One Last Visit... Secretary Bruce Babbitt

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt made one last trip to Yellowstone before leaving office on Saturday, January 13 to receive a briefing on the wolf reintroduction program, which he successfully spearheaded during his term with the Clinton Administration. Six years ago, Secretary Babbitt helped carry crates containing the first 14 wolves to be reintroduced into the park. According to Babbitt, the success of this program has been one of the highlights of his eight-year tenure with the Department of the Interior.

After the briefing in Mammoth, Secretary Babbitt and others headed to Lamar Valley in hopes of catching a glimpse of Yellowstone’s illustrious wolves. While the wolves were not immediately visible, the group was lucky enough to catch a glimpse of a grizzly prowling the hillsides near Soda Butte Creek. Wolves were later spotted lounging near an elk kill.

Also occurring on that Saturday was the renaming of the Crystal Creek wolf pack to “Mollie’s Pack”. This was done in honor of the late Fish and Wildlife Director Mollie Beattie who played a key role in introducing the wolves during her tenure.

"We are the most dangerous species of life on the planet, and every other species, even the earth itself, has cause to fear our power to exterminate. But we are also the only species which, when it chooses to do so, will go to great effort to save what it might destroy." - Wallace Stegner
Special Notes...

- On March 28, 29, and 30th, 2001, Yellowstone will help sponsor a recycling conference to be held at Chico Hot Springs. The conference is titled “Waste Not Montana 2001” and will host a wide variety of speakers and vendors addressing a wide range of local, regional, and national recycling efforts. More information can be found on the web at http://www.peakstoprairies.org/wastenot.

- Thank you for contributing towards my retirement party, presents, or just being there to give me a great send-off for my retirement. I will miss seeing and working with all of you but am sure I will see some of you around Bozeman when you are in town shopping. I feel fortunate that I was able to work in Yellowstone for over 7 years. The continual driving back and forth from Bozeman was trying at times, so this winter I can take a break from living my life by the Weather Channel and just stay put in Bozeman with my family.

Thanks again for being such a great group of Yellowstone employees. -Sue Crowfoot

- The Yellowstone Association is pleased to announce the selection of Jim Williams from Bozeman, Montana, for the new position of Institute Program Manager. Jim is a graduate of Yale University who most recently served as operations director for Backcountry Tours, an adventure travel company that offers trips throughout the western states. As program manager for the Institute, Jim will manage existing programs, develop new programs, and maintain the highest standards of program quality. He will be based at the Association’s Mammoth office during the winter months and at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch during the summer months. You can reach Jim in Mammoth at 344-2292 or jwilliams@yellowstoneassociation.org.

- February Events in Gardiner/Mammoth:
  **Sunday, February 4** – Lewis and Clark Musical & Historical Presentation by David Walburn, Mammoth Hotel Map Room, 7:00pm. Adult- $10, Student (6-12) - $5, Child (under 6) - free.

  **Sunday, February 25** – Celtic and Irish Music by Wilson & McKee - Gardiner School, 7:00pm. Adult - $10, Student (6-12) - $5, Child (under 6) - free.

All events are sponsored by the Electric Peak Arts Council. Please support these functions so we can bring more into our community. Coming in April, Pop Warner, cowboy humorist.

YFEA NEWS

The YFEA Officers would like to thank all of the people who helped make our party the big success that we felt it was. A special thanks to Jim “Regis” Evanoff. (Thank goodness your hair is back to normal!) There were too many individuals to mention that did so much work on food, decorations, preparations, and entertainment – everything was wonderful!

The beginning of the new year brings thoughts of officer elections. If you would like to participate more in this organization please contact one of the current officers and indicate what your interests are. Elections will take place in March and all positions are held for one year (unless you decide to run again). Show your support of this important organization!
Welcome to Yellowstone:
Todd Koel  Supervisory Fisheries Biologist
Peter Galindo  Mechanical Engineer - Mammoth
John Steward  Mechanical Engineer – Mammoth

New Permanents:
Kathryn Eneboe  Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant – West
Christine Greve  Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant – West
Jeffrey Lutch  Biological Science Technician
Brian Ertel  Biological Science Technician
Victor Cavalier  Maintenance Worker – Madison
Shannon Savage  Cartographic Technician
Travis Rixford  Forestry Technician
Ed Folts  Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant – Mammoth
Kerry Murphy  Wildlife Biologist
Mark Biel  Wildlife Biologist

Reassignments:
Ivan Tyson  Engineering Equipment Operator – Tower
Lane Baker  Subdistrict Ranger – Old Faithful

Best Wishes to:
Bill Tyson  retired January 2001

Congratulations to
Sarah and Harold Housley
on the birth of their daughter
Natalie Rose!
Natalie arrived on December 13th
weighing in at 7 lb 15 oz.
For Sale - Aerobic Rider - was $300 new, in excellent condition, $125 OBO. Call Steve at 344-2148.


For Sale - 1990 Polaris 400 SKS liquid cooled, red color. Runs well, 5900 miles. $1000 OBO. Call Bundy at 344-7753 or (406) 838-2300.

For Sale - Duplex with 3+ acres. 3 bedroom, bath, 2 1/2 car unattached garage/2 bedroom, bath 2 car attached garage. Approximately 8 miles north of Gardiner. Call Mike Cretella at 848-7263.

For Sale - We're moving! We have items for sale and some freebies too: 2 snowmobiles: '95 Yamaha Enticer II LTR, 7500 miles; blue book at $1750; '89 Yamaha Enticer LTR, 5000 mi., blue book at $600; Freightier heavy duty tow sled, $25; '93 Ford Explorer XLT, 4x4, almost 99,000 mi., $9500; '91 Ford Ranger Extended Cab Pickup, w/topper, 94,00 mi., $6400; framed Morten Solberg print: "Antelope Ridge", $290; Kenmore 7 cubic ft. chest freezer, $100; "Swing-N-Slide" wooden swing set with slide, $90; two Hydra Taurus plastic whitewater kayaks with paddles, spray skirts, etc., about $100 apiece. Freebies: room-sized carpet; 2 large indoor plants (one floor, one hanging); gold upholstered rocking chair; child's school desk and chair; probably more...Call Dawn at 344-9073.

Wanted - your old cowboy hats. If they leak or have holes in them, no matter. Want for the felt only. Contact Renee at 344-2204. Thanks.

Wanted - Information leading to finding the perfect housing in the Gardiner area! Well...ok, ANY housing in the area. Buying or renting, preferably a 2 or 3 bedroom house. Call Pat at 344-2284.

Wanted - pair of Karhu Catamount skis, any size smaller than 190. Contact Julie at West, at 646-7537.

Volunteers Needed to help with the annual Ducks Unlimited banquet this April. Good opportunity to meet some great folks, help with an important community event, and just have fun. Interested parties should call Dan or Janet at 344-7712.

Help Wanted - Little People's Learning Center is looking for infant room, toddler and preschool teachers/aids. Immediate positions available with competitive salaries. Please call Barb at 344-7785.

Dr. Murray, DVM will be in Gardiner at the Exxon on Friday, January 26th and every two weeks after that from 2 - 5 pm.
Valentine Trivia...

- The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written by Charles, Duke of Orleans to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. This was written in 1415 and can be viewed at the British Museum in London.
- Cupid, the child-like, winged deity is the son of Venus, the Roman goddess of love. In Greek mythology, Cupid is known as Aphrodite’s son Eros.
- According to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated one billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine’s Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (Christmas being the first at 2.6 billion cards.)
- Approximately 85 percent of all valentines are purchased by women.

**Does your sweetie have a sweet tooth? Try this...**

**Easy Death by Chocolate**

1 pk  fudge brownie mix  
4 oz  Hershey’s Chocolate Syrup  
½ c  Kahlua or coffee liqueur  
3 pk  Chocolate Mousse; instant  
24 oz  Cool Whip  
8  Heath bars or Skors

Bake the fudge brownie mix according to directions.

While it is baking, mix together the chocolate syrup and the Kahlua. Pour about half of that mixture in the serving dish.

When brownie is done and cooled, break it up and put into the dish (on top of the syrup mixture).

Pour half of what is left of the syrup mixture on top of the brownie mix, and refrigerate.

Make the mousse according to package directions.

Spread the mousse on top of the cake.

Spread the cool whip on top of the mousse.

Drizzle the remaining chocolate syrup on top of the whip cream or on top of each serving as it is served.

Break up the Heath bars and sprinkle on top.
GARDINER ALL SCHOOL REUNION 2001

We are planning a Gardiner All School (students, including those who may not have graduated from Gardiner; parents, teachers, school board, etc.) reunion for July 13th, and July 14th, 2001. In order to find out how many are interested in this, please complete this questionnaire and return to the address at the bottom of this sheet. Also, if you know of someone we may have missed, please notify them or send their addresses to me. At this time we do not know what the prices will be but will keep you informed. Please register at http://www.asd.com/ and we will be posting information there. It is free and takes just a few seconds.

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We need to have some idea of how many will be coming and would like to include the information in a directory for everyone.

Please check if you plan to attend

Please check if you hope to attend

How many will be with you?

Please return this as soon as possible so that we can forward additional information to you.

Ron and Loma Young  
P. O. Box 204  
Joliet, Montana 59041  
(406) 962-3160  
E-mail: ronlomayoung@uswest.net

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you in July 2001.
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Pays For

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- Regular Pap smears

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- No health insurance
- Meet income guidelines

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Gallatin City-County Health Department

MAMMOTH CLINIC IS A PROVIDER FOR THIS PROGRAM
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Quitting For Good!
A special quit smoking program
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"Quitting for Good" is a new approach to
smoking cessation tailored to a woman's
unique physical and emotional makeup.

This five month program includes:
educational classes
ongoing support sessions
an exercise program
massage therapy
nutrition guidance
individual counseling
lots of personal attention

What is the cost?

$25 a month for 5 months

Upon successful completion of this program, your money
will be returned to you as a reward for your success.

Who can join?

This program is open to women who have a
heartfelt desire to quit smoking and who are
willing to fully participate in this program.
Class space is limited
and preregistration is required.
Call the LivingSteps Wellness Center
at 222-8282 for more information.

The first class will be in February.

This special program is provided by the LivingSteps Wellness Center and sponsored by
the Montana Dept of Health and Human Services Tobacco Use Prevention Program.