

The

YELLOWSTONE

News



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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: January 31

Janet Fay Retires

"In case you haven't heard, I have retired. President Clinton never called me with a buyout offer, and the government kept shutting down, so I am out of here and off to see the world. If my money holds out, and my knees hold up, I plan to spend most of 1996 in overseas travel. Once I finish my travels I'll look around for a place in which to spend my golden years! My very best to all of you, goodbye, good luck, and remember there is life outside of Yellowstone."

Janet Fay ("Janet the Janitor").

Greg's Leaving!!

Two going away parties will be held for Greg Kroll, January 22 at 3:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office, and at 6 p.m. at the K'Bar's party room in Gardiner. See you there! Also, there is an arrowhead circulating in the Administration Building. If you are interested in donating for a gift, please contact Helene at extension 2251, or come by the Chief Naturalist's Office.

Greetings!!

Karen and Jim Hotchkiss have settled into the retirement mode and send greetings from their new home in Billings. Their new address is: 5303 Chicago Road, Billings, Montana 59105. Their telephone number is 406-373-0962.

Wolf Reintroduction Continues

by Devon Finley, Public Affairs Office

As most of you know, we are within days of receiving our second group of wolves from Canada. This is year two of a cooperative program between the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Canadian government, and Idaho Fish and Game to re-establish the gray wolf population in Yellowstone and central Idaho. The Canadian Government has contracted with the USFWS to allow 30 wolves to be split between Idaho and Yellowstone. The Idaho wolves, once delivered, are to be released straight into the wild whereas the Yellowstone wolves are being kept for "soft or delayed release", a period of acclimation for 8 to 10 weeks inside 1-acre pens.

There are four pen sites this year: the Crystal Bench and Rose Creek sites in the Lamar area, the Blacktail site in the Blacktail Plateau area, and the Nez Perce site just south of Madison Junction. Although these areas will be closed during the acclimation period and until the wolves leave the immediate area, the Blacktail Plateau ski trail will remain open for winter use.

As of January 19, we have word from Canada that nine wolves; six males and three females, have now been trapped. Once enough wolves have been captured, USFWS will be notified and a plane sent. The wolves will be processed and loaded and begin their flight south. Depending on the weather and flight times, we could have wolves as early as Sunday or the beginning of next week. The first pens to be filled will be Blacktail and Nez Perce, and the first media opportunity will be at the Blacktail pen site. After the media have viewed the containers being placed in the pens, they will return to Mammoth for a news conference to be held at the Mammoth Hotel Map Room. Employees are welcome at the news conference.

After a period of two to four weeks to allow the wolves a chance to settle down, the Public Affairs Office and the wolf project leaders are planning to set up opportunities for employees to visit the pen sites during a feeding. As we get closer to the event, we will have more specific information on news conference times and dates. Stay tuned.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Lori Sigrist, 36, who passed away December 14. Prior to her employment at the Gardiner Post Office, Lori worked for four years in the NPS Fee Collection Office.

Auditions to be Held

Auditions for a community theatre production of an original two-act play are scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 1996, at 7 p.m. The auditions will take place at the Food Farm in Gardiner. Anyone interested in participating in the play is invited to attend. There will be roles for many different types of characters. Anyone interested in helping with the technical aspects of the production may also attend this audition and organizational meeting. If you cannot attend but are still interested, please call Rick Brown at 848-7803 for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* **Vet Visit** Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, January 26 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: February 2.

* **Recycling Day** The next Gardiner recycling day will be Saturday, January 20, 1996. Give us your newspapers, your cardboard, and your aluminum cans. Please place them on the curb by 9 a.m. or drop them at the rodeo grounds by 11 a.m. **NO GLASS THIS TIME!** The Billings recycling center is currently not taking glass. Thanks for your support—Bear Creek Council

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Nancy Glazier limited edition print, "Youngblood". First in her series of horses. Beautifully framed and matted. Call 344-2204 or 344-7471, eves.

Teacher Needed: The Yellowstone Park School Board is in need of a substitute teacher. This position will involve teaching third grade from about April 1 until June 1, 1996. If interested, please submit a letter of application to: Yellowstone National Park School Board, P.O. Box 448, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, Attn: John Whitman.

For Sale: Ruger Model 77, 300 Winchester Magnum. Ruger No. 1 Light Sporter 270. Remington 11-87 Premier Trap 12 gauge, Monte Carlo stock, three extra screw-in chokes. All guns in like-new to excellent condition. Call 848-9493 eves. after 6 p.m.

For Sale: Compaq Computer, Prolinea 3/25S Model, 386 Processor. Includes MS DOS 6, Windows and Word Perfect, \$800. Call 344-2015 days or 344-7920 eves.

For Sale: Computer desk with printer stand. Desk has one drawer; hutch has cupboard and space for monitor, \$65, OBO. Call Elizabeth or Mike after 5 p.m. at 344-9242.

For Sale: L.L. Bean down winter parka, hip length, heavy duty exterior. Tan in color, Size XL, \$70 or best offer. Patagonia shelled pile jacket, blue, size large, \$40 OBO. Call 848-7513 eves (leave message) or 344-2312, days.

For Sale: Wards Hercules model 10, 410 gauge, single shot. \$60 OBO. Call (307) 344-2289 between 8:30 - 4:30 Mon-Fri.

For Sale: New, large Orvis Dog Nest (bed); the dog still prefers the sofa. \$79 new, will sell for \$45. Call Greg at 344-2260 days or 222-5161 eves.

For Sale: Child's saddle with 12" seat. Big Horn brand. Call Mary at 848-7192.

For Sale: Soloflex with all attachments. Good condition, \$399. Call 344-7349 after 5 p.m.

For Sale: 4-13" studded tires. Great shape, \$100. 1982 Yamaha ET snowmobile, \$400. Call Cat at 344-7344.

Wanted: Snowmobile under \$500. Call Al at 545-8028.

Want to Share: Furnished one bedroom apt. in Bozeman. I use this apt. on my days off and am looking for someone in Yell who'd like to share it and has different lieu days. Great location, two blocks from Main St. \$140 a month plus heat. Call Cat at 344-7344.