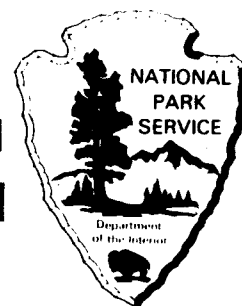


# The **YELLOWSTONE** **News**



**July 18, 1994**

**NPS Employee Newsletter**

**Next Deadline: July 29**

## **Three Cheers**

Congratulations to Sue Consolo-Murphy who received a Special Achievement Award recently for the sustained excellence of work performed over the past three years in various roles with the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team's Yellowstone ecosystem sub-committee.

## **Retirement**

Tom Hobbs, Superintendent of C&O Canal, and past Chief Ranger here at Yellowstone, retired from the National Park Service on May 3. He and his wife, Alice, are in the West Virginia/Maryland area while they await the completion of a new home in Maine. Maine address: Box 657, Mt. Desert, ME 04640.

## **Firefighter Fund**

The recent South Canyon Fire near Glenwood Springs, Colorado, took the lives of 14 firefighters, including smokejumper Don Mackey who was based out of Missoula. A memorial fund to benefit Don's family has been established. Send contributions to:

Don Mackey Memorial Fund  
Aerial Fire Depot  
Box #6, Airport Terminal  
Missoula, MT 59802

To make a contribution to all the families of the firefighters, send your contributions to:

Disaster Fund for Firefighters  
Families  
Account No. 1211680  
Grand Avenue  
Glenwood Springs, CO 80601

## **Backcountry Ranger Dies in Accident**

On Sunday, July 3, Shoshone Lake Backcountry Ranger Ryan Francis Weltman, 22, failed to check in during a routine evening radio check. Again, on Monday, July 4, 1994, he did not make his scheduled morning contact.

At about 8:30 a.m. on July 4, rangers began a search on foot, by boat and by helicopter. Shortly after the search began, a visitor reported seeing a capsized boat with a white bottom on Shoshone Lake near the Narrows. Rangers located the kayak as well as the body of Ranger Weltman at 9:59 a.m., a few hundred yards from the east shore of the lake. Winds had been reported up to 40 miles per hour in the park late in the afternoon on Sunday. The cause of the accident is under investigation; however, it is presumed that wind was a factor. Ryan was wearing a life vest.

Ryan is the second Yellowstone ranger to die in the line of duty this year. In January, East Entrance Ranger Robert E. Mahn, Jr., was killed while on a snowmobile patrol.

Ryan is survived by his father, Martin Weltman of Andover, Minnesota, his mother, Signa Enos of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, and a sister, Ursula Weltman, a seasonal naturalist at Norris.

On Thursday, July 7, approximately 150 friends and co-workers as well as family attended a memorial service for Ryan at the Lake Ranger Station. He was eulogized as "a bright and shining star", "a dedicated ranger", and "an exceptional person". He will be sorely missed.

A memorial fund in his name has been set up for those wishing to make a donation in his memory. Donations will be used for resource management projects at Shoshone Lake. Checks should be made payable to "Ryan Weltman Memorial Fund - NPS" and forwarded to the Chief Ranger's Office.

## **Visitor Receives Thermal Burn**

In the early morning hours of July 10, park visitor Matt Benjamin, 24, of Mobile, Alabama, received second and third degree burns over approximately 10 percent of his body after travelling off-boardwalk and stepping into a small, shallow thermal pool near the vent of Old Faithful Geyser.

Rangers responded immediately and provided initial emergency medical care for deep partial and full thickness burns from the bottom of his feet up to his ankles. He was transported via park ambulance to Ashton, Idaho, transferred to another ambulance, and taken to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center of Idaho Falls, Idaho, for additional treatment.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ► Adult Art Class Offered

A three day workshop entitled, *Creating Ritual/Personal Stories*, will be offered July 26-28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mammoth School. The class will center on development of content in art and investigation of personal interpretation of ritual. Participants will explore mixed media, painting and monoprinting. Serious beginners welcome.

The class will be taught by Elaine Defibaugh, a teacher of painting and printmaking at Rochester Institute of Technology, New York, who also shows her own work nationally. (She is also offering a mixed media class for children through the Yellowstone Kids Program.)

Adult students must pre-register by July 20. The \$40 fee includes all materials. Maximum enrollment: 12. Call Rene at 344-7464 from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Tuesday thru Thursday for more information and pre-registration.

### ► Mammoth Employee Pub Serves Pizza

The Mammoth Pub (located behind the Hamilton Store) is open Monday - Saturday from 8-12 p.m. and Sundays from 6-10 p.m. to park employees and their families. C'mon down for great pizza, pool, foos ball, and on Sunday nights, "Oldies but Goodies" music!

### ► Youth Soccer League Sign-Up

Boys and girls ages 6-13 are invited to sign up for the Gardiner-Mammoth Youth Soccer Association Fall Recreational League on Thursday, July 21 at the Gardiner School Multi-Purpose Room from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 for the first player, \$10 each additional player per family. Scholarships available. Bring old equipment (cleats and shin-guards that are too small) for an equipment exchange hosted during the sign-up. Practice will start around September 1st. Games will be played in Livingston each Saturday until mid-October. For more information call Tom Olliff (344-9272) or Jean Broadhead (848-7960).

### ► Little People's Learning Center News

Thank you to all who helped with the Yellowstone Quilt. And special thanks to Mary Hudson for coordinating the project. Mary is looking for assistance with the final touches. Give her a call at 344-7416. Raffle tickets will be available soon.

LPLC has just been approved for a Wyoming Block Grant to assist with staff training. A BIG thanks to Ginny Cowan for all the time she spent writing and applying for this grant.

LPLC will have some full-time slots available this fall in both our Toddler and Preschool programs. Call Pam at 344-7785.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Wanted:

Looking for a topper for a 1985 SR5 Toyota truck. Please call Patrick at 344-2118.

### Pet Sitter Available:

Need someone to feed, sit with or walk your pet? Katie McCoy is offering the service of secure animal sitting during the month of July in the Mammoth area. Rates negotiable. Phone 344-9225.

### Yard Sale:

Multi-family yard sale on Saturday, July 23 from 9 a.m. til ??? Located on the Jardine Road, White Lane, watch for signs. Items include clothes, books, toys, and lots of good stuff.

### For Sale:

- \*(11) Runners (climbing), \$4 ea.
  - \*(9) Carabiners, \$3.75 ea.
  - \*Split bamboo fishing rod, \$50.
  - \*Bristol telescope fishing rod, \$30.
  - \*North Face Snow Leopard pack, men's regular, 4900 cu, \$210.
  - \*Steel pot, 2 qt., \$15.
  - \*(2) Pullies, 4500+ lbs., \$4/\$8.
  - \*Pinnacle fleece gloves, XL, \$25.
  - \*XKG camping stove, \$50.
  - \*White gas bottles, \$5 ea.
- Call Steve Byers at 242-2520.

### Wanted:

To borrow, rent, or buy your used baby backpack to carry a 35lb. child. Please call Valerie 344-2118.



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BE HEADING NORTH TO ALASKA  
IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. PLEASE  
COME JOIN US IN WISHING  
THEM A FOND FAREWELL.**



***When: Tuesday, August 30, 1994 -***

***Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m. - Social  
6:30-8:00 p.m. - Dinner  
8:00 to whenever - Program***

***Where: Mammoth Rec Hall (behind the  
Mammoth Hotel)***

***Dress: Casual (Western)***

***Cost: \$15.50 for adults;  
\$10.75/children under 12***

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