

# The YELLOWSTONE FILE News



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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: August 2

## Observations...

"Looking out the window of the Madison museum, I observed the individual in question crawling on all fours in the midst of a bison herd of approx. 60 adults and 25 calves. The individual continued in this manner for 10-15 minutes following the herd whenever it moved. As the herd approached the museum, the individual stood to his feet. Immediately after he stood, the bison herd ran towards the museum and a crowd of 20-30 now very excited people. The bison slowed and directed their path towards the parking area and the Madison/Old Faithful Road.

It was after the majority of the herd had moved on that I made my first contest with the individual. He talked of "being accepted" by the bison and what an "intense experience" he had. His face around and in his mouth was covered in mud on account of the fact he had been eating grass with the bison. Though the individual was certainly out of the ordinary, I must say he was cooperative when I informed him of the park regulations and requested that he wait until law enforcement arrived."

Darian Stanford, NPS Interpreter

## Reminder...

The Yellowstone Research Library staff would like to remind all employees to check due dates on books and return or call to renew them. Seasonal employees, please have all books returned before leaving. Remember, there is no fine for overdue materials. (Bookdrop is located in the entry-way at the back door if library is closed).

## Vietnamese Refugee Speaks from the Heart

In case you were wondering...the Administration Building now features a new piece of artwork. As you walk into the building through the doors closest to the Superintendent's Office, you are greeted by a bronze and metal plaque hanging on the wall with these words inscribed upon it:

*Yellowstone*

*(Thank You America, the Beautiful)*

*A Golden heart formed on the Rock  
Warm breaths of the geysers embrace  
the green pine tree forest  
Each heartbeat of the mother earth  
touched my soul  
Here is the place I long to rest...*

Linh Duy Vo

Thursday, September 1st, 1994

10 o'clock in the morning, at Yellowstone

Linh is a 38 year-old Vietnamese immigrant who has a passion for his adopted homeland. He was barely 19 when he left Vietnam and arrived at Camp Pendleton on May 2, 1975—one day after the fall of Saigon. The wartime experience has filled him with gratitude and humility. Since then, Vo has made a life for himself in Downey, California. He's married, has three children and is a lab technician at Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center. Linh is the author and creator of the bronze plaque which he sent to us last November (it weighed 47 lbs). He claims that free air has nurtured him into a world of poetry.

Last week, Linh Vo and his family visited Yellowstone again and took time out to try and meet the Superintendent. He was unsuccessful, but imagine his delight at seeing his creation hanging on the wall as he and his family entered the building. Other examples of his poetry are available in the Superintendent's Office. Just ask Jean.

## Campground Host Passes Away

Madison campground host Mary Paul passed away on July 14. Mary and her husband Jack had been working as campground hosts at Madison Campground since mid-May and were visiting relatives in Great Falls when her sudden and unexpected death occurred. Jack and Mary began their association with Yellowstone and Madison Campground in 1989 as firewood sellers. Madison was one of Mary's favorite places and she always seemed very happy here. She enjoyed greeting people and making them feel welcome. Mary will be buried in Decatur, Alabama, and is survived by her husband, her son, Glenn, and several grandchildren.

## Recycling ☺☺☺☺☺☺

Please Read!!!

Editor's note....It takes EVERYONE'S efforts to make recycling work and should not be a burden on the person who is responsible for taking care of recyclables. Watch what and how you are recycling...it's for your environment...your benefit in the long run. Let's try and do our part.

Soft drink cans should go into your office's recycling container, not your wastepaper baskets. Cardboard boxes can be taken to the Supply Center, or put into the recycle location at the rear of the building. Two types of paper can be recycled, but must be kept separate. Each office has recycle boxes for the paper. Bar paper is computer paper with wide bars, usually red or green on it. The other paper is white or colored. Post-it notes can now be recycled. PLEASE no envelopes, glossy paper, or extremely bright paper (bright red or yellow) or carbon paper.

Newspapers can be taken to the recycling shed two rows behind the Carpenter Shop, they should be tied in bundles. If you still find it necessary to put your newspapers in the Administration Building, please tie them in bundles, do not leave them in paper bags or just in stacks. Glass can be deposited in marked containers throughout the Mammoth housing and Administrative area. If you can't get bottles to these containers, please leave them separate, do not put them in with aluminum cans. They will be picked up from your offices. Thank you!

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*Jan Laye, Editor, 344-2003*

## Heartfelt Thanks ♥♥♥♥♥

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, visits, and assistance following my latest mishap. It is an honor to live and work with so many great people. Special thanks to Dick Allebach and Charlie Wagner, two visiting anglers from Pennsylvania, who dropped their rods and came to my aid. Many thanks to all. *"Flash" Gifford*

I wish to thank all of my friends and relatives who helped to make my retirement party such fun and something I'll never forget. I especially want to thank Judy and Bill for all their effort and thoughtfulness. I want to thank all those who joined the "club" and hope it will be successful for you! I'm keeping real busy and apple time is just around the corner, so be sure to stop out for some apples and a visit. Again, thanks to all! Respectfully,  
**Karen Hotchkiss**

Thank you to North District Maintenance, especially Jane, Doug and Ken, also to Edith of the Safety Office, and Margaret and Jerry Ryder for your help in making Karen Hotchkiss' retirement party a success! We appreciate your help! **The Property Office**

## ♀ ♂ ♀ *New Arrivals* ♂ ♀ ♂

Congratulations to Karen and Mike Kimbro on the arrival of their son Kaleb Michael Kimbro who arrived July 10, 1995. Kaleb weighed in at 8 lbs., 14 ozs, and measured 23" long.

## Dear Yellowstone Park...🐾🐾🐾

(Unedited) What Can I Do?

My Plan to Help the Wolves.

I will send letters of praise and thanks to show appreciation to people who help wolves. Join conservation and private organization that protect wolves. Let people know how wolves are important. Ask state wildlife or endangered species office how we can help in our state or province. Help raise money for funds to pay ranchers for livestock losses. Write letter to elected representatives, agencies, and others. Preserve wolf habitat. Help keep wolf habitat road-free. "Howl" with wolves! Join a wolf biologist or park ranger. Visit parks and zoo's that have wolves. Keep informed through reading, classes, and observation. Learn about laws and treaties that protect wolves. Adopt a wolf pack.

Sincerely your, **Kenneth Robert Dukes, age 12.**

## Buffalo Ranch Rendezvous 🎶🎶🎶

Celebrate summer's arrival at the Buffalo Ranch Rendezvous on Saturday, July 22, starting at 3 p.m. until ? Events include a Dutch Oven Cook-Off and Homebrew tasting. Bring a dish to share and something to grill. Swing your partner in the Lamar barn to the sounds of Taber's "Mixed Tunes Productions." Sleeping area available for those who consume too much Homebrew! Questions?? Call Michael Keator at 344-7717.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### For Sale:

16 1/2 ft. Fiberform tri-hull boat, 70 horse Evinrude motor, easyload trailer. Licensed for '95 and ready to go! \$2250. Also, 1970 Chinook motor home, 22 ft., Dodge chassis, 318 engine. Good tires and paint. \$5,000. 1985 Lincoln Town Car, signature series, good shape, smooth and comfortable ride! \$5500. Call Al at 848-7798 after 6 p.m. or weekends to make a deal.

### Students Wanted:

I'm now accepting students for voice and piano lessons. Contact Ellen (Stephenson) Fraizer at 848-7171 (leave message).

### For Sale:

Montana Traveler, 9 yr. old gelding. Big, with great disposition. Has been used for hunting, dragging, and packing. A very good versatile horse. Being used this summer for horse patrol duty. Asking \$1800. Please call Morris Bray at 545-8132 or 2718, leave a message.

### Service Offered:

Do you need your dog walked? Call Brigitte or Ross at 344-7439.

### Wanted:

Does anyone have bicycles to loan or sell? Also wanted, a used, reliable, and inexpensive vehicle. If you are selling, please call Maria or Sam at 344-7439.

### For Sale:

Two 1993 Polaris Trail Indy Deluxe snowmobiles with two place trailer. \$6,000, OBO. Call Kris at 848-7679 or 848-7506.

### For Sale:

R&R (Northface) Gore-Tax overshell, size small, new (never worn), \$100. Call Michael Robinson, Lake RS, leave message.

### For Sale:

Enamel day-bed, complete w/trundle, mattress, and bolster pillows. \$200. Call Janet at 344-7712 (h) or 344-2353 (w).

### For Sale:

Pivelta hiking boots, size 6 1/2N (fits woman 7 1/2), almost new, \$50. New Justin western boots, size 7B (run large) \$50. Call 344-2152.

### For Sale:

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

### For Sale:

Bridgestone RB-T road touring bike, 56 cm, \$375. Bridgestone MB-4 mountain bike, 18", \$375. Lotus 21" road bike, \$100. Small, used car, \$450. Call Dan Carty at 242-2441 weekdays, 344-7758 weekends.

### Will Trade For?

Travertine pieces, some with cut and polished surfaces, some not. Various sizes to about 30 lbs. About 1/3 of a pick-up load weight wise. Call Stu Coleman at 344-2150.

### For Sale:

1977 Chevy Caprice. Great shape, runs well, new tires, \$950 or best offer. Call 848-7318 after 5 p.m.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### \* Road Bike Stage Race

The SRCC and Hoback Sports Road Bike Stage Race will be Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 in Driggs, Idaho. Registration begins at 7:30-8:45 a.m. at Driggs City Park. Race begins at 9:00 a.m. The Citizen Road race is a 42 mile course and the Citizen Juniors Road race is a 26 mile course. Total prize list- \$2,350. For more information call race organizer, Rich Graves at 307/733-3404.

### \* Mammogram Program in Park

Mammograms are your best defense against cancer. Salt Lake City Regional Medical Center Mobile Mammography Unit will be at Mammoth Hot Springs on Tuesday, July 25 and at Lake on Wednesday, July 26. For more information call 344-2204. Sponsored by the Yellowstone National Park Federal Women's Program.

### \* Soccer Sign-up

The final sign-up for Fall soccer will be Thursday, July 27, at the Gardiner School Multi-Purpose Room from 7-8:30 p.m. Soccer season begins at the end of August and is open to ages 5-13. Call Tom Olliff at 344-9272 or Jean Broadhead at 848-7900 with any questions.

### \* Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, July 28, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available. Next visit: 8/11.

### \* Aloha!

Come and say goodbye to Dana Kuffer of the Mammoth Carpenter Shop on Monday, July 31 starting at 4:30 p.m. Dana will be heading off for the lush, green hills and steaming lava beds of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Food and drink provided. See you there!