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President Bill Clinton, flanked by U.S. Secret Service agents, smiles as he walks toward a crowd of onlookers at Old Faithful last Friday. Photo by Ben Danley

President Clinton Visits Yellowstone

President Bill Clinton, his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, daughter Chelsea and a friend helicoptered into the park from Jackson Hole last Friday for a sightseeing tour of Yellowstone. Clinton's first stop was the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone where the party was greeted by Canyon District Naturalist Neysa Dickey. Neysa relates, "Here, surrounded by all these people and equipment, my gut realizes for the first time--this is **THE PRESIDENT**. All caps, all bold. This man requires this level of security, this entourage wherever he goes. I'm more nervous. I want this man and his family to have the best possible experience here. I rehearse my greeting a time or two, pace a bit, look into the canyon to see if evidence shows of any thermal features. The canyon couldn't be more spectacular! It, too, took its morning shower and put on its best clothing. Ospreys passed by in the sunlight below. My thought? What a special place this is! Never, in all my rehearsals of this moment, had I envisioned this: the First Family descending the many stairs, followed immediately by what appeared to be 50 members of the media. Me. Down here on this perhaps 4'x 10' platform. **THE PRESIDENT** and his party towering above me. My mouth opens and I croak, 'What a beautiful morning!' as one photographer comes down in front of the Clinton's. The President and Mrs. Clinton agree--I think. It's hard to hear over my heart." The Clinton party then walked to Lookout Point where Sandy-Snell Dobert had a spotting scope set up for the party to view the canyon's ospreys. "The President walked up to me, extended his hand and introduced himself. He asked how long I had worked for the NPS and how long I had been here. He then thanked me for my "hard work" and I showed him the spotting scope and pointed out where the osprey nest was in relation to the canyon walls. The President joked with the press corps about the "terrible working conditions" they had that day and he assured them

that they were having a good time." I'm used to cameras, but having 20 around all at once is truly daunting! What an amazing life these folks live--even on vacation all eyes are on them."

The Presidential party continued on to Old Faithful, the three helicopters landing around noon and the entourage arriving too late for Old Faithful's first eruption. The party entered the Inn and were escorted to the 2nd floor balcony where the President shook hands and waited for the next eruption. According to Peggy Starkweather and Bette Cates, "The balcony of the Old Faithful Inn turned out to be a great place to be. President Clinton shook hands with all of us on the balcony and then gave his press conference. It was a wonderful experience and we enjoyed seeing the President, shaking hands with him, and being part of the excitement of the day."

Elizabeth Maki, a Seasonal Interpreter from Grant Village and her mother were also in the right place at the right time and watched as the Presidential party made its way to Geyser Hill to view the geysers. "As we walked from Observation Point back to the parking lot we met the President and his family. After shaking hands they stopped right where we were at at Blue Star Geyser. I thanked President Clinton for coming to Yellowstone and for all he has done for the environment. Later, as the First Family was leaving the area, Elizabeth and her mother were watching and the President turned, smiled, waved, and said, "Good Bye." "We said bye and I told him to have a great vacation! He said "thank you, I will."

Presidential Visit Continued...

Ann Deutch, the Old Faithful District Naturalist, accompanied the Presidential party on a geyser walk and was impressed with their level of interest. "They could have easily passed by many of our thermal treasures on Geyser Hill but instead they were the welcome kind of tourists who want to see every little rock, geyser, or bacterial mat. The President seemed to have a lot more than just vacation on his mind, but was still able to enjoy and be awed by Yellowstone. When we first got within close range of a boiling spring, the whole family pulled to a halt. Perhaps they are, indeed, so close to the important things in life that they easily recognized the truly amazing nature of Yellowstone's thermals.

One of my colleagues was assigned to work on barricade control to keep the curious swarms of visitors at bay. Many visitors, particularly international visitors, were angry at the delay in their personal schedules. On the other hand, when Mr. Clinton stepped to one of the barricades to shake people's hands, everyone seemed thrilled."

After the Old Faithful excursion the Presidential helicopter flew over the proposed Noranda/Crown Butte gold mine site near Cooke City. What the President saw prompted him to impose a two-year moratorium on mining claims on 4,500 acres of public land adjacent to the mine site. "We have to do everything we can to protect parks like Yellowstone..they're more precious than gold," Clinton said in his Saturday radio address. "I'm concerned about activities on land that belongs to the American people which are being used for profit in ways that could damage our national parks."

Clinton and party landed at the Buffalo Ranch in the Lamar Valley and walked about 1/4 mile to the Rose Creek wolf pen. Inside the pen the first family left meat for the wolves and watched as the wolves traveled inside the pen. According to Doug Smith, one of the park's Wolf Biologists, "The First Family was very much in awe of the wolves. Hillary and Chelsea repeated over and over how beautiful they were. The President was in very good spirits, very polite and unassuming. He considers the wolf reintroduction program in Yellowstone to be a great success for the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and should be made more visible to show that the ESA does work."

President Clinton then walked back to the Buffalo Ranch and into the barn to meet with over a dozen environmentalists for a conference to discuss wolves, the New World Mine, grazing issues and other subjects. Clinton's party thanked everyone for a great day in the park, and as the sun shone through stormy clouds flew away in his helicopter and back to Jackson Hole.

GSA Auction September 14

Don't forget the GSA Auction held at Mammoth on Thursday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m. Contact Bill Tyson at 344-2085 for details.

Personnel News...

by Mary Heller

New Faces In The Park

Two National Park Service employees have been selected to fill vacant Yellowstone positions and have transferred here. James Henzie joins us from Golden Spike National Historic Site in Utah as a Maintenance Mechanic for the Mammoth Plumbing Shop. David Karplus has been selected as Trails Maintenance Foreman and joins us from Big Bend National Park in Texas. We welcome them both and wish them the best in their new positions! You may also notice another new face and one familiar one in the Mammoth area. Hughetta Hand, formerly Administrative Technician at Ulysses S. Grant, and currently of Old Faithful with spouse, Dan Hand, is in the Fiscal Office. Judy Mihan is in Procurement. They are both here on temporary assignments to help with fiscal year closeout.

♀♂♀ New Arrivals ♂♀♂

Congratulations to Sue Consolo Murphy and Kerry Murphy on the birth of their daughter Stephanie Anne, born on Monday, August 21. Stephanie arrived at 5:52 p.m. and weighed in at 7 lbs.

Thank You

This year's chip seal project from Mammoth to Tower was very successful due to the excellent weather and the ability to close the road. The project was completed in one-third of the time it would have required if the road had remained open. We realize this was an inconvenience. However, your cooperation was greatly appreciated. Dayna McClure, Acting Roads Supervisor

New Library Hours

The Mammoth Community Library has new hours. New hours are Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. A reminder: Please return all overdue books. Thanks!

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Jan Laye, Editor, 344-2003

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

Soloflex w/leg and butterfly attachments, \$475.00 or best offer. Nordictrack PRO w/electronic monitor, nearly new, \$375.00. RHODE "Ultra" bike carrier, nearly new, \$50.00. Oak china hutch, 2-piece, \$350.00. Call 344-7349 after 5 p.m.

For Sale:

Schwinn Airdyne with reading rack. Excellent condition, \$385. Call 344-7788.

Wanted to Buy:

Good, used infant car seat and "little tykes" toys. Call 545-2717.

For Sale:

1983 Toyota Tercel, runs great, new tires, 170K miles, \$1100. Car top luggage carrier, enclosed, 1 yr. old, \$50. Call Lynn Mager at 344-2160, days, 344-7755 after 5 p.m.

Wanted to Borrow:

Car seat for 2 year-old visiting niece, from September 27 through October 8. Call Jean Donaldson at 344-7452 if you can help.

Moving/For Sale:

Two dressers (one with mirror) \$75 each; beige insulated curtains (fits Mission '66) \$20; whitewater kayak paddle, 206cm \$50; Bridgestone RB-T touring bike, 56cm, \$325; bike rack (fits trunk), \$15; 1981 Plymouth Champ, 75,000 miles, \$450. Call Dan Carty at 242-2441 (weekdays), or 344-7758 (weekends), leave message.

For Sale:

23 1/2 ft. NUWA Hitchhiker II, 1983, trailer-5th wheel. Has gooseneck hitch, (can be converted) excellent condition, little use. All utilities, TV antenna, AM-FM, \$7,500.00. Call (406) 586-3639.

To Giveaway:

From the attorneys of Navratil, Unmack & Herring, FREE WILLS for a couple. This includes Living Will and Power of Attorney. Valued at \$150.00. Call Edna Good at 344-9250 evenings.

For Sale:

Good, used, Trek mountain bike with aero bars and toe clips. \$150 or best offer. Call 848-7744.

For Sale:

Size 8 1/2 rubber hip waders, \$25. Macgregor junior, oversize tennis racket, \$25. Call Ashley at 344-7953.

For Sale:

1985 Ford Ranger, 5-speed, 4x4, dual tanks, sliding rear window, engine block heater, Glasstite Topper, AM/FM stereo w/cassette deck. \$2,700. Call 848-7941.

For Sale:

1980 Suzuki GS 850-shaft drive, full faring and saddlebags. New tires. \$800. Call 344-2803 or 646-9295, leave message.

Driver Wanted:

I need someone to drive my car (a 1986 Subaru, in good condition) to Salt Lake City for me before October 5. I will be biking from Yellowstone to SLC and need someone to drive my car from Mammoth to SLC for me to pick up. Call Sarah at (801) 581-2949 days, or (801) 359-4948 eves. to get all the details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Buffalo Days Celebration

Join in the celebration on Saturday, September 2, with a parade at noon, and a street dance featuring Ringling Five, Hot Tomato, and Montana Rose. There will be plenty of food and drink and try out the dunking booth. Lots of fun for the whole family. Proceeds go to the Gardiner Ambulance fund.

* Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, September 8 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: September 22.

* Bechler Barn Dance

Wanted! Everyone is invited to the Bechler Barn Dance on Friday, September 8 from 7 p.m. until? Bring something to grill, something to share, and a beer mug. Idaho bakers, dessert, dinnerware, and Saturday breakfast provided! Hourly Door Prizes! Plenty of room to stay the night. Donations accepted. See you there!

* September Christmas Bazaar

Come and join us for an early holiday gift shopping bazaar. On Thursday, September 14, at the Mammoth Canteen Gym from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., we will be displaying art and crafts, and rummage sale items, while representatives of home products will display their wares. There will be refreshments and door prizes! If interested in participating, call Dorothy Bishop at 344-7441.

1995 Girls Basketball Schedule

August	14	First Day of Practice	TBA
September	1	Ennis	Away
	2	Ennis	Home
	8	White Sulphur Springs	Away
	9	Harrison	Away
	14	Shields Valley	Home
	16	Manhattan Christian	Away 1:00 & 2:30
	22	West Yellowstone	Away
	23	Big Timber	Home
	29	Twin Bridges	Away
	30	Sheridan	Away 2:00 & 4:30
October	6	White Sulphur Springs	Home
	7	Harrison	Home
	13	Shields Valley	Away
(home coming)	14	Manhattan Christian	Home
	27	Big Timber	Away
	28	West Yellowstone	Home
November	3	Twin Bridges	Home
	4	Sheridan	Home 4:00 & 5:30
	10-11	Districts- Dillon	TBA
	16-18	Divisionals- Dillon	TBA
	30- 2	State- Lewistown	TBA

Coach:

IV games at 6:00 and Varsity at 7:30

Freshmen Schedule

September	26	Mt. Ellis	Home 5:30
October	11	Mt. Ellis	Away 6:00

1995 5TH & 6TH GIRL'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	19	ST. MARY'S (5TH ONLY)	AWAY 4:00
	23	WHITE SULPHUR	AWAY 10:00; 11:00
	30	WHITE SULPHUR	HOME 10:00; 11:00
OCTOBER	7	SHIELDS @ WILLSALL	AWAY 10:00; 11:00
	11	ST. MARY'S (5TH ONLY)	HOME 4:00
	28	SHIELDS VALLEY	HOME 10:00; 11:00

Coach: Mrs. Judy Howard

GARDINER HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

1995 JR. HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

SEPTEMBER	8	WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS	AWAY 2:30; 3:45
	9	HARRISON	AWAY 6:00
	14	SHIELDS VALLEY	HOME 3:15; 4:30
	19	St. Mary's (7th only)	HOME 5:15
	22	WEST YELLOWSTONE	AWAY 4:30; 6:00
	23	Livingston	AWAY 10:00; 11:30
OCTOBER	3	Livingston	HOME 4:00; 5:30
	6	White Sulphur Springs	HOME 2:30; 3:45
	7	Harrison	HOME 6:00
	11	St Mary's (7th only)	AWAY 5:15
	13	SHIELDS VALLEY	AWAY 3:15; 4:30
	26-28	St Mary's Tournament	AWAY

Times may change if the high school has a "C" squad game.

Fall Sports Schedules

1995 BRUIN FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	2	HARLO	HOME 1:00
	8	HOBSON	AWAY 7:30
	16	DENTON	HOME 1:00
	22	ABSORAKEE	AWAY 7:30
	30	SHIELDS VALLEY	HOME 1:00
OCTOBER	7	JOLIET	AWAY 1:00
Homecoming	14	BRIDGER	HOME 1:00
	18	PARK CITY	AWAY 7:30

1995 BRUIN JUNIOR VARSITY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	18	Shields Valley	HOME 3:30
	25	White Sulphur Springs	AWAY 3:30
OCTOBER	2	West Yellowstone	HOME 3:30
	9	Shields Valley	AWAY 3:30
	16	White Sulphur Springs	HOME 3:30