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## Sherwood Home, Store, Museum A Valuable Piece of Island Park History

The narrative surrounding the Sherwood home at Henry's Lake is full of captivating details and conflicting history. It is a tale of unwavering perseverance, bold innovation, and ambitious pursuits. It is also considered to be the oldest commercial building in the Island Park area, making a strong case for being the earliest structure still proudly standing today.



In the early 1880's Joseph Sherwood, a New York native, arrived in the Henry's Lake area and settled on the north shore. This period coincided with the initiation of operations by the Marshall & Goff stage line, connecting Virginia City, Montana, to the Marshall Hotel at Yellowstone's Lower Geyser Basin in 1880, tracing a route along the northern lake shore. Initially, Sherwood erected a log home, only to dismantle it a few years later, clearing the way for the construction of a new store on the very prime site once occupied by the log dwelling.

Along with Joseph's first wife Susan, they built an operation based out of the building which was an ambitious 55 feet wide, 37 feet deep, and 46 feet high, containing 27 rooms. Their enterprising endeavors encompassed a diverse range of activities, including cattle ranching, packaging, and local fish sales to markets in Montana and California, managing a general store, an inn, and even oversight of the local post office. The second floor of the building also housed a display room for their taxidermy, earning it occasional references as the Sherwood Museum. This floor also contained a photographic dark room, and a photo gallery to add to their busy lifestyle.



Sherwood embarked on his ambitious venture by establishing the sole sawmill in the region, a testament to his foresight and resourcefulness.

Remnants are still on the site today. It was constructed by running a canvas flume from a series of ponds he developed above his place to provide power by gravity-fed

water. In addition to providing the lumber to build his own building, he also provided lumber for the region and the first buildings in West Yellowstone.

In addition to their already bustling array of activities, Joe also rented boats, and offered visitors the chance to explore Henry's Lake in the first cruise boat. When Idaho outlawed the sale of wild trout in 1890, which provided a portion of their livelihood, Joe, undeterred, built a fish hatchery on the shores of Henry's Lake to raise rainbow trout he could sell commercially.

It is rumored that the original store burned and was rebuilt in 1899, however, this piece of the story has its own inconsistent information circulating. The first log structure and second lap-sided 2 1/2 story building both prominently displayed a "GROCERIES" sign over the front door, a detail preserved in later photographs. The existence of this



There is conflicting information on when the new Sherwood Store was built. Local histories suggest late 1890's, however, the Sherwood Store is intriguingly included on survey plats created in 1893. The Idaho Fish & Game, who eventually purchased the original fish hatchery, have documents claiming the hatchery was built in 1891. Preserved photos further complicate the matter, showing the Sherwood Store in a completed state before the fish hatchery was built, suggesting it was finished prior to 1891.

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## Lodgepole Grill at Phillips Lodge New and Old!

Phillips lodge has been an iconic part of Island Park for more than 100 years, and you can feel the history when you walk in. Originally part of the Uden Ranch in the late 1800's, it later became part of the Elk Creek Ranch owned by the Trude's. When Ponds Lodge burned in 1935, construction of the Island Park Dam was in full swing, so, Sam Trude and Joe Cannon built the "Happy Joe Club" to fill the void left by the fire.

In 1938 Harry A Phillips, a former game warden, and Otis "Ott" Harris, of Ashton purchased the club after having managed it since construction was completed. It was renamed "Lodgepole Inn" at this time, but in 1941 was again renamed as "Phillips Lodge" when Phillips purchased it, although purchase is in question, there are rumors Harry won it in a poker game! There were many shin-digs hosted, and the lodge earned the reputation for good food and a lot of spunk.

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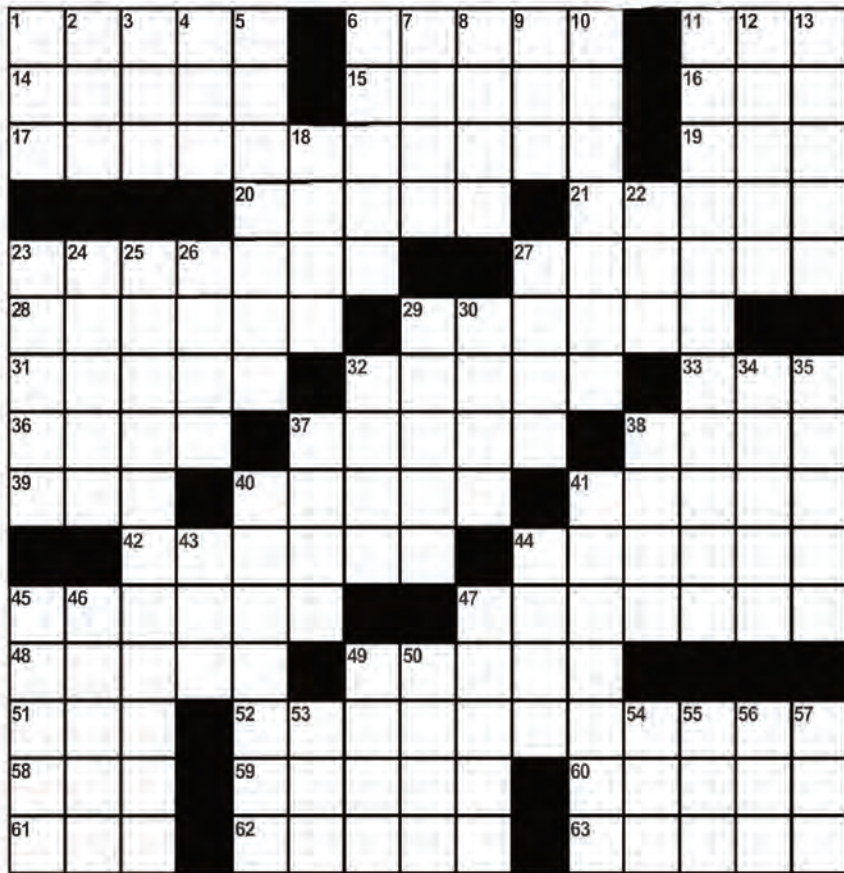
# Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1) Believer in karma
- 6) Smiles from ear-to-ear
- 11) Love mo.
- 14) Brainstorming products
- 15) I-Across' country, often
- 16) Amazement
- 17) Computer's main circuit card
- 19) Common British drink
- 20) Lacy mat
- 21) Father of Indira Gandhi
- 23) Get one's brain back on track
- 27) Most recently produced
- 28) Ark's landing place
- 29) Beer, after a shot
- 31) A quart and a little bit more
- 32) "Aka" kin
- 33) Turkey serving, sometimes
- 36) Comeback sound
- 37) Look down one's nose at
- 38) "Give that \_\_\_ cigar!"
- 39) Her relative?
- 40) Ecrulike shade
- 41) Makes a concession
- 42) Fight divisions
- 44) Reach a place
- 45) Need water
- 47) Holes in the head?
- 48) Dressing type
- 49) Septet plus one
- 51) Not hale
- 52) Ones expecting special deliveries
- 58) Some cells for women
- 59) First step of a contest
- 60) Stand by for
- 61) What to do when following a pattern
- 62) Who a dictator answers to
- 63) Value

## DOWN

- 1) Masculine pronoun
- 2) What people wait to hear at a wedding
- 3) Smashes smash into it
- 4) "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-\_\_\_"
- 5) A lot of a trade-in?
- 6) Netanyahu and namesakes
- 7) Double-bonded compound
- 8) Beatles' "\_\_\_ in the Life"
- 9) Cosmonaut's home in space, once
- 10) Gloom
- 11) Countries of origin
- 12) Still-life pitchers
- 13) Doozie
- 18) Overwhelm
- 22) Sheepish farm animal
- 23) Respiratory noises
- 24) Segal who wrote "Love Story"
- 25) Kurt Vonnegut, to Geraldo Rivera, once
- 26) Black-and-white sandwich cookie
- 27) Bread in 15-Across
- 29) Hinders, as a drain flow
- 30) Do personnel work
- 32) Battery contents
- 34) Provide, as with some quality
- 35) 23-Down relatives
- 37) Dropped in the mailbox
- 38) List of restaurant options
- 40) Some dwellers of the Australian Outback
- 41) Powerful shop tool
- 43) Tolkien beast
- 44) Dishonest speaker
- 45) Small singing groups
- 46) Cut by 50 percent
- 47) One cubic meter
- 49) "The Simpsons" bus driver
- 50) "Big Brother" host
- 53) Notable "Bed-In for Peace" participant
- 54) Ark quorum
- 55) Boat maneuverer
- 56) It's boring
- 57) Biblical verb ending



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# An Island Park Success Story!

Even those who grow up in Island Park frequently find it difficult to stay in Island Park, but Steve Fernelius has found a way, and he has worn many hats during the years!

His Grandparents bought property and helped to form the golf course community, and there were many visits during those years. Steve can remember Joe Williams from the age of 8, the one-armed



push ups and skipping snowmobiles across the open water on the flooded flats. In 1996, after his Grandparents death, his parents inherited their home and they moved up permanently, Steve even attended the old North Fremont High School that year.

Throughout his teenage years, he remembers working for so many of the businesses in the area, Robins Roost, Joe Williams shop, Hungry Bear, the remodeling efforts in the restaurant at Macks Inn, the cabin that was built for Rick Evans across from the theatre at Macks Inn, and shuttling rafts for river floats are a few. After graduation, he did a few automotive programs, and went to CSI in Twin Falls to become a certified mechanic, which made him eligible to work at the Cadillac dealership. He credits Joe with mentoring him into the automotive industry at the time.

When he returned to Island Park after college, he began work at Action Motor Sports in last chance as a mechanic, and eventually moved up to service manager. He also worked for a local property management company, but felt like it was impersonal and corporate. When his plate became too full, and he had no time off, after much nudging from friends and family, Steve opened his own business.

In 2021, Sticky Solutions was born. The name was born from a nickname in Junior High and High School, Sticker Boy Steve. His dad owned a vinyl sign company during those years, Steve helped his father with the sign for Hungry Bear, the Arctic Cat plant before it collapsed, and Island Park Builders Supply. One of the most memorable signs he can remember his father doing was logos on Evil Knievel's cars! As he was pondering a name, he felt like a logo of "If your in a Sticky Situation, call Steve" was appropriate, and Sticky Solutions was the end result.

He was nervous to start, so did a variety of things. Car detailing, building maintenance, small mechanic jobs, small construction jobs, auto sound systems, and hot tub maintenance. That first October, he detailed 3 cars a week, at an average of 10 to 12 hours each, to pay the bills!

Since those first few months, Steve has taken on a lot of hot tubs, he in fact, does mine, and takes great care to be sure they are sparkling clean! In his spare time, (which is less and less these days) he takes on cabin maintenance and side building jobs, like hot tub settings, patios, and concrete slabs. For instance, he and his friend Tommy took on a project on the Island in the summer of 2022 that, with changes, turned into a month long job, but looks incredible!

His father passed in 2011, and his mother passed this last year in January, so the family took this last year to prepare the home, and then sold it. Steve credits his sister with doing much of the work, both in caring for his mom and preparing the home. As with so many of our hard workers in the area, he has had a difficult time finding affordable housing in Island Park. He found a home in Ashton, so will be commuting this winter, but does have the ability to camp the summers in his motorhome.

Steve, and Sticky Solutions, is just another example of the wonderful, hard-working people in our community that make a difference in other peoples lives! Call him at 208-716-8094 if you have a hot tub you want cared for, or an odd maintenance job you might need. He comes highly recommended from me!



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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.

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# Camp Trails Yellowstone National Park



*By Lori Nuss – Writer and Daughter of a Yellowstone Ranger*

My grandfather, Dale R. Nuss, owned and operated Camp Trails, a seasonal youth camp in Yellowstone from 1928 to 1957. The camp was staffed by college students who could cowboy, camp and lead 20 to 30 boys on what was remembered by many as a once in a lifetime experience in Yellowstone. Some of the Camp Trails staff and campers went on to work for the National Park Service in Yellowstone.

An excerpt from a Camp Trails 23rd season read like this:

*A summer your son will never forget. You are interested in your son and you want him to grow into a strong man mentally and physically. Camp Trails offers you this opportunity. At Camp Trails he will ride horseback through the meadows and valleys, across endless plains, through the forests and canyons, to the best trout fishing in the world, pitch horseshoes, learn to twirl a rope, visit the rodeos, and sleep within some of the greatest land of our country.*

My dad, Dale H. Nuss, began spending his summers at Camp Trails in 1930 at the age of 5. He served in WWII, went to college, and worked a short time at Shenandoah National Park before heading to Yellowstone where he spent the entirety of his career as a Yellowstone Ranger from 1947 to 1980.

My cousin, Bob Carnes, Dale R's grandson, and my dad's nephew, became a camper at Camp Trails when he was 5 years old. Bob was a Yellowstone Ranger seasonally from 1971 to 1984. When he wasn't rangership, he was a snow coach driver in Yellowstone.



### About Lori Nuss:

With more than 3 decades of career work in the outdoor, fly-fishing, active lifestyle industry, Lori specializes in visual and creative design and brand marketing. She believes in the power of storytelling through writing, creating, and bringing ideas to life.

Lori grew up the daughter of Dale Nuss, a 35-year career ranger in Yellowstone National Park. What she gained from being raised a "park brat" is a unique life foundation and an appreciation of all forms of nature and preservation. She has embarked upon a documentary project that allows the audience a way of looking at Yellowstone's National Park Service and its people from their collective pasts to present day.

Lori is the vision and writer of Yellowstone Ranger and believes that old school Yellowstone needs to be seen, remembered and the film can perhaps shift (and improve) the perspective of many, including the federal agency that manages our oldest, most beloved Yellowstone National Park.



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*Ski-Doo BackCountry	\$249
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## Recreation Maps



Scan to download the Avenza Map App. Create an account, it's free. Find the Island Park Motorized Recreation Map, both North and South for all of the Island Park area. The also have a Caribou-Targhee National Forest Ashton-Island Park Ranger Districts Winter Recreation for a small fee. Find your trails and enjoy yourself. Please, don't forget, cell coverage here is difficult in most areas, don't count on it for your navigation. Use a paper map, or download your map to be sure you can use it.

## TARGHEE TRAIL RIDERS



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Targhee Trail Riders will be holding a fundraiser on February 17th at Lakeside Lodge. It will be a night of Bingo, a live auction, and tons of fun!

If you have a donation to help out, please reach out to [TargheetrailridersIslandPark@gmail.com](mailto:TargheetrailridersIslandPark@gmail.com)

We are dedicated to helping protect and improve the trails, work to provide both loops rather than dead ends, and trails for OHV's over 50 inches, as well as any other items to improve both winter and summer riding.

We are not looking to replace the current club, and feel like we should work together for the benefit of Island Park!

We will be accepting memberships this night, being a part of both clubs is encouraged and welcomed. By-laws, directors names, and a ballot will be provided to those that join as well. We look forward to seeing any and all!



# Invasive plant species (AKA Noxious Weeds Series)

## Toadflax



Beautiful fields of yellow. We see them quite frequently in our area, sometimes they are intentional crops, and other times it is a field of invasive plants.

Toadflax was introduced to the Americas in late 1800 and early 1900. It was brought from the Mediterranean region as a folk remedy, fabric dye, and ornamental plant. While it was thought to be beneficial when first planted here, it soon escapes cultivation and can cause serious problems.

Flowers develop in June through July; they are pretty bright yellow snapdragon-like flowers with an orange throat. The leaves are broad, with thick, waxy cuticle, a bluish cast and are heart shaped, wrapping the stem. A single plant may be as tall as 4 feet and can produce up to 500,000 seeds that fall within 18 inches of the parent plant and can remain viable for 10 years with a 75% germination rate! The parent plant is a short-lived perennial, generally less than 5 years.

This plant is considered highly invasive due to the aggressive root system.

They will crowd-out native species such as winter annuals and shallow rooted perennials by competing for soil moisture. They contain glucoside compounds that are poisonous, especially to cattle, but also produce alkaloids that discourage livestock grazing. In combination, this allows the plant to thrive while reducing the availability of quality forage and reducing the biodiversity of an ecosystem.



As with many of the invasive plants, when you disturb the soil, they are usually the first types of plants to repopulate the area. They also favor places like roadsides, gravel pits, heavily grazed rangelands, and riparian zones. There are different types of Toadflax, some of which favor cool, semiarid climates with coarse dry soil, and some of which prefer moist soils and can tolerate subarctic conditions, and can be found in elevations that are 5,000 to 9,500 feet.

Now, how do you control them, the more important part of this article.

Obviously, the seedlings are the most vulnerable and should be removed immediately upon discovery. Hand pulling is effective so long as the root, which is very difficult to remove, is extracted as well. This may have to be done multiple times in one growing season. Even after removing the smaller plants, if flowers or seeds are present, they will continue to grow and can spread, so bagging or burning will be required.

Once they are adult plants, they have an extensive root system and are terribly difficult to control or eradicate. Preventing seed formation and spread should be the first line of defense. If there is a larger infestation, they cannot be controlled by a single method, or in a single year and can take up to 15 years of repeated treatment to eradicate.

Mowing and cutting plants, and prescribed burns are rather ineffective. Plants that are just 2 inches tall have a sprawling root system and can re-sprout new growth in no time. Prescribed burns also allow for prolific sprouting due to the lack of other vegetation and may actually help this plant thrive.

In Idaho, there are several biological control methods, meaning bugs! Specific beetles, moths and weevils can feed on the plants



at different stages of growth. The stem weevil is approved for release by the US Department of Agriculture and is considered host specific, meaning it will not feed on anything else. These weevils are adaptive to cold climates, do not die off in the winter, can reproduce and grow a population of over a million in just a few years. The best news,



they can spread to other infected areas as well, and there is no need to purchase additional insects in the following years. Since they only feed on Toadflax, as the density of the weed decreases, the insect population also decreases until there is an equilibrium. Weedbusters Biocontrol, LLC in Missoula, MT has been using an array of bugs to fight noxious weeds very successfully and

would be happy to provide you with them between May and June. This years prices were only \$150/100 insects and may be the most efficient, healthy manner in which to eradicate the plant on your property. You can reach Bob at 406.552.5024 to discuss an early summer application! You can also see what other types he can provide at [www.weedbustersbiocontrol.com](http://www.weedbustersbiocontrol.com).

There are also a number of chemical sprays that work effectively to help control Toadflax. Once again, Fremont County is dedicated to helping you eradicate noxious weeds on your property. There are grant funds available to assist in paying for chemicals to treat an infestation. They are also available to assist with weed identification and herbicide questions so you choose the right product and spray in the right season to be most effective. You can reach out to Bryce Fowler at 208.624.7442 for further questions and information!

Don't forget, one of the most effective ways to keep Toadflax from returning after treatment of any kind, is to seed with native plants afterward. So be prepared, research what would work best in your area, and have that on hand to promote a healthy plant life.

Stay vigilant, stay educated, and stay weed free!



Above field of Toadflax before treatment with weevils, below is the same field 2 years after treatment.







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ACREAGE	
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Lot 2=5.43	Lot 15=5.53
Lot 3=5.31	Lot 16=5.59
Lot 4=5.45	Lot 17=6.49
Lot 5=5.28	Lot 18=6.04
Lot 6=5.41	Lot 19=6.29
Lot 7=5.41	Lot 20=5.90
Lot 8=5.37	Lot 21=5.27
Lot 9=5.25	Lot 22=5.25
Lot 10=5.27	Lot 23=5.99
Lot 11=5.08	Lot 24=5.29
Lot 12=6.05	Lot 25=5.45
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2.5 ACRE LOT

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.83 ACRE

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Yale Creek

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**The Cafe at Island Park Lodge**

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4130 Quakie Lane 208.558.6987

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**Lakeside Lodge**

3857 Lakeside Lodge Lane 208.558.9770

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**Meadow Creek Lodge**

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# Lodgepole Grill at Phillips Lodge

## New and Old!

In November of 1948, the original lodge was destroyed by fire, but Harry and Estelle rebuilt with the help of the community in an old-fashioned barn raising. The doors were reopened on June 3rd, 1949. In early 1950, Estelle's daughter Dorothy and her husband joined the family's hustling business.

The highway the lodge had always fronted, was moved in late 1950 to its present location. Glen, in an effort to bring guests off the new Hwy 20, introduced his famous deep pit BBQ, using Aspen wood for smoking, in 1953 every Saturday night. There are still a few old photos remaining in the Lodge for those who would like to reminisce on the good old days.



A "dance till dawn", sawdust on the dance floor type atmosphere was the theme during these years. There are stories told to this day of parties where the kids were left in the cars out front while their parents danced inside. The newest owners have visited with some of those kids, who are now adults, that admit it is nicer to be on the inside of the glass these days!

Most recently, in 1997, Rick and Sheila Egan purchased the Phillips Lodge. They designed the Lodgepole Grill to replace the old bar, and have since been hard at work creating a family atmosphere.



There were some older, derelict cabins without foundations on the property that had been drug over from the work camp housing provided to laborers constructing the Island Park Dam. In an effort to continue renting cabins, the Egans' used a grandfathered subdivision and built 26 newer cabins in their stead. These boast private hot tubs in a beautiful setting, and provide all the modern amenities.

This year, the changes are happening in the the Lodgepole Grill! Deb and Kevin Christoff have been hired to manage the restaurant and bar. The experience these folks bring to Island Park is impressive. They have cooked in some prestigious resorts around the world, including one in Georgia and Alaska where they have had the privilege of serving President Carter and his son.

The pair grew up together in New Jersey, but parted ways for an extended period of time. After finding they were both single while browsing Facebook, they reunited and have now been married for 10 years. Since then, they have travelled the world cooking for others, from the National Geographic cruise ship and boats from The Deadliest Catch in Dutch Harbor, to High end resorts including hunting plantations and ski hills. They have a love for Island Park and have spent many summers here working for several of the restaurants, most notably is the Coffee Pot Lodge!

Since arriving at the Lodgepole Grill, the pair has spent numerous hours cleaning and reorganizing, as well as as revamping a menu and deciding on specials and events. They are excited to be open 6 days a week, for breakfast and dinner at present, and hope to open for lunch in the near future. Wednesday will be their designated day off, rather than a Monday or Tuesday, allowing for one more option when most food establishments in our area are closed.



I recently had the opportunity to visit with Corby Egan, and he shared with me some stories that stood out in his mind through the years. For instance, when the family first purchased the Lodge they would get calls often to check on road closures and other news in Island Park. It wasn't until later that he realized Harry, the ex-game warden, had most of the answers here, so was the resource for information!



He also recalls a story about larger ranch owner that would come into the Lodge regularly. One night he was poking fun at Estelle in drunken humor. She grabbed a broom and chased him out, stating he would never step foot in the bar again. He came back the following day, sober, and she chased him out once more, stating she remembered what he had said even if he did not. Undeterred, and being good

friends with Harry, he came every day to sit on the porch and have his drink with his friend, but never did set foot in the bar again.

During one summer, two gentlemen decided to ride their scooters from

Salt Lake City to Island Park on the back roads. It was one of those years when a July snowstorm came through, and they arrived at the Lodge wet and frozen. The fire was cranked up, dry clothes and shelter were provided until the two could continue their journey.



Corby has a deep connection to Island Park, and feels like there is no other place like it on earth. There is a lot of family history here, his dad and grandfather used to fish and stay at Phillips Lodge. As new stewards, they are looking forward to creating another 100 years of history for their children, grandchildren, and the locals, to build more memories, excitement and stories to be told well into the future.

For now, the planned events are specials on Sunday and Monday for football, discount specials for the hospitality workers in town on Tuesdays, and they will be open for Christmas brunch from 10 am to 4 pm, if you would like to join them. Prime rib, homemade soups, and a full bar will be offered daily. The grand reopening was just last week on the 16th of November!

If you would like to apply for a position, they are looking for servers, bartenders, and dishwashers, stop in and fill out an application. If you have a story about the Lodge through the years, they would love to hear it, pop in and share it in person, or find their Facebook page and share it there, they are eager to hear them all!

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# Peak Fly Hatch for October



## Midge (Chironomidae)



**Characteristics:** 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.

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

**Habitat:** All water types. Many species prefer slow water rich in aquatic growth.

**Comments:** 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

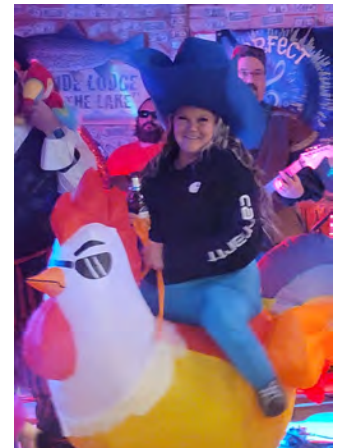
# Halloween Fun!

Lakeside hosted their annual Halloween party, and it was a great turnout! As usual the costumes were fantastic, and the band was super fun to dance to.

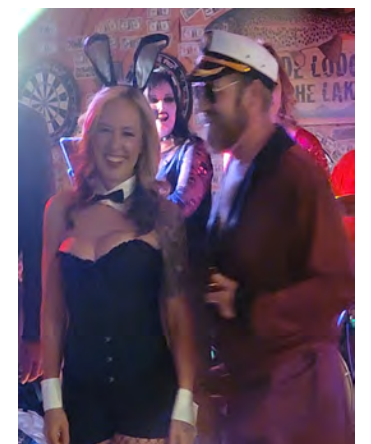
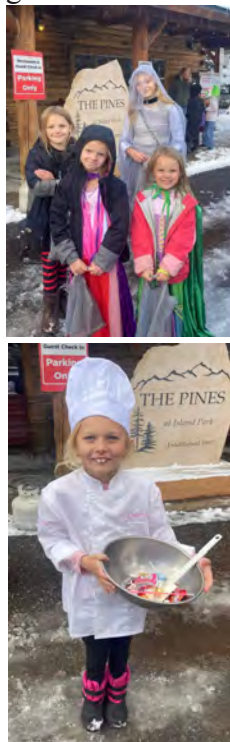
In the end, it was Pretty Woman who took home the prize, but everyone was great!

There was much fun to be had this year for Halloween! Twisted Pines and Outback Realty hosted their 3rd Annual Hallowfest with a great turnout, and fantastic costumes.

There was a pumpkin carving contest with unique ideas that some really talented folks put into action, but the winner was Shilo Owens this year!



We loved the kids costumes, and the ingenious adults who decorated their trunks for candy giving. Fun was had by one and all! Thanks to all who participated, looking forward to seeing your unique ideas next year.





# Get Your Tickets!



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The Mountain Life Team grew this year! We're proud to announce the addition of our newest member, Troy Ericson. He brings a great attitude and marketing background. Troy is an outdoor adventurer, looking to build a presence in Island Park where he lives the Mountain Life!

**Upcoming Event:** Festival of Tress - November 25 @ Springill Suites - the Marriott  
Hosted by the Mountain Life Charitable Foundation. More info at - <https://mountainlifecharity.org/>



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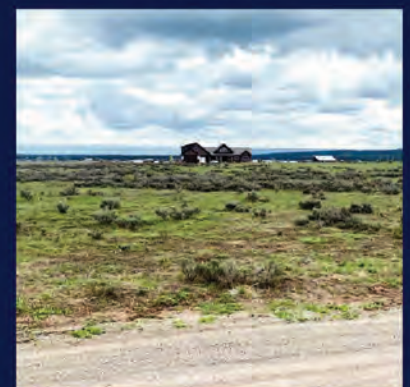
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Dec 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Unknown Band 7pm  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lighting of the Lodge  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup> – Sweet Nickole 7pm  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup>- Papa Stitch 7pm  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ugly Sweater Party  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>- Perfect Chaos 7pm  
Dec 24<sup>th</sup>- Closed at 2pm  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup>- Closed for Christmas  
Dec 30<sup>th</sup> & Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Scratch  
Dec 31<sup>st</sup>- New Years Eve Party with fireworks at Midnight!  
January 6<sup>th</sup>- Ice Fishing Derby  
Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> – Perfect Chaos 7pm  
Jan 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Aaron Ball Band  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> – Vintage Snowmobile Show

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# Family and Winter Memories

By Tom Bithell

It's a well-known fact that snowmobiling is a great family bonding activity in Island Park. I can attest to that.

For several years now, we have had an annual family snowmobile reunion. Fewer attend these than the summer reunion, and attendees can vary every year, but there's always a good group. Fun and adventure is the theme in exploring Island Park in winter.

One year, however, is particularly memorable for the unforeseen challenges that were encountered. We had ridden to West Yellowstone, Mesa Falls, Two Top and all-around Island Park several times, so this year's new adventure was to take the family on the Fingers.

The snow conditions were good, and the weather was a little overcast with a low chance of snow. There were twelve altogether, including some of my young cousins who are good snowmobilers, with muscles and stamina to help if we got stuck.

We headed out onto the Fingers from Lakeside where the family had rented cabins and sleds. Everybody was having a great time playing in the powder. There were a few stuck moments, but all were resolved quickly.

The original plan was to take the Fingers to Green Canyon, over to Harriman, up to Last Chance for some food, and then back around to Lakeside Lodge. However, we moved slower than planned and when we got to the Green Canyon Trail my elderly Uncle wanted to take the trail back around Island Park Reservoir to Centennial and Lakeside.



We took a break when we got to the corrals at the junction with Old Shotgun. It was there the younger five of the group, all our muscle and stamina, decided to go back to the Fingers to play and meet back to Lakeside.

The trail back from the corrals was well known to a few of us, and it didn't seem like the remaining seven would have any issues getting back to Lakeside without following the young bucks. Things turned bad quickly after starting down Old Shotgun. The trail hadn't been groomed for a few days and new and blowing snow had filled it in. The greying sky started dropping snow and it was near white out conditions. Making our way grooming post to grooming post was barely possible.



My friend Kim led the way and I was sweeping. The trail takes a 90-degree left turn, goes about 50 yards and then takes a 90-degree right turn to resume heading towards the Centennial neighborhood once leaving the corrals. The trail parallels a fence up until that first 90-degree turn. Kim was using the fence to navigate, and since there were no tracks on the trail, he kept following the fence and led everyone off the trail out into a giant field of powder.

When I caught up with the group, I found one of my older cousins stuck very near the first 90-degree left turn. Upon questioning his location, he indicated they were all following Kim.

I felt dread wash over me. I know my aunts, uncle and older cousins well enough to know they were going to get stuck out there. They were not visible, so I led my cousin Allen on the correct trail until it flattened out and we could see further in an effort to spot them.

Much to my dismay, what we did see, was Kim cutting across a half mile of powder, at high speed on a double-up sled to get back to the trail. The original driver, another cousin, was his passenger, but nobody else was following. When questioned about events, it was determined everyone was stuck on the other side of a knoll that was blocking our view. Unfortunately, his sled was stuck as well, so the decision was made to ride the double up out to find us for help.

Leaving the double-up and my two cousins, we headed back on two good sleds. There were 4 sleds stuck, both aunts, an uncle and Kims' sled. It's a sinking feeling to realize, even digging them out, likely meant digging them out multiple times as we attempted to traverse the powder in the field back to the trail.

After releasing all the sleds from the snow, there was a coaching session, where I instructed them which direction to head, and to stay on the gas once they got going until they made it to the trail. Somehow, they all made it without getting stuck again!

That left me in the rear with my eldest aunt as my passenger, on a mountain sled with a small seat. With a suggestion to hold on tight, I scooted up to give her as much of the small seat as possible. Then I hit it and the Mountain Cat just flew through the great powder, which is so enjoyable if you aren't trying to get everyone home before dark.



Just as it was getting dark, we arrived at Lakeside, the best part of the evening was rehashing the day over drinks and dinner.

Now every winter, when we get together the story is re-lived.



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**Christmas Lights & Fireworks 6pm**  
Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides 3pm-5pm  
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Visit with Santa 6:30pm Live Music 7pm

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**December 2nd 2023**

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**Lighting of the Lodge**  
**BBQ Menu**

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Thai Chili Barbequed Chicken  
Andouille Sausage Mac-A-Cheese  
Rancher's Molasses Baked Beans  
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## WINTER EVENTS 2023-24

Island Park	Ashton	West Yellowstone	Springhill Suites - Marriott	Museum of the Henry's Fork	Yellowstone Beer Co. (YBC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 25</li> <li>December 2</li> <li>December 7</li> <li>December 9</li> <li>December 16</li> <li>December 16</li> <li>December 24</li> <li>December 30</li> <li>December 31</li> <li>January 12-14</li> <li>January 6</li> <li>January 12 &amp; 13</li> <li>January 12</li> <li>January 13</li> <li>January 13</li> <li>January 18</li> <li>January 19-20</li> <li>January 20</li> <li>January 3</li> <li>February 9-11</li> <li>February 17</li> <li>March 16</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 21, 22 24 &amp; 25</li> <li>December 2, 9, 16, 18-23 &amp; 26-27</li> <li>December 2</li> <li>December 17 &amp; 22</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>December 20-March 6</li> <li>December 31</li> <li>January 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Festival of Trees</li> <li>Lighting of the Lodge &amp; Fireworks</li> <li>Family Movie Night</li> <li>Sweet Nikole and the Rag Dolls</li> <li>Papa Stitch</li> <li>Ugly Sweater Party</li> <li>Christmas Eve Service</li> <li>Scratch</li> <li>New Years Eve w/Fireworks &amp; Music</li> <li>Fat Pursuit (Race)</li> <li>Ice Fishing Tournament</li> <li>Winterfest (IP Chamber)</li> <li>Winterfest - Fireworks</li> <li>Winterfest - Bingo</li> <li>Vintage Snowmobile Show</li> <li>Sled Fest - Welcome Social</li> <li>Out West Sled Fest</li> <li>Snowmobile Fun Run</li> <li>Rally for a Cause</li> <li>Ice Hockey Tournament</li> <li>Targhee Trail Riders Bingo</li> <li>Food and Libations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Village</li> <li>Spirit of Christmas Parade &amp; Craft Fair</li> <li>Christmas Cantata</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yellowstone Beer Co. (YBC)</li> <li>Buffalo Bar</li> <li>Hebgen Lake</li> </ul>

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# Sherwood Home, Store, Museum

## A Valuable Piece of Island Park History

Continued from page 1

sign in subsequent years challenges the notion that the original building was lost to fire, as the sign would likely have been lost as well. This does seem to dispel the idea that the building once burned.

When Sherwood's first wife died (I could not find in what year she died), he remarried a neighbors' daughter, Ann on Nov 1, 1899. She had travelled to the Henry's Lake area with her father in 1890 at 18 years of age.



one of the earliest automobiles in the area, although he did not formally apply for a patent. It was about this time he began selling motor oil and gas from the store.

The life story of Joseph Sherwood came to a close in 1919, marked by complications from diabetes. Despite his passing, he left behind a legacy of enterprises, which he entrusted to Ann and their children to continue running.

Ann Sherwood's journey concluded on October 29, 1958, a result of complications arising from a hip that had not healed properly after a fall earlier in the year. Her final resting place is in the Little Cemetery at Henry's Lake. Ann outlived her parents, siblings, and her husband, making her the last of her family's generation.

Geneva "Dewey" Sherwood assumed control of the family's enterprises after her parents passing. The estate remained unresolved until 1996 when Verna Sherwood inherited the property, however it was run by children throughout the years until the mid-1960s, and underwent many renovations.



Joe taught Ann the art of taxidermy he had learned in earlier years, and both were avid photographers. Ann was obsessed with the flora and fauna of the area, and together they endeavored to collect every species in the area for display.

Sherwood's legacy includes a notable incident where he is credited with shooting a creature that was attacking a cow. However, historical accounts are unclear about whether it was indeed Sherwood or the cattle owner, Hutchins, who delivered the crucial shot. Regardless of the shooter's identity, the mounted creature found its place in a sealed case on the second floor. The mysterious creature remained an enigma to the local community, with no one able to identify the animal. It was named a "Guyasticutus" and is currently displayed at the Madison Valley Museum until Island Park is capable of displaying it here. Three types of wolverines that are now believed to be extinct in Idaho were also part of their collection.

Sherwood's intellectual prowess and practical skills extended into the realm of medicine, driven by the stark reality that the nearest doctor was a daunting 150 miles away. He delivered all 8 of their children himself, and one remarkable story as recounted by Clarence Sherwood, one of their children, tells of an incident where Joseph Sherwood broke his leg after being thrown from a wagon.

He not only improvised a splint for his broken leg but also rode the wagon back. With Ann's assistance, he set his leg, then headed to St. Anthony to attend a local board meeting of the bank where he served as president.

In 1907, his ingenuity led to the issuance of a patent for his "auto snow-car," a vehicle modeled after a four-runner, horse-drawn sled. This innovative creation weighed just under 1,000 pounds with a top speed of 12 miles per hour. He also built "The Black Car",

The photographs taken by the Sherwood's are now the property of Idaho State Historical Library and Archives. There are approximately 900 items, including 275 glass plate negatives, 63 identified original prints, and approximately 350 unidentified items, most of which were taken between 1892 and 1910. With a grant provided by Idaho Heritage Trust in 2003, the Idaho State Historical Society printed new quality prints from some of the original glass plate negatives and made copies available to the Island Park Historical Society and the Teton Flood Museum in Rexburg.

The preservation efforts for the Joseph Sherwood House and Store culminated in a significant milestone. On November 1, 1994, an application was submitted to place the property on the National Register of Historic Places, recognizing its cultural and historical significance. This application was approved in 1996, coinciding with the year in which the estate's matters were settled.

In her dying year, Verna Sherwood made arrangements for the sale of the building to new owners. Steve Burke took on the responsibility with the intention of not only preserving but also restoring this historic structure.

Burke did significant work to the building during his ownership. He strengthened the foundation, turned the former root cellar into a basement, transformed the attic space into 6 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, replaced the old staircase with a new one, and transformed the original building from two-stories to four.

The most recent owner is Kevin Barney, who was friends with Burke. Barney had always wanted mountainside property not far from the resort he manages, Island Park Wild Rose Ranch Resort. He is exploring various possibilities for the future of the Sherwood property which range from a home for themselves and 5 children, to a hotel or short-term rental.

The future is full of uncertainties, but the building remains, as a reminder of our history, and Island Park's start. A testament to the determination and ambition of those that came before us.



Joseph Sherwood, Sr.



Ann Garner Sherwood in her younger years and older years.



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# Auditorium District On the Ballot Again for May 2024?

It's evident that the recent vote on the Auditorium District has left a lasting impact on the community. Facing that vote again in May of 2024 will bring apprehension and stress once more. There were some very strong opinions with regards to this topic last time, but the lack of advanced notice did not give the public much time to research the decision placed before us. Transparent and inclusive communication can foster a more informed electorate, and create a healing environment here.

The Auditorium District law in the State of Idaho is intentionally, or unintentionally, very broad, providing a general framework without prescribing specific details. However, this leads to varied interpretations and discussions about the best use of resources and the goals of the district.

The absence of specific details regarding resource use, revenue generation, time lines, and facility specifications would allow the few board members elected to make decisions on behalf of the entire community without further input. Approval of the Auditorium district does, in fact, create a new government entity with taxation authority with no specific set of checks and balances.

The concerns about new taxes, particularly without a sunset clause or broad community participation, reflect a common sentiment. The question of taxation often involves a delicate balance between addressing common needs, ensuring financial sustainability, and respecting the diverse perspectives within the community.

Sunset clauses, which establish an expiration date for a tax or funding measure, can be one way to address concerns about the ongoing financial burden. The absence of a sunset clause raises valid concerns about the permanence of the taxing entity and its implications for future generations, specifically considering this community's shared desire to leave properties to posterity. They provide a mechanism for regular review, require periodic public votes, and evaluations of the taxing entity's necessity and effectiveness. There is not a sunset clause included in the Auditorium District, nor is there a system to add one.

Equity in taxation is another critical consideration. Ensuring that the financial responsibility is shared across the entire community, rather than disproportionately burdening a specific segment, is often a key aspect of friction. Striking a balance between meeting community needs and distributing the financial responsibility fairly can contribute to a more inclusive and sustainable approach to funding public projects. Understanding diverse perspectives, and exploring alternative funding models are valuable steps in working towards a consensus on how to support and fund projects like the proposed Community Center.



Concerns about the potential long-term impacts of creating a new taxing government entity for a specific purpose, like a community center are well founded.

1. **Impact on Rentals:** Changes in the rental landscape could influence the tax base over time. If the number of rentals decreases, or nightly rates decrease, the burden of supporting the community center will undoubtedly fall to a property tax.
2. **Long-Term Financial Commitments:** Forecasting expenses for 10, 20, 50 or 100 years is challenging, if not impossible. The potential for unforeseen circumstances, changes in community needs, and economic shifts of such an extended period adds complexity to long-term financial planning. As an Auditorium District, the mechanism in place to dissolve the taxing entity requires 3,000 votes, so implementing funding of this nature in Island Park inherently implies it is permanent, forward thinking in planning then must include an unforeseeable look into the future.
3. **Resource Allocation for Future Needs:** Focusing a valuable resource on a specific purpose, as an Auditorium District does, raises questions about flexibility for addressing other future needs. Considering the potential for evolving infrastructure, school needs, roads, lighting, medical facilities, and more, there's a need for careful consideration of the broader community's future requirements and the use of limited resources available.

There is a willingness to contribute time, funds, and materials for a community center within the Caldera. The crux of the concern lies in the method of financing. Engaging legal experts, financial advisors, and involving the entire community in transparent and inclusive discussions can help ensure the decisions are well-informed and reflective of the collective vision for the future.




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# A Neighbors' Point of View

Kyle Pettit is not the kind of guy that generally likes to be highlighted, in fact, he confided to me that he is slightly shy and introverted, so this is outside of his comfort zone!

Born in Bountiful, UT, he experienced a shift in his early years when his parents relocated to the Seattle area, where he spent the initial 12 years of his life. Later, they returned to Utah due to his father's professional commitments. Dad played a pivotal role in designing HVAC systems and lighting for FAA radar stations, encompassing projects like the HVAC setup at Sawtelle Peaks' radar station and the one in Farmington, UT.

Kyle completed his high school education in Utah and later enrolled at the University of Utah, where he crossed paths with his future wife. However, they didn't tie the knot until after both had completed their missions. Kyle further pursued his education in Mechanical Engineering at BYU. Despite earning the degree, he said his professional journey has taken a different path, leading him into the dynamic realm of software. Serving as a software product manager, Kyle ensures the seamless execution of each release, finding fulfillment in meaningful interactions with both his team and customers.



Island Park holds a deep-rooted significance for both Kyle's and his wife's families, spanning across generations. From grandparents to Kyle's own children, countless summers have been spent reveling in outdoor activities like camping, fishing, ATVing, and snowmobiling. Kyle cherishes the tales his father shared about his father's childhood camping expeditions at Fishing Bridge. Among Kyle's most cherished memories is from last spring, sitting with his 92-year-old father on Fishing Bridge, absorbing stories of their boyhood fishing and camping adventures.

This tradition, instigated by Kyle's grandfather, involved dedicating 2-3 weeks annually to Fishing Bridge, a time when fishing directly from the bridge was not just a treasured memory but a legal delight.

His dream? Like most of us here, was to eventually own a cabin he could share with his 4 children, 2 of which are still in college, 2 of which are married and have provided Grandchildren! Kyle looked for a year and a half, and finally found the right one, but affording it was a different story.

The solution was to rent it, but in order for his family to enjoy it part of the time, it would have to be a short-term rental. He hired a professional management company so there was someone local to care for and screen guests, and has made a huge effort to visualize what he would want in a vacation and provide it at his cabin.

For the past 4 ½ years, he has owned his cabin, and they harbor no regrets about the decision. Kyle has relished the opportunity to build strong connections with all his neighbors. Anyone strolling by might find themselves engaged in a conversation with Kyle. He goes the extra mile by sharing his contact details, ensuring everyone is aware that the cabin is available as a rental. Kyle has established an open line of communication, assuring his neighbors that any concerns can be promptly addressed by giving him a call. Remarkably, there hasn't been a single complaint to date.

What he has done though, is to be a good neighbor. Giving back to his neighborhood and the community is important to him. Neighbors have called when temperatures were 30 below and asked him to check their hot tub. The road in his neighborhood was cared for because he wrote a check helped collect from others in the area to get it done.



In a more recent development, he observed the unfortunate loss of some trees on his property. Concerned, he reached out to the Idaho Department of Lands, who confirmed that beetles were the culprit and recommended the use of MCH patches. Rather than limiting the solution to his own trees, he mobilized fellow homeowners facing similar issues in his subdivision and across Island Park. Collaborating with the Idaho Department of Lands, he orchestrated the distribution of enough patches to assist 50 households, each receiving 15 patches. The collective effort amounted to a total financial value ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Kyle is deeply committed to fostering connections and building bridges within the community. His aspiration is to be not only a good citizen but also a supportive neighbor here in Island Park. Recognizing that owning a cabin in this idyllic setting is a shared dream for many, Kyle believes that, for some, a little assistance is the key to turning that dream into reality.





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