

Don Nichols  
paroled

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On April 27, Don Nichols, who was arrested in Madison County in 1984 after kidnapping a woman in Big Sky and murdering a man who attempted to rescue her, was granted parole.

“He was parole eligible 15 years ago, but each one of the prior (Boards of Pardons and Parole) restricted release for an additional five years,” said Kristy Cobban, Board of Pardons and Parole executive director.

Nichols has been at the Montana State Prison for more than 30 years.

In July 1984, Nichols and his son kidnapped a woman working in Big Sky while she was jogging in the Madison Mountain Range, according to an article in a Dec. 20, 1984, issue of *The Madisonian* newspaper. The article continues to state Nichols shot and killed Alan Goldstein, who was attempting to rescue the kidnapped woman.

“(Nichols and his son) were arrested by Sheriff Johnny France ... in the hills near Norris after a five month manhunt by Madison County, Gallatin County, FBI, Forest Service and other law enforcement agencies,” according to the article. “They were wanted on charges of deliberate homicide, aggravated kidnapping and felony intimidation, as well as an aggravated assault charge.”

In 1985, Nichols was convicted of deliberate homicide, kidnapping and aggravated assault – he has been in the Montana State Prison since.

Cobban said Nichols is required to get regular mental health screenings as deemed appropriate by his probation officer and comply with all court ordered conditions. He is restricted from entering casinos and bars, and is not allowed to enroll in any medical marijuana programs. Nichols must wear a GPS monitoring device for a period of time determined by his parole officer, Cobban added. He is not allowed any contact with his victim or the victim’s family, nor is he allowed to enter Madison, Gallatin or Park counties.

“The restriction from those counties is at the request of the victim,” Cobban said, explaining it is a common request, to prevent Nichols from running into his victim.

Nichols submitted a plan to the Board of Pardons and Parole that stated he intends to live in Deer Lodge and do community service via landscaping at a cemetery to stay busy.

“He will receive Social Security, which would be enough to cover the residence that he preliminarily secured,” Cobban said. “His probation and parole officer will vet his residence and his plan before he will be released from secure custody.”



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Don Nichols (L) is escorted by deputy Lee Edmiston (R) at his arraignment in 1984.

EXPEDITION YELLOWSTONE



DUSTIN JONES/WEST YELLOWSTONE STAR  
Malorie Quirl, left, and Sam Duffy, right, examine a bison skull found on a hike last Wednesday, April 26.

A rite of passage for West Yellowstone youth

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Last Monday morning, April 24, 17 sixth-grade students packed into several trucks and SUVs at the West Yellowstone School and made their way to the Lamar Buffalo Ranch – located near the northeast corner of Yellowstone National Park and about a two hour drive from town. The students were participating in Expedition Yellowstone – a program through YNP and the National Park Service. The program lasted five days and four nights, and for a handful of students, this was not only their first time away from home or their first time camping, but their first time in the park.

Expedition Yellowstone was established in 1985. Since then, they have hosted over 500 schools from all across the country, according to the Expedition Yellowstone handbook. According to Michael Breis, a park ranger and education specialist, the cost of the program adds up, but the West Yellowstone kids only contribute \$45 each, for the week, for groceries.

Kelli Hart, local business owner and avid adventurer, is the one who made that happen. In 2002, West Yellowstone resident Reid Sanders perished in an accident in Alaska. Sanders was Hart’s late husband. In the wake of his death, Hart established the Reid Sanders Outdoor Education Memorial Fund.

“That enabled us to get priority (to attend

Expedition Yellowstone), it is a lottery I think otherwise,” said Hart. “That initial endowment is still funding all the kids.”

Those funds are now a part of the West Yellowstone Foundation and are allocated specifically for the Expedition Yellowstone program through the school – which started at the school in 2005.

West Yellowstone School Superintendent Kevin Flanagan is no stranger to the program.

“I think it is so cool to make that connection with the park with the kids, and with the outdoors in general,” said Flanagan. “I think that is such an important thing in this day and age.”

Before taking on the role of superintendent, Flanagan was a sixth-grade teacher at the school and participated in the program six times, he said.

One of the biggest take aways, for him, is watching the students bond over the course of the week.

“I always liked how the classes would come together – every class is different and takes on a life of their own,” recalled Flanagan. “Usually they rally together, and you want that to last for a while.”

The program puts the students in a unique position – many have not been away from home or pulled outside of their comfort zone. The program broke the students into four clans, each clan with four or five students, led by a volunteer. The students are put into clans with classmates they

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West Yellowstone water supply

Town hopes to drill at least 1 well to meet demand for water

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West Yellowstone has a water problem. The flow from Whiskey Springs, the town’s water source, used to provide the town with 3.3 million gallons per day – more than twice of what is needed on the busiest day of the summer season. Today, the spring trickles at a mere 600,000 gallons a day, said public works superintendent James Patterson.

“We have gone from like 3.3 million gallons a day from that spring down to 600,000 in the last three years,” said Patterson.

West Yellowstone and other resort communities face a unique

problem when it comes to water usage. In the winter, according to Patterson, the town barely uses 300,000 gallons of water per day. By the time the summer season is in full swing, that number sky rockets as high as 1.3 million gallons a day.

“We go from a sleepy town one day to a booming town the next,” said Patterson.

The town has a 1 million gallon tank fed by Whiskey Springs to store water, said Patterson. For the time being, it is enough for the busy summer season, but barely.

“Right now, with the million gallon tank, we have the water capacity to fight a fire in town,” said Patterson. “That is where you come up with the gallons – how much

capacity you need to fight a fire on top of normal use.”

When town manager Dan Sabolsky arrived last January, he took note of the water issue. It was not until July 2016 that the town needed to put a water moratorium in place, said Sabolsky. The moratorium restricted water use in the town, which in turn, can hurt business, said Sabolsky. Visitors do not want to stay in a town where taking a shower could possibly be limited to every other day, he said.

With the town’s recent purchase of 80 acres from the Forest Service, growth is inevitable said Patterson. This has Patterson concerned.

“As we start growing, we have to have more water capacity,” he said.

His belief is that as more homes, and possibly hotels and businesses, pop up, the town will need more water in case a fire breaks out. The more hotels, the more water the town will need as well, he said. The general consensus around town is that every room in every hotel is booked for the summer season.

“From Memorial Day through Labor Day (hotels) are full,” said Patterson. “There is not a room you can get in town.”

Another element is that the summer season is starting earlier and earlier each year.

“We have more people in town earlier this year than we did last

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may not be familiar with outside of school, said Flanagan. This is important for growth.

“I wanted the clans to have to work together and work through things, that is an important skill,” said Flanagan.

Flanagan continues to try to teach kids the life lessons of respect and tolerance, but believes the program helps institute those traits by forcing clan members to work together throughout the week. He explains to students that in life, you may have co-workers or a boss that you will not get along with, but you have to work together.

“You don’t have to be friends with everyone, but you have to respect everyone,” he said. “That’s life.”

This year, Jennifer Olson is the sixth-grade teacher – it was her first time participating in the program. She believes the program acts like an initiation for students – a final step before moving up to high school.

“It is a rite of passage for the kids at the school,” she said. “Kids who have graduated said it was their favorite part of school.”

Also along for the trip was Hart’s husband, Jack Hart, whom she married in 2015. Melissa Alder has known Hart since their college days at the University of Montana. They are best friends and co-own an outdoor shop in West Yellowstone. She has been with Hart every step of the way. Neil Courtis, a West Yellowstone police officer and longtime friend of Hart and Alder’s, also volunteered his time. He participated in the past, but took some time off from the program before jumping back in, head first, this year. It takes a village to get the kids through the week.

The program has a ranger with the group at all times. Breis has worked with Hart and the West Yellowstone kids for about eight years. In his 11 years with the program, he has seen countless students and staff come and go. He believes the program gives students who do not excel at book learning a chance to shine.

“My favorite thing is that the kids who are the book learners are out of their element out here,” he explained. “But the kids who are not as good at (traditional) school thrive out here, which I really like.”

Students have chores to do on the excursion – cooking, cleaning and setting the table for meals.

“They really learn to do things for themselves, and they take pride in it,” said Breis.

A temporary side effect of the program, Breis explained, is students continuing to do dishes and cleaning around the house following the trip.

Another volunteer, Sam Duffy, joined the group for a hike that took place Wednesday, April 25. Duffy works for the Forest Service and believes the time the kids spend outdoors is essential.

“The more you are exposed to nature, and having to rely on yourself, is incredibly beneficial,” she explained. “It changes how they have relationships with their fellow students and teachers, as well as the community.”

The program, she explained, puts students in an awkward situation where they are forced to grow and adapt. Duffy also reiterated how fortunate the students are to be participating in the program.

“It is a once in a lifetime thing for them,” she said. “There are very few kids that are able to do this, anywhere.”

While on their hike, Breis stopped and the students went through periods of instruction like identifying local flora and fauna. The students identified native trees and flowers in the area and regurgitated the knowledge later. Most of the kids forget they are learning, according to Flanagan.

By the end of the week, the students could rattle off animal traits, skull identification, habitat recognition and the history of YNP.

Breis stopped the students in a clearing about halfway through the hike and explained the rise and fall of elk and predators in the park. He told the students how by the 1920s, humans had killed or scared off all the wolves and cougars, leading



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Natalie Barta, left, Erik Resendiz, center, and Hally Phillips, right, walk toward the bunk house at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch as they prepare for their group skits.

to an increase in the elk population. To help better illustrate the circle of life, he introduced a red rover style game. As the students unknowingly furthered their education, a group of bison wandered up to the class and watched. On the other side of the hill, big horned sheep also stopped to see what all the commotion was about.

On their final night in the park, the clans each presented a “legend.” Courtis explained this was another tradition. Each clan came up with a story that involved the history of YNP. One group did a legend about how the wolf got its first howl, while another group took a modern approach and told a tale of squirrels outsmarting tourists.

After the clans finished presenting their legends, everyone was asked to make a big circle around the makeshift campfire in the center of the room. Breis told a story explaining the process YNP went through to become the world’s first national park and the importance of preservation. He asked everyone to share what they liked most about their experience.

One student told the group how surprised he was by how well the park is preserved. Another was delighted at how well everyone got along.

“I was really moved by being taught by other teachers,” shared Olson.

Eventually, words turned to sobs, and students and adults alike started to cry as they shared their experiences. One student, with tears in her eyes, was sad to have Expedition Yellowstone come to an end, and hoped to stay close with her classmates.

“I liked how close I got to my clan,” she sobbed. “I hope we can stay this close in class.”

As tissues were passed around to those who needed them, Breis ended the evening with a song about the park. The students cleaned up and went back to their bunks for the night. When Jack Hart went to check on the boys before bed, he found all of them in one cabin – many of them hiding under the bed – in hopes of spending their last night in the park together. They were sent back to their respected bunks, naturally.

The program has a profound experience on the youth of West Yellowstone. A handful of students, when asked, admitted they had never been camping or hiking. The busy summer season often prevents families from venturing into the park, which is in the backyard of West Yellowstone. Students shared their hopes of further exploring the park with their families.

Breis spends his summer months working in the canyon at YNP, and hopes to see the students in the not too distant future. All the adults were in agreeance – it is a shame to live in West Yellowstone and not take advantage of the park. With cell phones, video games, electronics and hectic work schedules, many busy parents struggle to find time to experience the outdoors with their children.

“Being outside is a big deal,” said Breis. “Kids don’t play outside anymore.”



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# MORE NEWS:

## Angler updates

YNP hosts meeting addressing invasive species, fishing regulations

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West Yellowstone anglers gathered at a hotel in town last Tuesday, April 25, to attend a Yellowstone National Park spring angler meeting. This was one of four events that YNP hosted in Bozeman, and Jackson, Wyo., and Cody, Wyo.

The event was hosted by YNP to discuss topics such as invasive species, fishing regulations and native species restoration.

Todd Koel, senior fisheries biologist with Yellowstone Center for Resources, told the audience about cutthroat trout – a native fish to YNP – and some of the challenges the fish undergo. Koel said the Lamar River is a pure cutthroat area.

In 2002, a volunteer angler brought a rainbow trout, a non-native fish species, into National Park Services, claiming he caught it in the Lamar River at Slough Creek. Koel told the angler he must be mistaken, claiming there were rainbow trout in the Lamar River, and asked the angler to bring another one back. Sure enough, the angler came back with multiple trout. Over the next decade, the sightings of rainbow trout increased, which led to a hybrid species between the cutthroat and rainbow trout, said Koel. After seeing a rise in the number of hybrid trout, a “must kill” regulation was put into place.

“In 2013 is when we implemented the ‘must kill’ regulation for the rainbow (trout) in the Lamar (River),” said Koel.

Several audience members had concerns with killing fish that were caught, and brought it up at the end of the meeting. Audience members questioned the establishment of purely cutthroat areas, claiming it will degrade the ecosystem.

“You can argue that all you want, but the bottom line is the westslope (cutthroat) are the native fish to Yellowstone,” said Koel. “This represents some of the best habitat we have to preserve the westslope cutthroat, and that is where they’re going to go.”

Another challenge the native cutthroat faces is lake trout – which consume the smaller cutthroats. Phil Doecke, a fisheries technician in YNP, gave a presentation on the effects lake trout have on the cutthroat population in Yellowstone Lake.

“Non-native lake trout have gotten into the system – we first found them in the system in the mid 1990s,” said Doecke.

Lake trout can grow to be a tremendous 100 pounds, but the largest caught in Yellowstone Lake was around 30 pounds, said Doecke. They are a long-living species – the oldest lake trout caught on record was just over 60 years old.

The issue is many of the animals in the Yellowstone Lake ecosystem depend on the cutthroat trout as a food source. The cutthroat live near the surface of the water, which makes them easier to catch by predators. The lake trout live closer to the bottom of the water, where predators cannot catch them, said Doecke.

In an effort to preserve cutthroat, Doecke and NPS workers lay out 30 to 35 miles of gill nets spread around Yellowstone Lake. These nets are negatively buoyant, which means they sink, and stretch about 8 feet off the lake bottom. This allows cutthroat and boaters to safely coast above. Anglers would not know there was a net in the area, said Doecke.

These nets have caught 2.3 million lake trout since they were first utilized in 1994. From 2012 to 2016 alone, the nets trapped 1.5 million lake trout. Many



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The native species to Yellowstone is the Westslope Cutthroat Trout. Fishery technicians and biologists are working to prevent rainbow and cutthroat trout from reproducing – creating a hybrid trout and reducing the numbers of pure cutthroat trout in Yellowstone National Park.

anglers are upset because lake trout are considerably larger than cutthroat.

“People like catching big fish,” admitted Doecke. “We are mad about the lake trout because of their impact on the cutthroat trout, and we want to reestablish the cutthroat trout.”

Doecke explained another method of control being explored – dumping fish carcasses on embryo sites. Doecke and researchers have started laying lake trout carcasses on the embryo sites, which disrupts the chemical balance necessary for the embryos to survive, said Doecke. It currently shows a 100 percent success rate.

Another threat to the Yellowstone bodies of water concerns aquatic invasive species – this threat may be the largest threat to the ecosystem. The AIS are classified as aquatic animals, plants and pathogens that can negatively impact the ecosystem, economy and human health, according to an article in Yellowstone Science.

In 2016, 3,890 boats were inspected before entering waters in Yellowstone, according to Doecke. Only 78 of those vessels were deemed high risk, and 63 were treated with a hot-water spray to kill any AIS. Boats came from all 50 states and every vessel was inspected before it was allowed in YNP. Only 666 of the boats were motorized – the rest were canoes, rafts and kayaks and were non-motorized.

“A majority of those boats coming in are not high risk,” explained Doecke.

The meeting in West Yellowstone was one of four last week – leaving two meetings later in the week in Wyoming. The question and answer period at the end gave the public time to address some of their concerns with the preservation efforts of NPS and some of the regulations in place.

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Choir received a superior rating in prepared pieces and an excellent rating (II) in sight reading.

The following solos and ensembles received excellent ratings:

Sabolsky-Salinas vocal duet  
Jazz band  
Men's vocal ensemble  
Ochoa-Salinas flute duet  
Loomis-Ross woodwind duet  
Kyle Watt, trumpet solo  
Freshman women's vocal ensemble  
Everest Trio  
Emily Everest, vocal solo  
Gospodarek-Salinas vocal duet  
Sam Coffin, alto sax solo

The following solos and ensembles received superior ratings and are going to State Music Festival:

Maria Salinas, vocal solo  
Cole Sabolsky, vocal solo  
Mary Gospodarek, vocal solo  
Hayley Hain, vocal solo

Dorothy Lopez, clarinet solo  
Everest-Hauck trombone duet  
Jazz Choir  
Six Pak vocal ensemble  
Woodwind-Mallet trio  
Maria Salinas, flute solo  
Loomis-Ross woodwind duet

Shane Pfeifer, tuba solo  
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April 24

- Report of two vehicle slide offs on Highway 20, no injury, one has damage. Gallatin County Sheriff's Office responded, vehicles pulled out.

April 25

- Semi driver stuck in the lane of traffic and another semi stuck behind him. Reporting person asking for sand on Highway 20.
- Vehicle off the road at Airport Road and U.S. Highway 191, looks unoccupied.
- Report of an individual driving recklessly every morning on the way to school.
- Medical walk up at the Explorer Cabins
- William Joseph Pease arrested for partner family member assault, resisting arrest and a warrant for contempt.

April 26

- Report of a person sleeping behind the wheel of a white Ram pickup, door left open, vehicle running. Driver, Michael G. Curtis, arrested for DUI.
- Report of a lost backpack in a hotel on South Electric – backpack found.
- Abandoned vehicle on Rainbow Point Road taken per Gallatin County request.

April 27

- Request for VIN inspection.
- Report of ravens spreading trash everywhere behind restaurant. Citation issued.
- Prisoner transport from Gallatin County to Bonneville County.
- Request for mutual aid from Yellowstone National Park for an officer to evaluate prisoner arrested for possession of a controlled substance, open container and possible DUI drugs.

April 29

- Vehicle vs. bison crash, U.S. Highway 191.
- Report of red Chevy four door truck heading north on U.S. Highway 191 with garbage falling out the back.
- Report of a yellow Suburban pulling a trailer spilling boxes and garbage on U.S. Highway 191.
- Transport of a walk up patient to Big Sky.
- Report of male shooting rifle off hood of gray SUV high Highway 287 into the hillside.
- Report of reckless driver near Hebgen Lake.
- Complaint of an illegal camper on Boundary Street near Madison Avenue.

April 30

- Employee does not want to work or live in West Yellowstone, would like his employer to drive him back to California now. Individual will take bus back to California on Monday.
- Individual pulled over for speed, cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Welfare check, individual did not go to work.
- VIN inspection on a boat.
- Report of stolen bicycle. Bicycle located.
- Overflowing dumpster and trash on the ground on Dunraven Street.
- Parking violation, parking on sidewalk. Vehicle owner had a Montana Highway Patrol warrant – subject arrested.

### Call of the week

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Readers,

Welcome to the opinion page. In light of the May 25 special election to replace Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke, the *West Yellowstone Star* would like to reiterate our policy pertaining to political letters.

This policy is in place to maintain fairness for everyone and to protect the integrity of the election process. It is not intended to stifle conversation or prevent anyone from having his or her voice heard.

Generally speaking, candidates cannot campaign on the opinion page.

In the edition that is dated

the day of the election, May 25, 2017, we will not publish letters about the election because they do not allow candidates time for rebuttals. That means the May 18 paper will be the last one to place a letter pertaining to the May 25 special election.

There is one exception to the no letters policy the week before the election. If a letter runs this week and specifically challenges a candidate, that candidate is allowed to run a rebuttal letter, addressing only that specific issue, in the May 25 edition of the paper. We understand the technicalities and the dates are a little difficult to understand, so anyone with ques-

tions should call the paper at 682-7755 and we can talk you through it.

As always, letters may be edited by the *West Yellowstone Star* staff for length and content. We reserve final decision on what runs – this applies to advertisements and letters. We are more than happy to work with those placing advertisements or writing letters to ensure submissions adhere to our policy.

All that being said, we do encourage discussion on this page of the paper – that is why it is here! We want our readers to use this page to discuss important issues and engage one another. So, please interact!

A general reminder: Letters to the editor must be kept to 350 words. A verifiable author's name, address and phone number must accompany the letter – though only the name and resident's town name will be printed. Citizens can have their letters published twice per month.

In relation to advertising, in the May 25 paper we will only permit very generic advertisements pertaining to the election. Consequentially, the May 18 paper will be the last one where detailed ads will be accepted. Please give us a call with any questions!

Thank you,  
The *West Yellowstone Star*

## Join us for a celebration – we want to hear from you

Readers,

We made it through the winter – a cold, snowy one at that! The *West Yellowstone Star* opened its doors in September last year, and within a few weeks, the first issue of the paper was on newstands around town.

This week's paper is issue

32, which means we've been at this for 32 weeks!

We think that is cause for a celebration. Next Thursday, May 11, stop by the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce on your way home from work. We are hosting a fun barbecue (or as we are calling it, STAR-becue) with good food and drinks so we

can get to know all of you.

Everyone we've met in West Yellowstone has welcomed us with open arms (and good information), and we want to continue to build on those relationships, as well as start new ones!

From 5 – 6:30 p.m., owners/publishers Susanne Hill and Erin Leonard, editor

Abigail Dennis, advertising and circulation representative Rachel Anderson and reporter Dustin Jones will be at the chamber of commerce. Come give us feedback about the newspaper, grab some tasty food and let's get acquainted!

See you there,  
The *West Yellowstone Star*

### WATER from pg. 1

year," said Patterson. "Our seasons are getting longer and they are picking up quicker."

To remedy this, the town has charged the town engineer, Dick Deyer, with finding an alternate water source. Deyer plans to drill at least one test well somewhere along the newly purchased 80 acres on the western side of town, said Patterson. The estimated cost of constructing a well would be around \$355,000, according

a report Dyer completed on March 8.

"Sometime around the first of June we will be ready to start drilling some wells," said Patterson. "Hopefully we can get deep enough so we don't have a whole lot of fluoride."

When the town drills the test wells, which run approximately \$35,000 each, the hope is to have a good water source without any additional fluoride, said Patterson. If the there is an abundance of fluoride, a treatment plant, which can

run approximately \$1.2 million would have to be built, according to Sabolsky.

Last summer had Sabolsky and Patterson worried – there were heaps of people and barely enough water to meet the demand.

"We were holding our own – we weren't gaining and we weren't losing," said Patterson. "There were days I wondered."

Last summer, Pioneer Park went un-watered in order to conserve water. It was not until August that the well located in

the park was used to water the grass, said Patterson. Residents were also put on watering restrictions, held to watering lawns three days a week, said Patterson. By the end of the summer, Patterson and Sabolsky concluded the town needed a backup plan.

"It is like I told the town council, we need to continue looking for a backup plan," said Patterson. "If (Whiskey Springs) dries up one day, we need enough wells to take care of town."

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# Forest health:

## North Hebgen Project will thin trees for fire protection

DUSTIN JONES  
news@wyellowstonestar.com

The Custer-Gallatin National Forest north of town, along the Madison Arm of Hebgen Lake and abutting U.S. Highway 191, is slated for change over the next 10 years. Teri Seth, National Environmental Policy Act team leader, responsible for CGNF areas from Bozeman to West Yellowstone, has been working with a group of individuals to come up with a plan for the area. Around 25 people have been involved – Jason Brey, district ranger with Hebgen Lake Ranger District, is one of those individuals.

The NEPA team is made up of internal Forest Service employees from different specialties –recreation, hydrology, fire fighting, soil scientists and so on. According to Brey, the Forest Service is required to do an analysis on any programs that will have an effect on the human environment – or any time dirt is going to be moved. The environmental assessment the NEPA team comes up with must be submitted to the Forest Service regional office in Missoula. The regional office will either approve the plans, or send them back to the NEPA team for additional work, said Brey.

“When you have this complex of a project, it has to be submitted and reviewed by the regional office,” he said.

Seth and the NEPA team have also been working with groups such as the Custer Gallatin Working Group to come up with the best plan for forest management.

“We worked with a lot of agencies,” she said. “You name it and we have somebody who provides feedback.”

The goal is forest management – this includes reducing temporary roads, monitoring and preventing the spread of invasive weeds and thinning trees for fire prevention, said Seth. Out of the approximately 70,000 acres Seth inspected, the plan is to treat and manage about 5,600 acres, according to Seth. A project like this takes a long time – likely more than a decade.

“It will take eight to 12 years to complete all of the projects,” she said. “It sounds like a lot, but when you think of how big of an area we are looking at, the treatments are spread out over a very large area.”

The North Hebgen Project began as a landscape assessment in 2013, and has been ongoing ever since. In January 2015, the NEPA team went to the public for input, said Seth. One year later, in January 2016, an environment assess-



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ment draft was released, and more public comments were sought.

Seth and her team just finished the last round of public input called the objection period – where individuals and agencies concerned can voice any objections to the proposed plan. Brey explained the first time public opinion was sought, the NEPA team received 58 comments. The second go around, they had 17. Finally, in the recent objection period, which ended April 24, there were only four.

“(Four objections) indicates that we have done a good job of addressing the people’s concerns,” Seth said.

“I do feel that as we go through the process, some people as they get more comfortable with it, they get their questions answered and they are more satisfied,” said Brey in agreement.

Once Seth and the NEPA team finish addressing concerns, the drafts will be submitted to the regional office in Missoula, and hopefully approved, at the beginning of summer.

“Our goal would be to have a final decision in July and start implementing after that,” she said.

Seth and the NEPA team examined the areas north of Hebgen Lake – from the Madison Arm northward to Teepee Creek and as far west as Red Canyon. One of the goals for the project is thinning the trees – this is critical when it comes to wildfire season, according to Seth.

“The point of that, thinning the trees, is that if a fire is burning through there it won’t burn as hot near the road,” she said. “It makes it easier for us to suppress the fires.”

Space between trees prevents fires from burning from tree to tree, and instead, the burning tree limbs will fall to the ground, allowing fire fighters to extinguish the flames,

said Seth.

“A lot of what we are doing around roads and close to homes is thinning the trees so there is more space, so a fire isn’t as likely to travel from tree to tree,” she said.

One of the areas where this is critical, according to Seth, is at the Rainbow Point campground.

“It is a very big and very popular campground,” said Seth. “This will give people more time to get out (during a fire).”

Another issue on Rainbow Point is grizzly bear encounters. Thinned trees will provide better visibility for both humans and bears, ideally reducing encounters.

“If we reduce more of the ground level vegetation and put a little spacing in there, your chances of a surprise encounter with a bear would hopefully be less,” said Brey.

Brey said that clearing, combined with bear safety education and food storage regulations, will hopefully lead to less bear issues over the course of the summer season.

The thinning process will provide work for logging companies in the area, according to Seth. The process, although lengthy, will provide visitors as well as residents with a safer forest area to the north of town.

The work over the next 10 to 12 years could slightly inconvenience the residents of West Yellowstone, but the long-term effects are worth it, according to Brey.

“At times, there could be certain segments of roads or trails that are closed,” he said. “From our stance, (inconveniences) are more than offset by long-term gain.”

Brey has already met with the chamber of commerce and explained some of the issues that could arise in the future. Brey plans on giving the town advance notice of any required closures.



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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

## AVERI PARKER



Freshman Averri Parker is the athlete of the week. Averri blew her personal record in the 3,200 meter run out of the water (running a 12:33), ranking her second in the state in class C. She has a great personality and comes to practice and meets with a smile on her face. She is a huge asset to the team and her coach looks forward to seeing her improve even more over the next couple of weeks.

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Trapper's Restaurant is looking for **breakfast servers**, 6 am-noon. Pick up application at 301 Madison Ave. (no phone calls please).

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The Hebgen Basin Fire District is accepting applications for **Paramedic/Firefighter**. An application and complete job description can be requested from the Hebgen Basin Fire District, P.O. Box 1508 West Yellowstone, MT 59758 or by calling 406-646-9094 or at [www.hbrfd.com](http://www.hbrfd.com). Applications and resume can be returned to the Fire Chief at [sgrube@hbrfd.com](mailto:sgrube@hbrfd.com) or by mail to P.O. Box 1508, West Yellowstone, MT 59758. All applications must be received at Hebgen Basin Fire Station 1 by 12:00 noon May 23, 2017. Applications submitted after that time will not be considered. Selected applicants will be interviewed and additional testing will be required. This is a permanent fulltime position that will be required to live within the boundaries of the Hebgen Basin Fire District.

**Seasonal Full Time Recreation Counselors**, Town of West Yellowstone (\$12.98/hr.) The Town of West Yellowstone is seeking applicants for seasonal, full-time Recreation Counselors. These positions deliver recreation programs to youth ages 5 to 12 years old, under general supervision of the Recreation Coordinator. For application form, detailed position description and qualifications contact West Yellowstone Job Service Office, 440 Yellowstone Ave/PO Box 1570, West Yellowstone, MT 59758/406-646-7311. Application materials are also available online at [www.townofwestyellowstone.com](http://www.townofwestyellowstone.com). Priority consideration will be given to applications submitted to the Town of West Yellowstone by 5:00 PM on May 15, 2017. Applications that are incomplete or unsigned as of the closing date will not be considered in the selection process. Women, Men, minorities and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Town is an EEO/ADA employer. OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

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## AROUND TOWN

### Kindergarten orientación

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN FLANAGAN  
West Yellowstone School

Es esa época del año para empezar a pensar acerca de cómo registrar los estudiantes de Kinder para el año escolar 2017-2018. Si usted tiene un estudiante que cumplirá 5 años de edad el 10 de Septiembre, 2017 y planea inscribirlo/a aquí en la Escuela West Yellowstone, por favor póngase en contacto con la escuela al 406-646-7617 para inscribirse en esta orientación. La maestra de Kinder, la Sra. Amy Freed, y el director, Sr. Kevin Flanagan, estarán ofreciendo una Orientación de Kinder el Miércoles, 18 de Mayo de 6:00 – 6:30 con el fin de dar la bienvenida a los estudiantes y padres y ofrecer paquetes de inscripción. La orientación se llevará a cabo en el Salón de Wolverine en la escuela.

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### Kindergarten orientation in West Yellowstone

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN FLANAGAN  
West Yellowstone School

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### 12th annual Smoking Waters Mountain Man Rendezvous

SUBMITTED BY SUNSHINE KIRKPATRICK  
West Yellowstone Mountain Man Association

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### Public meeting about Hebgen project

SUBMITTED BY BUTCH LARCOMB  
NorthWestern Energy

NorthWestern Energy will be hosting two public meetings to discuss the Hebgen project and hydro operations on the Madison River. NorthWestern employees and representatives from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Trout Unlimited, the Madison River Foundation and the Forest Service will support these meetings.

The West Yellowstone meeting will be Tuesday, May 16 at 7 p.m. at the West Yellowstone Holiday Inn.

### Survey about West Yellowstone Community Aquatic Center

SUBMITTED BY DEBORAH CLARK  
West Yellowstone Community Aquatic Center

The West Yellowstone Community Aquatic Center has put out a local survey and also a local lodging group ticket survey. Responses will be gladly accepted through May 28. The group ticket survey for all lodging facilities will be sent out this week. The locals survey can be accessed through [www.westyellowstoneaquatics.org](http://www.westyellowstoneaquatics.org).

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## Stop repeating yourself



During the summer, it is plenty easy to get all the physical activity you need outside. A bike ride in the foothills. A hike on a mountain trail. An afternoon swimming, or run through the neighborhood; the great outdoors is so user-friendly, it is easy to forget the brick and mortar health clubs. Gyms equipped with ma-

chines that spin, pedal and step you into shape, there is a reason to visit them beyond the dictates of bad weather. You know as well as I do you cannot beat what a gym has to offer for perfecting your physique, but if your routine bores you, it is a safe bet you will find reason to skip the fine tuning and settle for less. Little wonder, since your

muscles are bored, too. Performing the same motion day in and day out lessens the efficacy of your exercise, overworks the muscles targeted, and leaves them prone to injury, to boot. But do not fret! The route to visible results is as easy as sidestepping that elliptical, and engaging your imagination, instead. Take free weights, for

example. They are not just for bodybuilders anymore. A marvelous tool for isolating specific muscles, and muscle groups, a weight training session elevates your metabolism for hours after you have hefted your last dumbbell, and allows you to sculpt the figure you want in a way cardio machines never will. Cardio is great for warming up, but once you get that blood pumping – pump some iron. Want a more impressive chest? Try a few bench flies gripping dumbbells in each hand. A better booty? Then loaded lunges are in order. A whittled waistline? Try torso twists with a medicine ball to get that hourglass, and enjoy the benefits of a stronger core and improved stability as an added bonus.

Group exercise is a fun way to shake it up, too. A constantly evolving facet of gym culture, the variety of specialized classes out there is enormous. Everything from functional fitness, to boot camps, to Bikram yoga, and high intensity interval training – a workout that alternates intense bursts of activity with fixed periods of less-intense activity – you can pick your pace, focus, forum and schedule. You might even pick up a few friends while you are at it, since nothing breaks the ice as quickly as sharing a good sweat.

Different gyms offer different things, and if you are lucky enough to belong to one that has a swimming pool, it is time to don that Speedo, and log a few laps. I can tell you from firsthand experience that nothing flattens the abdominal region quite as efficiently as a daily dip, and it is easy on your musculoskeletal system, too. Prefer a good game? If your club has a racquetball court, grab a buddy and flavor your workout with the thrill of competition. Whether it is a rock climbing wall you have been skipping, or an outdoor track you have been meaning to try, I guarantee you will exercise longer, and have more fun doing it when you focus on activities you enjoy.

So go ahead. Goblet squat, frog jump, chaturanga and rappel your way to that Beyoncé bottom. There are so many options available in a club setting to give you the figure you have always wanted, to turn the hamster wheel of a cardio machine every time you go is a cop out. Remember: the more varied your exercise is, the more likely it is you will look forward to the time you spend at the gym with the same enthusiasm you feel for outdoor activities.

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Social Security taxes you are paying can provide valuable disability or survivors benefits in the event the unexpected happens. Studies show that of today's 20 year olds, about one in four will become disabled, and about one in eight will die, before reaching retirement. You can also learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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# Wolverine track and field hits the road

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Last week, Wolverine track and field athletes competed in two meets – the first of which

was on Thursday, April 27, in Ashton, Idaho.

**Boys**  
**100 meters**  
Kyle Watt, 14th, 12.99

Morgan Austad, 21st, 13.27  
Sam Coffin, 24th, 13.59  
Mac Hauck, 25th, 13.64  
Cole Sabolsky, 26th, 13.65

**200 meters**  
Morgan Austad, 19th, 27.84

## YELLOWSTONE HISTORIC CENTER TO HOLD ANNUAL MEMBERS’ MEETING

The Yellowstone Historic Center Annual Members’ Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the YHC Museum located at 104 Yellowstone Avenue in West Yellowstone, Montana. The meeting’s agenda will include election of board members for the Yellowstone Historic Center Board of Directors and a review of the past year’s accomplishments. To be eligible to vote, individuals must have a 2017 membership in good standing as of April 15, 2017. The meeting will be followed with light food fare as well as beverages.

For more information, please contact Kaitlin Johnson at (406) 646-7461 or info@yellowstonehistoriccenter.org.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

### Amy Freed

Amy Freed has volunteered to assist in the cross country programs at the school and has also dedicated her free time to the track teams as well. Helping out with distance events and support of the athletes and coaches. Amy is also a splendid volunteer that works with the Kids-N-Snow program in town during the winter.

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**1600 meters**  
Averi Parker, first, 6:02.88  
Julia Everest, third, 6:31.62  
Emily Everest, eighth, 7:03.84

**3200 meters**  
Averi Parker, first, 12:33.22

**100m Hurdles – 33”**  
Rebekah Everest, fifth, 18.38

**Shot Put – 4kg**  
Maria Salinas, sixth, 25-11.25

**Discus – 1kg**  
Maria Salinas, third, 76-09  
Maria Morales, 16th, 43-06

**Relay**  
Bryce Loomis, Jackson Gospodarek, Miguel Salinas, Matthew Burden, third, 4:23.68

**Shot Put – 12 lb**  
Easton Roos, seventh, 33-09-50  
Kyle Watt, 13th, 30-09.50  
Sam Coffin, 16th, 28-08

**Discus – 1.6kg**  
Easton Roos, 10th, 97-09

**Long Jump**  
Miguel Salinas, 19th, 15-01  
Matthew Burden, 21st, 14-00  
Jackson Gospodarek, 23rd, 13-01.50

**Triple Jump**  
Bryce Loomis, seventh, 34-06.25

**Girls**  
**100 meters**  
Kestly Jessop, sixth, 30.39

**400 meters**  
Kestly Jessop, first, 1:07.32

**800 meters**  
Julia Everest, second, 2:49.78

Mac Hauck, 21st, 28.56  
Sam Coffin, 22nd, 28.88  
Cole Sabolsky, 24th, 29.21

**400 meters**  
Miguel Salinas, ninth, 59.91  
Kyle Watt, 12th, 1:01.70  
Morgan Austad, 13th, 1:02.74  
Mac Hauck, 16th, 1:03.96  
Jake Mann, 23rd, 1:15.90

**800 meters**  
Matthew Burden, 13th, 2:36.62

**300m hurdles – 36”**  
Bryce Loomis, fourth, 46.75  
Cole Sabolsky, 11th, 52.60

**The West Yellowstone track and field team competed against 17 other schools in Bozeman last Saturday, April 29, for the Manhattan Christian Invitational.**

**Boys**  
**100 meters**  
Miguel Salinas, 32nd, 13.12  
Cole Sabolsky, 35th, 13.17  
Kyle Watt, 38th, 13.26  
Morgan Austad, 43rd, 13.59  
Jackson Gospodarek, 48th, 14.82  
Parker Young, 50th, 15.11

**200 meters**  
Mac Hauck, 23rd, 27.92  
Matthew Burden, 26th, 28.76  
Sam Coffin, 29th, 36.12

**400 meters**  
Miguel Salinas, 11th, 59.59  
Morgan Austad, 16th, 1:01.8

**1600 meters**  
Matthew Burden, 26th, 5:39.84

**110m hurdles – 39”**  
Bryce Loomis, 14th, 20.44

**300m hurdles – 36”**  
Bryce Loomis, eighth, 46.32  
Kyle Watt, 17th, 50.35

**4x400 relay**  
Bryce Loomis, Cole Sabolsky, Kyle Watt, Miguel Salinas, eighth, 50.16

**Shot Put – 12 lb**  
Easton Roos, 11th, 35-02  
Sam Coffin, 18th, 32-03  
Kyle Watt, 29th, 29-04

**Discus – 1.6kg**  
Easton Roos, 30th, 8-09

**Javelin – 800g**  
Mac Hauck, 14th, 117-09  
Easton Roos, 35th, 93-01

**Long Jump**  
Bryce Loomis, 13th, 17-09  
Miguel Salinas, 25th, 15-03  
Matthew Burden, 29th, 14-04.5  
Jackson Gospodarek, 32nd, 13-06.25  
Parker Young, 34th, 13-00.75

**Triple Jump**  
Parker Young, 23rd, 29-00.50

**Girls**  
**100 meters**  
Kestly Jessop, 19th, 14.54  
Maria Salinas, 35th, 15.58

**400 meters**  
Kestly Jessop, 11th, 1:06.45

**3200 meters**  
Averi Parker, second, 12:02.45


**Shot Put – 4kg**  
Maria Salinas, 15th, 26-10.00

**Javelin – 600g**  
Maria Salinas, 10th, 82-00


**Long Jump**  
Kestly Jessop, 24th, 13-00

## PET OF THE WEEK

### Beavis



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## AREA FISHING REPORT

**Madison (Hebgen Dam to Ennis)**

Flows out of Hebgen have been rising, currently sitting at 1,410cfs. The high outflow is due to NorthWestern Energy not wanting to start filling the lake until run-off actually gets started. Generally, this approach makes me pretty nervous,



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but we should be in good shape as Snow-pack for the Madison Range is currently at 120 percent. High flows translates to good bankside nymphing and streamer fishing as fish are pushed to the banks and the pockets will have plenty of water to hold them. Keep your eyes open and make sure to avoid rainbow spawning grounds.

There have certainly been opportunities for quality dry fly fishing through the wade section. Mostly midges and baetis still, but as we jump into May dust off the BWO and March Brown boxes. Until the flows warm a bit, search the slowest bankside pockets/slicks

for heads, it’ll be awhile until fish consistently rise in the choppy riffles. Stop by or tie up a few #18 Sparkle Duns, #18 Baetis D.O.A., #18-20 CDC Comparadun and a few #18-20 Purple Parachutes never hurt.

As for nymphing, smaller stones and attractor patterns have been. Also, the Upper Madison’s wade section is an excellent area to learn nymphing techniques as the pocket water is so darn good. Regarding patterns, our favorites this week have been the #10 Biot Stone, #12 Tungsten Goldie, #14-16 Frenchie, #16-18 Zebra, #16 Lake Prince and #18 Green Machine. Leave your eggs at the farm.

**Upper Gallatin**  
As of April 29, the Gallatin was still crystal clear upstream of Taylor Fork. But even with the mud Taylor was pumping,

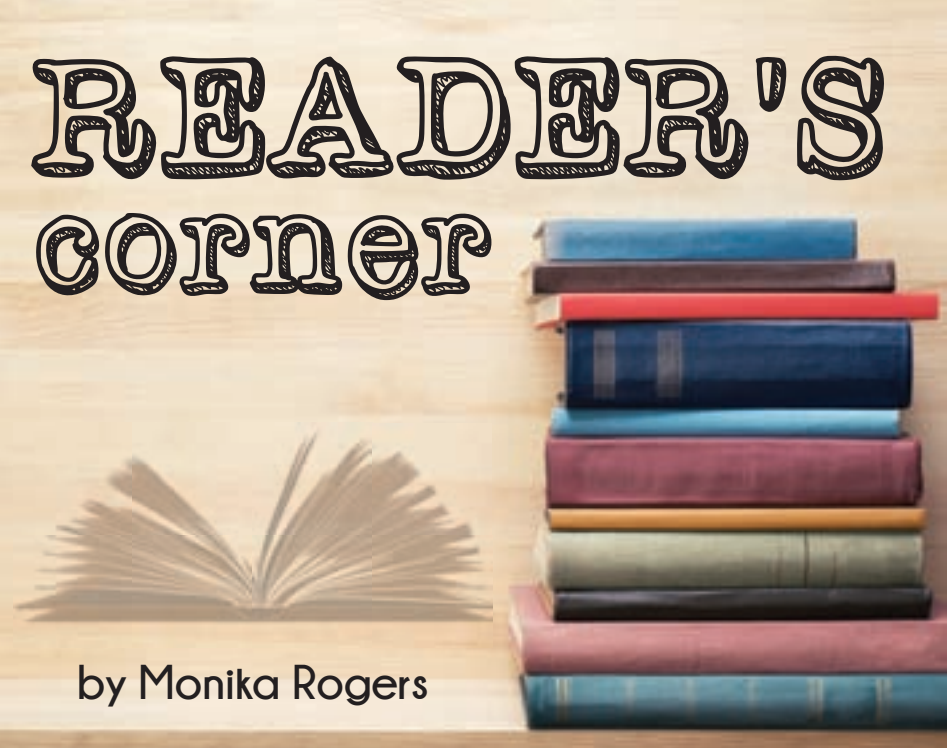
the Gallatin immediately downstream was still only emerald green, not brown. Water is still very cold, expect to nymph/streamer fish, any dry fly fishing between YNP and Big Sky you can find is icing on the cake. In addition to nymphs listed for the Madison, take a few #4 Purple Sparkle Minnows along to strip through the tail end of runs.

**Hebgen Lake**  
Ice is currently off the majority of the north shore. There’s still a little around the cattle (bison) guard, but plenty of room to get out and strip flies. Cover water and keep mixing up your patterns, lots of hungry fish out there. Top sellers this week for Hebgen were the #4 Swinger Leech in black and rust, #6 Rusty Rubber Leg Bugger and the #4 Flash-A-Bugger.



# Columns:

## READER'S corner



by Monika Rogers

## Reading to the rescue

All around us is stress. We go to work, sometimes to more than one job, and sometimes for very long hours, especially in West Yellowstone at this time of year. We have families that need us and households to maintain (we all know that laundry doesn't wash itself). We turn on the news and it's nothing but inflammatory politics and arguing. Maybe you have your own business, and all the responsibilities that go along with that.

When we're not dealing with all this, we often turn to easy entertainment. Our go-to T.V. series is on, but laced with obnoxious commercials. Our phones are always in our hands providing distraction, but they're also always notifying us of new messages, new news, new levels available in a game, new updates ready to download, new likes on our post. Our newsfeeds suck us in, constantly updating us on things that have no relevance to our own lives, but once we click one thing we click another, and another. What we all need is some calm. Reading can give us that. "But I am so busy," you say. You're right, you are. But there's always that time you spend looking at your phone in the evening

or when the T.V. is on and you sink into the couch to watch it for a few minutes before bed. Choosing to read for those few minutes a day can make a big impact on your life, beyond just finishing a book. Reading will calm your mind. Reading is an escape. The thing is, you need to choose to do it – it's just as easy as clicking on the T.V. or picking up your phone for some quick scrolling, but it's not often the first choice for many of us. Our brains are used to being overloaded. We're used to processing a T.V. show and commercials plus our phones plus a conversation with our significant other plus thinking about what's for dinner. We overlap all of these things and our brains are just buzzing! Picking up a book requires us to pause and have one singular focus. We can't read and watch T.V. We can't read and check our notifications. When we read, we just read. You might even find it hard at first. It's the end of a long day, you have a million thoughts on your mind, and you're used to a newsfeed with photos and videos and new information popping up every minute or an office where everyone needs something from you all the time. You may feel distracted when you pick up the book. You may have to re-read the same paragraph a couple times. Push through it! It gets easier after just a couple of minutes. What you read will drown out the daily chaos and stressors we all deal with. You'll be transported to a different place. You'll be still in that place. And if the writing is good, you'll forget about everything else for a while and experience a while new world.

Currently reading: *The Ancient Minstrel*  
by Jim Harrison



## Foolish race

One day while I was planning a Saturday ride, Terri said she'd like to go with me and run along my side. You see, my wife's a runner. She can run on foot all day. I prefer to ride a saddle horse. That's why I feed 'em hay. Now the manly man that I've become said, "Hon, you'll slow me down." Why did I say those stupid words that triggered such a frown?

But then that frown became a smile that spread across her face. "My dear," she said, "You've too much pride. It's time we had a race." That challenge I accepted – it's the worst thing I have done. I'd put my big foot in my mouth. I'd seen that woman run. That fateful day came soon enough. My wife chose Teton Park. She mapped a rugged loop that would bring us back by dark. I'd saddled up old Cyrus. He was my only hope. We started with an even trot and broke into a lope. Terri took off running and I hoped she'd be okay. She had run alone so many times, no matter what I'd say. Well, Cyrus had a tough time through the rocks and fallen trees. But they didn't slow my wife. She kept on moving like a breeze.

I passed some friendly hikers, and they said, "She's on the run. She said be sure to watch for you. She hopes you're having fun." I guess I had forgotten where the trail was slick and steep. When Cyrus hit a slippery spot, we fell into a heap. I brushed the dirt and pride off and headed down the trail. It seemed like all my horse sense was left to no avail. Then all at once I saw a note she'd hung there on a tree. "You better hurry faster or you won't be catching me."

It seemed that all I'd done that day was try to catch my wife. I guess I had it coming. That's the story of my life. I finished out the ride with a nice and easy gait. The trail now made it easy. It was finally somewhat straight. My ride was almost over. I had made it to the end. And there my wife was waiting. Now I had some fence to mend. She chose my favorite place to eat. Just like her, wouldn't you know! I don't remember what she had, but I was eating crow.





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**9:00 AM Montana Special Olympics Torch Run to Ennis**  
Parade begins in front of the West Yellowstone Police station to US Forest Service Compound on HWY 191. Everyone Welcome to cheer us on to Ennis. Donations and Participate information go to this link: <https://www.firegiving.com/fundraiser/sa-brad-vandecouwen/torch-run-2017> 406-646-7600

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23 Dunraven Street. 406.646.9017 Tuesday - Friday, Saturday 10:00AM - 1:00 PM (closed Sunday and Monday)

**11:30AM - 1:00PM • Senior Lunch**  
\$4.00 at the Povah Community Center, 10 S Geyser St. 406.646.7681

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**4:00PM • WY Chess Club at the Library**  
All skill levels welcome. 23 Dunraven St. 406.646.9017

SATURDAY  
MAY 6TH

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**10:00AM-1:00PM • West Yellowstone Library**  
10-5 Tuesday - Friday, 10-1 Saturday, 23 Dunraven St. 406.646.9017

**10:00AM-12:00PM • Youth Basketball every Saturday**  
K-4th Grade 10am to 11 am. 5th-8th grade 11Am-12 Noon, West Yellowstone School Gym. 411 N Geyser St. Information contact: 406-646-7617.

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**1PM-6PM • Bullwinkle's Annual "Run For The Roses" Derby**  
Trivia challenge games, Derby Hat Contest, cash prizes! Specials include Kentucky Brown Sandwiches and Mint Juleps. For more information please call: 406-646-7630. Located at 115 N Canyon Street.

SUNDAY  
MAY 7TH

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CHURCH SERVICES  
Community Protestant Church

Adult & Youth Education 9 AM, Worship Service 10 AM,  
Family Worship on Thursdays at 7 pm | 505 N Electric St., 406.646.7508

**First Baptist Church**  
Bible Study 9 AM, Worship Service 10 AM | 427 Yellowstone Ave. 406.646.7570

**Our Lady of the Pines Parish Catholic Church**  
Sunday Mass 10:30 AM | Madison Ave. & Geyser St. 646.7755

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
245 N. Faithful Street. Sacrament Meeting 10 AM; 406.646.4489  
Sunday School 11:10 AM, Relief Society/Priesthood 12 PM

**West Yellowstone Church of Christ**  
Bible Class 9:15 AM; Morning Worship 10 AM | 400 N. Electric St., 406.646.9459

MONDAY  
MAY 8TH

**West Yellowstone Historic Walking Tour**  
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**5:30PM & 6:30PM • Martial Arts Classes**  
(WY Town Recreational Program), \$35/Month held at the Povah Community Center, 10 S Geyser Street. 406.640.1676

**5:30 PM • Gentle Yoga**  
The Studio, 125 Madison Ave. \$15/class for drop in and 10\$ for a class card. 406.580.6154

TUESDAY  
MAY 9TH

**West Yellowstone Historic Walking Tour**  
Self-guided. Pick up maps at the West Yellowstone Visitor Center and follow the green bear paw prints on the sidewalks.

**WY Foundation Transportation**  
for seniors and non-seniors to Bozeman. Reservation required. 406.640.0244

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23 Dunraven Street. 406.646.9017 Tuesday - Friday, Saturday 10:00AM - 1:00 PM (closed Sunday and Monday)

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**5:00-6:00PM Advanced English Classes**  
at the West Yellowstone Library, and 23 Dunraven Street. 406-646-9017

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WEDNESDAY  
MAY 10TH

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**6PM-7PM • Exploratorium: Hands on Science Fair**  
WY School. Located at 411 N Geyser Street. For more info contact: 646.7617

**7PM-8PM Spring Band Concerts**  
4th-6th Grades in the WY School Lunchroom. For more info contact: 646.7617.

THURSDAY  
MAY 11TH

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**5:00PM-6:00PM • Spanish Classes**  
at the West Yellowstone Library, 23 Dunraven Street.406-646-9017.

**5:30 PM • Yoga for Everyone**  
\$5 per class, held at the Povah Community Center, 10 S Geyser St. 817.946.5791

**6:00 - 8:00 PM • Knit Night**  
6 - 8 PM, "Knit Night" for local and visiting knitters. Join the group in the lobby of The Stagecoach Inn, 209 Madison Ave. 406.646.7300

**6pm-11PM Bullwinkles Game Night!**  
Join us every Thursday for Cribbage, Pickle, Yahtzee, Mexican Train Dominoes and More!  
Food available 11am-6pm. With Dinner Specials and Braasted Chicken to go!  
For more information call: 646-7630 115 Canyon Street

**7:00-9:00 PM, Adult Co-ed Volleyball**  
everyone welcome! West Yellowstone School gym, 411 N. Geyser St. 406.640-2293

FRIDAY  
MAY 12TH

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**6:30-8PM • Arts Show at the WY School In the Art Classroom**  
Located at 411 N Geyser. For more information call. 406-646-7617

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