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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for our next monthly meeting May 16th - Everyone Welcome!

ASHTON'S 4TH OF JULY

The Ashton Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for the 4th of July celebration. We are excited to announce that Ms. Phelp's 3rd grade class are the winners for the icecream party at Five 11 Main for their entry of "*Monuments of Independence*". This will be our theme for the parade and floats. We are also excited to announce that Wayne and Hannah McCaussey have been chosen to be our Grand Marshal's for the parade this year. Wayne and Hannah are members of the Chamber with their business, Frostop. They are also very involved in the community through heading the Easter Egg Hunt, Trunk or Treat, helping at the Flea Market and various other services. Plans are really coming together quickly for our celebration of our country's Independence Day!

We want to remind all that the rules for throwing candy while in the parade have changed for safety reasons. There will be **NO CANDY THROWN FROM THE FLOATS/ CARS**. If you wish to give out candy/toys during the parade, you must have at least 2 people walk along the float/parade route and take it to the crowd. We are hoping that this will help with the scary, close calls we've had the last couple of years and will help us be able to still allow candy at our parade.





Celebrating 40 years of Stewardship through Science—Henry's Fork Foundation remembers its roots while looking ahead

The Henry's Fork Foundation (HFF) had its humble beginnings back in 1984, when a handful of concerned community members gathered in an Island Park cabin to discuss threats to the river that they all loved so dearly. HFF's earliest efforts to conserve and protect the river required some serious elbow



grease as they worked to install seven miles of solarpowered cattle fencing from Last Chance to Pinehaven, preventing riverbank erosion in Harriman State Park, as well as protected Mesa Falls from the very real threat of being dewatered by new hydroelectric development. Fast

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PREMIUM CHAMBER MEMBERS

Dallas Hill

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Every Wednesday Ashton Rotary noon
- May 1st Island Park Chamber of Commerce Mtg. 6pm @ Timbers at Island Park
- May 8 St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce Mtg. - 6:30pm
- May 8 Ashton City Council 6pm
- May 14 Yellowstone Teton Territory Mtg. - noon @ Rexburg Chamber of Commerce
- 2nd & 4th Wednesday Food Pantry 5-7pm
- May 16 Chamber of Commerce Mtg.
- noon @ Main Office Conference Room
 May 17 Fireworks Fundraiser 5:30pm @ Ashton Community Center
- May 24 Fisherman's Breakfast 6:30AM St. Anthony's Clyde Keefer park
- June 5-9 Fort Henry Buckskinners Rendezvous 9am - 6pm

EVENTS AT THE ASHTON LIBRARY

- Story Hour EVERY Tuesday at 11 a.m.
- Ashton Book Club is the first Wed.
- of the month at 2 p.m.
 "Tech Help" is every Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. Adam Bennion will be here to help answer
- questions about your phone, tablet or computer.
 Busy Hands is every Thurs. at 1:30 p.m. Adults are welcome to join in. Bring your knitting,
- crocheting or put together our jigsaw puzzle.
 "Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening" on Thurs., May 9th at 6:30 p.m. Learn about square
- foot gardens. Please meet in the gym.
 "Medicinal Native Herbs" with Alan Webb. Wed., May 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.
- **"Taking photos with your phone"** with Adam Bennion on May 22nd at 6 p.m. in the gym. Get tips and learn techniques of using your camera phone.



Dine In Or Take Out

580 Main St. Ashton

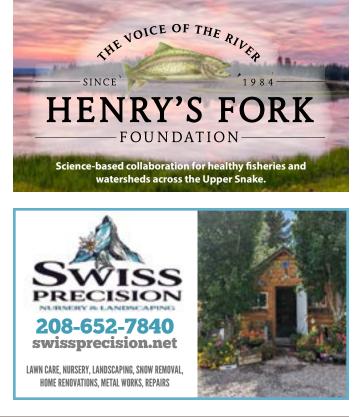
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forward to 2024, the Henry's Fork Foundation is now 2000+ members strong, a community who shares that same love of the Henry's Fork and that same passion to protect and preserve it for generations to come.

At the core of HFF's work is a state-of-the-art waterquality data network, which provides measurements in real time at key river locations for temperature, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen. Combined with weekly physical water sampling and annual aquatic insect monitoring, the Foundation gathers an incredible amount of data. We share this data on our website (www.henrysfork.org) and through daily and weekly water reports. Our worldclass science programs and groundbreaking research gives HFF a seat at the table, allowing us to identify and propose mutually beneficial solutions to water managers on the Henry's Fork. Additionally, HFF has partnered with Fremont Madison Irrigation District as co-facilitators of the Henry's Fork Watershed Council. A healthy river is beneficial to all water users, and the Watershed Council allows them all to have a voice. In recent years, HFF has collaborated with many partners to initiate Basinscale water conservation programs, including Precision Water Management, Farms and Fish, and the South Fork Initiative. These programs have had a huge impact, saving 26,000 acre-ft of water in Island Park Reservoir per year since 2018. (That's 10,000 Olympic swimming pools worth of water, or 19% of reservoir capacity!) These water savings benefit agricultural producers and anglers alike.

To celebrate its 40th anniversary, the Henry's Fork Foundation will be holding Henry's Fork Days XL, held in Island Park June 13–15. Henry's Fork Day festivities include dinner, a live auction, a raffle, and reunions for previous interns and board members. You can also join us for our weekly summer seminar series, on Wednesdays from 3-4pm, where you can learn about important topics such as water management. Don't forget to find us out on the river at Morning Bites, where you can pick up free donuts and coffee and learn more about the work that we do! There will also be an art contest, called "Casting for Colors." More information about any of these events can be found at *www.henrysfork.org/events-and-raffles*



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