

The

YELLOWSTONE

News



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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: August 30

Heartfelt Thanks

MAHALO to everyone that made our going away so very, very special! John & I have had 17 wonderful years in Yellowstone and are really going to miss the friends we've made here. Special thanks to **Kathy and Lori** for the great decorations- it's really making it hard to leave you all! And one big salute to **Jack** for the hula! Best wishes to you all! **JR & Amy McClelland** P.S. **Madeline**- Thank you for the Best last 2 months...I haven't laughed that much in years! Amy

Dear Friends:

I'd like to thank everyone in the Yellowstone community for their outpouring of support during the days following my accident at Soldier's Pit. If a person is going to suffer the pain and indignities associated with a gunshot wound, it would have been preferable to have had it happen performing heroics in the line of duty, rather than being caused by a mistake while reloading during a training exercise, but such is life. The phone calls and visits have been much appreciated. I am very lucky to have so many good friends. According to the surgeon, had the bullet deviated one-sixteenth inch from its path in any of a half-dozen places, I would have lost my leg or my life. I am very lucky in that regard as well. I won't be able to return to work for awhile as the knee cap is broken into three pieces and will require some time to fuse together. Thanks again, **Andrew Mitchell**
Helitak Foreman

"Dear Director Kennedy:"

The following is an excerpt from a letter to NPS Director Roger Kennedy from a couple who were recently married in the park and their perception of seven "short" days experiencing the many wonders of Yellowstone. (edited for length)

The day finally arrived for us to travel to the park-we both had been there before, but never together! We began our stay in Yellowstone at Old Faithful, which I had never seen, and now will never in my whole life forget. We stayed in the old section of the Lodge (Inn) and our room overlooked the geyser, we sat on the floor, opened the windows, and watched nature's wonder! I cannot begin to describe the beauty we saw there, but I am sure you have seen it yourself. The lodge is a spectacular place to stay in- the history whispers in the hallways, and one can imagine a traveler banging on the front door late in the evening, hoping to be warmed by the fire, so many years ago. We were sorry to leave Old Faithful after three days and move on to Canyon, but once we got there we were content again! We spent a whole day hiking on the trails around the falls, what a wondrous sight- the river roaring from all the snow melting in the higher elevations. We also spoke with a ranger, **Mr. Bill Wise**, about the 1988 forest fires-and he gave us an education on nature's way of replenishing itself, and how the animals benefitted from the new foliage growth.

Our wedding day began at 4:30 a.m. when we traveled to the Lamar Valley to look for the wolves. We watched the sun rise that morning in spectacular beauty, while we visited with others at the overlook, and spotted grizzly bears, and a black bear too! through spotting scopes. Herds of elk were all around us, and the bulls bugled in the early dawn. **Rick McIntyre**, a National Park Ranger appeared about 6:30 a.m. and shared his spotting scope, his knowledge, and his jokes, with us for several hours. He showed us pictures of the wolves which had been realized into the park, as well as the alpha male which was destroyed in Montana by a hunter. He brought a wolf pelt from his truck, showing it to us and describing various wolf behaviors. Rick was giving a 2-hour wolf talk/nature walk later that morning down by the Lamar River Bridge, and his outgoing personality, as well as his easy way of talking about the wolves, made us want to go along. For the next two hours, he brought the wolves to life for us! He gave so much information, things we never knew, that our heads were filled with visions of beautiful wolves running through the wilds of Yellowstone. He spoke to us of the importance of places such as the park and others like it around the United States and of how vital it is for us to support their existence. The memory of this morning will never leave us.

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Attention!

Dog Owners

from "Janet the Janitor" (unedited)

"I have lived in Building 70 for over 15 years. Each year families and individuals obtain dogs as pets. Starting at the Chapel end of the housing area and going to the end of front row, we now have 19 dogs in residence. All of whom are in a very fine voice when it comes to barking. Some start as early as 6:30 a.m., others left alone in their houses, bark and whine, all day, while others left unattended in their yards, spend most of the day barking at anything that moves. There are even barking dogs some evenings, when I am walking home around 11:30 p.m.

Not all employees living in Mammoth work a regular schedule, so there is usually someone trying to catch 40 winks, but it is very hard to do, with barking dogs. As one of your neighbors, I am asking for your cooperation in training and working with your dogs, so we do not have to listen to constant barking at all hours of the day and night. If any of you feel I have assessed the situation wrong, I would be most happy to discuss it with you in person to see if we can work together to put an end to this disturbance."

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Our marriage took place on June 15, at 6 p.m. in the Chapel in Mammoth-what a truly memorable time! We chose this setting specifically for its beauty and solitude, traveling the many miles from our home just for this special moment. The sun shone sporadically, the temperatures were in the high 60's, and a brisk wind blew as we walked from the Lodge to the Chapel. Cars of well-wishers tooted their horns and shouted congratulations! Reverend Young performed a meaningful wedding ceremony for us, and Cheryl Young played the organ and sang. A tearful 20-minutes later we emerged from the Chapel into brilliant sunshine-as man and wife! There are no words to describe how we felt-being there in the presence of the One who created places such as Yellowstone, drinking in it's beauty, solitude, and wildlife such as we have never seen. We began a new life together in the most beautiful place on earth.

Getting married at Yellowstone Park was, and will always be, a cherished time for us. The National Park Service has many wonderful people operating within the boundaries of Yellowstone and many other parks in the country. Your employees are great envoys! They bring to life the wonders of nature, making the forestry world an inviting place. Thank you for taking the time to read this lengthy letter."

Sincerely, Luanne and Scott Bell, Hummelstown, Pennsylvania

Personnel News

A number of new assignments have occurred in the last month and hearty congratulations go out to all of these individuals! William Hansen has accepted a position as Landscape Architect. Herman Braaten recently went into a Maintenance Worker position in the new garage. We are pleased that Sonya Anderson has returned to the National Park Service from Fish and Wildlife as a Communications Assistant in Telecommunications. Grant Gifford has accepted the position of Maintenance Worker Leader at Norris. Personnel is sad to lose and Concessions is happy to gain Patty Kremer. She will be beginning her new position as Concessions Management Assistant August 21. Karen Winters has accepted a permanent position in the mail room as a Mail and Files Clerk. We look forward to each of these individuals bringing their many skills into their new positions and wish them luck.

Sell it - Buy it - Barter it!

The Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program is sponsoring an End-of-Summer Swap. All park employees are welcome to bring items ie..backpacks, car racks.. or computers to the Mammoth Gym before 4 p.m. Friday, September 22 with all the information (price) and we will issue a ticket. Then, stop by the sale, Saturday, September 23 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., or the Parkwide Recreation Office the following week, to claim your ticket for money or the item. We'll provide the space, manpower, and so forth, you set the specifics on the item. For example, if you have a price range you would sell it for, you must inform us at the time of drop-off. We don't set the prices.

Heartfelt Condolences

We wish to extend our sympathies to Galen Warren and his wife Jeannie after hearing about her father's death on August 14. Jeannie's father, Gene Dillon passed away in Texas after an extended illness.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

Soloflex w/leg and butterfly attachments, \$475.00 or best offer. Nordic Track PRO w/electronic monitor, nearly new, \$375.00. RHODE "Ultra" bike carrier, nearly new, \$50.00. Oak china hutch, 2-piece, \$350.00. Call 344-7349 after 5 p.m.

For Sale:

Pivetta 5 boots, like new, size 10B (Narrow). Call Bob Seibert at 646-7314. Cheap!

Wanted to Buy:

Looking for an old, used refrigerator. Large enough to hold keg of beer. Call Michael Keator at 344-7717.

Free To Good Home:

AKAI stereo cassette deck and recorder, model CS-703D, with Dolby system, needs amplifier and some mechanical work. Call 344-9246.

For Sale:

1983 Toyota Tercel, runs great, new tires, 170K miles, \$1100. Car top luggage carrier, enclosed, 1 yr. old, \$50. Call Lynn Mager at 344-2160, days, 344-7755 after 5 p.m.

For Sale:

1983 Toyota Truck w/ camper shell. 140K miles. Original owner, runs great, needs paint, \$1500. Includes an 8'x 4' utility trailer great for hauling wood. 1990 Polaris Trail Indy Deluxe snowmobile. Real low miles, many extras, always garaged, excellent condition, \$3400. Call Rob or Mary at 344-7397 or 344-2801.

For Sale:

23 1/2 ft. NUWA Hitchhiker II, 1983, trailer-5th wheel. Has gooseneck hitch, (can be converted) excellent condition, little use. All utilities, TV antenna, AM-FM, \$7,500.00. Call (406) 586-3639.

Antique Sale:

There will be an antique/collectibles sale, with dolls, toys, advertising items, and much more, one day only, at the Gardiner Exxon on Wednesday, August 30. Pay us a visit!

For Sale:

Good, used, Trek mountain bike with aero bars and toe clips. \$150 or best offer. Call 848-7744.

Found:

On Hwy 89, light colored wooden stool, with plastic rattan seat. Call 344-9261 to claim.

For Sale:

Size 8 1/2 rubber hip waders, \$25. Macgregor junior, oversize tennis racket, \$25. Call Ashley at 344-7953.

For Sale:

1985 Ford Ranger, 5-speed, 4x4, dual tanks, sliding rear window, engine block heater, Glasstite Topper, Am/FM stereo w/cassette deck. \$3,000. Call 848-7941.

For Sale:

Macintosh Color Classic computer. 1-1/2 yrs. old, 4MB of memory, monitor/internal hard drive, keyboard, mouse, dust covers, and software. Software includes Great Works (word processing, paint and draw, data base, spreadsheet, modem) Lightening draw, Spanish word torture, Spanish tense tudor, Government case incident forms, Shareware games, and more. \$600. Call Cat 344-7344.

For Sale:

Bausch & Lomb Legacy binoculars, 8x40, wide angle w/case. Mint condition! \$75. Call Bob Flather at 344-7959, eves.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Pre-Natal Classes

There will be pre-natal classes starting Wednesday, August 23, at 7 p.m. at the Gardiner School. Call Mauray at 848-7744.

* Retirement Party

Paul Hantleman, Madison's Maintenance Foreman, will be retiring on Sept. 30. You're invited to a retirement party for Paul on Friday, Aug. 25, at the Madison Maint. Shop. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. Let's wish Paul well in his upcoming "Life of Leisure."

* Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, August 25 from 2-5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: September 8.

* Tri-State Century Ride

Join the 100 mile bicycle ride on Sunday, August 27, 1995, at 7:30 a.m. Meet at the Madison Junction Campground for Pre-Ride Briefing at 7:15 a.m. No entry fee, sag wagon provided, helmet and compliance with park bicycling rules required. Contact Steve Mazur (344-7362) or Rob Danno (344-7397) for required pre-registration and additional information. Prizes provided by Yellowstone Park Service Stations, West Yellowstone Bike Shop, T.W. Recreational Services, and Marge's Hair Fashions. Don't miss it!