Army Celebrates 225th Anniversary in Yellowstone

On Saturday, September 30th, the U.S. Army celebrated their 225th anniversary with a special ceremony in Mammoth Hot Springs. The National Park Service paid tribute to the Army for its stewardship of the park from 1886 to 1918.

Principal Deputy to the Assistant Secretary to the Army for Installations and Environment, Ray Clark, joined Assistant Superintendent Marv Jensen and several other military and civic leaders in remembering the Army's service to the park and dedicated a plaque to commemorate the event. The Wyoming Army National Guard's 67th Army Band provided music along with a ceremonial color guard from Charlie Battery, 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery of the Wyoming Army National Guard.

John Varley Honored for Fisheries Work

On Tuesday, October 2, at the Wild Trout VII conference at Old Faithful, John Varley, our long-time fisheries guy-turned-YCR director, was presented with the Conservation Award of the Federation of Fly Fishers for his lifetime achievements in the field of fisheries management. The presentation emphasized John's many contributions to the world-wide development and popularization of special regulations as a tool for managing fishing harvest while maintaining healthy wild fish populations as part of ecological communities. John is regarded as one of the modern pioneers of special regulations management in the world of trout.

The Federation of Fly Fishers, now based in Bozeman, Montana, has been a prominent fisheries conservation organization since the 1960's, and has been an active sponsor of the entire series of Wild Trout symposiums. It was noted that John, during his fisheries biologist days in Yellowstone, was one of the presenters at the very first such conference here at Mammoth Hot Springs in 1974.

In his acceptance speech John pointed out how gratifying it has been to watch the spread of catch-and-release regulations. On his travels this year, he has seen such regulations in effect on the Kamchatka Peninsula of eastern Russia (for salmonids) and in the waters of Botswana, Africa (for tigerfish).
CONCESSION NEWS...

HAMILTON STORES PROSPECTUS
PUBLISHED 10/2/00

Hamilton Stores concession contract expires December 31, 2000. The prospectus describes the scope of operations to be offered under a new contract. The term will be 15 years, and a capital investment of $5.5 million will be required. These investments are primarily non-revenue generating facilities (housing). A franchise fee will be paid to the Treasury and eighty percent of that fee will be available for related park concession projects. The amount of the fee is not yet established, because the value of the concessioner's compensable interest in their buildings must be determined through arbitration and that value will affect the fee.

Offers can be submitted by anyone and they are due in the Regional Office January 2, 2001. The offers will be evaluated the week of January 15 and the contract will be awarded shortly thereafter. Hamilton Stores will most likely continue to operate through the next season, while the arbitration takes place.

As part of another agreement, the Mammoth Nature Store will not operate as a store in the future. The same agreement includes closure of the Old Faithful Photo Shop; however, an environmental assessment (to be done this winter) will determine its future disposition.

Feel free to call Edna Good or Judy Churchwell (344-2270 or 2275) if you have any questions.

CHANGE IN TITLE

Consistent with changes in the Concessions Management Program nationwide, as a result of the Concessions Reform law, the Concessions Management Division is now the BUSINESS MANAGEMENT DIVISION. You will begin to see this change on correspondence, etc.

Planning...

Scoping for Bechler Area Development Underway:

Comments are now being accepted regarding the proposed construction of a new visitor contact station that adequately accommodates visitor services, emergency services, and storage as well as housing for seasonal employees in the Bechler area.

A development concept plan (DCP)/environmental assessment (EA) is being written in preparation for future development at Bechler. If funding should become available through the Fee Demonstration program to build a visitor contact facility or if funding becomes available through the National Park Service trailer replacement program or through other funding sources to build employee housing, the planning and compliance process will be complete.

Please send your comments by November 3, 2000 to: Planning Office, Bechler Area DCP/EA, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190. The EA should be available for public review fall/winter 2000.
Welcome to Yellowstone:
Kurt Olofson  
Roads and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor – Mammoth (EOD October 22)

Promotion:
Lon Johnson  
Cultural Resources Program Director

New Permanents:
Jose Santiago  
Computer Specialist

Farewell:
Marv Jensen  
Assistant Superintendent

It’s Thrift Savings Time!

This year, the Thrift Savings Plan Open Season will be from November 15 – January 31. FERS employees can contribute up to 10% of their basic pay each pay period. CSRS employees can contribute 5% of your basic pay each pay period. Every contributor has three different investment funds to invest their money in:

- Government Securities Investment (G) Fund
- Common Stock Index Investment (C) Fund
- Fixed Income Index Investment – Bonds (F) Fund

Annual Returns for these funds are posted in the Personnel Office. If you are not already enrolled, start thinking of the future now!

Peer Award Recipients for the month of September:

Colleen Quintana  
Kitty Eneboe  
John Reynolds  
Vicki McCoy  
Travis Wyman  
Maintenance Rangers YCR Maintenance Rangers

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, A STAR AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO KRIS KAHALE, MADISON RANGER. CONGRATULATIONS KRIS!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO GO TO DAVE TYROLER FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF A FY 2001 ALBRIGHT-WIRTH SCHOLARSHIP. AS ONE OF 78 NPS EMPLOYEES TO RECEIVE THIS, DAVE’S $1400 WILL BE FOR GRANTS WRITING TRAINING AND RESEARCH INTO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GRANTS.
Yellowstone loses longtime historian and friend Aubrey Haines...

Aubrey Leon Haines, died September 10, 2000 at the age of 86. He was born in Portland, Oregon, August 30, 1914, to Albert Haines and Doris Blodgett. Haines was an author, historian, ranger, engineer, cartographer, teacher, and photographer, who spent his career in service to his country and his retirement recording the history of Yellowstone National Park.

We best remember Aubrey as the premier historian of Yellowstone National Park. He started his career with the National Park Service before WWII as a fire lookout on Tolmie Peak in Mount Rainier National Park and finished his 32-year career as the first official Park Historian for Yellowstone. Following his retirement to Bozeman, Montana in 1969, he and his wife, Wilma, moved to Tucson in 1984 to be near their two sons.

We are all grateful for his tireless work in preserving the artifactual and documentary record of the park’s long, complex history. In the 1960’s, he originated the collection now known as the Yellowstone Archives, a satellite branch of the National Archives, and gathered countless rare items, interviews, diaries, and a wealth of other primary materials into the park library and museum collections.

Since his retirement, Aubrey continued to produce important historical works from his Arizona home. He was the author or editor of several historical works on Yellowstone. His two-volume work The Yellowstone Story (1977) may be the single most important book ever published on the park.

Aubrey Haines will always hold a special place in Yellowstone’s history. He will be sorely missed by all.
Special Notes...

- Once again, the people of Yellowstone and Gardiner have shown us how caring they are with their numerous acts of support, prayers, and kind words of encouragement during my mom's recent illness and subsequent passing away. Katie thanks you for your kindness following the loss of her grandmother, and Janet and I truly appreciate your sincere concern shown to us. —Dan, Janet, and Katie Mahoney

- The Gardiner-Mammoth Cub Scouts would sincerely like to thank all the residents of Yellowstone and Gardiner for their whole-hearted support of our popcorn fundraiser. You've been truly generous and your support is appreciated. This means the kids can go to daycamp, build their Pinewood Derby cars and enjoy all the crafts and activities that go with childhood. The Popcorn Sale ends October 15th. Deliveries will be made after November 5. If you need MORE, or know someone who does, call Barbara Bush at 344-7928. Again, thank you very much. —The Cubs of Pack 551

- To my friends and coworkers in Yellowstone National Park, thanks for your cards, flowers and support for my family and myself during this hard time.

   Tucson, Az.
   Sept. 18, 2000

   Yellowstone Friends
   P. O. Box 168
   Mammoth, Wyo.

   Thanks for the big, beautiful card you sent while Aubrey was in the hospital. We enjoyed the many names and messages. We were so glad we were able to come up there again.

   The old cancer demon came back soon after we got back home. He was in the hospital a week, then in hospice care the last week of his life. We enjoyed the trip to Yellowstone to see you and teach the class.

   The memorial service at the church was perfect. He wanted cremation; so his ashes will be in a niche in the Memorial Garden at Jaguar Christian Church. Calvin will scatter some of his ashes on Toadie Peak in Mt. Rainier, where Aubrey had his first job as lookout, while he was attending the University of Washington in Seattle.

   I plan to stay in my house here. My two sons are 5 and 30 miles from me, and they and their wives will help me. I have wonderful neighbors also.

   Take good care, and come see me when you are in Tucson.

   Joe Roos and Family

   Dear Friends:

   Thanks for the beautiful card sent to the hospital and the beautiful flowers sent to the church for his memorial service. I was so glad he was able to come to Yellowstone in August and see all of you again.

   Take good care of Yellowstone and come to see us when you are in Tucson.

   Gratefully,

   Xilma Haines & family

   Tucson, Az.
   Sept. 16, 2000
**Classified Ads...**

**For Sale - Specialized Hard Rock 15" Bike.** $85 OBO. Please call Barb at 344-8931.

**For Sale - Matt Cutter - C & H, professional grade.** Can cut 48" sheets of matt board. Bevel and straight cuts. Includes lots of matt board. $450. Call Bob at 646-7476 (h)/7314 (w).

**For Sale - KinderSled!** Take your child cross-country skiing in the comfort of his own sled. We bought this litter in 1995 and used it for two years. It is in excellent condition. Can be used with or without zippered, plastic cover. $225 OBO. Call 344-7973.

**For Sale - 1990 Ford F150 4x4, 6 cylinder manual 4 speed, dual gas tanks, 108,000 miles, original owner, new Kenwood CD player, camper shell with carpet, wood cabinets and speakers. Four summer and winter tire.** Priced to sell $4000. 344-7397.

**For Sale - 1971 Volkswagen Van, purple, runs fine.** $1,500. Call after 5:00 p.m. at 344-8532.

**Found - Sweatshirt - Minnesota Twins.** Mammoth Elementary Tennis Courts on 10/2/00. Contact Deb or Pat Barnes at 344-9048.

**Employment Opportunities...**

Little Peoples Learning Center - immediate opening for part-time cook, cleaner and other duties as assigned. Please contact Barb at 344-7785.

**Community News...**

- **Dr. Murray, DVM** will be at the Gardiner Exxon from 2 - 5 p.m. on Friday, October 6th and every other Friday following.

- **Yellowstone Park Medical Services (YPMS)** is pleased to announce that Dr. James Smith will cover the Mammoth Clinic practice following Dr. Michael Kimbra's December departure. Dr. Smith has worked with YPMS, at all three medical facilities, since 1979. He is board certified in internal medicine, but really enjoys pediatrics. He will be a wonderful, though temporary, addition to the community.

- **A First Responder Course** is being offered by members of the Gardiner Ambulance Service starting November 6th. This will be a full course (not just a refresher, but may possibly be used as a refresher). If you are interested, contact Lori Hamilton at 848-7139 for schedules and details.
Come Join in the fun and activities at the
MAMMOTH SCHOOL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL!
October 29th, 5:30-7:00 PM
in the Mammoth School Gym.

This is a Mammoth School PTO-sponsored community event and is free of charge.
Questions: Call Christine Miller 344-7321 or Lori Gruber 344-7954.
Have a safe and enjoyable night of Trick-or-Treating on Halloween night, October 31st.

So you've done your fall cleaning and wondering what to do with the boxes of stuff? Help support the MAMMOTH SCHOOL PTO RUMMAGE SALE AND CHILI FEED in November! This is the Parent Teacher Organization's biennial event to raise money for community events such as the Halloween Carnival and Spring Fling and also student skiing and ice skating programs, Christmas Party and other activities. Please hang onto those un-needed items and watch for details and drop-off sites in the next Yellowstone News.
IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to proud parents Mark and Stacy Vallie on the birth of their daughter Lauren Rose. Lauren was born on September 9, 2000 and weighed 6 lbs 15 oz.

Belated congratulations to Beth Taylor and Ivan Kowski. Beth and Ivan were married August 26, 2000. Congratulations Beth & Ivan!
ATTENTION QUILTERS...

A group of Quilters (and wan-na be quilters) from the Yellowstone community are organizing a quilt for the families affected by the Cerro Grande Fire. The quilt will have a "Pine Tree" motif and we ask that you observe the following guidelines.

- Square or rectangle (horizontal or vertical) - example: 12x12, 8x10, 5x20, 6x6, 11.3
- Pieced, applique or embroidery
- 100% cotton fabric in "earth tones"
- All pieces submitted no later than December 1, 2000

The pieces will be assembled into an eclectic "Pine Tree Quilt" and quilted at a community quilting bee. The quilt will be given to one of the families who lost their home in the Los Alamos fire. Please notify one of the following, if you intend to contribute:

Barb Zafft 344-7483  YELL_RESEARCH_LIBRARY@nps.gov
Karen Kitchen 344-6546  j&kkitchen@gomontana.com
Tammy Wert 344-7433  tammy_wert@nps.gov
Dayna McClure 848-7291  dayna_mcclure@nps.gov

Thanks for your participation in this servicewide effort.

Stuffed Acorn Squash:

Preheat oven to 350°
2 large acorn squash
1 – cup water (for baking dish)

Stuffing
13 oz can crushed drained pineapple
1 – cup celery
2 – apples, diced, unpeeled
1 – cup brown sugar
1 – cup butter
1 – tsp nutmeg
1 – T cinnamon
salt to taste

Wash and halve squash. Remove seeds. Place water in baking dish with squash cut side down. Bake 45 minutes at 350°, or until tender. Remove squash. Insert stuffing in each. Bake cut side up without water for 15 minutes.

Yield: 4 huge halves (may be doubled)
INFLUENZA

- Influenza is expected to kill over 20,000 people this year in the United States. Many more will be hospitalized.
- The following groups of people are recommended to get “Flu shots” every year.
- ANY person who wishes to reduce the likelihood of getting “FLU”
- All persons 50 years of age and older
- Persons, Adult or Children, with chronic medical conditions such as lung, (including Asthma) heart or circulatory, kidney or blood problems, Diabetes.
- Residents of nursing homes or long term care
- Children aged 6 months to 18 years who are receiving Aspirin therapy
- Pregnant women who are in the second or third trimester of pregnancy (greater than or equal to 14 weeks gestation) during the influenza season. Discuss with your physician.
- Pregnant women who have medical conditions that increase their risk for complication from influenza should be vaccinated before the influenza season—regardless of the stage of pregnancy.
- Health care workers: Physicians, nurses, and other personnel in hospital and outpatient settings, including homes, long term care facilities, assisted living and home health.
- Household members of high risk persons, including children
- Others persons with HIV, travelers, persons who provide essential community services, and consider children in Day Care. They may get Influenza, not be very ill, but still carry “FLU” home to family members. Students who reside in dormitories should also be encouraged to be vaccinated
- Persons who should not be vaccinated: Flu vaccine should not be given to persons known to have anaphylactic hypersensitivity to eggs or to other components of the vaccine.
- Supplies of vaccine are expected to be late this year. A partial shipment should be at Mammoth Clinic before the end of October. The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA. Recommends that high risk persons be vaccinated first.
- If you have any questions or wish to schedule an appointment please call Mammoth Clinic 344-7965.

- Flu shot clinic will be scheduled in Gardiner and Mammoth as soon as we receive vaccine.
- Watch for further announcements.

MAMMOTH CLINIC
Fall Health Screen

Gardiner School Cafeteria
Wednesday, October 18th
6am - 9am

Lab Blood Profile Testing $35.00
- Diabetes, Thyroid & Kidney function screening,
- Cholesterol - Total, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides,
- Uric Acid, TSH, Hematocrit, Glucose,
- Potassium, ALT

Prostatic Specific Antigen (PSA) $17.50
(Optional Blood Screening for Males)

ColoCare Kits $3.00

This is a fasting blood test.
Nothing but water after 8:00 pm the night before!

This Health Fair Blood Screen is brought to you through the cooperation of The Mammoth Clinic and Livingston Memorial Hospital

Please call The LivingSteps Wellness Center at 222-8282, or The Mammoth Clinic at 344-7965 for more information
Women's Health Update

"Steps Women Can Take To Improve Their Health"

Clare Lemke, RN
LivingSteps Education Coordinator

Tues., October 17th at 7:00pm

Gardiner High School Library
Call Mammoth Clinic (307) 344-7965 for more information.

Free!

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