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News

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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: February 28

Donations Accepted

An emergency donation fund will be set up at the Yellowstone Federal Credit Union in Mammoth to assist Teresa Butcher, a seven season NPS laborer at Lake who recently lost her home and all of her possessions in a fire in Bozeman and had no insurance. Your help at this time will be greatly appreciated. Contact Bruce Sefton at Lake for further information.

Heartfelt Thanks

Mary and I want to thank the community and our friends for helping us celebrate our retirement party. We appreciated the gifts and the kind words. We want to thank the people that worked so hard to organize the party, we appreciated all the effort.

We are looking forward to a new chapter in our lives but will always consider Yellowstone our home. We will remember the people in and around the park that helped make our memories of Yellowstone so special. We are only going to be as far as Bozeman and will enjoy hearing from all of you! Many thanks.
Terry and Mary Danforth
3230 Linney Rd.
Bozeman, MT 59715.

Wolf Found Dead in Wyoming

An adult wolf, number R-12, from the Soda Butte pack in Yellowstone Park, was found dead Sunday, February 11, approximately 20 miles northwest of Pinedale, Wyoming. The cause of death will not be released until confirmed by the wildlife forensics lab. The carcass was shipped February 12 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Clark R. Bavin National Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon, for further examination. Preliminary results are expected back early next week.

The animal was found by a snowmobiler along side county road 112, also known as Horse Creek Road. The county sheriff's department was notified early Sunday morning and the state game warden arrived at the site around 9:30 a.m. Investigators with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are hopeful that others may have information about the cause of death because the site is a popular recreational area for snowmobiling.

If any individual has information concerning this animal and the cause of death, they may call Roy Brown, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lander Office, 307-332-7607. Wolf R-12, a male with black pelage or fur, was last seen alive on Saturday, February 10, along Hwy 191, approximately 4 or 5 miles north of Pinedale in the bottom area of the Green River.

The death of wolf R-12 brings the number of Yellowstone wolves killed to 4 since the reintroduction process began in early 1995. The first wolf fatality was number 10, a gray male wolf which was shot outside Red Lodge, Montana in April 1995. Wolf number 22, was hit and killed by a delivery truck in the Lamar Valley in December 1995. A young black wolf, number 03, was dispatched due to feeding on stock in Emigrant, Montana in February 1996.

Employee Assoc. to Meet

On Wednesday, February 21, at 1 p.m. the planning committee for the Yellowstone Federal Employee Association will meet to discuss organizational strategy. The meeting will be held in the Superintendent's Conference Room and anyone wishing to participate is asked to attend.

♀♂♀ New Arrivals ♂♀♂

Congratulations to proud parents Laura Joss and Skip Meehan at the birth of their daughter Lindsay McIvor Meehan. Lindsay was born on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1996, at 12:46 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs., 1 1/2 ozs.

Congratulations

Hats off to Brent Ryder the son of Margaret and Jerry Ryder, who on February 4, won the All-Around Cowboy and Steer Wrestling Title for the Northern Rodeo Association in Billings, MT.

Heartfelt Condolences

Word has reached us that Leonard Stutsman passed away on February 12, 1996, of an apparent heart attack in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He is survived by his sister, Esther Koger of Council Bluffs. Leonard worked 31 seasons as a fire lookout in Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. He began his career in Glacier in 1960 and worked there until 1985. He came to Yellowstone in 1987 and worked through 1993. He suffered a heart attack in the spring of 1994 and did not return to his lookout duties. Leonard also served in the Navy in WWII. Cards and letters can be sent to : Floyd and Esther Koger, 2732 Ave. G, Council Bluffs, Iowa 51501. Leonard had a great sense of humor and was known for his dry wit and keen eyes. He will be missed by his Glacier and Yellowstone friends. Leonard was 69.

Personnel News...

New Arrivals and Changes:

Gail Menard will join the Yellowstone staff as the Supervisory Telecommunications Specialist with collateral duties to assess administrative services within Yellowstone. She will begin her new position effective March 17. She is presently the Administrative Officer at Canyonlands and has been doing double duty as the Acting Superintendent at Arches. **Donald Striker** has also joined the Yellowstone staff as the Budget Officer. Don previously held the job as Financial Management Systems Specialist at AOC in Reston, Virginia. **Holly Long** will be taking over the duties of the Budget Assistant in the Garage. **Mary Heller** will be helping out in the Maintenance Division on a detail for the next two or three months. **Patty Oestrich** will be helping out the Personnel Office in Mary's absence. **Joyce Ludwig** has been permanently assigned as a Management Assistant to the Division of Administration. She has been working in a detail in the position vacated by Laura (Long) Kammel.

New Performance Evaluation System

Training was held on February 13 and 14 for the new performance evaluation system. If you were not able to attend and would like the information, please contact Roseanne Riley at extension 2041. Training will be held in the interior of the park on February 20 at Lake and February 22 at Old Faithful. If you would like more information regarding these training sessions, please contact Vanessa Ford (x2044) or Maribeth Wuertz (x2043).

Research Library News...

TAX FORMS AND TAX INFORMATION brochures have arrived in the Research Library. Please stop by to pick up forms and booklets. We are located in the basement of the Albright Visitor Center and are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-5 pm and Tuesday, and Thursday from 8:30-12. For tax questions, call 1-800-829-3676. (The Librarians cannot provide tax information).

The Research Library is happy to provide Interlibrary Loan service for individuals and departments. However, due to budget restraints it is necessary for the Research Library to pass on to patrons (depts. or individuals) any costs of ILL requests as charged by other libraries. The Yellowstone Research Library has until now absorbed these charges for the most part. From now on any patron requesting over 10 items in 6 months will also be charged a fee of \$5. International requests (Canada included) will be handled on an individual basis. Questions, please call x2264.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

* **Rod Zinda is Leaving** Come and say ADIOS to Rod Zinda who is leaving Yellowstone to work for the FAA in Vancouver, Washington. A going-away party will be held in the Garage Conference Room on Thursday, February 22 at 4:30 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

* **Vet Visit** Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, February 23 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: March 8.

* **Artist Reception** The Yellowstone Gallery will host an artist reception/print-signing for Todd Fredrickson on Friday evening, February 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. You are invited to attend and view Todd's latest limited edition print, "Cinnabar Challenge", a work showing the confrontation between two rival bull elk for the rights to the herd. A fall landscape at Cinnabar Basin near the Black Mountain, Dixon Creek area adds a unique appeal to the composition. See you there!

* **Ballet Recital Planned** The Yellowstone School of Ballet presents it's annual recital, "The Children's Hour," on Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Gardiner School Gym. Come see Snow White, Peter Pan, Mary Poppins and many more of your favorite characters.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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: Child's saddle with 12" seat. Big Horn brand. Call Mary at 848-7192.

For Sale: Toyota Celica-Good shape, well maintained, high miles, good sets of winter studded tires, and summer tires. \$950.00 firm. Leave message at 848-7541 days.

For Sale: Size 9 Sorrel Boots, Less than excellent shape. \$20. Size 9 brown western boots, Excellent shape, \$75.00 Phone 344-7788 or 2182.

For Sale: 1971 Rushmore 14x63 mobile home. 2-bedroom with den, 1 bath w/washer and dryer. NEW windows, gas stove and wood floor. Den and outside have new paint; skirting is insulated. Wood stove in living room. Large deck and 10x12 storage shed. \$17,500. Please call 344-5405 days or 848-9491 eves.

Housing Wanted: I'm looking for a one bedroom apartment, trailer or house. I'm a professional female with one cat, female, spayed. Also, I will do housesitting during months of March and April. Reliable, dependable, just give me a call at 344-7755 eves or 344-2106 days.

For Rent: In Livingston, a newly remodeled, well lit, two bedroom basement apartment located in the southeast part of town. No smokers. \$350 per month; utilities metered separately. Call Lynn at 222-7941.

The following poem appeared on the door of our ADP office during the Christmas break otherwise known as the "Shutdown". The door won the annual, Personnel sponsored, "Best Decorated Door" contest for Christmas 1995.

Twas the night before Federal Budget was due
House, Senate & Clinton
Tried working it through

But the money was still
Not where it should be
To save all the jobs
For you and for me

So argue they did
Well into the night
And around two or so
It broke into a fight

"What about money...?"
For this cause or that
The scene got real ugly
Much more than a spat

And way far away
In our nation's first park
The wolves heard the news
And began to talk-bark

"How will we eat
If there's no one about?
Can Doug & Mike feed us
Or will they be out?"

The National Guard
Was called out to the gate
To keep out the tourists
They'll just have to wait

Finley and Sholly and
Tim was there too
Discussing the list
Of essential Who's Who

Edna was kept busy
For most of the day
Trying to keep
The concessioners at bay

Joanne was checking
Her cc:Mail
Waiting for word
But to no avail

Varley & Sacklin tried
Every trick in the book
But neither of them
Could get us off the hook

And through all the parks
There arose such a clatter
They did all they could
But it just didn't matter

So...go Admin, go Interp
Leave Rangers, leave Maint
Now Concessions, now YCR
Necessary you ain't

Keep checking the phone line
As you did before
That way you'll know when
There's funding once more

Will we have an extra long
Christmas & New Year?
Valentine's? Saint Pat's?
Perhaps even Easter?

We wrote this poem
To decorate our door
We'll return for our prize
After the budget war!

And if we return
And did not win the prize
Happy Christmas to all!
Hey, we all really tried!