



(Above) Hadley Wagener jumps on a balloon during the celebration of Dr. Seuss's 102nd birthday on Monday, March 4, at Grizzly Hall. (Top right) Amber Steinmetz reads "Oh, The Things You Can Think" to her son Bodhi. (Bottom right) Librarian Holly Baker and parent Jennisen Lucas pick Dr. Seuss-themed jokes to tell. Photos by Garrett Ammesmaki

Celebrating 102 years of Dr. Seuss

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They were also able to make magnets with stickers of Dr. Seuss's character illustrations and clear glass marbles.

For this event, every year Baker brings all of the Dr. Seuss books she's gathered to give away to parents and children to take home. On the snack table there were hand-made mini green eggs with white chocolate and green M&Ms as the yolk on pretzel sticks.

There were other snacks that related to Dr. Seuss's books like cake with green filling, baggies of colorful gold fish labeled, 'one fish two fish' and mini donuts.

If Theodor Seuss Geisel, who wrote as Dr. Seuss, were alive today, he would have turned 102 on March

2. He first started working for Life, Vanity Fair and other publications as an illustrator and humorist, according to Britannica. Some of the illustrations he made for advertisements were later featured in his children's books.

In 1997, the National Education Association (NEA) partnered with Geisel and launched a youth literacy initiative called Read Across America to raise awareness about the importance, value and fun of reading, according to NEA. The NEA has since broadened its scope of books by recommending ones that reflect different cultures and student experiences, but still hold true to his contribution by celebrating Read Across America in the month of March.

In 1984, Geisel was awarded a



Pulitzer Prize in Special Citations and Awards for his contribution over nearly half a century to the education and enjoyment of America's children and their parents, according to The Pulitzer Prizes.com. Until his death in 1991 he would

annually conduct a children's workshop at the La Jolla Museum of Art.

His papers are currently housed at the University of California, San Diego, and in his honor the university's library was named the Geisel Library in 1995.

Yellowstone Pop-Up Ranch coming to Shoshone Forest

True Ranch Collection is taking over management of the historic Blackwater Creek Ranch for the 2024 summer season and will bring its Yellowstone Pop-Up Ranch to the Cowboy State from May 26 to September 28.

Set along the banks of the North Fork in the Shoshone National Forest, the ranch is 15 miles from the East Entrance of Yellowstone National Park, according to a press release. All-inclusive stays are available, starting at \$1,500 per person for three nights and \$2,700 per person for six nights, both prices based on double occupancy. Stays include accommodations, meals, ranch activities, amenities, off-ranch excursions, entertainment and special events.

Guests will enjoy meals from locally inspired dishes and traditional ranch recipes—from cocktails and dinners in the lodge, cookouts and campfires, and sack lunches on the trail. Nestled in a grove of tall trees, the ranch's rustic lodge and log cabins will accommodate up to 35 guests at a time. The lodge and cabins will be furnished with Western appointments, Navajo rugs and cozy bedding.

Activities at the ranch will include classic dude ranch adventures like horseback riding, hiking in the



Blackwater Creek on the North Fork will be the setting for the Yellowstone Pop-Up Ranch this summer. Courtesy photo

Wyoming wilderness, archery, sport shooting, fly fishing and whitewater rafting. There will also be opportunities to explore Yellowstone and visits into Cody for evening entertainment.

"Blackwater Creek is a natural fit for the True Ranch Collection," said Jaye Wells, managing partner of True Ranch Collection. "There is no more iconic location than between Yellowstone and Cody, Wyoming,

and we're excited to have the opportunity to host our guests at this historic ranch."

Since 1915, Blackwater Creek Ranch has hosted guests from around the world amid the mountains of the Shoshone National Forest, where Blackwater Creek flows into the North Fork of the Shoshone.

In conjunction with its historic preservation company, Ranch Preservation Holdings, True Ranch is committed to maintaining the hospitality and heritage of its Western dude ranches. True Ranch now offers authentic Western experiences at historic dude ranches in three states—Arizona, Montana and Wyoming.

Each ranch in the collection has been revived for the next generation of guests, while staying true to its authenticity, identity and heritage, and committing to keeping the hospitality and traditions of the West.

Proceeds from stays at the Blackwater Creek Ranch will benefit the historic O.T.O. Dude Ranch near the North Entrance of the park in Montana, which is where True Ranch Collection held its Yellowstone Pop-Up Ranch in 2022 and 2023. For more information, visit <https://trueranchcollection.com/yellowstone-pop-up-ranch-blackwater-creek-ranch/>.