



Snow Bowl and Family Bowl Host Free Concert Benefiting Routt First Responders

Steamboat Springs, CO: Despite wrapping up its Free Summer Concert Series on Sunday, September 20th, Snow Bowl Steamboat and Family Bowl will host one final free show on Wednesday, September 30th at 5:30pm featuring Wish You Were Pink. The event will stand out from the Free Summer Music Fest as a very important “Thank You” celebration for the firefighters and first responders who worked to keep the Yampa Valley safe this summer during drought and high fire danger. The event is free to enter, with onsite donations encouraged to show gratitude and support for the Routt First Responders Foundation.

The event begins at 5:30pm at Snow Bowl and will celebrate those who worked hard to protect homes and businesses during a summer that saw two large wildfires burn within the Yampa Valley. Guests are invited to enjoy an evening of live music and dancing to show their appreciation for those who serve Routt County. Routt First Responders Foundation will have a Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue truck on scene from 5pm-7pm for tours for the kids. Snow Bowl will also have bowling reservations open and a full dining and drink menu available to enhance the evening.

Earlier this year, Snow Bowl welcomed a new General Manager, Nikki Knoebel, who has a long history of giving back to the area. Knoebel previously served as Mayor of Oak Creek and has continued her commitment to be an integral part of the community through her work with Snow Bowl and Family Bowl. Family Bowl designated this summer's 6th annual Free Summer Music Fest featuring 35 free shows as a fundraiser for Routt County Crisis Support through onsite chair rentals and is pleased to add one more concert to wrap up a season of giving, with this final concert benefiting Routt First Responders through donations.

Family Bowl is the philanthropic partner to Snow Bowl and is a registered nonprofit focused on giving back and creating opportunities for people to connect. Through its “togetherness” events and partnerships with local nonprofits, Family Bowl raises funds and provides support to organizations and community members in need. Prior to obtaining non-profit status, Family Bowl fulfilled a much-needed resource at the start of the Covid pandemic in March 2020, by serving nearly 22,000 meals to the work force of Steamboat Springs, free of charge. Family Bowl continues to support the Steamboat Springs Community, utilizing its partnership with Snow Bowl to raise funds for different organizations in need. Following Covid, the organization has raised funds for a Hawaii fire benefit, supporting Routt County Humane Society through construction of a mural at Snow Bowl, and organizing community events from Winter Carnival S'more parties, reindeer petting events for the kids during the holidays, North Routt weekend concert celebrations, to keeping Snow Bowl's concerts free every summer for 6 years in a row.

For this special concert, donations will benefit the Routt First Responders Foundation, which supports the first responders who help protect Routt County. Firefighters will be onsite to collect donations, and guests have already begun making donations at <https://mtyc.co/vxgbyf>, which tracks Family Bowl's goal of reaching \$5,000 to benefit The Foundation. RFRF will use the

funds to provide resources and assistance to local first responders and their families, helping ensure they have support when they need it.

“We’re excited to bring everyone together for a night of music while supporting the people who are always there for us,” said Knoebel. “Our first responders give so much to this community, and all summer long with looming smoke from the fires, we’ve heard people ask, ‘How can we help?’ We’re proud to host an event that gives people an opportunity to show their appreciation and help raise funds for the Routt First Responders Foundation while enjoying the very valley our first responders work so hard to preserve.”

Wish You Were Pink, who takes the stage at 5:30pm, is a Pink Floyd tribute band formed in Steamboat Springs in 2012. The seven-piece band recreates several of Pink Floyd’s most classic albums, including *Dark Side of the Moon*, *Wish You Were Here*, *Animals*, *The Wall*, and *Meddle*. The band features authentic samples, female vocals, guitar solos, keyboard parts, saxophone, and an impressive light show.

The concert is made possible thanks to the generous support of local sponsors and community partners. Sponsors include Crazy 88 Ranch; Michael and Michelle Osterman; Mike and Eileen Burks; Bill Keith and Dianne Fine; Michael and Nancy Berman; Arnie and Stacy Meranski; Hoffman Community Giving; and Steamboat Radio.

Snow Bowl encourages everyone to come out Wednesday, September 30th, beginning at 5:30pm, for one final evening of free live music and a chance to celebrate and support Routt County’s first responders. Admission is free. Donations to the Routt First Responders Foundation are encouraged and greatly appreciated. Guests are encouraged to take advantage of the core trail by walking or riding a bike or using the free bus system to attend the free concerts. Parking is limited and must occur in areas secured by Snow Bowl Steamboat for its guests. Overflow parking after 6pm can be found in Riverside Plaza. Guests are only permitted to park in Snow Bowl’s dedicated parking spots. No outside food or drinks, please.