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Quake Lake A Tragedy in History

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In an instant, the north shore of Hebgen Lake dropped nineteen feet and an earthquake measuring up to 7.5 on the Richter scale rocked the area for twenty seconds. Homes and property fell into the lake without warning.

The 12,000-acre Hebgen Lake began sloshing from side to side, a phenomenon called

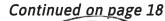


Shortly after (in fact, scientists argue the timing here), it took the mountain eight seconds to fall 1200 feet to the valley floor at 174 miles per hour. A monstrous 80 million ton of rock cascaded to the bottom and rolled up the other side, leaving a slide ¾ of a mile to the north and a mile east to west. It buried everything in it's path, including 19 people, and blocked the flow of the Madison River.

The slide debris immediately stopped the flow of water over the Hebgen Dam, but also filled a 240-foot deep lake that was exerting immense pressure on the rubble, threatened undermining of the dam.

Two actions were taken at this point. Fear of flooding downstream if the debris broke, caused them to evacuate the town of Ennis to Virginia City, including our own Aunt Vickie, who was a freshman in high school at the time. Secondly, the Army Corp of Engineers devised a plan to eliminate the strain on both ends of the newly formed Quake Lake.

The mines in Butte were on strike at the time, so they sent huge earth moving equipment to work along side any contractor that



New Traditions in Island Park

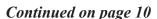
This year has been full of new traditions for our community! The Soup Cook-off was the most recent, and was was the most recent, and was again, fundraising centered. It has shown what a loving, caring group of folks live here.



Outback Realty sponsored this event, a big shout out to Jamie Phillips, Jackie Jensen and Christie Cameron, the newest associate broker to secure a spot with them. Riley Hoyle and Monika Boyce, team members at Outback, were also instrumental in pulling this event together.

The Island Park Community Fund was founded in 2007 as a joint venture between Outback Realty and Rainbow Realty, but more recently had laid dormant. In 2021, Outback Realty reestablished the fund, and obtained their official nonprofit designation in 2023, this was their first event!

There were so many people that made this a success! The Repair Shop hosted the event, Joe and Scotty worked hard to clean up the space and Scotty sold a ton a raffle tickets! Heather Fairchild toiled with the preparations, organizing and setting up the soup cook-off and raffle. The businesses that donated raffle prizes. The



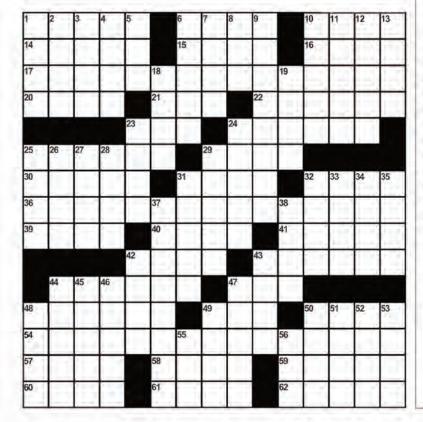
Crossword

ACROSS

- 1) Biggest round trip in the world?
- Blossom holder
- 10) Crave
- 14) Animal followed by a tickbird
- 15) "Les Miserables" novelist Victor
- 16) Miscellaneous mix
- 17) Balance point
- 20) Palm tree variety
- 21) Bran source
- 22) Coughs up
- 23) Where grapplers grapple
- 24) Outlaw hunter's reward
- 25) Carnivorous freshwater fish 59) Previously, previously
- 29) Except for
- 30) They divide Europe and Asia
- 31) Dublin's isle
- 32) Pond coating
- 36) One way to attract attention

- 39) Ouite a few
- 40) Possessive adjective
- 41) Unit of magnetic flux density
- 42) Moments, for short
- 43) Dinner-table accessory
- 44) Islamic spiritual leader
- 47) Check
- 48) Former Nicaraguan president Daniel
- 49) Yonder damsel
- 50) "It ___ what you think!"
- 54) Place for younger criminals
- 57) Beloved person
- 58) Apple-seed holder
- 60) Quick-footed

61) Proceed with a game plan? 62) Behaving like a ruffian



DOWN

- 1) Mythical monsters
- 2) Actress Perlman
- 3) Perry on "Friends"
- 4) Obsessed with
- 5) Little piggie
- 6) Little hog
- 7) Cockatoo's crest
- 8) Bacon go-with
- 9) Additionally
- 10) Interlaced
- 11) Choice invitees
- 12) Gritty lead-in
- 13) Kiddie litter?
- 18) Kind of horse or leather
- 19) Chills, fever and sweating, together
- 23) "Other" category (Abbr.) 24) Less leafy, like a tree
- 25) "No ifs, ands, or _
- 26) Kind of communication
- 27) Become conscious
- 28) Went Southwest?
- 29) Original positions
- 31) Eldest son of Cain
- 32) Resign, with "down"
- 33) Winery container
- 34) "Unattractive" Jamaican fruit
- 35) Intend
- 37) Item for a pirate, stereotypically 38) Brief try
- 42) Make a contract official
- 43) Drug cop
- 44) Willies giver
- 45) Floral perfume 46) Uneasy
- 47) Believe it, coming or going
- 48) At ___ (disagreeing)
- 49) Feature of 14-Across
- 50) Insider dirt
- 51) Cram into the overhead
- 52) Role in many teen flicks
- 53) Deuce beater, barely 55) Bad bettor's letters
- 56) Word before drop or drum



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Technology in the Snowmobile Industry

By: Brook Unger

Joseph-Armand Bombardier invented the first snowmobile in 1937. The idea came to him after his young son became ill and he was not able to get him to the hospital in time and he passed away. The first versions were multi passenger units like a snow coach type vehicle. Since then, there have been significant advancements in the technology of the snowmobile. Their significance not only includes advancing winter Search and Rescue efforts, and accessing remote areas in the middle of winter but it has made year-round recreation possible by creating a whole new winter sport. Technological advancements from engine designs, to out of the box aftermarket accessories have shaped the evolution of the snowmobile industry and winter recreation as we know it today.

Engines have stayed the same, if you think about them in two stroke or four stroke categories. If you look at the advancement of electronic fuel injection systems, the efficient way they make power and the fuel economy of today's engine, you can see that engine technology has come a long way. Just ask the riders who can remember having a carburetor between their legs and having

to pull their scarves out of it mid ride so that the engine wouldn't stall.

The advancements in engine technology, such as improved fuel efficiency, noise reduction and reduced emissions have helped the progression of the sport of

Bombardier "B7" -The B7 model was the first snowmobile mass produced by L'Auto-Neige Bombardier. It was designed for commercial use and could carry up to seven passengers. Unlike the regular model, it had no side windows. Starting in 1940, the B7 was equipped with a new suspension system for better traction; spoked wheels were replaced with solid steel wheels, thus eliminating the risk of snow accumulation in the system.

snowmobiling. It has been necessary for manufacturing regulations, but it also helps keep riding areas open and keep lawmakers from removing this winter sport from some recreation areas. The world is more environmentally aware than it ever has been, and the introduction of electric snowmobiles more recently will continue to help reduce carbon emissions and create an eco-friendly snowmobile to appeal to the younger generations and some from the older generation as well.

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Feb 2nd & 3rd – Unknown Band

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Night

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Technology in the Snowmobile Industry

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Suspension Systems technology has created a more comfortable ride than what was experienced on the snowmobiles of the past. The technology that goes into the geometry of today's suspension and the capabilities of computers calculating the calibration of the shocks has enhanced the comfort of today's machines. Some even boast an electronically controlled air ride suspension and adjustment on the fly.

With these advancements comes the need for safety. The tether or kill switch that attaches to the person riding the vehicle so that the engine cuts off when the rider is tossed from the vehicle. This helps prevent injury from a pinned rider under the vehicle inhaling exhaust fumes or God forbid a pinned throttle with a rider stuck under the rotating track. I know people who have had both situations happen and it is not good. Also Avalanche gear technology has come a long way. Avalanche Airbags, Probes, Beacons and Radios give some riders comfort when riding in the back-country to be able to assist in rescuing a fellow rider if need be.



1998 Electronic Reverse debuts first on Touring SLE and Tundra R sleds

GPS Systems with buddy tracking capabilities, gauges on vehicles that allow riders to connect their smartphones for maps and communication systems between riding groups. Are all technologies that we may take for granted if we just started riding within the last couple of years.

Basic materials used to construct snowmobiles have had some great

technological advancements from the rubber in the tracks allowing for longer tracks, taller lugs and lighter weights, the aluminum chassis parts, the plastic body panels that have allowed the units to become more aerodynamic while remaining durable.

Some specific technologies that I think revolutionized the snowmobiling industry are the Electronic Reverse System which works by the engine running in reverse. This added feature removed the need to physically move the unit backwards or have a heavy mechanical reverse system. It allows for ease of maneuvering in parking lots, trailers, garages or when stuck in deep snow. Nowadays this is an industry standard. The Ski-doo REV Chassis with the pyramid frame moved the rider forward and into a more comfortable riding position. This too changed the industry. The SHOT Start is also a Ski-doo technology. After the initial start the on-board

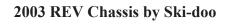




SHOT Start – Lightweight engine starting system without starter or battery



capacitor allows you to start the snowmobile without pulling a cord for the remainder of the day, which is user friendly and convenient. It does not use a battery, so it removes the



weight of having a battery on board, but you do have to physically pull the cord for the first time.

Lastly the LINQ System by BRP and the Lock N Ride by Polaris, have both changed the way you mount and carry your survival gear, fuel caddy, food, water, snowboard/skis and whatever else you want to bring along while recreating in the winter. These systems make taking your accessories on and off a piece of cake. No more bungees and tie downs that end up loosening or breaking and getting wrapped up in the track.

Some honorable mentions in Snowmobile Technology are the advancement of snowmobile wraps over the years, the invention of the Muffpot and Hotdogger, Frogskins, BOA System, Gore Tex, Thinsulate, and Sympatex are all technologies that have made riding snowmobiles in the winter more enjoyable than they were before them.



Lock n Ride by Polaris

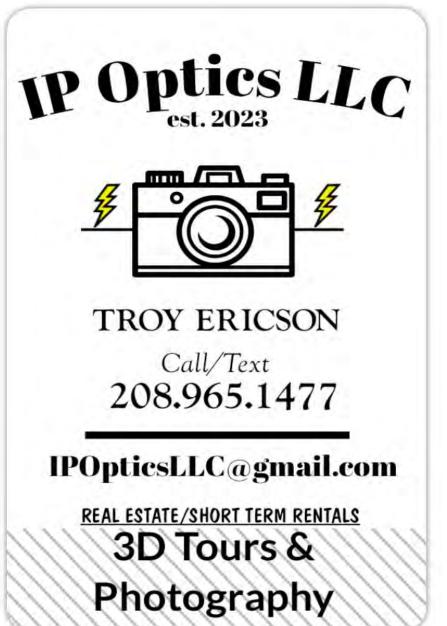
I am not sure what emerging technologies in snowmobiles will evolve to next, maybe autonomous features or more smart connectivity, possibly units fully designed by AI. All have the potential to revolutionize snowmobile technology.

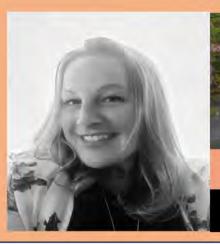
So, I leave you with this. The invention of the snowmobile in 1937 forever changed winter recreation. Technology has forever transformed snowmobiles into sophisticated and efficient machines. The



advancements collectively represent the evolution of snowmobile technology improving performance, safety, environmental impact and user convenience. The ongoing integration of new technologies is likely to continue shaping the future of the snowmobiling industry introducing even more innovative features and capabilities.

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Invasive Plant Series (AKA Noxious Weeds) Scotch Thistle



The Scotch Thistle may be one of the most cussed of the noxious weeds in our state. If you have ever walked through a patch, you know full well how painful it's sting can be! While it can cause terrible skin irritation, when processed correctly, it has been used in traditional medicine as an anti-inflammatory, antitumor, and cardiotronic agent (meaning it has a positive effect on the actions of the heart).

This plant has the potential to grow up to 12 feet in height, with stems that are covered in hairs, giving it a blue-green appearance. The leaves are spiny, toothed or lobed, and the leaves themselves can be 3 feet long and a foot wide. It produces a purple, globe-shaped flower that may be 2 inches in diameter and remain upright,

rather than nodding as other thistles do.

In the late 19th century, the Scotch Thistle was introduced from it's native Europe as an ornamental plant and as an unintentional seed contaminant in livestock feed. The plant thrives in sunny, moist areas along rivers and streams, but, has no problem with pastures, fields, along roadsides. It prefers light, well-drained, sandy or stony soils. Describes a lot of Island Park!

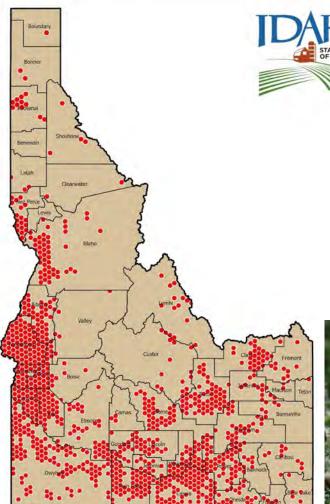
In it's first year, this thistle produces a large rosette of prickly leaves, it doesn't start flowering until it's second growth year. By early summer of year two, it flowers and begins producing seeds, 8,400 to 40,000

seeds per plant, which distribute as most do, on the wind, or by hitching a ride on fur, clothing, and vehicles. Then, by mid to late summer, the plant will turn brown and die, thus, it is referred to as a biennial plant.

This is one of the easiest noxious weeds to control! It does respond well to several weed killers, should you choose this route. Otherwise, you can dig them, to include the tap root, taking care to dispose of the plants properly, place

them in a plastic bag and place in the trash. You can also mow them, since they are a biennial plant. Be cautious though, you must be sure the plants do not flower, if you mow too early, they will recover and put a flower out on a shorter stem.

SCOTCH THISTLE DISTRIBUTION MAP



As with any other noxious weed we have been educating ourselves on, you have to replace these plants with native, healthy crops to keep them from returning. And, early detection is the best to keep them from competing with natural plants and overtaking an area.

Once again, Fremont County is dedicated to helping you eradicate noxious weeds on your property. There are grants in place to assist with the cost of spraying, and they can assist with weed identification and chemical choices. You can reach out to Bryce Fowler at (208) 624-7442 for further questions and information.

Stay vigilant, stay educated, and stay weed free!





Peak Fly Hatch for January





Midge (Chironomidae)



<u>Characteristics:</u> Adults have two wings, a slender body size and long legs. Pupae have thin elongated, well-segmented abdomens with a short robust thorax. Most species require only a few weeks to mature. Midges have a complete life cycle consisting of an egg, larva, pupa, and adult. The pupa is far more important than the adult or larva. The colors vary widely. The most common colors are olive, brown, tan, gray, and red.

<u>Timing of Hatches:</u> Midges emerge year-round. The pupae emerge in the morning and evening hours. During cool weather they often emerge throughout the day.

<u>Habitat:</u> All water types. Many species prefer slow water rich in aquatic growth.

<u>Comments:</u> Best midge fishing on the rivers is during the late fall, winter and early spring. Midge fishing is especially effective on Hebgen Lake and other lakes in the region from ice-out until early July.

Patterns: Griffith's Gnat, Midge Pupa, Stillborn Midge, Miracle Midge, Suspended Midge, CDC Midge Adult, Tungsten Zebra Midge

Hook Sizes: 12-24

New Traditions in Island Park



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community members that purchased raffle tickets. The kids who entered the coloring contest. And last, but certainly not least, those who slaved all day to make their wonderful soups!

The raffle prizes were amazing, and in abundance. Thanks to Rexburg Motor Sports, Island Park Adventure, Drift Lodge, Heather Fairchild, MT Builders, Kevin and Denise Pace, Parade Rest Ranch, HB Excavation, Philly Properties, and The Island Park Community Fund for the over 30 raffle prices! Some of those included a 65" TV, Virtual Reality Oculus, X-box, Fly Rod, 5 Klim pieces, Samsung tablet, digital photo frame, ladies basket, mop and vacuum, Bluetooth speaker, load of road base, sleigh ride, heated vest, ski snow sled, hats, hoodies, shirts, hand warmers, yeti and a battery pack. And, for the winner of the soup, a Ninja Foodie Pro!

There were 17 amazingly delicious soups entered, all judged by the public who bought a soup ticket. Laurie Ard won by favorite vote with her Italian Tortellini. Let's all hope that next year, she will use he prize she won, a Ninja Foodie Pro, to bring us something special once more!

All the kids did a beautiful job with the coloring contest. They were divided into age groups for judging, and Channel 8 News chose the

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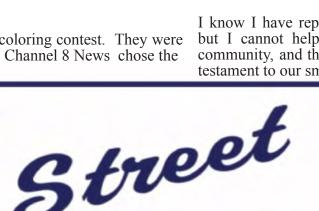
winners. A big congratulations to Journey, Alexia, and Avery, all students at our local charter school. While they received prizes for winning, Outback did not leave out the other participants, everyone received a goodie bag.

This event raised a little over \$6,200, and the funds were donated to two local families that needed some help.

Outback and The Island Park Community Fund have held several events prior that raised money for the fund, their first was Hallowfest 2021 and they donated \$1700 to a local family with a child that had Cancer.

They intend to continue the traditions they have established, Cornhole tournament this summer, dates and place to be announced later, and their 4th Annual Hallowfest on October 25th, location and time to be announce at a later date. They are also looking forward to the 2nd annual soup cook-off!

I know I have reported on several fundraisers in our community lately, but I cannot help but be impressed by the generous support of our community, and the tireless efforts of those planning these events. It is a testament to our small village.



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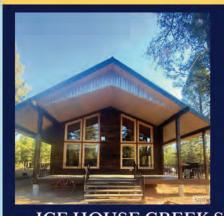
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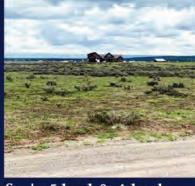
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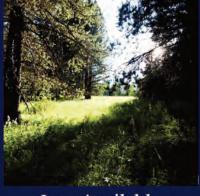




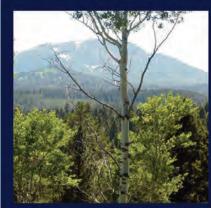


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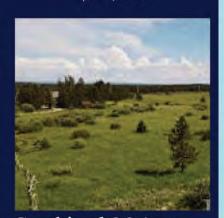
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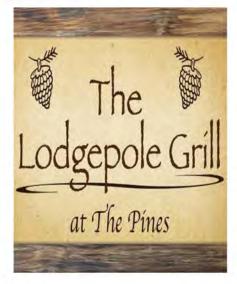




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It was August of 2010 when my family and I were scheduled for a weekend camping trip in Madison campground at Yellowstone National Park. We arrived Friday night, pitched our thin summer tent, had our hotdog dinner and s'mores, then settled in for the first night. This was the third time we had been camping at YNP that summer, but this time was different. We woke to 25* temperatures and 3 inches of snow on the ground. My chubby bulldog was shivering with me in my sleeping bag, and the eldest child had gathered her things in the middle of the night to go sleep in the car. My husband directed us to pack up, and he took us to the Marriot Hotel in Rexburg where he declared to the family that he would "NEVER sleep in a tent again." Also, during this time, our financial situation was in flux as the stock market was having its way with our 401 K savings. After losing another \$3000 one month, I flippantly stated that I was going to cash out my 401 k and buy a cabin in the woods! After a little honest consideration, we realized the idea actually was going to be better for us in the long run, so we cashed it out and used the money in November 2010 for a down payment on Forest Haven in Island Park.

I had heard of Short-Term Rentals before, but didn't really know what I was doing, and in January 2011 we began the renting process with our realtors at Rainbow Realty. Collette was very kind and patient with me as she helped me learn the ropes. Soon after, I joined VRBO, and was able to manage the rentals on my own. It has been great to have a refuge where I can come to relax and entertain guests who have never been to YNP or want to come again. I enjoy being able to keep my cabin open year-round, and I like that there are people (especially April and her cleaning crew) who help me keep an eye on it all year



long. Having guests in the winter helps me to know that pipes are warm, the electricity is working, and the snow hasn't caused the back porch to collapse...again.

Being able to rent has not only helped us to pay our monthly mortgage but has allowed us to create wonderful family memories. As a mom, making memories with my family is the MOST significant thing about our owning a cabin. We love that Island Park has something to offer both in summer and winter and have enjoyed snowmobiling, family reunions, horseback riding, fishing excursions, Girl Scout Trips and other grand adventures. My daughter even came for her honeymoon. My children and their significant others have visited Fores Haven for a siblings trip every year since the eldest learned to drive.

Furthermore, in the last 13 years as a Short-Term Rental, we have developed friendships with guests who also return every year. Some of them now base a portion of their family traditions around our cabin. We are known as the "Christmas Cabin" for a family that likes to visit in December. Another family who has rented with us since the very beginning has gone multi-generational with a daughter who planned her wedding while staying with us, and now returns with her own family to make even more memories.

Being able to escape to Island Park has been a blessing for my family and I truly cherish all the time we get to spend there. I look forward to being able to continue to visit for a long time.

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Winterfest - Fireworks

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December 7

• December 9

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• December 24

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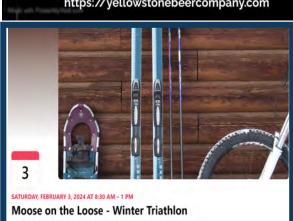
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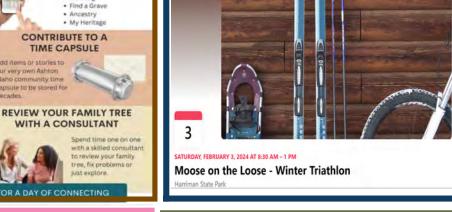
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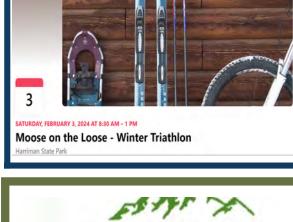
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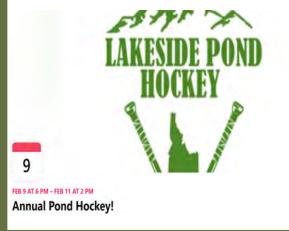
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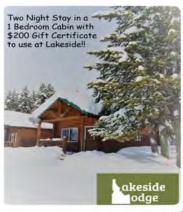












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Lakeside Lodge: A Flurry of successful events!



It feels like Lakeside Lodge has been the place to be this month! They have hosted several successful events that were so much fun. To start with, on New Years Eve, there was the snow sculpting event, where many folks, kids and adults alike, showed off their skills in a big way.





Next came the annual fishing derby on the 6th of January. Talk about a cold one this year! A huge congratulations to Tom Stout for not only winning first for the Rainbows with a 25" fish, but also landing the tournament record. Bryce Stucky took the Brookie division with 18", and Kody Haney caught the largest sucker at 21". This year, there wasn't a single Kokanee taken.





The last event this month was the Vintage Snowmobile show. This annual event draws a crowd, and a great selection of old sleds to browse! The following were the winners:

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1970 & Older – Mazie Ellis – 1968 Johnson Skee Horse

1971 – 1976 – Blake Watson – 1972 Cat Cheetah 1977 – 1981 – Roger Stoddard – 1977 Cat El Tigre 1982 – 1989 – Mike Eddins – 1986 Polaris Sport

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1976 & Older – Adrienne Watson – 1970-72 Skee-Lark Wee-Lark

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Blake Watson – 1992 Yamaha VMAX4

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Adrienne Watson – 1970-72 Skee-Lark Wee-Lark





How to predict costs/income in the future? Question for May 2024 Auditorium Vote

Creating a new Auditorium District comes with some alarming pitfalls. One of these is budgeting, not just for now, but permanently into the future. When we create an Auditorium District in the state of Idaho, Chapter 49 Title 67-4917C states, in order to dissolve the Auditorium District, it requires 3,000 votes. We have 1/3 of that in total voters, let alone 3,000 that would vote to dissolve the district. In essence, we are creating this district in perpetuity, forever.

We all have had to work with our household budgets, and many of us do try to plan them into the future. How far into the future do you plan yours? Annually? Bi-Annually? Maybe for five years? None of us, I would venture to say, attempt to budget our households 20, 30, or 40 years into the future. Costs change! They change year over year regularly, and are difficult to predict.

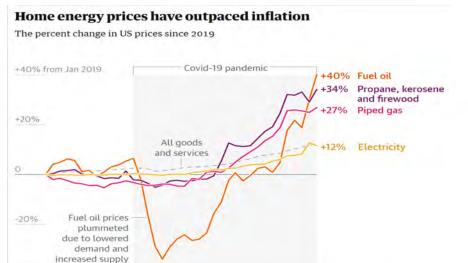
There are two factors to predicting expenses for an Auditorium District. What the annual budget to run such a district is, and

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Nights Listed, % Change	19.9%	-14.4%	7.1%	24.6%	14.0%	10.2%
Demand, % Change	23.1%	-14.4%	22.6%	18.1%	10.4%	8.5%
Occupancy	54.9%	54.8%	62.8%	59.5%	57.6%	56.7%
Average Daily Rate	\$243	\$265	\$298	\$314	\$321	\$326
ADR, % Change	2.6%	9.1%	12.1%	5.7%	2.1%	1.7%
RevPAR	\$133	\$146	\$187	\$187	\$185	\$185
RevPAR, % Change	5.4%	9.1%	28.3%	0.1%	-1.1%	0.1%

predicting what the tax revenue will be. Both are difficult, but, let's analyze one at a time.

The numbers that were proposed for income purposes when the Auditorium District was initially voted on, taxes from hotels and short-term rentals, were from 2021. Airbnb reports that year was the highest occupancy rates ever, and there has been a decline in years 2022 and 2023 by 5.2%. While that doesn't seem like a high number, that's \$160,000 less in revenue to operate annually.

That's just the beginning of the issues. While the decrease in occupancy makes it a little more difficult to operate a short-term rental or hotel, the rising costs of operation from 2021 to now is staggering.



Guardian graphic. Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Note: Monthly prices from January 2019 to February 2022, seasonally adjusted.

Retail residential prices for electricity provided by Fall River have increased 59% (see comparison rate calculator at https://www.fallriverelectric.com/residential-rates-calculator), there has been a 6.32% rise in costs for cleaning, 5% rise in costs of internet connections, and propane has had a 39% increase. If all of that wasn't bad enough, we all know what property taxes have done. These affect all of us, but along with the decrease in revenues, it's a pretty hard hit to the profitability of short-term rentals and hotels.

This likely points to a decrease in their numbers, thus a decrease in the revenue produced for the Auditorium District as well.

From the expense side, all of the above factors also affect the Community Center. Every single expense listed above still applies to that building, but multiple by about 5, since the predicted size of that building was 10,000 square feet, 5 times larger than most homes. And those increases are over just two years. How do you predict what the expenses will be in 10, or 20 years?

It is a fact, that in order to ask for a property tax to supplement the income provided the tourist industry, they would have to present the idea to the voters once more. Consider how you might vote if the building were already in place? Would you allow them to close their doors and waste it, or would you vote in favor of a property tax to continue operations?

I submit, that if we create a new government taxing entity, that we are all susceptible to additional taxes in the future.





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Quake Lake A Tragedy in History

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could spare his machinery. A 50-man team, headquartered in West Yellowstone, worked tirelessly to cut a 250-foot wide, 14-foot-deep channel across a mile and a half of the slide. They lined it with boulders in an effort to prevent erosion and dropped Quake Lake to 190-feet at it's deepest.

The 1914 built Hebgen Dam could then be evaluated. There were several geologic fault lines on the north shore of the lake at the time they built it, but they were deemed



to be inactive and posed no danger to the dam. While the dam held, it sustained four cracks requiring repair.

On Sept 10th, water spilling over the dam caused severe erosion of the recently constructed spillway, and once again posed a threat downstream. A second, rapidly built 50-foot channel across the top of

the slide was completed by Oct 29th. They spent \$1,700,000 stabilizing the water flow between both projects.

While all of this was happening, there were three big aftershocks measure 6.5 on the Richter Scale. The quake was felt in eight surrounding states. Seismographs jiggled as far away as New Zealand. There were fluctuations in water levels in wells in Idaho, Hawaii and Puerto Rico as a direct result of this quake. Hungry Horse Dam in Columbia Falls, MT showed measurable displacement, and the floating amphitheater in Lake Washington near Seattle broke loose.

That's the geological side. The human side is terrifying.

There were 250 people in the campgrounds the mountain crumbled onto. If they escaped the slide, they were now faced with a surge of water that tossed cars and smashed trees, along with hurricane force winds created by the speed and sheer volume of debris cascading into the valley.

It's near midnight, and even with a full moon, it would have been dark in that valley. There are families in tents and and campers, and now there is no power, no communication, and a ghastly serious of events to live through. Highway 287 plummeted into Hebgen Lake on one end, and mountain debris blocks the other end. There is no

these trapped survivors made their way to a high point, now called Refuge Point, to await rescue when dawn came.

The scene of the slide wasn't the only area affected by the earthquake. At Wade Lake, the road was also blocked, trapping others there. At mammoth and Old Faithful big chimneys and rock from the 1909-built lodges crumbled to the ground, crashing through porches and roofs. Evacuees of these buildings sat, wrapped in blankets, pushed out to the parking lots and their cars.

The first word out of the area came from an amateur radio operator at 11:43 pm, then a ham operator from St. Anthony picked it up and relayed word to Boise at 11:50 pm who relayed word to the Western Section of the Alert System in Wyoming. By 12:25 am, the Alert System was wrongly reporting that Ennis had been swallowed in 6 feet of water and mud after the Hebgen Dam had been demolished.



Dave Wing, my Father-In-Law, was an officer in the Gallatin County Sheriffs Posse at the time and lived in Manhattan, MT. The family could feel the quake there, shaking beds and knocking the siding off their new home. He was called in the wee hours of the morning



Waynes Grandfather in Cowboy Hat

to fly over the area to assess damages with three others. The dust cloud was so huge, the foursome could not see the canyon or the dam, but could relay that the water in the Madison River was not rising and citizens could return to Ennis.

As rescue operations got under way, any spare hand helped. It was dangerous work, the mountain was still unstable and rocks, dirt, and boulders periodically fell. The injured were flown out by the Air Force and Forest Service helicopters, or driven out by ambulance or recruited station wagons. Nine more victims were claimed by the quake, bringing the count to 28 lives lost, miraculous considering the number trapped.

My Mother-In-Law recalls driving later in the day, over Kirby Bridge with the Sheriff to a high point on the south side of the river to view the scene. They took a picture together as a family, Wayne at three, and Judy at one. The very next day, that same point had crumbled away.



Only one man was enthusiastic. Irving J Witkind of the US Geological Survey was living in a trailer north of Hebgen surveying and mapping the area. Being in, and involved in a quake of this magnitude was a once-in-a-thousand-lifetimes fortune for him, like winning the lottery several times in a row.

Uncounted others carry the scars to this day. Post traumatic stress syndrome has caused many to never return to the area, even though their lives continue nearby. The 28 lives lost were devastating to family members, and to rescuers. Some homes lost could never be rebuilt. Lives turned upside down. It took years, and \$11 million dollars to repair the damage caused to roads, infrastructure, and the forest.

The earth changed as well, and carries some of it's own scars. The slide is still mostly barren and trees stand grey and water logged in Quake Lake.

In Yellowstone National Park, there are several hydrothermal changes. The quake triggered many springs and geysers to erupt, nearly half of them for the first time in their known history. Numerous hot springs became temporarily muddied.

The following geysers were directly affected:

Sapphire minor geyser erupted 200 ft high as a major geyser and has since calmed down, but is no longer considered a minor geyser.

Steady Geyser and Grand Geyser abruptly stopped erupting.

The Fountain Paint Pots became extremely active and took over a paved parking lot.

Giantess Geyser erupted and continued blasting for 100 hours, rather than it's usual 30 hours.

Clepsydra Geyser went wild and has been erupting since the quake.

Steamboat, the worlds tallest geyser in Norris Geyser Basin, awoke from a 50-year nap less than 3 years after the quake.



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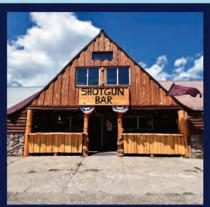
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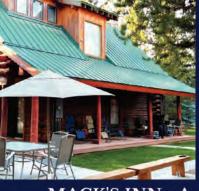


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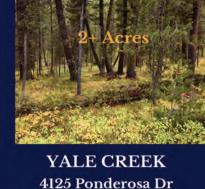
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