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News

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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: October 11

Park Receives Award

Yellowstone National Park was recently presented the Energy Pioneer Award by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) during the National Energy Conference in Jackson, Wyoming. The award was presented by Christine Ervin, DOE's Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, at a special news conference on Wednesday, September 20, 1995. The award, which recognizes vision, innovation and leadership in energy, was presented to Yellowstone for its use of alternative fuels and concerns for energy efficiency. "We appreciate this special recognition from the Department of Energy," Superintendent Finley stated. "We will continue to study and implement methods that will benefit an environmentally-sensitive area such as Yellowstone."

Association to Meet

Anyone interested in helping to form the Yellowstone Employee Association that Superintendent Finley talked about at his last All-Employee Meeting, is welcome to attend a meeting on Tuesday, October 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room. Officers will be chosen and bylaws discussed. Your input and participation will help to make this committee work for YOU-- the employee. Call Jan Laye at 344-2003 with any questions.

Quotable Quotes...

"If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something." Murphy's Eighth Law

Employee Profile

Editor's note: This is the second of many articles we hope to do in the YN profiling some of the many talented and professional NPS employees in Yellowstone. If you have ideas or suggestions for interesting people you know or work with let us know.

Rick McIntyre enjoys being an eye witness to history. This spring and summer, Rick, along with approximately 4,000 visitors, watched wild wolves; the first wolves in Yellowstone since the 1920s. The wolves chased elk, made kills, played, and just got comfortable in their new environment. "It's been a pretty exciting summer," relates McIntyre. "I've had at least 133 wolf sightings this season, and being involved with this whole process has been a fantastic opportunity." McIntyre has been a seasonal park naturalist in the Tower area this summer and has been amazed at the public's reaction to seeing wild wolves interacting with bison, elk and coyotes. When asked if he had to try to change people's minds who felt negatively toward the reintroduction process, McIntyre said that it hadn't been necessary. "I haven't received any negative comments from anyone viewing the wolves in the Lamar this season, just the opposite, people were emotional, they were crying, some hugged me and other family members. I guess I felt like the Press Secretary for the Beatles must have felt."

McIntyre believes that things couldn't have gone better for the wolves and the reintroduction plan that brought them here. "After wiping out the entire wolf population in the 1920's, we needed to make up for that and ultimately restore the original processes that Yellowstone once had. This program involved risks, it had never been done anywhere before, and no one was sure what would happen. If things had gone badly, if they'd killed livestock or tried to return to Canada, it would have set back the program here and everywhere else," he said.

McIntyre's latest book, *"War Against the Wolf,"* details America's campaign to exterminate wolves and the evolving attitudes toward wolves. McIntyre writes that "By the late 1960s and the early 1970s, our country's attitude toward the wolf had drastically changed. With the passage of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, our official wolf policy experienced a full reversal. Once we moved to kill them all off--now our country is doing everything possible to save wolves and to get them reestablished in former ranges, areas where our ancestors, many of them federal employees, had exterminated them." Continued on Pg. 2

Thank You ♥ ♥ ♥

Pat and I thank all of our park friends that sent cards of sympathy and spoke to us when my mother passed away recently. Thoughts from friends mean a lot at times like these. Stu Coleman

The Property Office would like to thank everyone who helped with the GSA Auction on September 14. Without your help we couldn't have gotten it done! We definitely appreciate it!

Youth Soccer Meet Set

The Gardiner-Mammoth Youth Soccer League Division I teams (5, 6 and 7-year olds) will be playing a game this Friday, September 29, at 6 p.m. at the Gardiner School Field. Everyone is invited to come and watch the Gardiner White and Gardiner Green teams face off in their annual match. Be There!

Road Schedule Update

Through the month of October the East Entrance road project will continue construction seven days a week with OPEN windows of 7-10 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. Starting Sunday, October 1, at 9 p.m., the Madison to Old Faithful road will CLOSE for the season. Visitor and administrative travel will NOT be allowed. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but this schedule does facilitate speedier completion of the project. We appreciate your help in spreading this word to the visitors. Thanks, Lori Gruber

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Jan Lave, Editor, 344-2003

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The book contains over 100 historical documents and modern articles documenting the evolving attitudes towards wolves in America from 1630 to 1995.

Attitudes toward wolves are changing everywhere according to McIntyre. "A group of schoolchildren from Greybull, Wyoming, a well-known anti-wolf town, stopped in the Lamar this summer, and the kids saw the wolves chasing elk and the pups playing, etc. I overheard them talking and one said 'This is the most exciting thing I've ever seen.' Their attitude was amazing."

McIntyre will soon travel to Japan where he was invited to speak at a wildlife conference to discuss wolf reintroduction. Japanese wildlife officials hope to reintroduce wolves in areas where they have been exterminated or their habitat wiped out. "Since the reintroduction of wolves in Yellowstone has been so successful, it's certain that other areas in the U.S. and other countries will be interested in learning how it was accomplished," McIntyre said.

♀♂♀ *New Arrivals* ♂♀♂

Congratulations to Tom and Ellie Stone on the birth of their baby girl, Elizabeth Ann born on September 13. Elizabeth weighed 6 lbs. and 12 oz.

Park Promotions

Congratulations go out to Joe Lang and Steve Williams upon being promoted into Carpenter positions in the Mammoth Carpenter Shop.

Mammoth Housing Plan Update

Preparation of a housing plan for the Mammoth and North Entrance areas has been underway since last fall. When planning was initiated, we were receiving numerous indications that Yellowstone would receive a major boost in our housing program in the near future. The emphasis of the program is on replacing substandard trailers, transahomes, and other poor quality housing. Although reductions in the National Park Service construction budget makes significant implementation unlikely, we are proceeding ahead with the planning so that we are well positioned to take advantage of any opportunities that do arise.

Many of the housing issues that caused us to begin the planning are still of concern: one-third of the housing units in Mammoth are in fair, poor or obsolete condition; we have a severe shortage of suitable housing in the park; housing in the private sector around Gardiner is expensive and in short supply; and Mammoth is the last major developed area in the park lacking an approved housing plan.

Much of the housing planning has focused on two areas: The YACC camp and the Gardiner Gravel Pit (adjacent to the Gardiner School). At an open house in May, conceptual alternatives for the YACC camp were discussed. Our consulting firms, DHM, Inc. and The Roybal Corporation, have now prepared alternatives for the Gardiner Gravel Pit site. If you are interested in reviewing the housing alternatives for the Gardiner Site, please call Kristen Churchill or John Sacklin at 344-2021 or stop by the Planning Office. We would like your thoughts on these alternatives by October 13.

We expect to have a draft Housing Development Plan and Environmental Assessment available for public review in late winter.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

1984 Ford Bronco II, 4x4, high miles but very good condition. \$2600. Leave message for Ed Humphries at Canyon Maintenance at 242-2530.

For Sale:

Double 55 gallon drum, wood burning stove. "Has been field-tested." Excellent for shop or garage. \$50 or best offer. Call Stu Coleman at 2150.

For Sale:

Pick-up camper, 8 ft. stubby, sleeps 4, furnace, stove, fridge, etc. Perfect for hunting. Sturdy and in great shape. \$1200. Call Ralph at 344-7419 (h) or 344-2353 (w).

Housemate Wanted:

Looking for a Housemate to share a large, two bedroom trailer in Gardiner starting October 1. Rent is \$225/mo. and includes water, gas, electricity, and wood. The trailer is furnished including a washer and dryer. Sorry no pets. If interested or ??, call Elton at 344-7901, ext. 4605 or 4667.

Wanted:

Acoustic guitar for beginner. Call Dayna McClure at 848-7291.

Moving/For Sale:

19" color TV, \$110; 4-speed Plymouth Champ, \$200; Browning 16-gauge automatic, \$300; Montgomery Ward double barrel 16-gauge, \$200; beige insulated curtains, fits picture window, \$20. Welbilt bread machine, \$30; Bridgestone RB-T Touring bike, 56 cm, \$325. Call Dan Carty at 242-2441 (weekdays), or 344-7758 (weekends), leave message.

Wanted, Students:

Ballet classes (4 years and older) for girls and boys will begin in October. For more information call Dayna McClure at 848-7291 evenings.

For Sale:

1987 Dodge van, 110,000 miles, fair condition. \$2,000. Call Glenn at 242-7238 (h) or 242-2432 (w).

For Sale:

Jarvinen Skate Skis, 205cm, with size 11 boots, \$50. Karhu telemark skis, 207cm, with cable bindings, \$160. Gregory fanny pack, \$35. Red Wing Irish Setter work boots, size 11, \$60. Call 848-7513 evenings.

For Sale:

1985 Ford Ranger, 5-speed, 4x4, dual tanks, sliding rear window, engine block heater, Glasstite Topper, AM/FM stereo w/cassette deck. \$2,700. Call 848-7941.

For Sale:

1980 Suzuki GS 850-shaft drive, full faring and saddlebags. New tires. \$800. Call 344-2803 or 646-9295, leave message.

For Sale:

Macintosh Color Classic computer. 4MB of memory, monitor/internal hard drive, keyboard, mouse, dust covers, and lots of software. \$600 or Best offer. Call Cat 344-7344.

For Sale:

1983 Toyota Tercel, 4-spd, looks/runs good, new tires, high miles, \$900. Car top luggage carrier by Voyager, enclosed, gray/white, \$50. Call Lynne at 344-2160 days, 344-7755 eves.

Wanted to Buy:

Used crib that meets safety standards. Call 545-2716.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, October 6 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: October 20.

* Fire Prevention Week—October 8-14

The theme for Fire Prevention Week is WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT. Prevent home fires. Many home fires are caused by carelessness when cooking, misuse of matches and lighters, and heating equipment problems. Take the time now and check for any problems that could cause a fire in your home.

* Institute Offers Courses

The Yellowstone Institute, operating on behalf of the park, will be conducting a variety of courses this winter in natural history and humanities topics at various locations in Yellowstone. By learning about Yellowstone's winter world through in-depth experiences in the field, visitors can greatly enhance their vacation and grasp the true value and meaning of the Yellowstone area. For more information call 344-2294.

Retirement Party

Pot Luck Dinner

for Peggy Starkweather

she is retiring to "Peggy's B & B" permanently

Hmm...I think I'll
go to Peggy's
bed and breakfast

CANTEEN
4:30 P.M.

A - M bring
hot dish or Casserole

Table Service, drinks provided

THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12, 1995

N - Z bring
a Salad

BIG SKY SEASON PASSES

BIG SKY RESORT is once again offering Yellowstone employees and their families, and permanent residents of Gardiner, Montana, the opportunity to purchase an annual ski pass at a very good rate. With the new tram to the top of Lone Mountain, BIG SKY will offer the most vertical gain of any ski area in the U.S.

Last year we had a great time skiing at BIG SKY!!! This year the adult daily lift tickets will be \$43.

The SEASON SKI PASS rates for the 1995/1996 ski season are as follows:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>*Juniors</u>	<u>**Child</u>
Unlimited	300	200	Free
Weekender	235	150	Free

*Juniors: Age 11 through High School

**Child: All children 10 and under

The pass is good for all ski lifts (including night skiing). If you are interested in obtaining a pass, submit one of the application forms (reverse side) to me by October 10, along with a check made out to BIG SKY RESORT.

WHEN FILLING OUT THE FORM:

- families use one form. List each family member's name, and age for children.
- use your park or Gardiner address.

QUESTIONS? Call Dan Sholly, or Gardiner residents can also call Chris McIntosh at 848-7945.

Send completed form and check to Dan Sholly, P.O. Box 512, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 (or give to Chris or me).

You can pick up your pass at BIG SKY the first day you ski. Take last year's picture to speed up your processing.

This is a great deal. PLEASE do not brag about it to people who are not eligible...

Dan Sholly, Yellowstone Ski Program

BIG SKY RESORT
1995/95 Season Ski Pass
Yellowstone National Park Ski Club

Qualification Criteria

Those year around and permanent residents of Yellowstone National Park or Gardiner, MT (as defined by the sewer and/or water district) and/or active full-time winter season employees of Yellowstone National Park, TW Services, Hamilton Stores and other official YNP concessions shall qualify for membership.

Proof of Residency

One or more of the following documents may be required to prove residency requirement before or after pass purchase:

1. Drivers license
2. Voter registration information
3. Employment documentation
4. Sworn affidavit by applicant
5. School registration information

Subject to Revocation and Criminal Charges

Individuals who misrepresent their membership qualifications are subject to pass revocation without refund at any time. **WARNING:** Individuals who misuse pass privileges by allowing their pass to be used by others, misuse at ticket reader turnstiles, skiing recklessly, out-of-bounds, or in an otherwise unsafe manner shall be subject to pass revocation without refund and criminal charges under Montana state law.

Those having misused skiing privileges will not be eligible for a season pass during this or future seasons. Lost or stolen season passes must be reported immediately to the Lift Ticket Sales Office (995-5000, ext. 5740). There will be a replacement fee of \$25 charged. Passes which are lost or stolen and not reported immediately will be handled the same as misused passes. On occasion, passes become damaged which causes rejection at the turnstiles. These passes will be replaced free of charge at the ticket office.

Release of Liability

Purchaser assumes all risk of injury, loss or damages resulting from use of Big Sky of Montana, Inc. property or equipment, and releases Big Sky of Montana, Inc. from all liability thereof. Riding lifts can be hazardous to your clothing. Big Sky of Montana, Inc. is not responsible for stains, including oil and/or grease on any kind of clothing. No refunds or transfers are allowed.

I have read and understand the above, meet residency requirements fully, and wish to apply for a Big Sky Resort Season Ski Pass.

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

____ Adult
____ High School (Age 11 through grade 12)
____ Child (Ages 10 and under)

If you checked high school or child, please submit the name and signature of parent or guardian:

Signature _____

Name _____