

**What is Nature Notes?** Nature Notes is a monthly newsletter written and distributed by the Wyoming Land Trust (WLT), a non-profit, non-advocacy conservation organization based in Pinedale, Wyoming.



## Fish Tales

Check out these cool books available at the Sublette County Library!

### **The Pumpkin Book** by Gail Gibbons

Bold, clear watercolor illustrations and a concise text work together to explain the planting, cultivating, and harvesting of pumpkins. Gibbons includes a description of their traditional use by the Pilgrims and at Halloween. **Ages K-3**

### **In a Pumpkin Shell** by Jennifer Storey Gillis

Over 20 pumpkin projects for kids—all easy and inexpensive. **Ages 4-10**

### **Family Farm** by Thomas Locker

A farm family nearly loses their home until they hit on the idea of raising and selling pumpkins and flowers to supplement their corn and milk sales. **Ages 6-9**

## Beaver Bites

Meet the staff of the Wyoming Land Trust!  
*What is your favorite pumpkin recipe?*

**Lara Ryan, Executive Director**

Pumpkin bread

**Jordan Vana, Director of Conservation**

Pumpkin cookies

**Kathryn Boswell, Director of Public Education & Outreach**

Pumpkin Cheesecake

**Summer Schulz, Associate Director of Conservation**

Roasted pumpkin seeds

**Darby Davis, Associate Director of Development**

Pumpkin bisque

**Ahna McKee, Operations Manager**

Pumpkin pie

**Kendall Brunette, Communications Coordinator**

Pumpkin fondue



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Acorn  
Apple  
Autumn  
Caramel Apple  
Carnival  
Corn

Fall  
Festival  
Gourd  
Harvest  
Hay Ride  
leaves

October  
Pumpkin  
Scarecrow  
Squash  
Straw



## Chew On This!

- The top pumpkin producing states are Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and California.
- Pumpkins are used for feed for animals.
- Pumpkin flowers are edible.
- The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs and took six hours to bake.
- Pumpkins originated in Central America.
- Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites.
- Pumpkins range in size from less than a pound to over 1,000 pounds.
- The largest pumpkin ever grown weighed 1,140 pounds!
- Pumpkins are fruit.
- Native Americans used pumpkin seeds for food and medicine.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### **A "Grave Situation" with Ann Chambers Noble – Local Historian**

Join WLT as we offer a fun and educational opportunity to learn local history. In keeping with the Halloween season, Ann Chambers Noble will be "*speaking from the grave*" as she leads us on a tour through local cemeteries—public and private—to teach participants about the history of Sublette County through the graves of people who have come before.

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:45pm @ WLT office-131 S. Jackson Ave.**

Transportation is provided but space is limited, so please RSVP to Ahna at 307.367.7007 or email [ahna@wyominglandtrust.org](mailto:ahna@wyominglandtrust.org)

## Camper Corner

### Nature Campers!

The importance of recycling was one of the many lessons we learned in Nature Camp. Using empty juice boxes, you can make these cool mummies to celebrate Halloween!



### What you'll need:

- Empty cardboard juice box container
- 2 tablespoons rice
- Fold top sandwich bag
- Tape
- Black and white construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- 2 medium wiggly eyes
- White craft glue

### How to make it:

1. Cut open the top of the juice box container, rinse and dry thoroughly.
2. Place rice inside sandwich bag. Roll up the bag and secure with tape. Place bag of rice inside juice box and tape the top closed.
3. Cut a piece of black construction paper, large enough to cover the top half of the front of the juice box. Glue it in place.
4. Tear white construction paper into strips and glue them around the box, leaving a small section of the black paper visible for the eyes.
5. Use white craft glue to attach two wiggly eyes to the black paper.



***COLOR ME!***

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