

# **News and Updates**

### **ITD Meeting Recap**

One can tell passion the community feels towards the proposed changes on Hwy 20 by the large turnout we had at our meeting with ITD on April 30<sup>th</sup>. The gentlemen from the State presented information on timing and phases of the project, 3 proposed routes, and addressed concerns and questions from the attendees. Unfortunately, there are no definitive dates for when ground will break or where. This writers main takeaway is that we can only prepare for the inevitability of this project.

### 4th of July Update

After 18 years of sacrifice and hard work planning and executing the festivities, Rachel Hatton has decided to step down as the 4th of July Chairman. The Chamber has decided to divide and conquer, but it will take many folks to fill Rachel's shoes. See our

Facebook Page for more details.

Mrs. Goebel's kindergarten class won the theme contest and an ice cream party. Their theme?

### 'Symbols of Freedom"

We are excited to announce that our Grand Marshal will be Bill Baxter.

The Green Family Christian Rock Band will be performing at City Park after the parade.

We are looking for volunteers for the barriers and to help with crowd control. Please contact Dallas Hill at 208-710-9128 if you are interested in helping with the parade setup or have questions about the parade. If you are interested in having a booth in the park, please contact Andrea Simpson at 208-**534-1165**. Booths are \$25 at Main Street and/or at the City Park. If you wish to serve food you will need to get a food permit from the Health department 2 weeks prior to the event which would be by June 20th.

## **Business Spotlight**

### WARM RIVER STUDIO

 610 Main Street Ashton, ID

WarmRiverStudio.com

Ellen Lynch was raised Upstate New York, where forests, fields, and the farm where she worked from the age of seven, fostered Ellen's innate embrace of the natural world. Trees and creeks were her playground, and dogs, cats and horses, her companions. Ever an artist, Ellen attended SUNY Purchase and pursued a career as a graphic designer in New York City. After several years, having earned acclaim in her field. she was called back to the natural world, relocating to Southeast Idaho, with stints in Driggs, Warm River and Hog Hollow.

After 15 years, as her parents neared the end of their lives, Ellen went back to help them. But after her parents passed, she felt a yearning for the mountains and returned to Idaho. She purchased the building at 612 Main Street in Ashton to create a multi-discipline center, creative Warm River Studio.

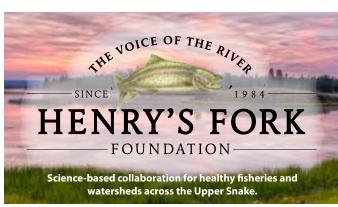
Ellen invites artists of all disciplines including visual artists, musicians, writers, actors, and all performers to join her in making art



more readily accessible to our community. In turn, she invites the community to celebrate and support the artists who make our world a more beautiful, thoughtful, and enlivening experience.

Currently on display are Lynch's large format images, eauine photographs of her beloved Tetons. Horses have always ignited her imagination, fascinated by duality-their wild spirit and power coupled with their gentle, grass-eating ways. They are mythical grounded yet beings firmly on the Earth. Lynch is drawn to the Tetons

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for their similar duality: peaks of granite, yet still growing and moving. And the sunrises enjoyed on the Idaho side, are a visual artist's dream.

Ellen recently invited Ashton's children to decorate pages made from her photographs, hosting an opening reception for the kids and their parents. Her first musical performance by composer/ pianist Ben Cosgrove, was a beautiful treat for a full house. Next up is singer/ guitarist Kray Van Kirk on June 11. Stay tuned for much more because Ellen is just getting warmed up!

### **Community Calendar**

Every Wed.	Ashton Rotary
May 13	YTT Meeting @ Rexburg Chamber
May 14 6pm	City Council Meeting. @CityBuilding
2nd & 4th Wednesday <i>5-7pm</i>	Food Pantry @Ashton Community Center
May 15 Noon	Ashton Chamber of Commerce Mtg. @ Main Office Conference Room
May 15 6pm	Island Park Chamber Summer Kick Off @Yellowstone Playhouse
May 16	Firework Fundraiser @ 5th Street, Ashton
May 28 6:30pm	Obliterating Noxious Weeds Presentation @CommunityCenter



