

The YELLOWSTONE

News

December 16, 1994

NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: January 6

Birders to Meet

The annual Christmas Bird Count will be conducted on Sunday, December 18, 1994, in the Mammoth/Gardiner area. For persons not familiar with the Christmas Bird Count, it is a national and international method of counting birds, learning something about birds from other people, and having fun with people during the holiday season.

Whether you are a beginning birdwatcher, a moderately experienced birder, or an advanced observer, the Christmas Bird Count is a lot of fun. If you have never participated in a Christmas Bird Count, give it a try! Participants will meet at the Best Western in Gardiner, on Sunday, December 18, at 7:15 a.m. A five dollar fee per person is required only for those participants interested in having their names published in the CBC Special Issue of Audubon Field Notes. It is not mandatory to pay the fee to participate.

Bring warm clothes, snacks, and drinks for the day. All participants are invited to the McEneaney's for lunch. If there's time at the end of the day, a jump into Boiling River might hit the spot. For more information contact Terry McEneaney at (307) 344-2148 or (406) 848-7942 (H) evenings.

*Merry
Christmas!*

Yellowstone's Winter Season Begins

Yellowstone's glorious winter majesty is about to unfold for the thousands of winter visitors and residents who venture into the park's interior for skiing, snowmobiling, or by car for wildlife viewing. Many people who experience Yellowstone in winter believe it's the park's most beautiful time of year. The wildlife is incredible; elk, bison, and coyotes can be seen meandering through high drifts and over frozen lakes in search of food or to escape the elements. The vast thermal features that billow steam and create delicate ice formations are a main attraction for visitors as are park wildlife who seek protection from the ravages of the extreme cold. Winter is known to be an extreme hardship for wildlife and they need to be afforded special consideration during this time of year. With visitor use increasing significantly and surpassing all projected figures, the quality of the winter experience for both the animals and the visitor has been affected.

The impact of winter visitation is extensive and problematic, and the resources needed to handle the effects of thousands of visitors each winter has proven to be less than adequate. To help come up with a plan to manage the stress on park resources and assure a quality visit, the park and the six surrounding forests have launched an initiative to administer winter use in the long run.

Visitors and residents are being asked to comment on the winter use plan by writing to P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY, 82190.

Everyone wants to enjoy Yellowstone at its best, not only on the next visit, but on future visits, as well. Your comments may very well help the park and surrounding forest managers achieve these goals.

Christmas Gift Giving Opportunity ☆☆☆☆☆

The Yellowstone Center for Resources is accepting cash contributions for a Livingston family in need this Christmas. Joni Frederick, the widow of Livingston Police detective Sam Frederick, is now raising five children alone, and was recently involved in a car accident leaving her with a broken right ankle, a broken left foot, broken ribs and both knees badly cut. Her daughter Megan, suffered a torn stomach lining and a broken back. Another child of the family was born with severe medical problems and physical disabilities and needs special care.

To magnify her problems even further, Joni's father, a local Livingston minister, died on November 26. The family is in great need of financial contributions, so if you would like to contribute, please see Joy Perius at the YCR office or Eric Bard in the Soils office who will gladly accept your offer of support.

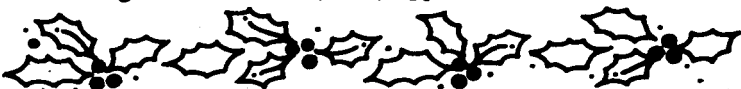
Your Cooperation is Requested.....

A note from Janet the Janitor:

The main hallways on the first floor of the Administration Building are washed on Friday evenings. In an effort not to inconvenience people who enter the building after hours, the floors will now be washed as late as possible in the janitor's work schedule.

The hallway by the Personnel Office will be closed from 10-10:30 p.m. for cleaning; the hallway by the Superintendent's Office will be closed from 10:30-11 p.m. for cleaning.

Your cooperation in not entering the building during these cleaning times would be greatly appreciated.



Research Library Holiday Schedule

For great holiday reading or viewing, come and check out your favorite books or videos before December 23. The library will be closed from December 26 through January 1, 1995. Happy Holidays to all our patrons from Beverly Whitman and Barbara Zafft.

Happy Holidays



Don't Drink and Drive

If you have had a few too many and you don't have a non-drinking driver to give you a lift home, call the Communications Center at 344-7381. They will arrange a ride for you anywhere in the Mammoth/ Gardiner area--no strings attached.

If you have a friend who has been drinking too much, please don't let him/her drive. A ranger will be glad to take him/her home. This offer is primarily for the holidays, but is available anytime there is need.



Personnel News

Please keep in mind the deadline for using "use-or-lose" is January 7. If you are unable to use it, please consider donating it to someone in the Leave Donor Program. We have a potential recipient locally and a list of others in our region. This means a great deal to these folks. Call Mary Heller in Personnel at 2047 for forms or more information.

Congratulations to the door decorating contest winners...First place went to ADP; runners up were the Mail Room and the Backcountry/ Bear Management office; and the boobie prize went to the Comm Center. The enthusiastic response to the door decorating contest was inspiring and we only wish we could have given out first prizes to all the fantastic entries. We look forward to your entries next year. Thank you all for coming to our Christmas open house, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Congress has passed the **Federal Employees Family Friendly Leave Act**, effective December 2, 1994. This act enables employees to use sick leave to care for ill family members and for bereavement purposes. The number of days available per year varies and certain codes must be used by timekeepers in different instances, so please contact Personnel if this type of leave is needed.

PTO Say "Thanks!"

The Mammoth PTO would like to thank the following merchants for their generous contributions to the success of the 1994 rummage sale: Rigler Oil Company, Yellowstone Gallery and Frameworks, North Entrance Food Farm, Mammoth Clinic, Kellem's Saddle Shop, Town Cafe, TW Services, Mineral Hill Mine, Gardiner Drug Store, Outlaw Pizza, Yellowstone Park Service Stations, Elk Inc., Park's Fly Shop, Bozeman Symphony Society, Out West T-Shirts and Sweats, Your Town Video, Big Sky Ski Resort, Wapiti Silver Company, Mountain Man Fruit and Nut Co., Gardiner Hardware Plus, Gardiner Exxon, Bridger Bowl Ski Resort, Sawtooth Deli, Yellowstone Traders, and Helen's Corral. We would also like to extend special thanks to the loyal, energetic committee members and our patrons. Their continued support enables us to enrich the activities and education of our children and community. Thank you all!

Condolences...

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Helen B. Tracy** from Rainer, Oregon, who passed away November 27, 1994. Helen moved to Gardiner in 1946 and worked for the National Park Service until retirement in 1969. Her husband George died in 1976. Friends wishing to express sympathy may contribute to the charity of their choice.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

✧ Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, December 16, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next Visit: December 30.

✧ Christmas Parties

The **Ranger Division** will be hosting their annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 16, at 3:30 p.m. Come eat, drink and be Merry!

The **Yellowstone Center for Resources** will be having their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21, at 3:30 p.m. Come and join them for holiday cheer!

The **Mammoth Clinic** will be having their annual Holiday Open House on December 21, 1994, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The staff would like to wish the Gardiner/Mammoth communities Happy Holiday's, and they hope to see you at the Open House to share holiday food and conversation!

✧ Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner

Senior citizens are invited to Christmas Dinner, Sunday, December 18, at 2 p.m. at the Gardiner Community Church. Sponsored by the Dome Mountain 4-H. Please RSVP with Jodi at 848-7657.

✧ Recycling Day

On Saturday, December 17, the Bear Creek Council, TW Recreational Services and the Gardiner Boy Scouts will be picking up glass, cardboard, aluminum and newspapers on your curb beginning at 9 a.m., or you can bring your recyclables to the Gardiner Rodeo Grounds by 11 a.m.

✧ Christmas Concert

The Gardiner School Music Department will sponsor a Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. and will feature choral presentations and the Elementary band. Santa will be there, too! The concert is free of charge so be sure to attend!

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

Kelty "Super Tioga" backpack, large size. Latest model, never used, never touched by human hands! Retail for \$170, sale priced at \$120. Great Christmas gift! Call Greg at 344-2260 days, 222-5161 evenings.

For Sale:

Queen size futon mattress. Great for back of truck or camper. \$15 or trade for something else. Two slice toaster B&D, \$5. Call 344-7722.

For Sale:

Nordic Track "Achiever". Like new, \$550 (paid \$769 new). Call 344-2013 days or 344-7475 evenings.

Employment Opportunity:

Little People's Learning Center is looking for an experienced pre-school care-giver and an infant center care-giver, experience preferred. These positions will be full-time and employment will begin in January. Please call Pam at 344-7785.

Housesitter Needed:

We still need a house and dog sitter from Dec. 23 through Jan. 8. Comes with a hot tub and all the amenities. Call if interested. 344-7447.

For Sale:

1986 Honda Civic. Good in snow and well maintained. Original owner miles and below book at \$1600. Also, Alico Edge Telemark boots, size 10 men's. Used once. New \$460, asking \$200. 344-9272 evenings.

For Sale:

Firestone Radial ATX Tires, like new. P235/75R15, 4 each. \$40 each or all for \$150. See Bill Tyson or call 848-7553 evenings.

For Sale:

Two semi-formal dresses (size 6-8), pink and teal, \$20 and \$30. Call Dayna at 848-7291 evenings.

For Sale:

Full-size Century playpen, \$25. Call 344-7788.

Volunteers Needed:

The Greater Yellowstone Conservation Date Center, a cooperative program between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy, needs volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks. While we are in particular need for persons to do data entry, we also need help in extracting and mapping information, and other administrative tasks. If interested, please call either Pete Feigley or Eugénie Drayton at 344-2157.

Bozeman Rental Wanted:

My wife and I plan to attend MSU for the spring '95 semester and are looking to rent an apartment or house to sit. If you have any possibilities, please call Budd at 344-2353.

For Sale:

1987 Ford Bronco II, runs well, good condition, brand-new snow tires. \$4,500. Can be seen at Gardiner Exxon. Call Debbie at 848-7662.