

The

YELLOWSTONE

News

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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: January 17

YA SELECTS COORDINATOR

The Yellowstone Association has selected Craig Elliott as their new Membership Coordinator. Craig will be responsible for writing and designing the Association newsletter and membership solicitation materials. Craig has been Managing Editor of the Glendive (Montana) Ranger-Review since May of 1992. Craig earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from Stephen F. Austin State University where he majored in journalism and English and has started work toward a master's degree in communication. In addition to having numerous news and feature stories reprinted by the Associated Press and regional magazines during his career, in 1993, Craig received several awards for his individual work from various professional groups. Craig has extensive experience with Macintosh publishing software as well as experience in photography and darkroom work. Craig will be joined in the community by his wife Pam, and their four year-old son Christopher.

YCR Says "Thanks"

The Yellowstone Center for Resources would like to thank all who were so generous in contributing to their chosen charity this Christmas. A total of \$712 and five teddy bears were sent to the Frederick family of Livingston. Your Christmas spirit was greatly appreciated.

Judge Rules in Favor of Wolves

Yellowstone National Park officials received word that U.S. District Judge William Downes has denied a request for an injunction to block the return of wolves to Yellowstone Park and central Idaho. The judge said the American Farm Bureau Federation and Mountain States Legal Foundation failed to prove that ranchers around the park will be irreparably harmed by the return of wolves. Planning will now move forward for the arrival of wolves in the park.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the lead role in identifying and capturing wolves for reintroduction. They have been working with Canadian government representatives and area residents to capture, radio-collar, and release wolves from 12 packs. The collared wolves will be tracked, and telemetry information may be useful in helping locate and capture additional pack members for relocation into Yellowstone and central Idaho. Currently, there is no timetable on when wolves will arrive in the park.

Once wolves are transported to the park from Canada, they will be taken to one of the three sites in the Lamar Valley area; they will be held at these pen sites for 6-8 weeks before their release into the park. (The penning of the animals is intended to discourage immediate long-distance dispersal away from the desired reintroduction area).

Prior to being held in the park, each wolf will be radio-collared (ideally when captured in Canada to minimize the handling disturbance of the animals). While temporarily penned, the wolves will experience minimal human contact.

"We are very happy with the Judge's decision," Superintendent Finley noted, "but one of our main objectives will be to continue to work with concerned citizens and organizations to address their concerns about what impacts they feel wolf reintroduction may have on their livelihoods."

Personnel News

Employees on the Move...

Congratulations to former Madison Junction Seasonal Ranger, David Stransky. David has recently been hired as a GS-5/7/9 Law Enforcement Ranger for Chamizal National Memorial, Texas. David's wife, Blanca was also hired as a GS-12 Special Events Coordinator.

Open Season

Open Season for the Thrift Savings Plans continues until January 31. Call Rosanne Riley in Personnel for more information at 344-2041.

Customer Service Lines

As part of the DOI's on-going effort to improve customer service and the efficiency and effectiveness of the Equal Opportunity Programs, they have installed toll-free customer service lines. The customer service lines have been established for those who have questions regarding the EO programs and processes, the status of employment or civil rights complaints, or information concerning diversity and affirmative employment initiatives. There will be someone to receive calls between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If no one is available, a voice mail service is provided to leave messages. The person who serves you will take the information requested and, if unable to respond to you immediately, will get back to you as soon as possible.

The customer service numbers are 1-800-567-7508 or (202) 208-2556. For the hearing impaired, the TDD numbers are 1-800-567-7536 or (202) 501-8575.

Cole's Return Home

Steve and Maureen Cole are expected to return to Mammoth late Tuesday evening after their successful surgery in Seattle. Anyone wishing to provide meals or help in any way can call Elmira Despain at 344-7781 for details.

Yellowstone Wins Recycling Grant

Conoco, which is the sole motor fuel supplier in the park, has awarded Yellowstone \$5,000 to expand its glass recycling program in which glass is crushed, mixed with hot asphalt cement, and used as overlay for parking lots and secondary roads. The grant follows a Conoco-funded recycling study that offered recommendations for enhancing the park's recycling record.

Of the 2,617 tons of trash generated at Yellowstone in 1993, 410 tons of material were recycled, compared to 2,541 tons of trash in 1992 and 306 tons recycled, and 2,413 tons of trash in 1991 and 184 tons recycled.

DEAR YELLOWSTONE PARK...

I would like to be a park ranger. I want to be one because I have been wanting to be a Ranger for years now. I will take care of the sick animals of your forest. I will feed and protect the animals and their habitat.

I know I am only ten, but I would like to be an assistant ranger if possible. Write me back soon please saying that I can or can't be an assistant ranger. If I didn't get to be an assistant ranger, my heart would shatter into fifty million pieces. Please write me back.

Yours truly,
Matthew Crouch

Budget Officer Retires

Curtis Anderson, a 32-year employee of the National Park Service, retired this month. A retirement dinner is planned for Curtis and will be held at the Yellowstone Mine Restaurant at the Best Western in Gardiner on January 18. The dinner will be by reservation only and cost will be \$14.00 per person. There will be a no-host social hour from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. and dinner will be service at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend and wish Curt happy retirement, should call 344-2055, 344-2057, or 344-2059 to place reservations and specify dinner choice before Wednesday, January 11th.

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Jan Lays, Editor, Superintendent's Office 344-2003

CLASSIFIED ADS

Volunteers Needed:

The Greater Yellowstone Conservation Data Center, a cooperative program between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy, needs volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks. While we are in particular need for persons to do data entry, we also need help in extracting and mapping information and other administrative tasks. If interested, please call either Pete Feigley or Eugénie Drayton at 344-2157.

For Sale:

Antiques!!! Beautiful antique cupboard, oak buffet with mirror, rocking chair, and serpentine front chest of drawers - all in excellent condition. Call Judy Churchwell at 848-7290 after 5:00 p.m.

To Giveaway:

Sanyo integrated receiver, needs factory repair. Technics tape deck, works. Call Mary at 344-2152 (w).

For Sale:

Sears washer, runs well. Almond color. Price negotiable. Call 344-7475 after 5 p.m.

For Sale:

1993 Ford Taurus LX Wagon. Loaded, low miles, front-wheel drive. Priced below blue-book at \$14,990. Call 344-9215.

For Sale:

Nordic Track "Achiever". Like new, \$550 (paid \$769 new). Call 344-2013 days or 344-7475 evenings.

Help Wanted:

Volunteers needed to help organize the Park to Paradise Triathlon. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors, do something positive for your community, and get a free t-shirt!! Call David Thoma by January 31 at 344-7758.

Wanted to Buy:

Old downhill skis. 195's would be just right. Call 344-7758.

Help Wanted:

Volleyball line judges wanted. If interested, contact David Perius at the Gardiner High School at 848-7563.

Lost:

Hand-painted aqua and magenta pierced earring, shaped like an arrowhead. Contact Judy at 2031.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

*** Vet Visit**

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, January 13 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next Visit: January 27.

*** Clinic Open House**

The Mammoth Clinic and Yellowstone Park Medical Services will be hosting an Open House on January 20, 1995, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to welcome Dr. Mike Kimbro to our communities. Please join us at the clinic for refreshments and to meet Dr. Kimbro and his wife, Karen.

*** Blood Pressure Clinic**

A free blood pressure clinic will be held at the Gardiner Elementary School on January 11. The clinic will start at 1 p.m. and last until 2 p.m.

*** NPS Employee Meeting**

There will be an NPS employee meeting on January 11, 1995, at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held at the TWRS Recreation Hall behind the Mammoth Hotel. See you there!

WINTER EMPLOYEE RECREATION



DANCE

ANYONE INTERESTED IN
MORNING BALLROOM
DANCE LESSONS, PLEASE
CALL BETSY STUART AT
344-5515 THE REC.
OFFICE IS TAKING SIGN-
UPS FOR WESTERN SWING
LESSONS CALL NOW!!!

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED FOR
DJ DANCES IN
THE PUB!!!



CRAFTS



—SHAPED
BASKETS
JAN. 25

MAMMOTH CONF. ROOM
6:30 PM

VIDEO RENTALS TV'S & VCR'S



RECREATION
OFFICE HOURS
MON./TUES./WED./
FRIDAY
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
MOVIES \$2.50
TV & VCR'S \$5.00
EACH



SEMINARS

FREE INFORMATIONAL
SEMINARS OFFERED:

JAN. 4 - SKI WAXING
JAN. 23 - HISTORY OF
WINTER
JAN. 30 - HISTORY OF THE
OLD FAITHFUL
INN
FEB. 6 - WOLVES
FEB. 13 - DEATH IN
YELLOWSTONE

THE REC. HALL WILL BE
CLOSED FOR A
NATIONAL PARK
SERVICE PRIVATE
FUNCTION ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES:

JANUARY 11 - 13, 1995

BIG SKY SKI TRIPS

* BUS TRIPS TO BIG SKY SKI *
* RESORT SCHEDULED *
* TUESDAY, JAN. 31 AND *
* FRIDAY, FEB. 10. *
* SIGN-UPS OUTSIDE THE *
* RECREATION OFFICE. *
* DON'T MISS IT!!! *



THANKS FOR SUPPORTING
THE NON-FUNDED
RECREATION PROGRAM
THIS WINTER

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS PLEASE CONTACT SUE IN THE
RECREATION OFFICE: MON./TUES./WED./FRI./
1:00 - 5:00 PM (X5225)