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The Fryers Providing a Little Home Grown Love In Island

As family stories go, this is another amazing one. Steeped with history and hard work. In 1890, Mark Fryers great grandpa homesteaded land in Deweyville Utah. Through great effort and years of hard work, he developed a large fruit orchard and garden. Through the generations, this family has retained the ground, and added to it along the way.

Eventually, it was Marks turn to work the ground. But it isn't quite as simple as you might think, you see, Mark married Joei 20 years ago, but he married into city girls, and took on Joei's three daughters. Mark had worked alongside his grandfather and other local old timers to learn the farming trade, but Joei and her daughters had no experience. So, they learned. They learned to pick fruits and vegetables, and learned to sell at farmers markets, they learned to work together as a family. They are grown now, with children of their own, and the grandchildren are now included in the farming activities, as it should be.



The farm has 200 fruit trees along with 10 acres in garden. They raise tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, watermelon, cantaloupe, four acres in potatoes (reds, russets, Yukons, and, new this year, the huckleberry golds), and a field of mini pumpkins. Apricots, cherry plums, apples and pears are the fruit they harvest from their own orchard. This isn't easy work; they often have a handful of kids on their block that come and help with the picking and to load up the trailer weekly. This family finds it rewarding work though, and love the time spent together.

When Joei and her husband retired from their "day jobs" (like farming isn't hard work), they began dreaming of delivering produce to areas that had short growing seasons and couldn't grow a lot of their own. On a pleasurable visit to their friends, Bill and Gail Bishops, in the Elk Creek Estates area of Island Park, it was decided that Island Park was that place! It provided a mini vacation for the Fryers in an area they loved, and allowed them to follow their dreams and goals.

The first season, three years ago, they were lucky enough to stay at Truthhunters. The food, hospitality, and friendships made a lasting impression and they have formed permanent relationships they deeply value in our area. Since then, Brett Whittaker with Rainbow Realty,

who also became a good friend, has allowed them to sell in front of his business in Last Chance for a few weeks until they moved on to their permanent location, and they have found others who have allowed them to park the camper they call home during their selling weekends.

More recently, they had several good folks suggest they reach out to Connie, from Connies Restaurant. She has been a fantastic friend, accommodating and resourceful in spreading the word for their fresh produce. They also met Dustin of Elk Creek through a good friend, John Dickson, who also opened his arms to them. Now for the exciting news! They will be selling at Elk Creek Station on Wednesdays and Connies on Saturdays now through the end of September.



Joei and Mark will continue to deliver their fresh produce to Island Park so long as they can continue to grow them. In addition to the items they grow, they also bring



corn, purchased from another local farmer, onions grown locally in Corinne Utah if you want to make salsa, and peaches from another local farmer out of Perry Utah, until the Fryers new peach trees produce enough to sell again. They are honored to be part of our community and want to thank all of you for your patronage and friendships, they are greatly appreciated, but this writer feels like we are the lucky ones!



The New Blue Buffalo Resort

Randy Larsen grew up in Rexburg as one of ten children. His Grandfather and his brother were, at one point, both the mayor of Rexburg. He has always been involved in southeastern Idaho even though he lived in Utah and spent some time overseas, and, he has had a place in Island Park, where he spends at least half his year, every year.

He initially purchased the tiny Teton Valley Resort in Victor some years back and has been working diligently on upgrading that facility. With 80 cabins and a couple hundred permitted RV sites, this was no small undertaking, and still in the works. But, when the Buffalo Run Campground came up for sale in Island Park, Randy had to have it. He has always preferred Island Park and saw his opportunity to improve that location, and it provided the chance to contribute to the community some things we were missing.

When the Buffalo Run was purchased, now called the Blue Buffalo Resort, there were 5 cabins and many RV sites. To say there has been significant changes since then is an understatement, and it is far from finished. They started with completely remodeling the 5 cabins, and adding 28 additional cabins that are now available to stay in, and

updating the resort offices.

In doing so, the RV sites had to be removed, which was not an easy decision. After crunching the numbers, and considering the cost of the purchase and overall budget for renovations, there was no way to make ends meet with a short three-month season for rentals when cabins can be profitable year around here. Keeping the RV dump was then not even an option, the county only allows them to operate a private RV dump for spaces they rent to and cannot operate one open to the public, they were forced to close the dump site.



The Blue Buffalo still has a long way to go. They are presently working on clean up, improving sewer and electrical lines, and they are working with the DOT to improve the safety of the highway at the

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Crossword

ACROSS

- 1) Open a pill bottle
- 6) Peke squeaks
- 10) Celebratory poems
- 14) La ___ University (Philadelphia school)
- 15) Unglazed pot with a wide mouth
- 16) "___ Las Vegas" (Presley film)
- 17) What "helps the medicine go down," in song
- 20) Take off the books
- 21) Obscuring, in a way
- 22) "Filthy" dough
- 25) Uptight
- 26) Cannabis product
- 30) Oregano, e.g.
- 32) Walled off
- 35) ___-Lorraine (region of France)
- 41) Shortened weapon
- 43) Waterfall phenomenon
- 44) Received a varsity award
- 45) Surgery aftermath
- 47) Type of media
- 48) One in deep thought
- 53) Government operative
- 56) Remove, as a bracelet
- 58) Win, at an auction
- 63) Nondrinking period
- 66) A little over 2 pounds
- 67) Unstable subatomic particle
- 68) Ball charmer
- 69) No longer hidden
- 70) "Can I get you anything ___?"
- 71) Hurdles for graduate students

DOWN

- 1) Superpower no more
- 2) Neck section
- 3) Horse hooves sound
- 4) Moisturizer ingredient
- 5) Colony type
- 6) Not me or them
- 7) Sick
- 8) Sandpiper relative
- 9) Umpire's scream, sometimes
- 10) Developing egg
- 11) Cook's exhortation
- 12) The "Good Times" family
- 13) Nickname for a noncom
- 18) Winter malady
- 19) Take a seat
- 23) Culinary guru
- 24) It signals danger
- 26) Sound like a snake
- 27) Hairy twin in the Bible
- 28) Freshly cut, as a lawn
- 29) Academy freshman
- 31) Bangkok buck
- 33) "And now, without further ___ ..."
- 34) AAA offerings
- 36) Auctioneer's batch
- 37) Part of a flower
- 38) City in India
- 39) Billiard sticks
- 40) Make-meet connector
- 42) Dried up
- 46) Bottle top capacity
- 48) Some cologne scents
- 49) Get the knots out
- 50) It might go from 1 to 10
- 51) "Rocket Man" singer John
- 52) "Norma ___" (1979 movie)
- 54) San Francisco hill
- 55) Prefix with "jet" or "prop"
- 57) Unnamed quantity
- 59) Stadium seating level
- 60) Famed gymnastics coach Karolyi
- 61) "___ just have to do"
- 62) Changes color
- 64) This puzzle's theme
- 65) ___-two punch

HELP YOURSELF

By Timothy E. Parker

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Yellowstone's Summer Thermal Events

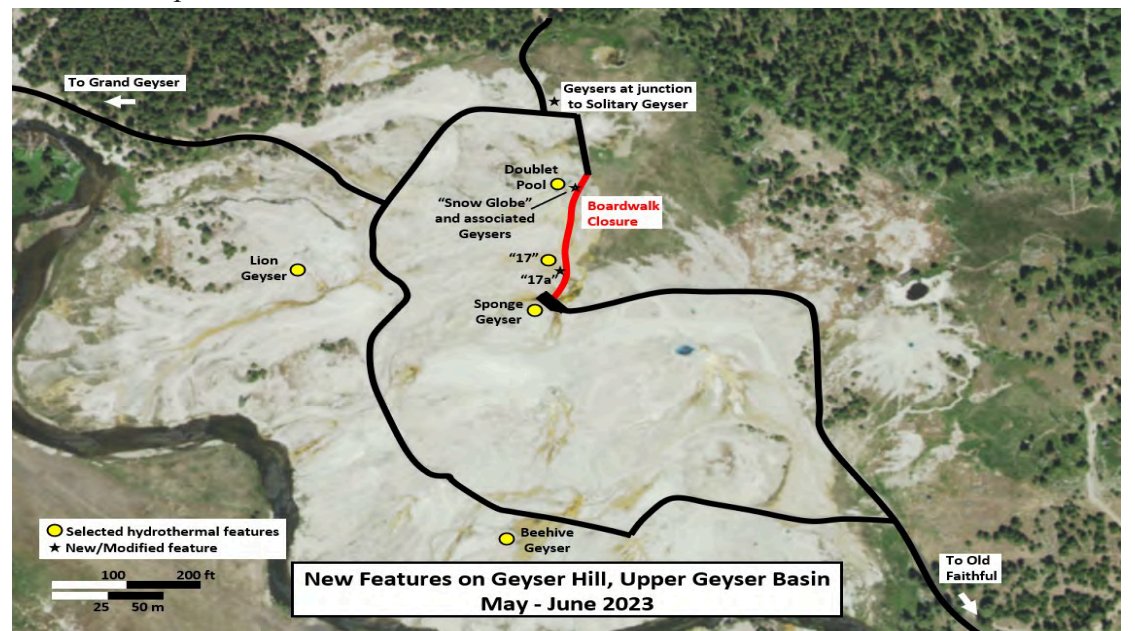
We live near one of the Worlds' most amazing locations with a massive hydrothermal system and largest concentrations of geysers on Earth. With that, comes some inherent danger from seismic events and ever-changing ground activity that requires constant, careful monitoring.

On May 24th, one such event began a cascade of other events that, while not unique to our area, did cause a need for closures in the boardwalk between Sponge Geyser and Doublet Pool due to the proximity of the thermal features that formed or became active in that area.

In Yellowstones' Upper Geyser Basin, near Old Faithful, Aurum Geyser erupted for the first time in 2 years. And, to follow up on this act, proceeded to erupt 30 times over of the next 14 days. Not to be outdone, Beehive Geyser changed up it's schedule and erupted twice that same day at intervals that were only 15 to 16 hours apart rather than it's usual 18-22 hour interval. There have also been several smaller features that became active, and a few new features that have appeared. This activity bears a striking resemblance to what occurred in September of 2018, and what occurred at Norris Geyser Basin in 2003.

The thermal activity has diminished throughout the month of June, but those boardwalks do remain closed! They have also documented 78 earthquakes near the region, the largest of which was 2.8 magnitude on June 17th near Moran, WY, and Steamboat Geyser erupted June 9th for the 5th time this year.

Thanks to those that track these events closely for us, they have placed updated monitoring equipment near the activity and implemented those closures that are necessary to keep visitors safe. For significantly more details about this event, visit usgs.gov/observatories/yvo/news/recent-thermal-activity-geyser-hill-new-features-and-new-eruptions



Horseback Riding Reminder

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Yellowstone Horses at Eagle Ridge Ranch Monday through Saturday, morning trips, afternoon rides, and evening outings paired with a western cookout dinner. Choose and book at their website here Yellowstoneworld.com/schedule-rates/.

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Living with Grizzlies

The recent Kansas woman found on the trails west of Yellowstone who was killed by an apparent Grizzly attack has brought to the forefront, again, the wilderness we live in. No matter the 5 million visitors to Yellowstone National Park, or the untold number of visitors to Island Park and its surrounding mountains, we still live in a untamed, fierce part of the country. Learning to live with the wildlife that abounds here is just a part of our way of life, but helping our visitors to learn what we know in the short time they are here is a much more difficult task.

When the Grizzly was placed on the Endangered Species List in 1975, they numbered about 136 in the Greater Yellowstone area, which is approximately 22,500 square miles. By the year 2016, they had grown to 700, and in 2023 they estimate 965. It's no wonder we have more and more interaction with them, as we grow in population, and they grow in population, we are bound to cross paths as they search for food.

The parks first sighting this year was exactly the same day as 2022, March 7th, and in 2021, it was March 13th. These magnificent creatures can roam as far as 2,000 miles, but the females tend to stay a little closer to home. Grizzlies generally only have 2 cubs in the spring, but as most of us know, our beloved 399, at 17 years old,



is a rare animal and has had as many as 4. Their lifespan can be 15 to 20 years in the wild, although the oldest in captivity is 47, so here's hoping 399 beats those odds as well!

Ironically, there are very few interactions that cause human fatalities. Only ten reported fatal bear attacks since 1872! That's fewer than the 125 drownings reported in Yellowstone, or the 23 incidents of people falling into thermal features in the park. The fact is, more Grizzlies are killed because of these



unfortunate occurrences. Besides learning how to interact while camping or hiking, living here is about being vigilant awith regards to food sources. Trash, bird feeders, dog food, and grills are all sources we don't always think about. Bear proof trash containers, making sure the bird feeders and dog food is put away, and cleaning our grills is imperative, particularly in the spring and fall when they are hungry before and after hibernation.

The pro's at Yellowstone recommend the following, and since our Caldera is in the heart of bear country, they are good smart practices here as well.

- Prepare for a bear encounter – stay alert!
- Carry bear spray, know how to use it, and make sure it's accessible
- Hike in groups of three or more, stay on maintained trails, and make noise
- Avoid hiking at dusk, dawn, or at night
- Stay 100 yards away from bears, approaching closer is illegal, use binoculars, telescope, or telephoto lens to get a closer look
- Store food, garbage, barbecue grills, and other attractants in hard-sided vehicles or bear-proof food storage boxes

Keeping them and us safe is the ultimate goal as we co-exist!



Wretched Mess Arts Fest A New Tradition in West

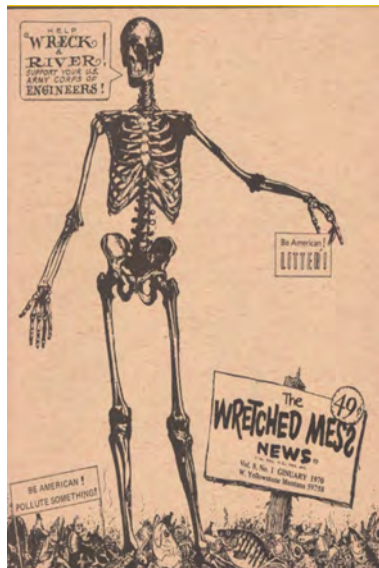
There's been a lot of excitement about the newest festival to debut this year in West Yellowstone. It's almost here, and I wanted to know more about the name and what was planned, so, I made a call and got to visit with Jessica Picone Kohl, the Program Coordinator.

The name was so interesting to me, and come to find out, it has great historical meaning in the town of West. Between 1960 and 1980 Milford ("Stanley") Poltroon, aka David Bascom, printed a piscatorial periodical he named The Wretched Mess News. It was filled with wacky humor and his unique artist style creating a magazine full of fishing parodies and laughs.

It wasn't intentionally a newspaper or magazine though. It was originally designed to be an advertisement for a fly he had began making and selling in a fly shop in West Yellowstone. The hook he was using was large enough he used a multitude of items to cover it, so he aptly named it "The Wretched Mess Fly".



The magazine started as 12 pages, but by the end had grown to 32 pages with 3,500 to 4,000 subscribers, and did eventually include other advertising. There's considerably more to this story, and it's a great read, you can find it here if you would like to know more! Vault.si.com/vault/1965/12/20/a-wretched-mess-of-type-mostly-about-fishing



The originators wanted to pay homage to history the name brought with it and asked permission to use it in connection with the art festival. It will be focused on creativity and celebrating the arts in a fun new way. They feel it will provide a cultural event for the West Yellowstone community that tourists and residents will love.

This year, professional chalk artist Shawn McCann will be organizing 3D chalk art with 4 other professional chalk artists

from all over the nation. Chalk artist and street painter Bill Speiss of Bozeman will be a part of this group.

There will be free sidewalk chalk available for kids, as well as chalk for sale for anyone inspired to create on the sidewalks. Adaptive tools will also be provided making chalk art accessible to all.

There will be several local and regional non-profits sponsoring free art activities and providing info on the services and support they provide. The Gallatin County Sheriff's office will also be organizing the Bike Rodeo and Safety Fair during this event.

There will be artist vendors, as well as a Local Artists Showcase to exhibit the work of creative people who live in the West Yellowstone, Island Park, and Hebgen Basin area.

Come on out on August 26th from 10 am to 5 pm, pick up a piece of chalk and design your own masterpiece, or just browse the work of others. Don't miss this unique opportunity share the arts and enjoy this new tradition with friends and neighbors.



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West Yellowstone - MT CALENDAR of EVENTS

SUMMER 2023

- Aug. 19** POWMIA Ride
- Aug. 25** Christmas in August [at Museum of the Yellowstone]
- Aug. 26** Wretched Mess Arts Festival
- Aug. 26** FREE Music in the Park [Luke Dowler & Midnight Conversations]
- Sept. 10** WYSEF Golf Tournament
- Sept. 16** The Happening

Wild West Yellowstone Rodeo mid June - August Every Tuesday - Saturday
Farmers Market on the Museum Lawn June 1st through September 28th Every Thursday 5-8pm



Western Spruce Budworm History and What to do?



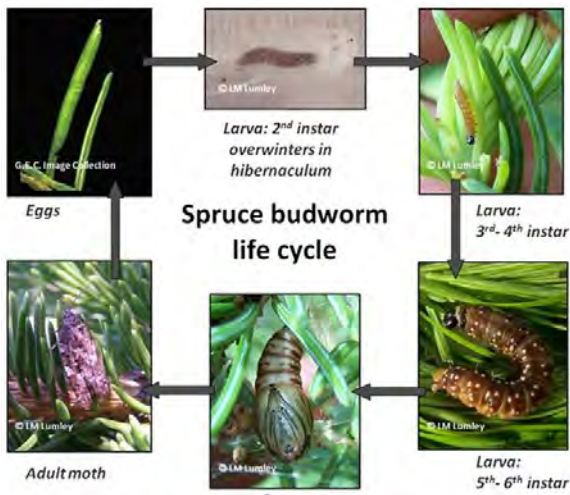
We've all seen forests that look like this photo. Unfortunately, it isn't a new event in our state, but is recently becoming more widespread. These outbreaks have historically been kept in check by periodic fires, and could range in length between 5 and 30 years depending on how healthy and abundant the fir forests are. Presently, our forests are abundant in Douglas fir and other firs species, and this does little to keep the outbreak in check.

A long string of outbreaks for the Western Spruce Budworm began in the Northern Rockies in the 1920's first in Priest Lake, Idaho, and then in Yellowstone National Park in 1922, here they cause the most damage in grand fir, subalpine fir and Douglas-fir. They prefer dryer areas, and dense stands of trees so they can easily move from tree to tree, or drop from taller trees to an understory tree. Attacks on larger Doug firs by a Budworm infestation are rarely deadly by themselves. They do, however, leave the tree susceptible to other insects such as the Bark Beetle, and fire. Unfortunately, for the smaller tree, the mortality rate is much higher when defoliation occurs.

The lifecycle of these nasty little pests begins when a female lays up to 150 pale green eggs about 1.2mm long that overlap like shingles on the underside of the needles of the tree. The eggs hatch in 7 to 10 days, molt once, spin a cocoon amongst the protected places on the bark surfaces or lichen, and spend the winter.

In the spring, they re-emerge to feed on foliage and closed buds until the new growth begins and they can move onto that. As they feed, they spin webs among the needles to provide shelter from predators and the environment. These worms pass through 6 stages of development. The first appearance is very small, and yellow-green in color with a brown head, and they finish as a 1 to 1 1/2" olive brown caterpillar with a brown head where each of its' body segments is marked with a pair of ivory-colored spots. In 30 to 40 days they mature, feeding on the tree throughout the cycles, and in the end, spin a cocoon of silk and enter the

pupal state in late summer. When the adults emerge and mate, the female is capable of laying her eggs the following day and the cycle repeats.



The first control projects were carried out between 1955 and 1957, when nearly 1.3 million acres between Montana and Idaho were sprayed with DDT in an effort to rid the forests of the tree killing worm. However, ecologists became concerned about the ecological effects of DDT. While the fish and birds of the treated areas did not appear to be affected, scientists found the fish stomachs

contained 99% more crayfish after spraying, compared with none before, presumably because nearly all of the insect food was killed during the spray. They also found that a number of bird eggs had shells that were affected dramatically. Despite their effort, aerial surveys of the Northern Rockies in 1958 showed 4.9 million acres of defoliation.

Island Park's Newest Little Souvenir Shop With the Biggest Heart

Ready to take home your unique souvenir or gift from your visit to Island Park? The brand new Island Park Souvenir and Gift Shop is open! Located at 3519 Yale-Kilgore Road, our littlest shop with the biggest heart offers a wide range of specialty and one-of-a-kind items to commemorate the memories you make in our beautiful area.

Whether it's a t-shirt, hat, postcard, or trinket, we have something for everyone. Friendly staff will be on hand to help you find the perfect gift or keepsake to bring home.

Why wait? Come see us and take home your piece of Island Park. Can't wait to see you!



In 1964, the forest service sprayed 500,000 acres of the Salmon National Forest with DDT to curb the epidemic after observing it for 4 years, carefully plotting which areas near streams and rivers to avoid, and then doubling those avoidance areas the following year, after further testing and research. They also sprayed a 2,000 acre test area with a new chemical called Dimethoate, and in Western Montana that same year they began a large scale test of a new chemical called Malathion in an effort to find a replacement for DDT. Between 1964 and 1967 Idaho and Montana tested the newest chemical in the war called Zectran, but the old methods were useless in spraying it and new methods with a finer mist had to be developed.

By 1973 the epidemic had slowed in the Rocky Mountain area and the research and testing slowed, but by 1975 an upward swing took place once more and a new approach to research and abatement was sorely needed. It was at this point that CANUSA-West picked up the study and begin directing research and development activities as well as coordination and communication with end users. Their basis for research was the Forest Services broad options for management to start with: do nothing, use direct suppression, or treat Silviculturally, and then expand on those. They are still the basis upon which you can treat today, obviously some more effective than others!

Nature keeps the outbreaks at bay using a combination of weapons, predators, including spiders and birds, or adverse weather conditions, such as a late spring freeze. The rumor in 2013 that the Forest Service released millions of yellow jackets to battle the budworm problem was simply not true. But, thinning the forests and planting trees that are naturally immune such as pines and hardwood trees between firs creates a barrier for food sources with the non-host species.

Treating for Spruce Budworms in your own backyard will be a matter of preference. You may opt for a microbial insecticide such as Bacillus thuringiensis (BT) which is environmentally safe to use in sensitive areas, such as near water. There are also chemical insecticides which may be sprayed such as acephate, malathion, carbaryl, and methomyl. If you choose either of these options, you should reach out to your State or Federal Forest Health Specialist regarding formulations, dosages, and most significantly, the timing of your treatment for the most effective results.

For a more natural approach, keep your trees as healthy as possible so they can withstand the infestation. Thinning them to keep the worms from transferring from tree to tree, keeping a single canopy, rather than multiple canopies for the same reason, and planting multi species as suggested previously all help in the transfer of larvae. And, providing adequate water and fertilizer keep your trees healthy enough to recover should an infestation occur. Here's to green healthy trees in your yard!



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Idaho Fish Wildlife and Parks and Wildlife Disease

By Karen Schumacher

Tremendous dichotomies exist with land management. Money pours in for forest fire prevention while at the same time forests are allowed to become burdened with fuel loads that only act as incinerators. "We let forests burn" is an insane ideology. Fires destroy the habitat environmentalists crusade to protect. The introduction of wolves has resulted in the loss of wildlife, one issue environmentalists champion for protection. Renewable energy is one of the most damaging to the environment under the guise of protecting it. One doozy of a dichotomy exists with Elk and Deer. Are potential causes of disease in these majestic animals being ignored or dismissed for a reason.



Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease affecting Elk, Deer, Moose, and other wildlife, where the animal experiences neurological deterioration. It first appeared at Slate Creek in Idaho County, November 2021. Idaho Fish & Game (IDFG) claims CWD is a Prion disease, a malformed protein that enters the brain, with no understanding of "how it is spread". But the actions they are taking to minimize the spread, which speak louder than their words, suggest they believe it is spread by direct contact.

The animal eventually wastes away from a poor immune response, starvation, and weakness. IDFG focuses on minimizing its spread and developed a strategy in 2021 that includes surveillance and monitoring with the help of hunters, along with "cutting deer density to reduce CWD risk".

Elk Hoof Disease (EHD) was also discovered in Idaho County in 2018. This disease is blamed on a Treponema spirochete bacterium that is suspected to cause hoof abnormalities and lameness in elk, leading to poor health and death. It was recently discovered that it is spread by "exposure to soil contaminated with hooves from affected elk". Drawing this conclusion, however, is problematic as this study gave limited consideration to other soil or environmental factors, failed to use pesticide contaminated soil, artificially created a condition with an overabundance of a pathogen, and wrapped the Elk's hooves in inoculation, creating an environment that would not be found on Elk in the wild. This map shows where EHD has been discovered in the Pacific Northwest.

While Prion and Treponema have nothing to do with each other, what IDFG is failing to consider is soil health and how that may be contributing to the spread of both diseases. Why would they ignore that possibility?

Idaho has a Noxious Weed program for invasive species in which IDFG participates because of its invasion into Elk forage. Biological treatment is emphasized for elimination of these weeds however, "chemical treatment is the most common option where feasible". IDFG, however, is rather secretive about what chemicals they use. The US Forest Service also has a Pesticide Management program that does not identify what chemicals are used.

Commonly used pesticide agents include Glyphosate, Atrazine, 2,4-D, and Milestone. It is well known that these chemicals destroy everything in their path and have toxic effects to humans. One hypothesis is that these chemicals also cause EHD. Atrazine is particularly devastating to the immune system. Other contributing pesticides to EHD and CWD are Sulfonylurea and Diuron as both can inhibit microbial activity in the soil. Overall, these chemicals not only destroy Elk forage, they also have a damaging effect on soil health. While many variables determine how long pesticides remain in the soil, they can persist up to a decade.

Manganese is "an essential human dietary element" found in soil and plants. Manganese deficiency can lead to gut and immune dysfunction, and has a relationship to Prion disease. Studies have shown that Glyphosate depletes Manganese in plants. Selenium, another trace element in soil necessary for plant development, is also dependent on soil microorganisms and cannot be easily applied to soil. Its depletion in soil has also been associated with deteriorating animal health by disrupting a healthy immune system, again suggestive of CWD, and in hoof deformities. Chemical spraying, and its adverse impact on soil, does appear to be a common source for both diseases, yet it has not been adequately researched.

At hand is the lack of consideration that pesticides not only kill noxious weeds, but also destroy living organisms in the soil that maintains its health. In fact, the same corporations that produce pesticides are touting their investments in soil health, while claiming that poor soil health is from climate change. But the truth is they destroy the soil in order to put forward profit making solutions.

To the rescue is lucrative corporate markets that create products to fix the problems they create. Corporations have even hijacked associations to advance their cause.

Syngenta products include herbicides, and through its Biologicals, and its partner Valagro, sells products to fix the damage they cause as part of its commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Brexil Combi, made by Valagro, contains a Manganese replacement.

Monsanto, producer of Glyphosate products, was bought by Bayer in 2016. As was Monsanto, both Syngenta and Bayer are World Economic Forum (WEF) partners. Along with its government pals, Bayer has declared Glyphosate as safe, in spite of all evidence to the contrary. Bayer also blames climate change and biodiversity as a problem



while having several products that actually destroy biodiversity, and is being fined for its false safety claims. Corteva, a descendant of DuPont, produces Milestone. Called Aminopyralid, it is a pesticide that tends to remain in the soil and carry over and damage new growth.

Could ruined soil be the planned precursor to invest in "microbial-based solutions", or completely revamp soil composition, all the while messing around with RNA genetics and engineering soil microorganisms?

Like everything else going on right now, corporations have their own misinformation (let's call it what it is, lying) campaign that using less pesticides would contribute to the global climate crisis. While the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is putting up a front to address the pesticide problem, it is a partner with the same cabal that corporations are tied to. In the EPA's interest to protect corporations, the whole federal government is similarly involved, including the US Forest Service, but were finally forced to admit ecological damage from these products. Don't touch their products that destroy the land as that would in turn destroy their self-created markets that will fix it! And these corporations are not afraid to give dictates to the government. The corruption is so widespread a book has even been written about it.

Thus the dichotomy. Corporations use destructive means to destroy the environment while claiming it adds to food production, and lay blame on climate change in order to enrich their own profits. Through the use of chemicals the soil is



destroyed, wildlife movement through the chemically contaminated soil can spread it to other areas while being exposed to an overgrowth of invasive bacterium that cause disease and possibly eating the sprayed forage along the way, soil is being depleted of necessary nutrients for life, and the land then becomes a haven for disease.

Wildlife loss is of no concern to them and warnings about the dangers of these products would logically be the same for wildlife. Could it be Elk are actually spreading the cause of the problem rather than the disease itself? Pesticides destroy soil microbiology. Why has this not been a focus as it has been in other prion studies?

In Idaho County where CWD and EHD were found, there is a noxious weed problem with Yellow Starthistle. While biocontrol methods have been tried they aren't successful in controlling the problem and in addition to other areas in the state, chemical spraying is used, Glyphosate and Aminopyralid being the most effective. Oddly, cattle, sheep, and goat grazing are not used to address this weed problem. Cheatgrass is another noxious weed where Yellow Starthistle is found, and is controlled with spraying. Again, cattle grazing is not used to contain this weed.

Corporations that produce these pesticides wield quite a bit of influence over the government. If IDFG were to challenge the use of pesticides as the causal factor in CWD and EHD, what wrath would they experience from these corporations? Would the idea of investigating this correlation be enough to bring threats of retaliation by the corporate world? Or are they under the same oppression as others have been when corporations are challenged?

In order to save and protect Elk that are suffering from these diseases, IDFG must embark upon more studies into the correlation between spraying devastating chemicals and how it

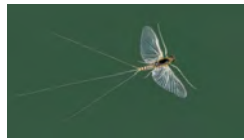
affects these animals. Pressure must be brought to bear on all agencies that use these practices until such time they study the cause and effect between pesticides and the health of wildlife. Contact your local IDFG Regional Office and ask where comments can be made, or provide comments to any one of the IDFG Commissioners.

While this does not solve the problem pesticides cause in wildlife disease, it does give an indication that the corporate methodology is the same. Destroy something and blame it on climate change, then create the costly solution to fix it, while suppressing the ability to expose the truth. It cannot be denied the negative impact these chemicals have on both the land and in wildlife.

August Hatch Comments: From Henry's Fork Anglers



Trico
(Trycorythodes minutus)



Speckled Spinner
(Callibaetis ferrugineus)



Characteristics: Three tails. Chalk white wings. The body of the male dun is brownish black and the female has a pale thorax with a brownish black thorax. Duns emerge early in the morning and the spinners fall shortly thereafter. Emergence is delayed with colder air temperatures later in the season. Duns sometimes emerge in the late evenings.

Timing of Hatches: July through early October depending on the water. The Dun activity typically takes place in the late evening and the important spinner fall may take place anywhere from early morning until late morning depending on the weather and previous emergence density.

Habitat: Very slow to medium water with gravel or silty bottom. Common on the Harriman section of the Henry's Fork as well as the slower water on the lower Henry's Fork. Tricos are also very important on Hebgen and Quake Lake.

Comments: The duns emerge first thing in the morning or late in the evening. Sometimes the emergence is sporadic. The spinners mass in clouds prior to egg laying. The spinners usually hit the water in heavy concentrations providing some exciting but challenging dry fly activity.

Characteristics: Two Tails. Slender body. Dark gray to tan upper body with pale gray to cream underbody. Wings are dark gray, usually heavily mottled in the dun. Spinner wings are often, but not always, have dark brown splotches on the leading edge.

Timing of Hatches: Mid to late July through September. Duns usually emerge at dusk or after dark. Spinners fall in the mid-morning to early afternoon hours.

Habitat: Primarily lake dwellers. Callibaetis provide exception dry fly fishing on Hebgen, Cliff, Quake and other lakes in the region. They are also very common on the spring creek waters of the Harriman State Park on the Henry's Fork, Silver Creek, and other slow moving spring creeks.

Comments: Callibaetis provide some of the best dry fly fishing during mid to late summer on the Harriman Park section of Henry's Fork. They are classified as swimmer nymphs. The spinners are much more important than the duns. Their size gets noticeably smaller as the summer moves into autumn.

It's About Respect

By Mike Lawson

The Longest Silence was published in 1999, long before Instagram, Facebook and YouTube and before you could take a photograph with the quality of an expensive digital camera with your cellphone. Now everyone is a photographer. Social media platforms are loaded with photos of fish held out at arm's length from the angler so that a 3 lb. Brown looks like a 6 lb. Brown. I'll admit, I have plenty of photos of big fish, but I didn't hold them out to make them bigger than they were. My photos were for me to remember a certain fish exactly the way it looked and the memory of the experience.



For the first 10 years or so after we opened our shop in 1977 we didn't have Catch and Release regulations on any of our water. It was legal to kill at least one large trout even on hallowed water like the Harriman State Park. As a founding member of the Henry's Fork Foundation we lobbied and worked hard to bring change but it took time. In the 1970s and 1980s there were lots of anglers who had the "keep fish" mindset. Lee Wulff said "A trout is too valuable to be caught only once." "Limit your kill, don't kill your limit" was a slogan on bumper and window stickers, patches and lapel pins.

In spite of our efforts some of our guide clients wanted to keep fish, especially large fish. We have always tried not to impose our own philosophies on our guide clients but it was heart breaking when a customer kept a trophy trout. Such fish were our livelihood. It was definitely killing the goose that laid the golden egg. We also felt a strong responsibility to other anglers. In those days I did more personal guiding. I must admit there were a number of times I "fouled up" a netting job losing a big trout for a client. Our other guides did the same. Unfortunately some of these incidents led to conflicts and very angry customers. Some of our customers undoubtedly realized why our guides didn't know how to land a big fish.

In an effort to minimize these kinds of negative experiences but still provide something for our clients to remember we instigated our Master Angler program. Initially the rule was to award a nice pin for catching and releasing a trout 18 inches or more on a guided trip. We also provided them with a certificate and a listing in our catalog as well as posting on our shop wall.

It worked better than I could have imagined. It ended conflicts between guides and clients about releasing fish. We continued the program even after the Box Canyon, Harriman Park and the stretch from Pinehaven to Riverside were designated Catch and Release. The updated regulations resulted in more large trout so we increased the minimum length to 20 inches. Later on, after our guides complained about the program, we discontinued it. The guides felt that many of the clients no longer fished to enjoy the experience. Their primary purpose was to catch a "pin fish."

Today I fear many of us have slipped into the "pin fish" mentality. Most of us wouldn't consider killing a trout. We proudly take a few photos and pompously slip the fish back into the water to be caught another day. Maybe it's time to ask ourselves why we fish. As McGuane said, is it to "rip lips, drain the pool, take no prisoners," or to become part of a seemingly endless array of photos of grinning anglers holding their fish out to look twice their actual size? "Do we fish of its perilous soul?"

Way back when anglers were often asked why they fished. Most of their responses were that it wasn't only about the fish. I must admit

I was surprised when a Trout Unlimited survey listed the Henry's Fork as the number one trout stream in the nation. Amazing given the fact that most anglers don't catch a lot of fish on the Henry's Fork. Today, especially if you scroll through social media sites it looks to be ALL about the fish. Some of these "influencers" rack up as many photos and videos they can for the purpose of drawing more followers or likes so they can become an ambassador of a fly fishing company or a member of their pro staff. They get free stuff.

This isn't to say that I'm personally opposed to photos of fish. Quite the contrary. I love seeing tasteful photos of beautiful trout. My favorite photos are those where the fish is held in or under the water. There is nothing wrong with holding up the fish of a lifetime or a fish of the trip as long as it is done right. If you get all of the camera settings right you can lift the fish out of the water and for a quick photo. I'll be honest. I can't comprehend landing enough Permit without taking at least one photograph of every one I'm lucky enough to catch.

At Henry's Fork Anglers we have taken this to task. If you scroll through our website you won't see a lot of "grip-n-grin, hero" photos. We have continued to upgrade our photo gallery. We've tried to organize our photos and videos into how and where we fish in addition to tasteful shots of fish in the water. We've tried to follow this philosophy on both our Facebook and Instagram pages. I'm especially proud of our guides. They respect trout and hold them in very high level of esteem. The guide staff bios on our website don't show them each holding a great trout as is common on some of our competitor's websites. Certainly they're happy to oblige a client with photo of a special fish. In fact we encourage you to send us your photos by email and we'll be happy to post them on our Facebook page.



A photo of a fish of a lifetime provides a memory that will last forever. Even though we frequently worked together, Jack Dennis, Gary Lafontaine and I rarely had a chance to fish together. Jack and I arranged to go fishing on one of my favorite "secret" spots. Jack piled his video and photo equipment into the boat. I tried to get him to leave it all in the truck. I thought we could enjoy the day for the simple experience of fishing together without bringing all of that stuff but Jack insisted on it. Towards the end of the day I hooked the biggest trout of my life. I battled it up and down the river.

Even though I hooked it on a streamer with heavy tippet I was lucky to land it. As I held it in the water I couldn't help but wonder how old it was and what perils it had to face to live so long. Jack got a couple of nice photos as I carefully lifted it out and back into the water. Jack had a weigh net. The fish bottomed the scale so we don't know what it actually weighed other than it was more than 14lbs. I couldn't have been more thankful that Jack insisted on bringing his camera gear. I didn't need to hold the fish stiff armed in front of me to make it appear bigger than it actually was.



Today it's relatively easy to take a masterful photograph with a cellphone but it's hard to not get carried away. It has been my privilege to spend time on the water with a number of great professional photographers including Val Atkinson, Andy Anderson, David Lambroughton, Barry and Cathy Beck, Robert

Dotson, Jess Lee, Dale Spartas and others. Check out their work on the internet or social media. You won't see many trout being held out as a hero's conquest. Their photographs capture the total experience. It's about respect.

It's also about respecting the water. If you're one of the generation X anglers who call the Henry's Fork the "Hank" please stop.

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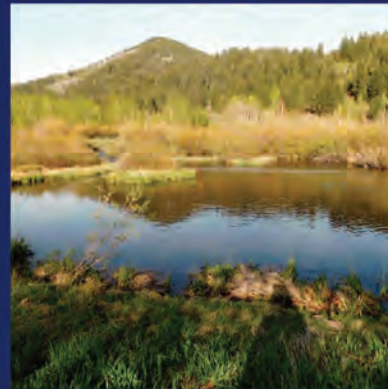
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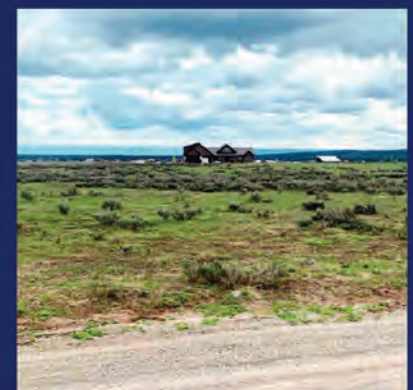
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Entertainment & Work on the Homestead

By Tom Bithell

In the last edition I shared some descriptions of homestead life in the early 1900s using the words my Great, Great Aunt Blanche wrote in her journal. This month I'll share more of her fascinating stories.

For instance, what would you do for entertainment on a rural farm with no electricity or automobiles? Blanche describes it in great detail:

Marysville wasn't much of a town and it did not grow and become larger. I remember a general-merchandise store, a small drug store, a meeting house, and an elementary school. A few people lived in town but most lived on the farms.

On holidays, celebrations were held in town and all the farmers from miles around came. Dad played the tuba in the band so we always went early for Dad to be in the parade or to play while people assembled. Another member of the band was Diamond Loosli. We used to think that was a very funny name and we giggled and made up funny sayings about it.

In summer a bowery or shade was built by putting tree branches on a frame. Here people gathered to eat lunch. We always brought an abundance of food as we ate several times before the celebration ended with a dance.

Once in a while friends who lived in town invited us to eat at their homes and that was a special occasion. At Christmas time there was always a program, a tree, and a treat for the kids.

We always went to the entertainment in town. Sometimes a dramatic company would come to town and present plays for several consecutive nights. We went to them all in a sleigh in winter or a wagon in summer. When we acquired a buggy we went in style. The plays were blood-curdling melodramas with rough talk and shootings. I was always frightened, put my fingers in my ears and hid my head. One play I remember was especially scary. A cabin was blown up on the stage and I almost had a nervous breakdown.

Music was a favorite form of entertainment passed down through the generations, and there were many good musicians in the family. My Great Grandfather learned to play the violin, banjo and trombone. During the Great Depression when there were no jobs available he played in a band to make ends meet. This love for music started with his father and uncle on the homestead in Marysville.

Dad played the violin, mandolin, and banjo and Uncle Dick played the guitar. They were always in demand to play for programs or dances. Many, many times we all went to a dance in town or in the rural school house. Dad and uncle Dick provided the music and all had a swinging

good time. Each family brought food and a boiler of coffee was brewed and everyone ate at midnight. When we became sleepy we slept on benches covered with our coats. In the winter we came in a horse-drawn sleigh. A layer of straw was put in the bottom, hot rocks or irons were added, and a quilt was thrown over our heads. We could sleep comfortably on the way home even in the coldest weather.



Dad often played the mandolin for us in the evening. If Uncle Dick was there he chorded along on the guitar. One tune we liked was lively and fast and Dad called it, "Flying Around Like Hell" and "Blazes Damn Your Soul Do You Think I'm Dead". Another quite different tune was "Over The Waves". Uncle Dick played two guitar solos that I particularly liked. One was "A Spanish Cavalier" and the other "Sevastopol".

The simpler times and pleasures of the day sound quite appealing when reading Blanche's account. But, living on a homestead in Fremont County, Idaho could not have been all fun and games. We'll finish this story with Blanche's intriguing account.

Dad and Uncle Dick were good farmers. They worked hard and made money. Our chief money crop was oats but Dad also liked to raise pigs for market. For livestock feed we raised alfalfa and wheat. We had three teams of horses: Bob and Johnny, Mac and Roni, and Snip and Molly. And Bess was a saddle horse. We had a child's saddle so we could all take turns riding. We always had many milk cows and a Hereford bull named Tony. Although we milked gallons of milk, night and morning, none of us drank milk. We ate lots of cream but the milk was fed to the pigs. Of course, we got some that was used in cooking.

One of the happiest times of the year for us children was when the threshing crew came in the fall. That meant machines to be watched, lots of people around, and extra good meals. The first threshing machine I remember was run by horse power. The horses were driven in a circle around a turntable and a belt from there turned the machine. It wasn't long until a steam engine replaced this source of power. The grain would either be stacked or hauled from the field to the machine. Then the grain would be sacked and taken to the granary. All the farmers in the area came to help and Dad and Uncle Dick, in turn, helped them.



All our chores were forgotten for the three or four days we had the threshers. The only thing I remember doing was herding the cows and keeping them out of the grain fields. This was easy as they were turned into alfalfa stubble.

Before the threshing crew arrived the women baked bread, cakes, and pies in abundance. We made a raisin cake that contained coffee and had keeping qualities. We baked them in round milk pans and put a thin icing on top. Raisin and dried fruit pies were made in quantity and stored in the cellar. The Bithells had a reputation of setting a splendid table and we always lived up to it. Usually a woman was hired to help in the kitchen as it was a big job to feed the crew three times a day. A tub of water was heated outside on a bonfire so the men could wash and mirrors were provided for sprucing up. In the evening everyone sat around talking, singing, or performing various stunts. The men brought bedrolls and slept in the barn or in tents.

After the threshers left and there was plenty of fresh straw, the bed sacks were emptied and refilled. We had straw sacks on all the beds instead of mattresses and in a year the straw was pretty well worn out. We also put a padding of straw under the home-made carpet. During the winter the men had much leisure time so families did a lot of visiting. After the crops were harvested and sold and wood hauled and stacked feeding the animals and milking were the only necessary chores. Families would come to visit us and stay two or three days. The grown-ups never slept but played cards, particularly High Five, and did the necessary chores. The table was always set and plenty of food was available. Children went to sleep crosswise on the beds when they couldn't stay awake any longer. In the evening there was usually a home-talent program. Many people had specialties that they did repeatedly. Frank and Harold often sang "The Silvery Colorado Winds Its Way".

Blanche Bithell Grant passed away on January 6, 1997 in Grand Junction, CO. She was preceded in death by her three brothers she loved so much. We are grateful she wrote this journal.



Diamond and Hattie Loosli, from Marysville, Idaho: People and Happenings.

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Other Events this Month



3857 Lakeside Lodge Drive

Aug 18th and 19th
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Aaron Ball Band



Aug 26th
8 pm - 12 am
Tail Hooked Whitey

Sept 1st and 2nd
8 pm - 12 am
Satin Steel



3519 Yale Kilgore Road

Shotgun Sunday with live music every Sunday afternoon through September 10th.



Reminders, all programs at Harriman State Park:
- \$7 Motor Vehicle Entrance Fee is required.
- Harriman State Park is a waterfowl and wildlife refuge. Dogs are not allowed beyond the parking lot



Friday **Aug 18th and Sept 1st** 7:30 - 8:30 pm **Evening Bat Program** at the Boys' House with Jericho Whiting from BYU-Idaho. Come learn about local bats and see them firsthand!

Historic Railroad Ranch Tours



Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day Friday, Saturday, & Sunday
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EVENTS IN ISLAND PARK

We hope to see you around town this summer at some of the cool events going on in our area!

Island Park

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| • September 1 & 2 | Island Park Festival | Sawtelle Resort Pavilion |
| • September 9 | Wine in the Woods | Harriman State Park |
| • September 16 | Brogfest | Shotgun Bar |
| • Memorial to Halloween | Music (Saturdays, some Fridays) | Lakeside Lodge |
| • Memorial to Labor Day | Shotgun Sundays | Shotgun Bar |
| • October 28 | Halloween Costume Party | Lakeside Lodge |

West Yellowstone

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| • Thursdays June to September | West Yellowstone Market | Museum Lawn |
| • July 4 & 22 | Music in the Park | Heritage Park |
| • July 15 to 17 | Wild Bill Days | WY Rodeo |
| • August 2 to 13 | Mountain Man Rendezvous | West Entrance (YNP) |
| • August 4, 5 & 26 | Music in the Park | Heritage Park |
| • August 12 | Horseshoes for Hero's | Hi Country Tavern |
| • August 26 | Wretched Mess Arts Fest | Heritage Park |
| • September 16 | The Happening | Union Pacific Dining Hall |

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Fire Towers: An Integral Piece of Idaho History



It's August, and with it, historically comes fire season, so, lookout towers came to mind. They have been a mainstay in our Idaho history since the 1900's to assist in early detection of forest fires. At one point, Idaho could boast the largest number in the Northwest at 989, sadly, only about 100 of those remain, and most are inactive, being replaced with infrared and drone technology.

Originally, there were 9 towers located in the Targhee forest, and, we have 2 of the remaining structures located right here in the Caldera we call home. Both of them are accessible for a visit into the past, but both have had the bottom rungs of the ladders removed, denying visitors access to climb to the top for a peak of the magnificent views they offered.

The first of these is the well-known **Bishop Mountain Lookout**. The tower and it's accompanying cabin were built between 1936 and 1938 by Company 2515, Camp Porcupine, of the Civilian Conservation Corps. It is a 72 foot steel Aemotor MC40 tower with a 7x7 Cab. The small one-room cabin was housing for the employee who manned the lookout.

It would appear, according to The Post-Register, that the first fire spotted from the tower, may have been September 2, 1937. The 400 acre fire in the Shotgun Valley near Bishop Lake was reported near 11 am and nearly 150 men from the Porcupine CCC Camp were rushed to fight it.

The tower has been supported by both Forest Service and BLM, but, it's been said, hasn't been fully staffed since 1968. During the Yellowstone fires in 1988, it was resurrected and used for workers until the early 1980's and then abandoned again. The site was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on May 23, 1986.

Today, you can visit Bishop Mountain Lookout in the summer via a 16 mile trip on a high-clearance gravel road, if the weather permits. The cabin can be rented through Recreation.gov for overnight stays if you like, although you will need to bring ALL of your provisions with you, including water, bedding, and food to name a few. Or just go for a look around! During the winter months, snowmobile is the only way in, but if you hardy enough, the cabin may be rented during that time as well.

The other lookout is a little closer to get a peek. The Big Springs Lookout tower was built in 1936 and is much the same structure as

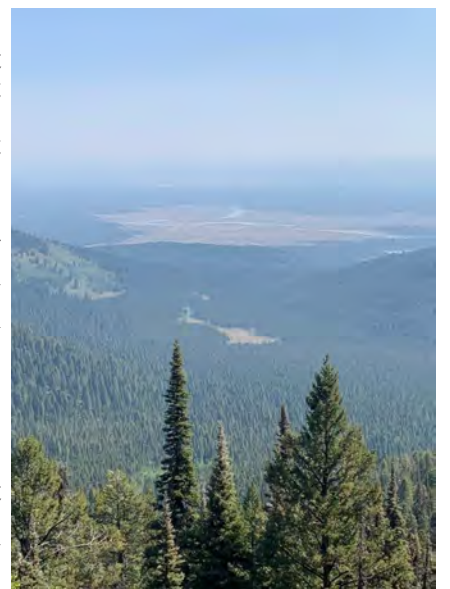


Bishop Mountain, 72 feet tall, Aemotor, with a 7x7 cab. However, this one was built to cover two specific timber sales, the Crow Creek and Coffee Pot. It also had the accompanying cabin, but this one had a garage!

The tower was in use until 1982, when it too was replaced by aircraft technology, and by 1989 the forest service had removed all the structures except for the tower, which is all that remains today.

You can reach this location with a short hike from the Big Springs, it's about 1.5 miles and is a pretty easy hike. You can find that information here: www.alltrails.com/trail/us/idaho/big-springs-lookout-tower.

Pick one, or take a look at both, as fall approaches, it's a great time to get out in the woods. But please, remember, we are still wild, grab your bear spray and make some noise on that trail!



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The New Blue Buffalo Resort

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entrance to the resort. In the end, the two-to-three-year plan will include a total of 60 cabins, and some fun glamping sites with teepees that will be available.



That isn't the end of the vision. He sees a need for spaces that could accommodate family reunions, larger gatherings, business meetings, and group events. In the next several months, he is hoping to complete the nearly 1,000 sq ft meeting space on the 2nd floor with beautiful windows, that can be offered to the public. That community center our public has hoped for? Randy, at his expense, intends to provide. Although it could change, his intention is to offer the space at no charge when

the group allows them to cater the meeting. In the next year, he will add a second, outdoor space for gatherings as well, and is hoping to add an outdoor stage with green space for public use in hosting community events.

There are definitely some other amenities coming soon! Buffalo Pizza anyone? The completely remodeled the restaurant, complete with the same Pesky's Menu, will be reopening within the week, if everything goes as planned, and will be open much of the year. They will be bringing on rentals eventually as well, kayaks, E-bikes, and snowmobiles, just to name a few.

All of the above takes plenty of employees to keep running, and we all know it is difficult to find employee housing here. The Blue Buffalo has decided to provide their own, so any of the employees that need housing, have it, on site.

This is a huge investment in our little village. It wasn't simply a business for profit in Randys' eyes, but a way to contribute and make our community better. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing this vision come to fruition and partaking, in the pizza and the community activities!

Shadow Woods Lots



Shadow Woods subdivision is a gated community with all season access. These easy access building lots have magnificent views of Mt Sawtell and frequent wild life sightings such as elk, moose and deer. Wild flowers abound and old forest timber bring the smells of nature to your future cabin. Mature trees and exposed building envelopes make for an early start on a spring build. In addition to wildlife viewing, a fishing enthusiast will love the 6 minute access to Henrys lake, 15 minute access to Hebgin lake and 25 minutes to the Madison river or West Yellowstone national park. Mountain bike or take the ATV trails to the nearby golf course or grocery store. Close to restaurants and gas this is an ideal location to build your mountain retreat. Short term rentals are allowed. Come pick your lot!



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A Unique Perspective on Short Term Rentals

By April Byerhof

Hello, let me introduce myself, I'm April Byerhof. My husband and I are full time residents of Island Park. We have five grown children and 9 grandchildren and have been married for 32 years. In 2017, we moved here from the Chicago suburbs after passing through this area many times while moving other families' belongings coast to coast driving a semi for United Van Lines moving company.

We often stopped here in IP on these road trips, and on one of them, decided to see what homes were available to purchase with a plan to "retire" here. With a little luck, Zillow, and a local Realtor, we found our dream home! Our home or 15 years back in Illinois was promptly sold, and our things were the load we transported cross country.

While we were originally attracted to the outdoors and all that this phenomenal area has to offer, we have had the privilege of meeting and becoming friends with a lot of very beautiful good-hearted people as well. Ironically, most of them are also from other parts of the country as well. We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the trails in our side-x-side, snow-machining in the winter months, kayaking and hiking in the summer, and just seeing the fantastic sites and nearby communities.

And, here we are, loving this area, but...NOT retired. The first few months after we arrived, we joined search and rescue. Afterwards, we then decided to find other ways to continue to help in our amazing community. My husband began working for Fremont County after attending school at SIU. I cleaned for a few elderly folks in the area and greatly enjoyed the work and the company of these sweet folks. I also began picking up work for another well-known property management company and my journey towards learning the business of short-term rentals began.

Not long after, I decided I enjoyed the industry enough to begin my own cleaning business. I licensed myself as an LLC in the state of Idaho and business took off by word of mouth! That was three years ago.

Most of my clients are short term rentals, but I retained a handful of those sweet elderly couples, most of whom have no family nearby and cannot physically clean their homes themselves. We range as far as Route 87 down to Box Canyon in Island Park for our clients. Yes, we enjoy cleaning! There are so many beautiful cabins here in Island Park, and I enjoy making them comfortable and inviting for the residents and guests that visit or live in the area.



Cleaning cabins is hard work. It can be stressful and overwhelming at times. But I thrive in these conditions. We work long hours, sometimes 7 days a week and some holidays. My hours are typically 6am to 8pm almost every day during the busy season. Not only do I manage everything for my business, including coordinating owner calendars, scheduling cleans, payroll and billing, I also participate in the physical work of cleaning.

Little Genie Clean, LLC employees three full time cleaners, besides myself, they are like family and amazing to work with. We clean all year round, and we pay way more than the average wage, which includes taxes and workman's comp. My full-time crew has been with me all three years I've been in business. In the busy season (which is normally may-October), I hire up to 6 additional employees to join my crew, just to keep up and manage growth

The crew is pretty diverse and consists of guys and girls, grandmothers and single moms, and college students. The full-time cleaners live here in Island Park, and some of the seasonal help comes up the hill from St. Anthony, Driggs, or commutes from the Yellowstone area. Others are here just visiting their own family cabins for the summer. All of them are looking for a way to make a living for their families by working in this area.

Island Park is a busy tourist community, but, as everyone knows, is lacking in some of the amenities that are necessary for working parents. I am flexible with my crew in many ways and my cabin owners and Property managers are also very generous with that flexibility. I have a few young moms that bring their toddlers or infants with them to clean, in an effort to solve the problem of finding, or affording daycare.

Our team is a well-oiled machine. I assign cleaners to the same properties regularly so the owners can get to know them and they can get to know the properties. They keep a close eye out and we can notify owners of any damage, issues, concerns, or potential problems to be corrected in a timely fashion. After all, communication is key in this business, both amongst ourselves and with our cabin owners and property managers, and we are their eyes and ears! As a team, we work hard to find new cleaning solutions and share the best ideas, tips, and methods that make our jobs easier. We've even had bed making and towel folding sessions that others might find hilarious, but they are the basics of presenting an inviting home to a vacationer, whether it's the owner or a guest.

The short-term rental owners and property managers I work with are amazing people. Most of them are rated as super hosts through Airbnb, VRBO or other vacation rental sites. These booking sites have strict rules and regulations for visiting guest, and, the guests are vetted, including a background check for safety purposes. Rules are given to guest through the booking instructions and are also posted in the guest manual in each cabin. Instructions for guest and visitors can, and often do include:

- Consequences and warnings for unruly guests
- Reminders of quiet times in certain neighborhoods and those neighborhood rules
- Check in/check out instructions
- Scheduled trash pickup service days
- Who to contact for additional trash pick-up if there's more than will fit in the bear proof can
- Emergency numbers and contacts for that specific property



We, of course, also provide useful information for the guest as well. The location and hours of the nearby grocery stores, restaurants, park entrances, attractions, coming events, shopping and

surrounding airports, as well as information of fire safety, bear spray, maps for hiking, biking, and ATV use, as well as rental locations all help the guests use Island Park and keep them safe. These types of things also help direct them to our local businesses.

As much as we try, not all guests follow the rules, and it can become discouraging and difficult for everyone, making both cleaning and managing short term rentals a thankless job at times. We have visitors from all countries and all states, they each have their own habits and customs, sometimes it's a simple lack of understanding the rules, others it is a blatant disregard, but in either circumstance, someone has to manage each individual situation with grace and experience!

Not all of our guests are here on vacation, some are extended family, some are construction workers for the new grocery store or new roads in Yellowstone, some are photographers or writers, it's a little melting pot here. Their common thread, they all enjoy our area, like those of us that are full time residents.

I find the short-term rental owners and property managers I work with to be very passionate and gracious people. They are not looking for a quick buck. They are looking for a way to pay off their beautiful homes and properties so that they too can be here to enjoy our little piece of wild paradise here. Most of my owners have asked me what can they do or provide us to make our job easier, or to make the experience better for the guest, or the neighbors. One owner put a few washer and dryer units and storage in their heated garage, to make our jobs easier

As I mentioned previously, the cleaners, short-term rental owners, property managers, and maintenance people are a well working team. Because, believe it or not, it takes a village to be successful and to protect our wonderful community.



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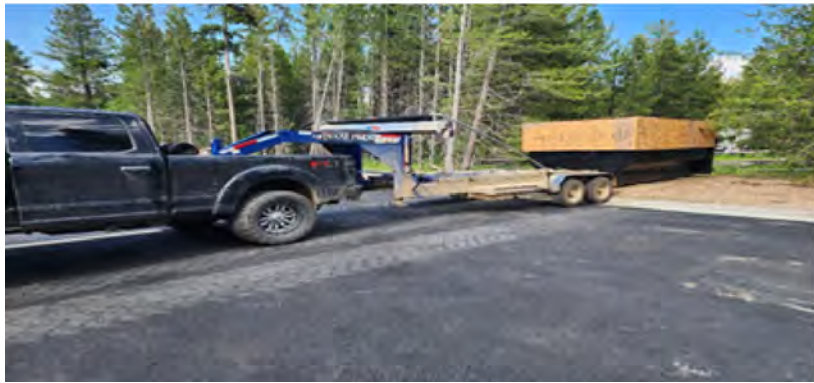
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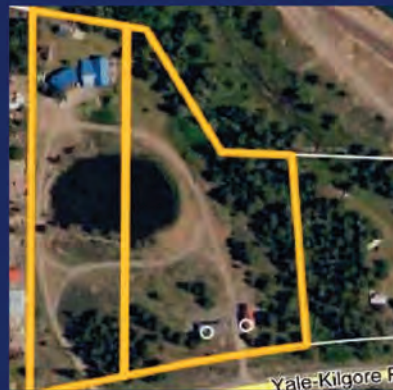
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