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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: June 21

'95 Bond Campaign Continues

The 1995 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign is underway and Director Kennedy has appointed Jim Poole, WASO-MSPC, to coordinate the campaign. Both Poole and Kennedy hope that NPS can again shine as savers as they did last year. In a note to employees, Kennedy pointed out that while buying bonds is a good way to express civic and organizational pride, is not a sacrifice, but a worthwhile investment. "It's a simple and easy way to supplement your retirement, finance your child's education or save for future needs," he said, noting that Series EE bonds earn competitive interest rates, exempt from state and local taxes and federal taxes are deferred until redemption. Recent articles in Money Magazine and other financial magazines have touted bonds as completely safe, yet competitive, in today's marketplace.

As yet another incentive, the Old Rocky Mountain Regional Director's Office has contributed enough money to buy a \$100 savings bond for someone who has either increased their allotment or who starts a new bond. It could pay to get in on the action, based on that fact alone. Last year your odds of winning would have been one in 81. For those of us who buy a bond or add to our savings, they'll put our names in a hat in the regional office. A winner will be drawn out. They'll notify the winner and send them their very own \$100 bond. To buy a savings bond or change the amount you wish to contribute, contact Yellowstone's Bond Coordinator, Laura Long at 344-2039.

Don't Forget!!!
Father's Day is June 18



Logo Winner Chosen

This design by Lynn Chan was recently chosen to symbolize and represent the newly formed Yellowstone Foundation. The YA board felt that this design most aptly signifies the essence of what Yellowstone Park stands for and will be used to represent the Yellowstone Foundation on stationery, brochures, and on other foundation materials.



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Chan, who will now receive a check from the foundation for \$300, has worked for the division of Interpretation and the Yellowstone Association. "I really couldn't decide what logo I wanted to submit," Chan said, and added, "I put a lot of determined effort into this because I wanted to come up with a good design."

Personnel News...

Thrift Savings Plan (TSP)

The TSP Open Season continues through July 31, 1995. Employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System or Federal Employees' Retirement System may enroll in TSP or change their contributions.

Limited Open Season - Life Insurance

There will be a limited open season for the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Program from now until July 21, 1995. During this open season, any eligible employee who is not currently enrolled may elect Basic insurance; employees may not elect any Optional insurance. Employees who are already enrolled in FEGLI may not participate in the open season. If you need further information, contact Roseanne Riley at 344-2041.

Drawing Classes Start

Back by popular demand, another series of classes called "Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain" will be held in Gardiner. Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain Part One, (June 13 through July 1) and Part Two, (June 12 to June 30), are classes that will open up the creative side of the brain to see, to enjoy, and to draw the wonderful beauty all around us. Through the use of fun exercises you unlock the area of your brain that is specialized in seeing and drawing. This class will be exciting to the person that has never been able to "draw a straight line" as well as the experienced artist. No matter what level you are at, you will be taken deeper into your artistic side. Everyone can draw, you just need to unlock the right area to do it.

The cost for Part One and Part Two classes is \$85. Part One will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. Part Two classes will be Monday and Friday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m.. Both classes will be held at the Gardiner Community Church. Call Susan Blackwood at (406) 586-4484 to sign up now.

♀ ♂ ♀ *New Arrivals* ♂ ♀ ♂

Congratulations to Scott and Patti Kremer on the birth of their son Jarrett Scott, who arrived on the scene May 28. He weighed in at 9lbs. 15 ozs., and measured 22.5" !!

Condolences

Former Yellowstone NP employee Jack O'Neale was recently killed in an auto accident in Oklahoma. According to Tim Hudson, Jack (John) was an engineering tech in the 70's and worked on the initial surveys when the park's roads were restriped with passing lanes. Until that time, the park had only a solid centerline. In a letter received from Virginia Anderson on June 7, she stated that Jack's wife Judy was not injured. If anyone wishes to send Mrs. O'Neale condolences, send them in care of Mrs. Jack O'Neale, 2900 Boniface Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99504 and envelopes should be marked "Forward Immediately."

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Summer Soccer Begins

Pick-up soccer games are being held at the Gardiner athletic field on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. All skill levels are invited. Come join in the fun!

A three-day Soccer Camp will be held at the Gardiner School field on July 6, 7, 8. The camp will provide professional soccer coaching to kids aged 6-16. The Soccer Shop from Bozeman is sponsoring the camp. Boys and girls ages 6-9 can sign up for morning sessions from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Boys and girls ages 10-16 can sign up for afternoon sessions from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$28 per child.

Sign up for the fall recreational soccer league will be on Saturday, July 8, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Gardiner School. Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Call Tom Olliff at 344-9272 or Jean Broadhead at 848-7960 for more information.

Dear Yellowstone Park:

I'm writing to you about the fires in Yellowstone. There are so many fires in Yellowstone. You should have fires only in certain places, and people should have to pay more money to have a fire. Tons of people are being killed by these fires. Do you want to be held responsible for those deaths? The people who come to Yellowstone think that they are safe. Do you want them to think that they are right? I know what you're thinking.

First, we don't have enough money to get more firefighters. You could get a donation jar. Second, it's not a big problem. Well, yes it is. You're burning up trees, and that's our oxygen! Third, people want fires. So you can make the people who want fires pay money, and they have to be in a certain place. Fourth, they can put out fires using our drinking water. Well, we can use sand and dirt and some water. I think that you should really think about what I have written about in this letter about the fires in Yellowstone.
Sincerely, Natalie Butterfield

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

Full size play pen, good condition, \$25. Call Andy or Betsy at 344-7788.

For Sale:

1987, Ford Ranger, 4x4, 72,400 miles. Glasstite topper, excellent condition, \$5,900. Call 344-9243 anytime, or leave message.

For Sale:

Travel trailer, 31 ft., Holiday Rambler Aluma-Lite XL, fully loaded and self-contained. Great condition, equalizer hitch included, \$7,900. Call Ken at 344-7400.

For Sale:

1 3/4" Ranger duty belt w/all accessories, \$45. '86 Yamaha Enticer snowmachine, \$900. Free weights w/bench, \$40. Bike rack for parking 6-12 bikes, \$25. 13" color TV, \$25. Little Tykes sandbox, \$20. Little Tykes playhouse/slide, \$40. Boy's 16" bike, \$25. Call 848-7656.

For Sale:

Full-size Actionliner recliner, good condition, brown. \$150. Call 848-2179 or 344-7496.

Free to a Good House:

Straw NPS campaign hat, size 7 1/8, long oval, leave message for Michael Robinson, Lake Ranger Station.

For Sale:

Almost new hiking boots 5.10 Wildebeast, men's size 10 and women's size 8. \$30 each. Call 344-9272.

Lost:

Would the person who picked up my Bausch and Lomb Ray Ban sunglasses (black lenses & frames) please return them. Last recall having them in the vicinity of the Mammoth parking lot on Friday, June 2. A reward is offered for return. They have their sentimental value. Thanks, Terry McEneaney

For Sale:

Soloflex Gym with leg and butterfly attachments. 6 years old, good shape. \$450 or best offer. Call 344-7349 after 5 p.m.

For Sale:

Entertainment unit, \$25. Kitchen table (round) and three chairs with cushions, \$50. Call 344-7733.

For Sale:

1980 Honda Motorcycle, XL-185 S. New running gear. Call 406/646-9295 or 344-2803.

For Sale:

New-never been worn, Simms rain jacket, ultrex. Tan color, reg. \$189.99, will sell for \$100. Call 344-7952.

Ride Needed:

I would like to share gas and driving to Wisconsin in June. Call 344-7471 evenings.

Wanted:

Used topper for a Ford Ranger pickup. Call 848-7142.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Rummage Sale

Little People's Learning Center is having a rummage sale on Saturday, June 10. Choose from strollers, microwave, lamps, waterbed, kids and baby clothes and lots more! Starts at 9 a.m. lower Mammoth house #572.

* Contradance

Everyone is invited to the "Contradance" being held Saturday, June 10, from 7-10 p.m. at the Gardiner School Multi-Purpose Room. Contradancing is similar to square dancing and we'll show you how! Dance to the music of the Broken String Band, and you may donate to the youth group who will be traveling to Mexico to aid orphans.

* Vet Visit

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

* Multi-Family Yard Sale

On Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. till all is sold, the greatest multi-family yard sale ever will be happening! Take the 2nd right off the Jardine Rd., gold house below the Rocky Mountain Campground. See you there!

Wolf Observation Recorded by Mark Johnson on 6/3/95

On May 30, 1995, Nancy Loren, myself, and two friends from Missoula, Theron and Robin Miller hiked out from Elk Tongue cabin and observed the two black male wolves from the Soda Butte Pack (12M and 15M) between Elk Tongue and Slough Creek cabins. During our 2 hour observation, we observed the wolves kill and eat an elk calf. The kill site is open short grass with sparse sagebrush. It was a blue sky, about 60 degrees, and the wolves were on the opposite bank of Slough Creek about 700 yards from us. We had binoculars, but no cameras. I have entered this wolf kill observation into our databases. The following summary is a list of events with some interpretation.

- 1015 Wolves were first seen laying down behind a sand bank about 800 yards away with only the heads in view. At first most of us thought the animals were a black bear sow and cub.
- 1019 Both wolves stand and walk toward us. The wolves took turns walking a short distance then laying. When one wolf walked the other laid down. Their movements are in a zig-zag pattern. A cow elk is barking at them excitedly.
- 1025 Near the bank of Slough Creek, 12M, barely increasing its slow walk, moves to its left about 6 feet and grasps an elk calf by the head or nose. It drags the calf about 10 feet, then holds its grasp and remains motionless laying over it. As soon as the calf is caught, the cow begins chasing 15M who appears to be leading the cow in circles away from the dominant wolf.
- 1037 Calf show a little movement as 12 holds calf. Four coyotes arrive in a full run and observe the wolves keeping about 100 yards from the wolves. One coyote barks at wolves while hopping on its hind legs. 12 leaves calf and both wolves casually lay near the stream bank facing the coyotes. The cow elk begins to chase the coyotes.
- 1041 A pair of geese land in the creek opposite to the wolves and remain throughout the observation.
- 1045 All 4 coyotes move 200 yds farther away and regroup. One coyote is rolling and urinating near where the wolves were first observed.
- 1049 The calf raises its head.
- 1052 12 eventually gets up, casually moves to the calf, holds its head or muzzle in the wolf's mouth, and lays motionless in this grasp. The coyotes move off.
- 1056 12 raises his head, still lying down by the calf. There is no more movement by the calf.
- 1059 12 stands, walks to the creek, and drinks while standing belly-deep in the water. 15 remains lying near the creek.
- 1105 Both wolves are still lying away from the calf near the bank. 15 often lets his tail, hips or hind legs hang over the bank.
- 1109 Cow elk has been barking regularly and begins moving away, looking back frequently.
- 1127 Both wolves get up and stand over elk calf. There are no obvious signs of displays to declare social rank.
- 1129 15 smells carcass and lays there. 12 lays nearby. 15 shows head movement suggestive of casual feeding.
- 1131 12 moves to elk calf, smells calf and lays down while 15 feeds. Feeding involved pulling carcass about 10 feet by the flank.
- 1143 White plane flew overhead. Wolves do not react to plane. 15 is now standing while feeding.
- 1157 15 stops feeding, walks to creek and drinks for 2 minutes while standing in water, then lays down. 12 gets up, walks to carcass, but didn't feed significantly, then displaces 15 to lie where 15 was.
- 1203 15 begins feeding again. Feeding occasionally involves dragging carcass as it pulls to feed.
- 1216 15 leaves carcass, walks to creek, and defecates in creek. Both wolves are lying down facing the carcass about 25 feet away from it.
- 1231 15 is laying in water and drinking.
- 1237 People join us and talk loudly. A small group of people nearby stand up. The wolves look our way then quickly move away.
- 1244 Wolves trot away from us, occasionally looking back. Near the opposite hill, a coyote made raised leg urination, then chased wolves uphill, often getting within several body lengths away. 12 occasionally give brief chase at coyote.
- 1248 Wolves enter the trees with coyote chasing them. A bald eagle joins a raven at the carcass. The sun sets... (eventually).