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# YELLOWSTONE

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## News

December 15, 1995

NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: December 27

### Art Award Received

Ranger-Naturalist Dave Cowan recently won a third place award for the *imagine YELLOWSTONE* children's art exhibit brochure. The award was in the Site Publication category given by the National Association for Interpretation's Media Awards Competition Committee, and was presented during the National Association for Interpretation workshop in Orlando, Florida. Assistant Chief of Interpretation Greg Kroll accepted the award on Dave's behalf.

*imagine YELLOWSTONE* is a nationwide student art competition/exhibition which has been sponsored by the Division of Interpretation for the past several years. The National Association for Interpretation is the primary professional association for interpretation, both public and private sectors, at all levels. Associated with its annual conference is the prestigious and highly competitive Media Awards Competition. Winners are selected by a committee of peers. Over 150 entries in this category were received by the committee, so Dave's efforts clearly stood out among many no doubt high quality publications. Congratulations Dave!



Happy  
Holidays!

### Employee Association Seeks Members

The bylaws for Yellowstone's newest employee organization begin by stating the association's purpose. "The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be for the benefit of the employees of Yellowstone National Park; to foster goodwill, establish a procedure for the organization of employee gatherings and social events, that they may profit from the spirit of unity."

Membership in the Employee Association is voluntary and open to all federal employees working in Yellowstone National Park, retired NPS employees and NPS volunteers. Special membership privileges will be extended to non-NPS spouses and the immediate family of the qualifying employee. There will be a small initiation fee of \$2.00 and annual dues for members assessed at a rate of \$1.00 per grade. Seasonal employees will receive a discounted membership fee and spouses of employees will be assessed at a rate of 2/3 of their spouses rate.

The Employee Association will be in charge of sending condolence flowers or memorial donations in case of illness or deaths of members, spouses or members of their immediate families. The Association will also administer the employee SAFE Fund, which will loan funds to members who may not receive their paychecks on time, have a medical emergency, or suffer an act of God (flood, fire, etc.) The Association will also sponsor the annual park holiday party during December and may sponsor or co-sponsor other parties or get-togethers as appropriate to foster good employee morale in Yellowstone Park. The Association plans to sponsor bake sales, special lunch days, garage sales, t-shirt sales, etc.. as a source of income subject to the Superintendent's approval. This also may include social events such as welcoming coffees for new employees, athletic competitions or theme parties.

Many employees have voiced concern over the amount of vehicles traveling up and down the Mammoth/Gardiner hill on a daily basis. The Association may look into setting up a carpool or shuttle service with other Mammoth employees. Employees also seem interested in establishing an employee lunchroom or gathering place to socialize during coffee breaks. The ideas and interest from the questionnaire that was distributed to all employees describing the association has been encouraging. At the Christmas Party on December 20, a membership table will be set up to explain any questions that you have and to sign up interested employees. With your help and participation, the Yellowstone Federal Employees Association can take wing and become an employee organization set up for the benefit and enjoyment of of us all.

## Holiday Reminders



If you have had a few too many and you don't have a non-drinking driver to give you a lift home, call the Communications Center at 344-7381. They will arrange a ride for you anywhere in the Mammoth/Gardiner area--no strings attached. If you have a friend who has been drinking too much, please don't let him/her drive. A ranger will be glad to take him/her home. This offer is primarily for the holidays, but is available anytime there is a need.

The Mammoth maintenance staff would like to ask commuters to refrain from parking the front or back of vehicles over the sidewalk as it makes shoveling the walk more difficult. Also, there is a sidewalk access in front of the Post Office that needs to be kept clear of parked vehicles, please notice the orange cones placed there temporarily to identify the area. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Library Reminders

Begin the new year right with a clean slate! Return all books you borrow to the Research Library by the due date! OR: You may call to renew them, OR: you may leave them in the Book Deposit outside of the Library after hours. All books checked out before December 4, 1995, are due before January 1996. The Research Library will be closed from December 25 through January 1, 1996. We will re-open on January 2. Happy Holidays to all our patrons! Vanessa and Barb



## CLASSIFIED ADS

### For Sale:

A 1991 Polaris Indy Sport GT Long Track, 2-up seat, cargo rack, like new condition, 4,000 miles, \$2,150. A 1991 Ski-Doo Mach 1, 1500 miles, long track, immaculate, \$3,150. Please call Chris at 646-4852 (home) or 646-7313 (work).

### Teacher Needed:

The Yellowstone Park School Board is in need of a substitute teacher. This position will involve teaching third grade from about April 1 until June 1, 1996. If interested, please submit a letter of application to: Yellowstone National Park School Board, P.O. Box 448, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, Attn: John Whitman.

### For Sale:

Ruger Model 77, 300 Winchester Magnum. Ruger No. 1 Light Sporter 270. Remington 11-87 Premier Trap 12 gauge, Monte Carlo stock, three extra screw-in chokes. All guns in like-new to excellent condition. Call 848-9493 eves. after 6 p.m.

### Attention: Quilters or Would-Be Quilters:

An 8-week quilt class will begin on Monday evening, January 8, 1996, from 7-9 p.m. at the Gardiner School Home Economics room. Class size will be limited to 10. Contact Barb Zafft, 344-7483 for details.

**For Sale:** Compaq Computer, Prolinea 3/25S Model, 386 Processor. Includes MS DOS 6, Windows and Word Perfect, \$800. Call 344-2015 days or 344-7920 eves.

**For Sale:** Computer desk with printer stand. Desk has one drawer; hutch has cupboard and space for monitor, \$65, OBO. Call Elizabeth or Mike after 5 p.m. at 344-9242.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

\* **Vet Visit** Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, December 15 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: December 29.

\* **Christmas Recital** Piano and vocal students of Maurine Hinckley-Cole will present a Christmas Recital on Monday, December 18, at 7 p.m. in the Map Room of the Mammoth Hotel. The public is welcome and admission is free.

\* **Employee Association Christmas Party** The Federal Employees Association will sponsor the first annual interdivisional Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20, at 3:30 p.m. at the Canteen Gym. Anyone who would like to participate in the set-up, clean-up, or donate funds can call Jan in the Superintendent's Office at 2003. See you there!

## LEAVE DONORS SOUGHT

Are you in danger of losing leave this year? Would you like to see it go to a worthy cause rather than simply disappear? Why not donate leave to one of the approved leave recipients in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program? The following recipients in the Intermountain Field Area and the Denver Service Center still have a need for donated leave:

Robert Byrne - Bacteremia/severe bronchitis (BICA)

Nicholas Conigliaro - Medical Emergency (ZION)

Dennis Holden - Congestive heart problems/heart transplant (GLAC)

Joan Largent - Cancer (RM SSO)

Elizabeth Morris - Maternity leave (DSC)

Lourdes Perez - Caring for injured family member (DSC)

Audrey Tepper - Recovering from pregnancy with diabetes (DSC-TEA)

The following approved recipients currently have sufficient leave transfer balances. However, their medical problems are not resolved as yet and they may require further donations at some point in the future. These approved recipients are:

Robert Page - Taking wife to dialysis (DINO)

Renay Washtak - Husband being treated for cancer (GLAC)

Kelly White - Cancer (DSC-TEA)

Diana Wiggam - Immune deficiency/severe infections (ROMO)

If you are interested in donating leave, please contact Mary Heller in Personnel at 344-2047 and she will provide you with the forms to do so.

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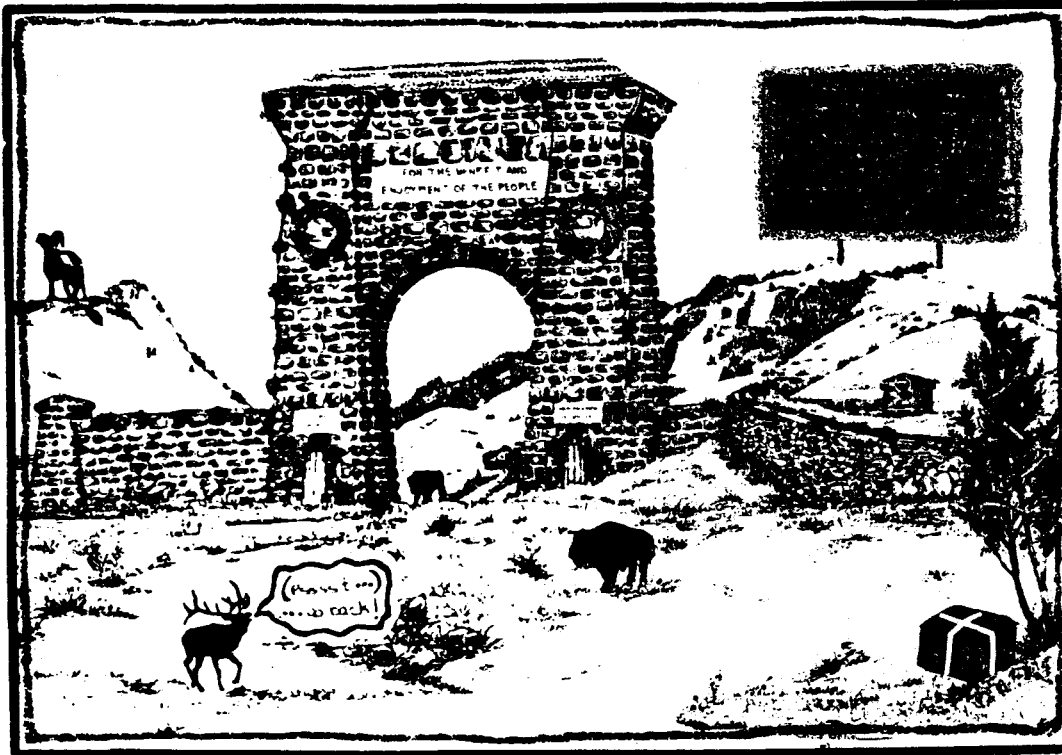
*Jan Laye, Editor,  
Superintendent's Office 344-2003*

## Kroll Transfers to Training Center

After nearly 11 years in Yellowstone, Greg Kroll the current Assistant Chief of Interpretation—Support Services, is leaving. Greg will be transferring in early January to the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center, located at the historic Ninemile Ranger Station near Huson, Montana. The center was established to "foster interagency excellence in wilderness stewardship by cultivating knowledgeable, skilled, and capable wilderness managers and by improving public understanding of wilderness philosophy, values, and processes." Kroll will represent the National Park Service at the Center, which is jointly administered by NPS, BLM, USF&WS, and the USFS.

Kroll began his career in Yellowstone in 1985 as the park public affairs officer. He subsequently served as special assistant to the superintendent, north district naturalist, has taught interpretive skills at the request of the NPS in Costa Rica, Panama, Bolivia, Brazil, and Argentina. Greg also ran the environmental education program at Redwood National Park. We wish him well in his new position!

If you'd like to wish Greg a fond farewell there will be a party on Thursday, January 4, at 3:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room or you may also attend a second party at the K-Bar in Gardiner, on January 4, at 6:00 p.m.



(Adapted by Diane Papineau 1989 from a drawing by Cozy Bolin)



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**CELEBRATE**

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**HOLIDAYS**

*Cancelled to*

*Sufficient*

*Join your friends and make merry at the First Annual  
Yellowstone Federal Employees Association Christmas Party.*

*Wednesday, December 20, 1995, at 3:30 P.M.*

*Canteen Gym, Mammoth Hot Springs*

*Please bring hors d'oeuvres or drinks to share*

