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HAUNTING WATERS

A life well-lived in the West is as much about location as it is intent. The choices for a dream ranch or vacation destination are as diverse in possibilities as acreage size and price.

The smart buyer needs a seasoned partner well-versed in all aspects of living the Western lifestyle—especially when seasons enter into the picture. Taking the time to match buyers' dreams and expectations with "Western reality" is what Bill Healey and his associates at Jackson, Wyoming's Live Water Properties do well.

The West is in the midst of a new land rush with recreational ranch values across the northern Rocky Mountain States and California appreciating at rates from 8 to 12 percent annually over the last six years.

Ranch property has become a most attractive method of building wealth for outdoor-oriented individuals and their families—especially ranches with fishing and water fowl or live water—the specialty of Live Water Properties. An example is the 1,100-acre Ash Creek Ranch in the Cascade Mountains of Northern California—a fly-fishing/water-fowl hunter's dream made even better with owner-established stream preservation programs in place.

For other and current fly-fishing and hunting property listings contact Bill Healey, (307) 734-6100.

FYI: livewaterproperties.com.

— William C. Reynolds



Y.O. RANCH STEAKHOUSE

Located in downtown Dallas in the city's historic West End is the Y.O. Ranch Steakhouse, a compact version of the 60-square-mile Kerrville guest ranch for which it is named—complete with a 150-year-old barn from the Y.O. Ranch built right in the restaurant along with artwork, photography, and artifacts from the ranch. A faux-Ponderosa porch separates the bar from the dining room.

Known for its prime Grade A beef aged to perfection and signature game specialties, the restaurant also has the most extensive selection of wild game in town. Favorites include Grilled Quail Salad, Elk Chops, and Buffalo Tenderloin. Standard steak cuts, veal chops, and Cornish game hen as well as sea bass are other picks worth trying. Southwestern-inspired sides such as chile-laced "cowboy beans," sour-dough bread slices, jalapeño-and-bacon cornbread, Texas fries, grilled Portobello mushrooms, and grilled vegetables are available à la carte. In the "True Texas Way" the Ranger Bar at the Y.O. Ranch Steakhouse is stocked with a fine selection of Texas wines and beer. The dude ranch atmosphere includes live Country and Western music most weekends.

FYI: yoranchsteakhouse.com.

