Yellowstone Wolves Die in Similar Incidents

A Yellowstone Park wolf known as Number 83, was found dead near the Lamar River and Cache Creek on Monday, October 26 after mortality signals were received from his collar during a routine tracking operation. Preliminary reports speculate that the 1 ½ year old alpha male wolf from the Rose Creek pack was found with a puncture wound to his chest. This is the second wolf to be found dead with a similar puncture wound. Wolf Number 6 from the Crystal Creek pack was found dead in August in the Pelican Valley. He suffered a wound in his hind leg and had bled to death. Number 6 was four years old and was also the Crystal Creek’s alpha male.

Both wolves are believed to have died from wounds inflicted from elk. No other evidence at this time points to any conflicts with other wolves or humans. The wolves’ bodies were sent to Bozeman, Montana, for necropsies and results may take as long as six weeks for a final report on cause of death.

Use or Lose Deadline Nears

With the end of the leave year quickly approaching, it is time to remind employees of the deadline for documenting the scheduling and approval of their use-or-lose annual leave. To protect employees from irrevocable loss of annual leave that is over the 240-hour annual carryover limit, leave requests and approvals must be documented, in writing, at least three full pay periods before the end of the leave year.

The 1998 Leave Year ends January 2, 1999, so the deadline for completing documentation of the scheduling and approval of use-or-lose leave is November 20 (the last regular business day preceding the leave year end by at least three pay periods). Contact: Nancy Fischer, 202-208-5906, if you have any questions.
Heartfelt Thanks

The Gardiner Mammoth TV FM Association wishes to thank all who recently made your annual donation to the association. The campaign has been successful. The funds generated will enable the association to purchase a new FM translator, pay for FCC license renewals on all FM stations, and bring a new radio station to our area. Thanks to this great community, these things will be possible. Thanks. (If you haven’t yet made your donation, it’s not too late!) Special thanks to AMFAC Parks and Resorts for the donation of printing, posting, and distributing 1,400 letters! AMFAC did an awesome job!

HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Virgil and Madeline Hall, the proud grandparents of Hudson Reed Hall, born on October 19, at 5:36 A.M. Hudson weighed in at 8 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 21 3/4” long. The proud parents are Amy and Jeff Hall, and he joins his brother Jeffery and sister Kelsey at home. The maternal grandparents are Jeri and Dean Gilson of Kellogg, Idaho.

Personnel News...

Term Appointment: Michael Angermeier—Landscape Architect

Promotion: Scott Hape—Tower Engineering Equipment Operator
New Permanents: Richard Walker—Maintenance Mechanic-Old Faithful
Clay Rankin—Engineering Equipment Operator—Tower

Welcomes: Tom Kirchner—Maintenance Worker-Canyon
Mark Hemingway—Utility Systems Operator—Grant

Welcome Back: Linden Schlenker—Telecommunications Equipment Operator
Ivan Tyson—Engineering Equipment Operator—Old Faithful
Heartfelt Sympathy

We are sorry to report the unexpected death of Sue Childress, wife of mechanic Ery Childress, (both past NPS Yellowstone employees) of a heart attack on the evening of October 19. Sue, 52, worked in Yellowstone for many years beginning in Personnel, and followed by positions in Mails and Files, and the Procurement Office. Sue was employed by the Bureau of Reclamation at the Hoover Dam in Boulder City, Nevada at the time of her death. She will be greatly missed by her many Yellowstone friends.

Yellowstone’s Seasonal Council in Review
This year was the Council’s first years and things went well. Seasonal employees from Interpretation, Maintenance, Resource Management, Fee Collection, Law Enforcement, and Administration attended the meetings held throughout the park and many seasonal issues and concerns were addressed. The Council intends to continue working on the development of several projects throughout the winter season. Feel free to contact Dave Hubbard (344-7362) or Julie Hannaford (646-7537) with concerns or for information. Look for us out and about in the spring. We’re here working for you!

Goodbye & Good Luck!!!
Several Yellowstone employees will be leaving the park soon and we wish them well on their life journeys. Laura Bergman, Communications Dispatcher at Mammoth, will be getting married on November 9 and will leave for Delaware Watergap to work in their Dispatch Office. Laura, from the farmlands of Iowa, has worked in the park since 1991. Lynne Mager, from the Mammoth Backcountry Office, will be leaving in November for Redwoods National Park to begin her new position as an Interpretive Publications Specialist. Lynne has worked in Yellowstone since 1994. Ken Walters, presently a Carpenter in the Mammoth Craft Shop, will be leaving in November to return to his home state of Ohio to enter into the private sector. Ken began his life in Yellowstone in 1981 as a backcountry laborer (trail crew) and has traversed many miles in the Yellowstone backcountry. We wish them all happy lives and happy trails!!!

Hiker Alert!!!!
In Yellowstone, hikers are warned to wear tiny bells on their clothing when hiking in bear country. The bells warn away most bears. Tourists are also cautioned to watch the ground on the trail, paying particular attention to bear droppings to be alert for the presence of grizzly bears. One can easily recognize a grizzly’s droppings because it has tiny bells in it.
Community Events

- Yellowstone Federal Employees Association Halloween Party - will be held on October 31 at 7 p.m. in the Canteen gym. Costumes are highly recommended, as there will be prizes for best costume, also prizes for best jack-o-lantern. Bobbing tank and music to dance to will be provided. Please bring finger foods. Keg will be available. Tickets are $3.00 at the door. See all you ghouls and ghosts there!

- Doctor James Murray DVM - will be at the Gardiner Exxon, November 6 from 2-5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Next visit: November 20.

- Goodbye Party for Laura Bergman and Rocky - will be held at the K-Bar Pizza Emporium on Monday, November 9 beginning at 1830 hours. Bring your memories and friendship, cake will be supplied.

- YFEA Christmas Party Planning Meeting - is scheduled for November 16, at 3:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room. Those wishing to help out with this year's holiday celebration are welcome to attend. See you there!

Classified Ads

For Sale - Antique Art and Crafts style rocker, $125; Star NX 2420 dot matrix color printer, $25; Playpen, $10. All OBO. Call 344-7733.

For Sale - 1989 Isuzu Trooper 4wd, 4dr, 88,000 miles, manual transmission, $5000. Call Joe/Juanita at (307) 545-2717.

For Sale - 16 foot mad River Canoe, $300. 2-person kayak, good condition, $150 OBO. 1974, 8-foot Alaskan Camper, 3-burner propane stove, 2-way fridge/freezer, 12 volt and propane, 30 gallon water tank, 110 and 12 volt lights, new upholstered seats, underseat and wheel storage, stereo and jacks, good condition, asking $1,000. Call after 6 p.m. (307) 242-7356.

For Sale - 1991 Mazda Navajo 4x4 Sport Utility, V6, 4.0 liter, air conditioning, power windows, power locks, tilt steering, cruise control, sunroof, roof rack, 5-speed, blue, $7,000. Call 848-2142.

For Sale - Polaris Indy 400 snowmobile, great shape, cargo rack, $1500. Bushnell spotting scope, 15-45 zoom, with case, $150. Call (307) 242-2620 (eves) or 242-2603 (days). please leave a message.

Wanted - Toddler-sized ice-skates. Please call Charissa Reid at 242-7674.

YOUR VOICE—Opinions Expressed by You....

To Whom it may concern: I have a passionate dislike for the use of plastic grocery bags in Yellowstone. This dislike began several years ago when I noticed one of these bags lodged in the top of a tree about half a mile north of the Golden Gate area above Mammoth. This bag stayed in the tree for years until this spring when I assume that the wind finally dislodged it. Although I have picked up many of these bags over the years as I have driven through the park, a month ago I found five in one day. Would it be possible to ask Hamilton's and AMFAC to stop giving these bags out in favor of paper? Although the littering would not be abated by this change, the paper bags will not be as susceptible to wind and will biodegrade at a significantly faster rate.

Steve Petrick-Underwood
**Twelve Ways To Save 100 Calories**

- Instead of 1-cup low-fat granola with raisins...have 1-cup raisin bran.
- Instead of a large café latte with whole milk...have a large café latte with skim milk.
- Instead of a whole 4 oz. Bagel...have half a bagel plus an orange.
- Instead of a turkey sandwich with 1 ¼ tbsp. Mayo...have a turkey sandwich with 1 tbsp.
- Instead of 2 slices of cheese pizza...have 2 slices veggie pizza (no cheese).
- Instead of tossed salad with 2-tbsp. ranch dressing---have a salad with 3-tbsp. fat-free ranch dressing.
- Instead of Chinese vegetables plus 1 cup fried rice...have Chinese vegetables with 1 cup steamed rice.
- Instead of a baked potato with 2-tbsp. butter...have a baked potato with 1 tbsp.
- Instead of 1 cup macaroni and cheese plus ½ cup broccoli...have ½ cup macaroni & cheese plus 1 ½ cups broccoli.
- Instead of a hamburger...have a Gardenburger.
- Instead of a slice of chocolate fudge cake with icing...have 4 Hershey’s kisses or a half slice of cake.
- Instead of 6 cups of microwave popcorn, movie-theatre style...have 6 cups microwave popcorn, low fat, butter-flavor.

**Meal Makeover**

**Viva Salsa—the low-fat condiment**

Salsa is now so popular that it's rivaling ketchup as America’s favorite condiment. It’s low fat and full of nutritious ingredients. And it’s your key to elevating fast after-work dinners into something special.

If you haven’t perused the salsa aisle lately, you'll be surprised at all the new brands and varieties that have cropped up. Verde, tomatillo, chipotle, mango, black bean, habanero, raspberry, and others share shelf space with more familiar types.

Most salsas are very low in fat, so you can generously spoon them over grilled chicken breasts, and other lean foods. Many also contain nutrients such as vitamins C and A, iron, fiber, so they can earn their place on your table.
POTATO AND LEEK SOUP

Ingredients:
- 4 large -- leeks, halved lengthwise
- 1 tbsp. -- margarine
- 5 7 oz. -- potato, peeled, cut into cubes
- 3 cloves -- garlic minced
- 4 cups -- chicken broth canned reduced-sodium defatted
- 1 large -- bay leaf
- 1/2 tsp. -- thyme dried
- 1/2 tsp. -- marjoram dried
- 1 cup -- 1% milk
- 1/8 tsp. -- salt
- 1 pinch -- black pepper
- 2 dashes -- angostura bitters

Recipe:
Wash the leeks well under cold running water, removing any dirt. Cut crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Melt the margarine in a large saucepan. Add the leeks. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes. Then add the potatoes; cook, stirring, for 3 minutes. Add the garlic and stir for 1 minute. Stir in the broth and bay leaf. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat. Gently simmer for 10 minutes. Add the thyme and marjoram. Cover and gently simmer for 10 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender. Remove and discard the bay leaf. Working in batches, puree half of the mixture in a blender. Return the pureed mixture to the saucepan. Stir in the milk, salt, pepper and bitters. Gently simmer for 5 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.

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THE TROY NEDVED MEDICAL EXPENSE FUND

TROY NEDVED, resource management seasonal with Paul Miller's crew, was in a serious auto accident on October 16.

Please help defray his medical expenses by donating to the fund Troy Nedved Fund at the Yellowstone Federal Credit Union.

For more info, contact Tom Olliff (344-2143) or Paul Miller (344-2185).
RUMMAGE SALE

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- Please bring quality rummage for the sale. Donations may be dropped inside the school's door.
- Great raffle — tickets available from 5th and 6th grades.

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4:30 to 7:30 pm
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