So Long for Now!

"I'm off to a new adventure at the Grand Canyon! I am thrilled to have this opportunity and look forward to the challenges ahead. I have been working in Yellowstone for nine years and it used to be that I was always the youngest one in the crowd. Now I'm an "old timer" who's been in Yellowstone forever... Thanks to all of you (you know who you are) for putting up with me all these years and taking the time to teach me some of life's most important lessons. Special thanks to Mike Pflaum who had the courage to take a chance on a New York City girl, accent and all, and give me my first job in Yellowstone National Park, and furthermore, for encouraging me to continue. It is very difficult for me to leave my husband and friends, for two years, while I "go for it". Chuck Swindoll described it best when he said, 'We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.' I'll be back." Maria Grace R. Gifford, new address after June 1, 1996, P.O. Box 880, Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023. Phone # (520) 638-5333.

Employee Association Picnic A Success!!!

The Yellowstone Federal Employees Association would like to extend a hearty "thank-you" to all those who took part in our May barbeque on Wednesday, May 22. Over 100 persons came to the barbeque; ate a hotdog or a hamburger, filled up on chips, beans, and yummy desserts. The comments overheard were "Are you going to do this every month?" or "This was great, we really are glad we came!" The Association plans on having a picnic and/or barbeque every month, weather or conditions cooperating, either at noon or after work, and would love to hear your ideas or suggestions on themes and locations for this activity. Remember, this is "your" employee association and to make it even better, new and positive suggestions are always appreciated.

We would also like to thank our "Guest Chefs" Ann Johnson and Marv Jensen for their artful and delightful presentation of the burgers and hotdogs. Also, special thanks goes out to Mary Lynn Jensen for her handiwork to outfit Marv in his barbeque outfit. The wolf theme was quite appropriate. We would also like to thank everyone who pitched in with the organization, purchasing supplies, setting up and cleaning up afterwards. Those who brought the desserts have everyone's thanks. The Association now has nearly 50 members and others who wish to join the organization can contact Don Striker in the Budget Office at 344-2060, Dayna McClure in Maintenance at 344-2304, Helene Greninger in Interpretation at 344-2251, or Jan Laye in the Superintendent's Office at 344-2003.

Recycling Changes Implemented

As a new summer season approaches, we have had a number of questions about what is happening with recycling within the Park. As in past summers, TW will have recycling facilities at Canyon, Lake, Grant, and Old Faithful. Mammoth has four ways for recycling-the marked bear proof cans (aluminum and, hopefully, glass); the supply center (for cardboard); offices (computer and mixed office paper); and the recycle garage located two buildings behind the carpenter shop (newspapers and magazines). As in most things, there is a good news/bad news scenario in recycling. The good news is that magazines can now be taken at the recycle garage, the bad news is that the glass market has taken a dive and we (NPS and TW) have no place left to store glass. When taking magazines, remember that MOST CATALOGUES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Have a Safe and Fun Memorial Day Weekend!
Heartfelt Thanks
Dear Friends,
Thank you for the wonderful card. It came at a time when I was having a really bad day. Your love and support is truly appreciated.
Edith Peterson

Heartfelt Condolences
Condolences go out to the family of Curtis Anderson, Yellowstone’s former Budget Officer who died on Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at the New Frontier Personal Care Center in Livingston, Montana. A memorial service was held at the Mammoth Yellowstone National Park Chapel on May 21 with Reverend Bill Young officiating. Curtis began his employment with the National Park Service in 1961. He retired as Yellowstone’s Budget Officer in 1995. A donation from the Yellowstone Federal Employees Association will be made to the Gardiner Ambulance Fund.

We would also like to express our condolences to Joyce Ludwig and her family on the death of her father, Art Sumner. Funeral services for Arthur (Art) Sumner were held on Wednesday, May 15 at 1 p.m. He was employed by the National Park Service for 26 years, retiring in 1986, and was the park’s last blacksmith. Many will remember him for his unique horseshoe figures and anvils, and his fine story telling. A donation to the Gallatin Hospice, 915 Highland Blvd., Bozeman, MT 59715, was sent from the Yellowstone Federal Employees Association.

Upcoming Events at the Yellowstone Park School
Gardiner Field Day is May 29. A bus will transport us to and from Mammoth. Please notify your classroom teacher if you take your child anytime after competing in events. Prekindergarten Day at the Yellowstone Park School—Any child living within Yellowstone, who will be five years old on or before September 10, is invited to come to the kindergarten room on Thursday, May 30, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Please bring your child’s immunization records and birth certificate. Call Joan Marty or John Whitman to let us know if your child will be attending kindergarten this fall. Spring Concert and Art Fair will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 4. Also receiving recognition will be our graduating 6th graders. Don’t miss it. Mammoth School Field Day will be on Wednesday, June 5 beginning at 12:45 p.m. Students will cooperatively compete in team events such as: softball throw, relay race, long jump, obstacle. We need parent volunteers to make this successful. Please contact us if you can help. Students are dismissed following the events. The Community Picnic is scheduled for June 5 starting at 6:00 p.m. bring enough cooked chicken for your family, a dish to share with others, and place settings for your family. Drinks, rolls, and dessert will be provided. Please contact John Whitman for more information. The Last Day of School is June 7. School is dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Kindergartners should also come at 8:15 a.m. Look for final report cards on that day.

A Message from Safety...
May 20-26, 1996, is NATIONAL BUCKLE UP WEEK. Please remember to wear your seat belts—the life you save may be your own.

SAFETY TIP
To avoid strains and sprains, warm up well before any physical activity. Stretch gently beginning with slow movements. Get in shape and wear proper equipment for your activity. Gradually slow down, then stretch when your activity is finished.

Yellowstone Challenged
Yellowstone National Park employees have been challenged to participate in a weight loss contest by Carlsbad Caverns National Park and a number of other parks that Carlsbad has enlisted in the challenge. Between June 3 and August 2, 1996, voluntary participants will have their weight loss monitored and when the challenge is completed the average percentage of weight loss will determine the winner. Willing volunteers should contact Rick McAdams at 344-2173 by June 3, to participate and schedule a weigh-in.
The glass situation is causing us all a lot of concern. For a couple of years, green glass has been almost impossible to find a market for and, through the efforts of Conoco, TW, Hamilton's, and the NPS, has been ground up and used in place of part of the aggregate in asphalt. The Mud Volcano parking area is completely paved with this. Unfortunately, we cannot use all of the glass we are recycling and TW’s storage in Gardiner is full and ours in Norris is not completed. TW is working on moving the stored glass out by the best means available and we plan on completing the Norris storage area in June. We hope to be taking glass again in July.

On a more positive note, we are working with most of the southwest Montana counties to participate in a regional rural recycling effort that should increase the quantity and decrease the cost of recycling in Yellowstone and southwest Montana. That will not be in place this summer, but could be by fall. Over the past five or six years, the park, as whole, has recycled between 300 and 400 tons per year, or some 15% of the total waste stream. While this is not up to where we want to be, it has kept our wastestream constant, even with increasing visitation. Together we can all work to improve this record.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Vet Visit  Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, May 24 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: June 7

* Multi-Family Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Follow the signs at the entrance to Lower Mammoth Housing Area. Adults and kids clothes, sporting goods, baby high chair, much more!

* Gardiner Junior Recital will be presented on Monday, June 3 by volunteer student performers from grades 3-6, in the Gardiner School Music Room, at 7:30 p.m. Students will perform vocal solos and short pieces on their songflutes, recorders, and band instruments.

* Yellowstone Park School Annual Community Picnic will be held on Wednesday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m. behind the Mammoth School. Bring enough cooked chicken for your family, a dish to share with others, and your own place settings. Drinks, rolls, and dessert provided. Renew old acquaintances, meet new friends, special welcome to TWR Services and Hamilton Store employees. Come and meet your NPS neighbors. Fun and games for all!

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: My craft days are over--Air Brush (Thayer-Chandler Model ALH) $20. Brand new Russell/Jerzees sweatshirts, many sizes and colors, $5.00 each. Chouinard "Tua" Telemark Skis (200) w/ Rottefella 75mm bindings, $80. Kneissl "Magic Skate" skating skis (195) w/NNN bindings, boots size 41 (women's 9) $35. Call Tammy at 344-2115 or 344-7433.

For Sale: Nordictrack Pro Model, paid $600 asking $375. Good condition, makes a great clothes rack. Call 344-2804 days, and (406) 646-4736, eves.

For Sale: Touring Kayak, Aquaterra UMIAK is a sleek, seawayorthy kayak designed for paddlers up to 110 lbs. It's especially great for kids and small adults. Stable, nimble, adjustable foot pegs, bungee deck rigging fore and aft, grab loops, reflective striping. Length: 12'; width"; weight: 35 lbs; Cockpit Size: L 27" x W 15"; Color Red. Used one season. Cost in '95: $479; for sale at $350. Call Don Nelson: 9307) 344-2295 (w) or 344-7358 (h).
**Y.F.E.A. LOGO CONTEST**

Be creative and get involved with YOUR Employees Association.

Submit as many designs as you like using "Y.F.E.A." in the logo. Send all entries to Kathy LaConte in the Maintenance Office to coordinate.

Entries due: JUNE 15, 1996

★ Winner will be announced at the July park-wide employee meeting.

★ Winner will receive a t-shirt, 1-year YFEA membership, and CASH!!

★ Logo will be used on correspondence, t-shirts, and flyers.

Sponsored by Yellowstone Federal Employees Association
If you work for Hamilton Sales, TW Recreational Services, Park Medical, Yellowstone Park Service Stations, U.S. West Communications, Montana Power Company, or the National Park Service, Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program works for you!

The Co-Op Recreation Department offers many events and activities throughout the summer and is always looking for new ideas. Below are some of the many wonderful programs and equipment your rec. dept. offers for free or a minimum rate.

- Softball Equipment
- TOURNAMENTS
- Volleyball Equipment
- PING PONG TABLES
- 2 & 4 Person Tents
- LIVE MUSIC
- STD Informational Pamphlets
- SEMINARS
- Bowling Tourney
- Darkroom Supplies
- Sleeping bags
- Compact Camping
- Water Filters
- INFORMATIVE LECTURES
- Water RAFTING
- Croquet Sets
- Slide Projector
- Disc golf
- DANCES
- Horseshoe Equipment
- Backboards
- shuffleboard
- croquet
- cornhole
- chess
- checkers
- Scrabble
- Pictionary
- Trivial Pursuit
- and other board games
- PA Systems for Small Bands, or Other Audio Playback!!!

cooperate is defined in Random House Dictionary as "willing to work together or a jointly owned means of production of distribution of goods or services operated by the consumers".

hiking club

T-Shirt Design Contest
Television Sets
Video Cassette Players
Video Tapes

Compact Camping
Water Filters

YELLOWSTONE CO-OP EMPLOYEE
RECREATION PROGRAM

The Co-Op Co-Op Employee Recreation Program works for you!
TRUE OR FALSE?

1. The Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program is partially funded by Hamilton Stores, Inc.

2. The Intramural Sports Program is open to all employees in Yellowstone, and their families.

3. Any employee of Yellowstone Park or family member, can rent the Outdoor Equipment (backpacks, tents, etc.) and the Video Equipment.

4. The informational seminars the Co-Op Recreation program sponsors are open to all employees and the guests in Yellowstone.

5. The live band dances sponsored by Co-Op Recreation and held in TW’s employee pubs are open to all employees. Non-employees must get a “pub pass”.

6. The definition of “co-op-er-at-ion” is “A joint operation or action. An activity shared for mutual benefit.”

THE ANSWER TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS IS:

TRUE ⭐

The Yellowstone Co-op Employee Recreation Program is a cooperative effort and funded by all Concessioners’ in the park and the National Park Service.
The Park to Paradise Race Committee wishes to thank the following people, organizations, and businesses for making the 1996 Park to Paradise race the best one ever!

- Ann Rodman
- Richard Allen
- Kris Churchill
- Lauryl Mack
- Eric Compas
- Bob and Jeanne Fuhrman
- Tim Townsend
- Craig McClure
- Jim Sweeney
- Colette Daigle-Berg
- Lynn Mager
- Ann Johnson
- Dayna McClure
- Sue Williams
- Dan Liddell
- Tim and Mary Hudson
- Kerry Gunther
- Lori Compas
- Nancy Ward
- Janet Lewis
- Holli Baker
- Vanessa Christopher
- Georgia McAdam
- Catherine Lentz
- The Ranch Kitchen
- Yellowstone Bear Management Office
- Dana Designs
- Blue Goose Saloon
- Outlaws Pizza
- Yellowstone Gallery and Frameworks
- Gardiner Hardware Plus
- High Country Books and Espresso
- Bear Country Restaurant
- K-Bar
- Helen's
- Sawtooth Deli
- Park's Fly Shop
- Yellowstone Raft Company
- Your Town Video
- Gardiner Drug
- Electric Peak Espresso/Ice Cream
- Outwest Tees and Sweats
- North Entrance Food Farm
- Boy Scout Troop of Gardiner
- Girl Scout Troop of Gardiner
- Sheriff's Department
- Yellowstone National Park Rangers
- TW Recreational Services

The Yellowstone Federal Employee's Association for the great barbecue
Little People's Learning Center for the Park to Paradise poster
Yellowstone Coop Recreation Program for the T-Shirts

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PARK TO PARADISE RACE RESULTS