines seven priority tools to achieve these goals:

1. **Community Land Trust:** Establishing a trust to manage land specifically for affordable housing development.
2. **Deed Restrictions:** Implementing restrictions to ensure long-term affordability of housing units.
3. **Using Publicly-Owned Land for Affordable Housing:** Leveraging publicly-owned land to develop housing that meets community needs.
4. **Manufactured Housing and Mobile Homes:** Promoting the use of manufactured housing and mobile homes as affordable options.
5. **Land Banking:** Acquiring and holding land for future housing development to ensure a steady supply.
6. **Dedicated Funding Sources for Affordable Housing:** Identifying and securing consistent funding to support affordable housing initiatives.
7. **Increased Residential Zoning:** Adjusting zoning regulations to allow for more residential development and higher density housing.

To read the draft plan and provide your feedback, please visit the West Yellowstone Foundation's website: westyellowstonefoundation.org/westyellowstonehousingcoalition. Your input is needed as we work together to create a more affordable and accessible housing landscape for everyone in West Yellowstone. Let's build a better future for our community together.



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NEW LIGHT POLES INSTALLED ON HIGHWAY 20 /FIREHOLE AVE

By: Katie Thompson

Have you noticed the new light poles down Highway 20 in Town?

Rocky Mountain Electric, Inc. won the bid back in late 2023 to install 58 new light poles down Highway 20, with hopes that not all bases would need replaced, most did. The amount of the bid to complete this project was \$796,159.

Thank you to Rocky Mountain Electric for a job well done.



SHOOTING IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

By: Patti Hostetter

The citizens of West Yellowstone would like to extend our appreciation to all of the officers and first responders who attended the tragic shooting event on July 4th in YNP. Thank you for all you do to protect us. We are holding the family and friends of the shooter in our hearts as they process their loss. We hope the injured officer and all who were touched by this incident have found comfort and support as they process this traumatic event.

AUGUST SENIOR LUNCH

Anyone can join the senior lunch crew from 11am-12pm on Wednesdays & Fridays at the Povah Community Center for a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Scott Fulton. Salad bar available. On Fridays, fresh vegetables and fruit are available for seniors to take home. **Cost: \$5.00 for seniors, \$7.00 for all others**

AUGUST MENU

August 2: Spicy orange glazed chicken, rice & mixed veg

August 7: Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots & biscuits

August 9: Taco bar, rice & refried beans

August 14: Sloppy joes, tater tots & mixed veg

August 16: Hamburger goulash & mixed veg

August 21: Pulled BBQ chicken sandwich & potato salad

August 23: Bratwurst, baked beans & macaroni salad

August 28: Hamburger & gravy over mashed potatoes

August 30: Chicken noodle casserole & mixed veg



HOUSING NEEDED FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

Please contact Superintendent Kevin Flanagan at 406.646.7617 if you might have a rental unit available for school district staff.

LITTLE RANGERS LEARNING CENTER IS SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Little Rangers Learning Center Board of Directors is in need of some new members! Do you care about the future of childcare in West Yellowstone, and are compassionate about the education of the youth in our community? Visit littlerangerslearningcenter.org/board to apply today! It takes a village and ours needs more members



This month's Contributors include: Katie Thompson, Carrie Coan, Kayla Wilson, Ellen Butler, Leanne Schuh, Di Morris, Patti Hostetter, and Dusty Dunbar.

The next issue will be released on August 30, 2024. Deadline to contribute an article is August 23, 2024. Please email articles to admin@thebestofwestdigest.com

WEST YELLOWSTONE FIREFIGHTER SAFETY TIPS: CAMPFIRE SAFETY

By: Kayla Wilson



In the United States nearly nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people not being careful. Let's help our friend Smokey the Bear prevent these types of fires by learning to be careful and helping others do the same.

- Make sure you are at a site that allows campfires.
- Use a designated fire pit or fire ring.
- Make sure there are no burn bans and it's not too windy.
- Never leave a campfire unattended.
- Keep a bucket of water and shovel near by.
- Do not sit on the fire ring or rocks around a campfire. They heat up quickly and they'll stay hot for a long time.
- Build campfires at least 25 feet away from tents, shrubs, and anything that can burn.
- Closely watch children around campfires, greater than 80% of campfire related pediatric injuries were caused by day old campfires.
- When it's time to put the fire out, dump lots of water on it, stir it with a shovel, then dump more water on it. Make sure it is COLD before leaving the campsite. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

**WEST YELLOWSTONE'S CURRENT FIRE DANGER IS HIGH
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK'S CURRENT FIRE DANGER IS HIGH
These levels are current as of July 23, 2024**

HEBGEN BASIN HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOCUSES THEIR EFFORTS TOWARDS A FEASIBILITY STUDY

By Kayla Wilson

The Hebgen Basin Hospital District was created by the support of voters in 2023 and is located in the southernmost part of Gallatin County, Montana which includes the Town of West Yellowstone, the only town/city located within its roughly 120 square mile footprint. The District was formed for the purpose of exploring options to expand medical services for residents within the District as well as the large number of visitors that frequent the Town of West Yellowstone and Yellowstone National Park annually. Over 1,200 residents call West Yellowstone home although the population within the District can swell to over 16,000 daily during the peak summer months when visitors flock to the area to enjoy the area's abundant recreational opportunities. The District is currently in the process of soliciting funds to commission Feasibility Study that will provide a needs and cost-based analysis of the type of medical facility that will best serve the West Yellowstone community and its year-round visitors. Anyone interested in learning more or to assist in funding this initiative can reach out to the District by emailing HBHospitalDistrict@gmail.com.

The District is comprised of a five-member elected board that currently includes the following individuals:

Bob Kinney, a relatively new resident to the area, is the District's Board Chair and is a retired investment banker whose career involved financing public infrastructure projects across the country. After raising a family in Connecticut, he and his wife moved to Utah and then to West Yellowstone after multiple visits and falling in love with the area.

Doug Schmier, a life-long resident of West Yellowstone, currently serves as the District's Vice-Chair. He is well known as a businessman in town and actively serves on a variety of boards in addition to his service on the District's Board.

Becky Goltz, is a registered nurse who has lived and worked in this community for over twelve years and serves currently as the District's Board Secretary/Clerk. Becky has worked as an EMT in our community; she is



also a licensed x-ray technician and has worked at our local clinic since June of 2014. Becky has also, worked in other communities across Montana doing long term care, emergency department nursing and medical surgical nursing. Becky has served on other boards including the Great Falls College Nursing Advisory Board and the West Yellowstone Medical Center Inc.

Kenny Jones has been a resident of West Yellowstone for 3 ½ years having moved here from Jackson Wyoming and is a native of Wyoming. Kenny has spent 49 years in the healthcare industry with 22 years as an owner of a healthcare services company that included operating an Emergency Medical Service that provided services to NASA at Johnson Space Center and managing the clinic where all members of the human space flight program received medical care. "I am an empowering leader with a proven track record for success in managing multiple projects. I have a full range of experiences including budget preparation, competitive procurements, contract administration, and business development."

Nancy Meyer is the Board's newest member having been elected in May 2024. Nancy is a registered nurse currently licensed in MT. Nancy's nursing experience includes emergency department (ED) nursing at Ohio State University for 3 years, the ED at St Luke's Magic Valley in Twin Falls, ID for 20 years and being a Flight Nurse at St Alphonsus Lifeflight in Boise/Twin Falls and Air St Luke's Twin Falls for total 15 years. Nancy is very much looking forward to participating as a Trustee of the Hebgen Basin Hospital District and supporting the community with additional health care.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES

- **Town Council Meeting** August 6, 2024, 7pm - Town Hall
- **Marketing & Promotion Fund Advisory Board** August 8, 2024, 12pm - Povah Community Center
- **Business Improvement Advisory Board** August 8, 2024, 8am - Town Hall
- **Town Council Meeting** August 20, 2024, 7 pm - Town Hall

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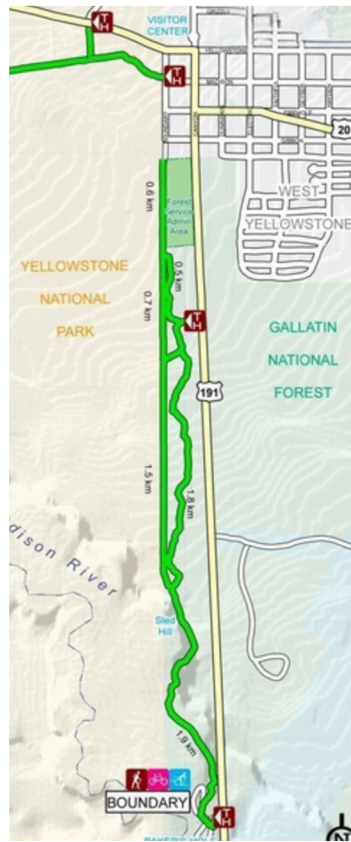
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Please email us at admin@thebestofwestdigest.com if you'd like to participate in any of these ways.

LOCAL TRAIL SPOTLIGHT: BOUNDARY TRAIL

By: Leanne Schuh

This easy 4-mile out-and-back trail begins right at the end of Boundary Street. The Trail follows the boundary of Yellowstone National Park. It is mostly flat, and through the trees, ending at Bakers Hole campground with a beautiful river view. A great option if you only have a couple hours, and the trail is dog-friendly. It definitely gets a lot of traffic in the winter with cross-country skiers, but also makes a lovely bike ride in July. This trail is non-motorized, and absolutely something to check out if you have not already! Remember to always be bear aware and carry bear spray.



“PIE PALS” MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The annual July 4th Pie on the Porch was a sweet success, netting over \$5,100 for the Museum of the Yellowstone. The event was held in the historic Union Pacific Dining Lodge. Bright new yellow banners were put into place by Town of West Yellowstone Public Works crews prior to the event. ‘We had wonderful support from the Town, said Dusty Dunbar, Chair of the YHC Fundraising & Membership Committee. ‘The dedicated volunteers who baked, sliced, packaged and vended the tasty treats- I call them our ‘Pie Pals’- made the day a BIG success. They created over 130 pies! Watching them slice, package and serve our supporters was inspirational.’ For the first time ever, there were enough slices and tasty Dutch Oven cobbler available to sell to every person waiting patiently in the line that extended way up Yellowstone Avenue. ‘I think folks enjoyed being able to see the inside of the Dining Lodge, too. Many had never been in there’, Dunbar added. ‘Caring for our beautiful Historic District- that’s what it’s all about!’ ‘Pie Pals’ included: Kris Opprecht Blank, Carole Leasure, Jayne Schaeffer, Samantha Powell, Beth Serniak, Bob Kinney, Carol Kinney, Anne Kinney, Beth Church, Carol Ashton, Linda Fontenot, Denise Portmann, Allison Waren, Jan Leach, Garrett Oestler, Jeannine Shearing, Jill McCloskey, Marysue Costello, Nancy Meyer, RuthAnn Nydam, Kendra Owen, Shelley Johnson, Mary Gospodarek, Val Templeman, Makenna Coan, Carrie Coan, Edine Alexander, Di Morris, Patti Peterson, Gayle Gavagan, Lisa Griffith, Brenda Geiger, Ann Voda, Michelle DesRochers, Carol Shestag, Myrlene Wanender, Trent Redfield, Carla Phillips, Brenda Richards, Yogi Waffles, Jamie and Casey McCray and Dusty Dunbar.

NANCY SHEFFIELD

April 26, 1931- May 16, 2024

By: Di Morris

Nancy was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and grew up there with four older sisters and an older brother. After high school, Nancy became a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines. Her sense of adventure eventually landed her in Jackson, Wyoming. It was there that her longstanding business career was born. She and her business partner Sally opened a boutique called “The Village Idiots”.



Over the next several decades, Nancy owned several boutiques. Each creative endeavor brought new adventures in new locations including SunValley, Idaho, Bradenton, Florida and even a small drugstore in Philipsburg, St. Maarten.

In the early 1970s, Nancy moved to West Yellowstone and opened Boutique West in the tiny cabin next to the Playmill.

After a few years in that spot, Nancy relocated Boutique West to the West Park Mall, more than quadrupling the size of her successful business. Her shop drew repeat customers from all corners of the world- her clientele was extremely loyal.

In 2019 Nancy retired from her beloved boutique and returned home to Minneapolis to be near her sister. Her last adventure was moving to Martinez, California to live near her son.

Nancy’s witty sense of humor often took the stress out of a very serious game of bridge. Her charm and laughter were shared with all who entered her world, and her amazing sophistication left us all looking better than we ever imagined we could!

Nancy is survived by her son and daughter-in-law David and Gesile Cross, granddaughters Joanna, Jamie, and Shayla, as well as her sister Mary Jane.



NEW VOLUNTEER WEBSITE LAUNCH

By: Carrie Coan

Community members and visitors can now easily access local volunteer opportunities with the launch of the new Volunteer West Yellowstone website. This initiative, a collaborative effort by the West Yellowstone Senior Center, West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation, and the West Yellowstone Teen Center, aims to address the ongoing challenge of attracting new volunteers to local nonprofits.

The idea for the platform emerged in 2023 when leaders from several nonprofit organizations discussed the difficulties they faced in recruiting volunteers. Recognizing the need for a unified solution, three nonprofits joined forces to apply for funding through the West Yellowstone Foundation's (WYF) Quarterly Grant Program. Their successful application has resulted in the creation of the Volunteer West Yellowstone website, which is hosted on WYF's website for its first year. Community members can view volunteer opportunities at www.westyellowstonefoundation.org/volunteer to get involved in supporting local causes.

This new platform is expected to enhance volunteer engagement and support for community initiatives, strengthening community bonds within West Yellowstone. If your organization, project or event could benefit from listing your volunteer opportunities, please contact any of the aforementioned nonprofits.

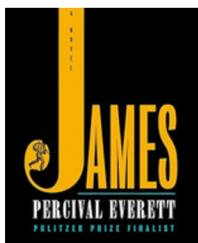
AUGUST AT THE WEST YELLOWSTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mondays	5:00-6:00pm	English Class: Spanish Speakers
Tuesdays	4:30-6:00pm	English Class: Non-Spanish-Speakers
Wednesdays	11:00am	Toddler & Pre-K Storytime
Wednesdays	5:00-6:00pm	English Class for Spanish Speakers
Thursdays	9:00-10:00am	Spanish Classes
Fridays	3:30-6:00pm	Board Game Meetup
August 21	6:30-8:00pm	Book Club Discussion
August 28	6:00-8:00pm	Cookin' the Books

LIBRARY BOOKCLUB PICK OF THE MONTH: "JAMES: A NOVEL" BY PERCIVAL EVERETT

Summary By: Sam Powell

Hop on the raft and join Huck Finn and Jim on a fresh adventure in "James: A Novel" by Percival Everett. Though this tale deals with a familiar story and familiar characters, it is uniquely written from Jim's perspective as he escapes a life of slavery with his young, unexpected companion. Everett's style blends well with Twain's original stories, allowing it to find a place among the classics and enrich the narrative that already exists. Viewing the story through Jim's eyes allows readers to gain a deeper understanding of his character and development. This viewpoint offers a richer, more nuanced insight into the events originally narrated by Huck Finn. Though the subject matter is challenging, "James" is a thought-provoking and engaging read that is worthy of a spot on anyone's reading list.



PICKLEBALL



A group of local residents meet to play pickleball Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting at 8:30 a.m. All ages, all experience levels are welcome to join. This is held at the tennis courts at Electric Park on N. Electric Street across from the Madison Apts.



WYSEF'S GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Sign up to join West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation's 10th Annual Golf Tournament being held Sunday, September 8, 2024, at the Big Sky Golf Course. Registration is \$150 per person and will include: greens fees, one mulligan, motorized carts, tournament prizes, and lunch. Visit <http://www.skirunbikemt.com/> to register. All profits will go towards promoting the West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation's mission to support, develop, and promote cross country skiing as a recreational resource for the community of West Yellowstone for individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

65TH ANNIVERSARY OF EARTHQUAKE LAKE AND SMOKEY THE BEAR'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

By Ellen Butler

What do Smokey Bear and Earthquake Lake have in common? An artist! Smokey Bear was introduced to the US Forest Service's Forest Fire Prevention campaign in 1944. The campaign was created in an effort to minimize forest fires during World War II as many resources, including firefighters, were being directed towards the war. Turning 80 years old this year, Smokey Bear is part of the longest-running public service announcement campaign in the United States.

Throughout his 80-year career, many artists have had a hand in creating Smokey's evolving image. Rudolph "Rudy" Wendelin is among the most well-known of these artists. Rudy took over as the official artist of Smokey Bear in 1949 and continued in this role for decades.

During his time working for the Forest Service, Rudy Wendelin visited some of America's most incredible public lands. One such opportunity was a tour of national forests in the American west in 1971. He visited several sites including Medicine Bow National Forest, Shoshone National Forest, Flathead National Forest, Bighorn National Forest, and Gallatin National Forest. While on Gallatin National Forest, Rudy visited Earthquake Lake and created four beautiful watercolors of the area featuring Earthquake Lake, the Madison Slide, the remains of Hilgard Lodge, and Memorial Boulder.

This August, we are looking forward to displaying Rudy Wendelin's Smokey Bear artwork and three of the Earthquake Lake watercolors at Earthquake Lake Visitor Center and the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center. This artwork exhibit will be part of many exciting activities happening in the month of August as we remember the 65th anniversary of Earthquake Lake and celebrate the 80th birthday of Smokey Bear. Our schedule of events is as follows:



Photo courtesy USDA Forest Service

- **Friday, August 9th, 2024:** Join us at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center as we celebrate Smokey's actual birthday.
- **August 12th-23rd, 2024:** Rudy Wendelin's artwork will be on display throughout this period. Four pieces will be on display at the West Yellowstone Visitor Information Center and the remaining pieces will be on display at Earthquake Lake Visitor Center.
- **Saturday, August 17th, 2024:** Earthquake survivor Anita Painter Thon will share her experience, and Mike Stickney, Director of Earthquake Studies at Montana Tech, will present on the 1959 Hebgen Lake Earthquake. Both programs will take place at Earthquake Lake Visitor Center.
- **Sunday, August 18th, 2024:** The smokejumpers will jump at Refuge Point (depending on smokejumper availability). At Earthquake Lake Visitor Center, there will be presentations by earthquake survivor John Owen and geologist Jamie Farrell, Department of Geology & Geophysics at the University of Utah.

Other activities the weekend of August 16th include a Morning Landslide Walk led by Joanne Girvin, guided hikes at Refuge Point, sidewalk chalk artists at Earthquake Lake Visitor Center, hands-on geology activities for kids, and more. Exact times of programs will be set soon. Please follow Custer Gallatin National Forest on Facebook or call us at 406-682-7620 for more details.



Photo courtesy USDA Forest Service, Rudy Wendelin

AUGUST 3: 54TH ANNUAL ROD RUN



The 54th annual Rod Run is happening at Pioneer Park. Coming back this year is the parade happening at 9 am on Saturday, August 3rd. Followed by the "Show 'n' Shine" from 10 am - 3 pm on Saturday. This is a family-friendly event.

AUGUST 3: LEWIS THE LLAMA AT THE BOOK PEDDLER

Lewis the Llama is coming to the Book Peddler on August 3rd from 2 pm - 5 pm. Lewis was lost in Yellowstone but has survived to tell his tale. Stop by and visit Lewis the Llama. This is a family-friendly event.



Tight Lines

by Chris Daniel



MADISON RIVER

Madison River in Montana is still going strong as long as you're fishing above Ennis. The waters below town are in Hoot Owl restrictions which means you are only allowed to fish from sunrise until 2 pm and then by law have to quit fishing. From Earthquake Lake down to Ennis is still good to go all day. Size 14-16 mayfly spinners, missing link caddis have been great bugs to throw if you are looking for the dry fly game and if you want to go down to them, I recommend size 16-18 crystal dips, shop vacs, bullet quill, Spanish bullet or zebra midges under a big hopper dry fly or an indicator. The fish are getting more educated every day so getting a shorter cast with a clean drift will be more important than anything.

HEBGEN LAKE

Hebgen Lake and Earthquake Lake are starting to get going on the dry fly game. Decent numbers of Callibaetis on Hebgen Lake. A 14-16 Callibaetis hackle stacker or rusty spinner should get them to come up and check out your dry. There are still a few PMD's flying around Quake Lake and fish working good. 16-18 PMD sparkle flag and an 18 rusty spinner would be in my box when heading to the lake. If you're having trouble finding fish working on dries, I would blind cast a leech through the trees on Quake or the weed mats on Hebgen and just fish all the good looking water.

FISHING HEAT ADVISORY

As we are getting into the heat of the summer, the water temps are also heating up so be careful where you fish. Try to fish the coldest water possible and really try to limit the fish being out of water as much as possible. It's okay to take a couple pictures but prolonged exposure to them being out of the water can make their recovery harder and more risk of not making it.

YELLOWSTONE

The Firehole, Madison and Gibbon River below Norris Junction are all closed off right now due to hot water temps and shall not be fished. Don't worry as there are plenty of other waters in the park that are fishable and doing great. The NE corner of the park is just getting good and plenty of nice Yellowstone Cutthroat looking up for flies. Small mayflies and caddis as well as attractor pattern will have them looking up. You may have to get off the beaten path a little to get away from some of the crowds but the hike is always worth it. Just remember to take bear spray with you and check the YNP's latest fishing regulations!

IDAHO

The Henry's Fork in Idaho is big right now with about 1700 CFS coming out of Island Park Reservoir but there is still some fishing to be had. Look for Golden Stones sporadically coming off in the Box Canyon. Two nymphs under an indicator is always a great way to find fish in the box and just look in all the slicks behind the rocks and in between the weed mats. Warm River to Jump-off is a fun float to do if you're not being too serious about the fishing, it will be more of a fun day with lots of recreational floaters but still plenty of fish to be found throwing 2 nymphs under an indicator with some extra weight to get down in the fast heavy water. If you want to stay on foot, then I would try walking the ranch look for some of those big rainbows laid up eating caddis and drake spinners. Don't be in a rush as some of them are sneaky and laid up close to the banks, you may just walk right by them so look hard and go slow.





THE WRETCHED MESS FEST RETURNS TO WEST YELLOWSTONE: SEPTEMBER 6 & 7 AT THE UNION PACIFIC DINING LODGE AND BOB JACKLIN CASTING POND

You are invited to the second annual Wretched Mess Fest, a celebration of arts and fly fishing! All events are free and open to the public.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 at 5PM

Free Chalk Art Lessons. Learn techniques from professional artists! No registration necessary, all materials are provided. Ages 12 to 99. Prepare to get messy.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2PM-10PM

Live Chalk Art
Artist Market
Fly Fishing Reps
USFS RC Bear Charging Station
Fly Fishing Film Tour 8p-10p
Food Trucks
Beer Garden
Fly Tying for Kids
Rod Demos on the Casting Pond
Professional Fly Tyers Bench
Patagonia Wader Repair Tent- all waders welcome!
Ro Drift boats

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 10AM-10PM

Live Chalk Art
Free Art Activities
Artist Market
Fly Fishing Reps
Food Trucks
Beer Garden
Casting Competition with Angler's Academy
Spey Presentations
Live Music
Fly Tying for Kids
Rod Demos on the Casting Pond
Professional Fly Tyers Bench
Patagonia Wader Repair Tent- all waders welcome!
Ro Drift boats
Live Music- Zac Nytomt Band 8p-10p
MT FWP presentation on Brown Trout & the Madison River
HFF Dr. Rob Van Kirk presentation on the Henry's Fork

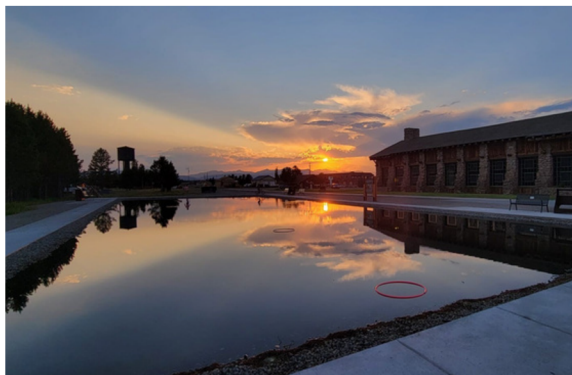


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HAPPENING TICKETS ON SALE AUGUST 15, 2024

Tickets for the West Yellowstone Foundation's 33rd annual Happening fundraiser on September 14th will go on sale on August 15th at 8am- don't delay, they anticipate tickets will sell out within hours! Presale tickets are available right now with select sponsorships by calling 406-646-1152. Tickets can be purchased online:

<https://Happening2024.givesmart.com>

Proceeds from this fundraiser support their general operations as they serve our community through programs like public transit, postsecondary education scholarships, community grants, fiscal sponsorships, endowments, housing initiatives and more.

2024 FUND A CAUSE:

WEST YELLOWSTONE FOUNDATION'S SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

During WYF's event, they take a pause in their live auction to raise money for specific causes such as Little Rangers Learning Center and the West Yellowstone Ski Education Foundation. This year they are raising funds for their Scholarship Endowment. Since 2004, the WYF scholarship program has awarded over 1.3 million dollars to West Yellowstone High School graduates pursuing post-secondary education. Endowments provide permanent, stable funds to support our community now and forever.

2024 LEGACY OF GOLD RECIPIENT:

KELLI HART

Every year, WYF honors a local volunteer whose generosity cannot be measured. This year's Legacy of Gold awardee was nominated by several community members: long time resident and co-owner of Freeheel & Wheel, Kelli Hart.

