

The

YELLOWSTONE

News



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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: March 29



Award Winner

Chet Leach, a seasonal interpreter in Yellowstone, received the "Sense of Wonder Award" from the Montana Environmental Education Association at their annual conference in Great Falls, MT on March 11, 1995.

This honor is bestowed annually upon the individual who best demonstrates "outstanding efforts to promote creative learning and joyful experiences in the natural world."

Chet was nominated for this award based upon his significant contributions to hundreds of Montana students during five years' work in Yellowstone's residential environmental education program, Expedition: Yellowstone!

Park Wolves To Be Released Soon

Yellowstone's 14 gray wolves are scheduled to be released from their acclimation pens beginning Tuesday evening, March 21, 1995, announced Superintendent Mike Finley.

The first group scheduled for release will be the Crystal Bench group which arrived in the park on January 12; this is now their 9th week of acclimation. The other two groups (Rose Creek and then Soda Butte) are scheduled for release as soon as it is determined that the first group and then the second group have left the immediate area.

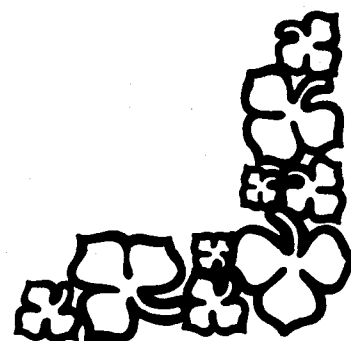
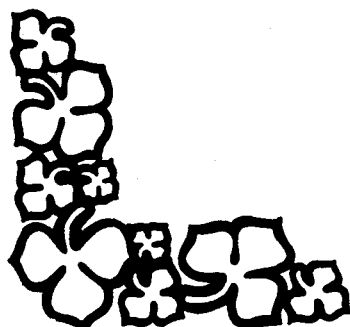
Wildlife biologists stress that the wolves have done well in confinement. They have been held for as long as possible to allow the adult pairs to remain together during the breeding season and to increase the chances of the packs remaining together and reduce the distances they will travel once they are released.

Breeding behavior has been observed in all three pens but it is unknown if any are pregnant. The wolves need to be released in time for the females to pick a den site prior to whelping (wolves have a gestation period of approximately 60 days).

Several other factors are also being considered in determining the release date. Grizzly bear activity continues to increase as more bears emerge from their dens. The feeding of road-killed animals to the wolves in the acclimation pens could become a bear attractant. Additionally, possible bear activity in the vicinity of the acclimation pens could pose a danger to park staff who are working in the area of the pens.

The information regarding the release dates is subject to change depending on the weather conditions as well as grizzly bear activity and other factors.

*Saint
Patrick's
Day*



PERSONNEL NEWS

by Mary Heller

Leave Donor

Bob Chambers, of the Branch of Natural Resources, has been approved as a leave recipient under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program. He is undergoing treatment for a metabolic disorder and is in need of leave donations. Please contact **Mary Heller** at extension 2047 for more information and forms.

Free Booklet

A free booklet, "*The Ins and Outs of Your Federal Benefits*" is available from the Public Employees' Roundtable by calling 1-800-442-6654.

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone for the nice luncheon. It was great and somewhat a surprise. I know I will miss you all, but I will still be around so come and see me. It meant a lot to know that you all know where the library is and who is there.

Bev Whitman

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Jan Laye, Editor, 344-2003

Park Medical News.....RRR

Yellowstone Park Medical Service (YMPS) is pleased to announce that the Mammoth Clinic is now a Blue Cross Blue Shield Preferred Provider. The clinic will now begin filing and accepting assignment on Blue Cross Blue Shield medical insurance immediately.

YPMS asks that patients covered by Blue Cross Blue Shield bring their insurance information with them on their next visit to the clinic. YPMS continues to explore becoming preferred providers with other insurance plans. It is their goal to become affiliated with several carriers as their plans become available in this area. Dr. Kimbro and the staff at the Mammoth Clinic are excited to offer this additional service to their patients.

Foreign Travelers:

A vaccine is now available for Hepatitis A. It requires an initial dose, which affords protection after 15 days, then a booster dose 6 to 12 months later. Foreign travelers generally get immune globulin for a short term protection against Hep A. The supply of Immune Globulin is in a critical shortage state currently, and is on back order until further notice.

There are some indications for use in certain parts of the U.S. and is ideal for international travelers. If you are interested in this vaccine please call the Mammoth Clinic at 344-7965.

♀ ♂ ♀ New Arrivals ♂ ♀ ♂

Congratulations:

♀ Anna Marie Gruber was born to Lori and John Gruber on March 3, 1995, at 10:48 a.m. in Livingston, MT. Anna, who weighed in at 6 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs. joins brother Dylan at home.

Dear Yellowstone Friends:

We want to thank all of you for the warm send-off and gift certificate from the Gallery. We've settled in Southern PA and a new life routine is starting to take shape. Reality has set in now that the van has new PA license plates. But, all is not lost! Thanks to Nancy, we now have an irreplaceable Yellowstone bumper sticker to put on! You are all greatly missed. Thank you again.

Bill and Renee Thompson, Kayla, Laura and Sara, Too!

New Address:

P.O. Box 1244
Chambersburg, PA 17201
(717) 261-9755

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

Bridgestone MB-4 mountain bike, 18" frame, good condition, \$400. Call Dan Carty at 344-7758 evenings.

Position Vacancy:

The Yellowstone Association is looking to fill a part-time Librarian position at the Yellowstone National Park Research Library. This position would be a job-share position and would require a total of 11.5 hours per week. The incumbent would perform all library functions, applying American Library Association procedures and would have primary responsibility for major project to computerize the library. Salary would be \$8.18 per hour; housing and relocation costs are not provided. Send letter of application, resume and three professional references to Director, Yellowstone Association, P.O. Box 117, YNP, WY. 82190. For further information please call (307) 344-2293.

Help Wanted:

The Yellowstone Park School Board is looking for an individual to oversee the 1995 summer recreation/education program. Position requires planning, advertising, and supervising the Yellowstone Park School summer recreation/education program. Program planning and advertising must take place in April and May. Actual programs start in late June and lasts until the middle of August. Salary can be on contract or by the hour. If interested please send resume to or telephone: John Whitman, Principal, P.O. Box 448, Yellowstone Park, WY. 82190, (307) 344-7464.

For Sale:

Combination skating or diagonal skiing package, includes 205 cm Jarvinen skis, size 11 Karhu ski boots, and 165 cm Excel poles, \$125 or best offer. Call 848-7513.

Wanted:

Twin bed in good condition. Call 344-7351.

For Sale:

1990 Toyota Corolla, gray, 4-door, 5-speed, 74,000 highway miles. Gets 40 mpg, in great shape. \$6000 or best offer. 1989 Yamaha "Enticer" long track snowmobile. Great condition, \$11,000 OBO. 357 Smith & Wesson model 66 revolver, stainless frame; Pachmeyer grips, \$275. Beretta 12 gauge, semi-auto shotgun, \$285. Rainbow vacuum with all attachments. Hardly used, \$425. Commercial bike rack. Holds 6-12 bikes. Good for school or business. Call 848-7656.

For Sale:

1976 International bus; 20 passenger, gas, automatic, very good shape. \$3000. For more information contact Don Nelson, The Yellowstone Institute, at (307) 344-2295.

For Sale:

'89 Toyota Tercel, front wheel drive, 49,000 miles, runs great, lots of pep. \$3,800. Call 344-7728.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, March 24, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next Visit: April 7.

* Historical Documentary

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of Women's History Month by attending a documentary by Doris Loeser entitled, "I'll Ride That Horse". This is a film featuring Montana women bronc riders. The film will be shown at the YCC Camp on Wednesday, March 22, at 3:30 p.m. Cowboy poets will perform and refreshments will be served. See you there!

* Credit Union Dinner

The 58th Annual Yellowstone Federal Credit Union Dinner will be held at the Gardiner Eagles Hall on Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. Call 344-7974 to make reservations.

* Bridger Clinic Workshop

There will be a workshop for women on *Menopause and Midlife Health* sponsored by the Bridger Clinic in Bozeman, Saturday, April 8. Topics discussed will include, hormone therapy, breast health, osteoporosis, heart disease and more. The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held at the Comfort Inn at 1370 N. 7th. Paid registration is required by April 5. For more information contact the Bridger Clinic, Inc., at (406) 587-0681.

To: *Women of Yellowstone, West Yellowstone and Gardiner areas*

From: *Federal Womens' Program Coordinator, Yellowstone National Park*

Date: *March 15, 1995*

Subject: *Mobile Mammography Screening Program*

The Federal Womens' Program Committee in Yellowstone is considering hosting the Salt Lake Regional Medical Center Mobil Mammography Screening Program for a visit to Yellowstone in conjunction with the Grand Teton Federal Women's Program to give mammograms to those women that are interested in having one. The screening will take about 15 minutes, at a cost of \$75.00. The hospital will bill all insurances. The exam includes interpretation by Valley Radiology and will be completely private and confidential. A brief medical background is requested at the time of appointment. The results of the screening will be sent to the woman's primary care physician (or designated health care provider) within 10 working days.

Mammography is one of the best methods for early detection of breast cancer. Every woman should have a baseline mammogram by age 40. Between ages 40 and 50, she should have a mammogram every one to two years, and after age 50, a woman should have an annual mammogram. I would encourage you to participate in the Mobile Mammography Screening Program if you are over 35 and if you have never had a mammogram before, or if it has been a year or two since your last exam.

The Mobile Mammography Screening Program will commit to coming to Yellowstone (Old Faithful and Mammoth) only if there are 30 women willing to participate in the screening process. If you are interested and want to schedule a mammogram with the Mobile Program, please return the bottom portion of this memo to Renee Evanoff, Yellowstone Center For Resources, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, 82190. The Mobile Program is tentatively planning to be in the Grand Teton/Yellowstone area in July.

Please call (801) 350-4665 or 1-800-544-9009 if you have questions.

MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING PROGRAM

Yes, I am interested in participating in the Mobile Mammography Screening Program in Yellowstone National Park.

Name _____ (please print)

Phone _____ (work number)

Return to Renee Evanoff, Federal Womens' Program Coordinator