

# We just filled the bags!

Johnson County Friends Feeding Friends wrote up such a nice little piece about us! [Check it out Here](#).

But really, y'all did all the work! We just followed directions and stuffed the bags full! I kept thinking about how excited I would have been to get one of those bags when I was a kid. \*Big Smiles\*

Thanks, JC-FFF, for the kind words.

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## Teton Library Hosts Property Tax Discussion

*From the “Hey, look what they’re doing over there” Department:*

### **What Can Be Done About Real Estate Taxes?**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT – 10/11/2023 – 7:00pm

[Teton County Library’s Swap Meet](#) presents Liz Storer and Dan Dockstader in a discussion with Q&A on this crucial issue. “Increases in property values continue to drive property taxes sky-high in Teton County, making it challenging for many in the valley to continue to live here. Legislators from NW Wyoming, where residents are being hit the hardest, responded by sponsoring successful legislation to expand the state property tax refund program, give counties the ability to implement their own refund program, and put a constitutional amendment on the ballot in 2024 to create greater flexibility in our property tax system. But there are more steps to consider; helping citizens

understand Wyoming's tax policy framework and the tradeoffs and challenges inherent in that framework can help them be effective advocates for this important issue.”

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## **Red, Wine and Blue**

Information about an interesting organization called Red, Wine and Blue. Check it out!

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## **Dr. Mike and Young Dems**

A link to a short podcast plus some information about “Rural Youth Vote Fund”. Good stuff!

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## **Letter from Labor**

Letter from WDP Labor Caucus Chair.

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# Welcome Dinner and Raffle



Original work by Sarah Rogers.



Original painting by Sarah Rogers.

[Weston County Dems](#) and Crook County Dems are joining efforts this coming weekend. They want to welcome you to Newcastle, Wyo for the final SCC (State Central Committee) meeting of the year. This kickoff is an icebreaker in the Cambria conference room at the Newcastle Lodge and Convention Center beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday the 8th. They'll be holding a raffle Friday and Saturday. Some of the prizes are original works by celebrated artist [Sarah Rogers](#).

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## RUN WY

The Equality State Policy Center is hosting RUN WY, a training for candidates and campaign staff. It will be held in Sheridan, WY on October 14 & 15, 2023. You can read more about it [Here](#).



And here's the direct [link to the application](#).

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# Joint Education Committee

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You can [watch the joint education committee](#) hearing today here:

Here are the details about the [entire committee meeting](#).

<https://wyoleg.gov/Calendar/20230801/Meeting?type=committee&id=13765>

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# Ban Books. Ban Speech. Pretend You Support Freedom.

**UPDATE:**  The Campbell County Library Board voted 4-1 to remove the Director.

Just in case you didn't think the fight is real, please note that an organization based in another state is still hard at work banning books in Wyoming. As a result of that organization's efforts, today at 3pm the Campbell County Library Board is planning to meet, probably to fire their award-winning Library Director.

Here's a story about it from the [County17.com news outfit](#).

And some backstory from various sources:

[Cowboy State Daily](#) re: rift between county commish and library board members

[Casper Star Tribune](#) re: backstory, behind paywall

[Gillette News Record](#) re: Director's Award

[Gillette News Record](#) re: backstory

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## Park County Guest Speaker in August

Check out what [Park County Dems](#) are up to!



Here's their post about their August meeting where they'll consider how they might become interesting to the "Youth Vote".