

THE YELLOWSTONE NEWS



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NPS EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

NEXT DEADLINE: JULY 28

Nez Perce Pack Released from Pen

Information provided from the Wolf Project Office

The four wolves and their four new pups of the Nez Perce Pack were released Monday from the acclimation pen which had been their home for eight months, and have joined up with another group who had camped outside the pen. The eight groups of Yellowstone wolves have established territories in the park while the ninth group, the Washakie Pack, continues to inhabit national forest land in the Du Noir Valley of Wyoming, and the tenth group have been located just east of the park in Sunlight Basin. The alpha female from the Washakie Group was killed on June 21, in a management action by Wildlife Services. Four yearlings from the group remain and the hope is that these wolves will leave the DuNoir Valley areas and find better habitat away from ranch land.

A total of 27 wolves in Yellowstone have been radio-collared this year in an effort to better monitor, manage, and study the animal. Contrary to media reports, the decision to collar the wolves was made prior to Judge Downes' decision, and therefore is not connected with the ruling. The court ruling has not altered operations by wolf project staff. Monitoring, management, and study of Yellowstone area wolves are proceeding as planned. In all, 42 wolves are currently collared in the Yellowstone area.

Personnel News.....

Promotions:

Freddie Dugan--Engineering Equipment Operator

New Permanents:

Mark Belitz--Forestry Technician

Jeffery Gerth--Heavy Mobile Equip. Mechanic

Welcome:

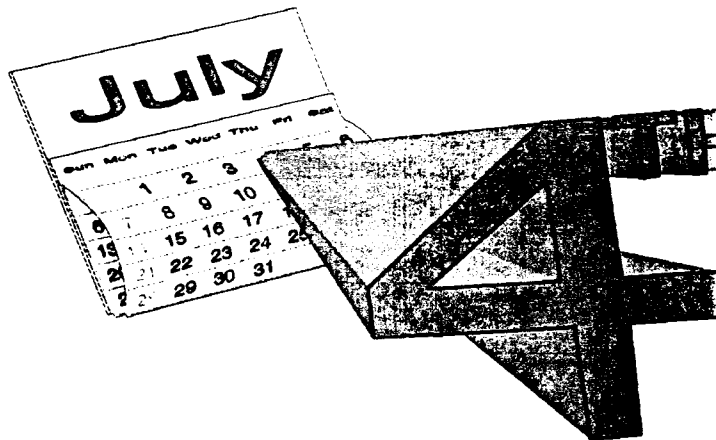
Pam Obernesser--Budget Assistant in Maintenance

Student Career Program:

Joseph Regula--Landscape Architect

Term Appointment:

Kathryn Lancaster--Library Technician



Quotable Quotes:

"There are two ways to slide easily through life: to believe everything or to doubt everything. Both ways save us from thinking." Alfred Korzybski

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Viewpoint



The following is a new column, a forum where you can ask questions, offer suggestions, and express your opinions on issues that affect us in Yellowstone. The Yellowstone News reserves the right to evaluate letters for appropriateness and to edit for clarity and length. Please send submissions to Jan Laye, Editor, c/o Yellowstone News.

Question: Please explain how the Mammoth School is funded. Also, does the Government pay Montana (?) a per student rate for Yellowstone Park children who attend the Gardiner School, or how is the amount figured? Does the Government pay for children of concession employees who go to the Gardiner School or does AMFAC? Why do Yellowstone residents (Mammoth North Entrance) have the option of sending their elementary school-aged children to Gardiner rather than the Mammoth School? I have always wondered how this works....

Answer: The Mammoth school is funded from the revenue that Yellowstone earns via entrance and user fees. We similarly pay the Gardiner and West Yellowstone schools for the portion of the expenses that they incur educating students whose parents live in Yellowstone. Each year the Superintendent reviews and approves the budget for the Mammoth school. We pay Gardiner and West Yellowstone a prorated amount of their budgets based on the number of student days that "Yellowstone children" attend those schools.

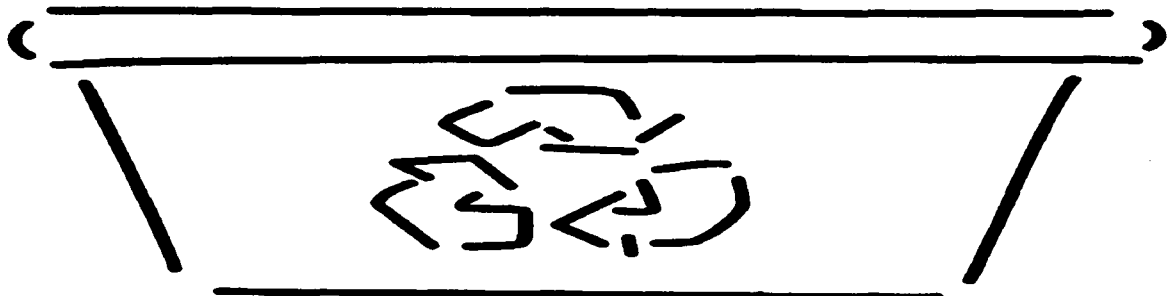
Congress passed a unique law authorizing this use of our recreational fees primarily to minimize the impact that the park's existence has on local communities. The theory is that if employees did not live on federal property they would pay real estate taxes that are traditionally used to fund schools. Such an arrangement is similar in other parks and "federal reservations."

Consistent with this intent, we pay for the educational expenses of *all* children whose parents live on park property without regard to whether they work for the NPS, AMFAC, or any of our other essential cooperators. Yellowstone does not have the authority to require students to attend any school; thus, students' parents have the option of sending elementary school students to either the park school in Mammoth or to one of the public schools.

Recycling Reminder

This is a reminder for all of you who love to recycle:

- No Shredded Paper
- No aluminum foil or pie plates
 - No ties on newspapers
 - No plastic jugs
- No plastic bags on mixed paper
- No cardboard, this goes to Supply Center
 - No garbage, period!!!!
- Your help in recycling correctly is appreciated



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Heartfelt Thanks

I would really like to thank all of my friends and coworkers for all the cards, visits, and phone calls I received after my surgery. I want to especially thank Steve Dobert and John Ford who made it possible for me to attend my family reunion. I appreciate your kind thoughts and actions very much. Terry Kebler

Notable Notes..

- A tentative offer (pending Waso approval) has been made to **Rick Obernesser** (Acting Chief Ranger), for the Chief Ranger position in Yellowstone. We anticipate approval in three to four weeks. Congratulations Rick and family!
- The Imax Theater in West Yellowstone has again extended their offer to NPS employees for a discounted ticket price for the Imax movie "Yellowstone". Just bring a pay stub or employee I.D. to qualify for the discount price.
- West Thumb renovation is complete and visitors are welcome. The Yellowstone Association sales staff and NPS interpretative staff invite all park employees to come and take a look at the newly renovated West Thumb Contact Station. During the summer, this historic structure serves as a bookstore for the Yellowstone Association and as a base of operations for naturalists interpreting the thermal basin. In the winter months, all sales fixtures are removed and the building is used as a warming hut and information station for snowmobilers. Earlier this year, we completed an interior renovation of the Contact Station with advice from **Catherine Lentz** and strong support from **Ray Lawless and the Grant Maintenance staff**. The building now has new paint, carpeting, lights, and sales fixtures—and it looks great. Please stop by and see for yourself! --**Jeff Brown and Mary Wilson**

Need for People Interested in Hiking to find the Bannock and Nez Perce Trails: This summer I am attempting to precisely locate the Bannock and Nez Perce Trails. Besides a thorough literature search, this project involves an on-site search for the trails. With the assistance of others volunteering their time, I have so far successfully located approximately three miles of the Bannock Trail.

However, I need to find other volunteers who would like to go out with me into the field to search for these trails. Due to concerns about bear management, it is advisable that I go into the backcountry with at least two others. Even in my work close to the roads, I prefer to have at least one other person along. Therefore, I am putting out a call for volunteers, people interested in hiking or interested in the Bannock and Nez Perce cultural heritage, to assist me. Generally speaking, Fridays are the days I have set aside for field research, however, if you really want to go out, but can't make it on a Friday, other arrangements can be made.

I can be contacted at 334-2286 during the day or 344-8956 in the evenings. If you are at all interested, please give me a call!- **Joseph Weixelman** -

Community Events

- ✿ **Wine Tasting Party at Old Faithful** will be held on Friday, June 26 @ 7:00 p.m. Come to Rick and Cheryl's house and please bring a bottle of wine (minimum \$6 bottle), Hors d'oeuvres to share, and a wineglass.
- ✿ **VET VISIT:** Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, July 10, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: July 24.
- ✿ **Soccer To Start Soon:** I am looking for assistance coaching soccer as part of Exploring Yellowstone. We will be coaching first through 8th graders, the last four Thursdays in July, from 5 to 6 p.m. If interested, give me a call at 344-2277.
- ✿ **Voter registration for Wyoming residents:** ends on Friday, July 17 prior to the August 18 primary election. For those voters living in Park County, WY. there are voter registration packets available in Mammoth Personnel or by calling 1-800-786-2844.

Classified Ads

For Sale: 1980 Suzuki 850 GT motorcycle. Full dresser, good condition. \$900. (Will the person who placed this ad please call me with a phone number?) **Anyone interested call 344-2003 and I'll try to help...Editor**

For Sale: Classic 1974 Ford, ¾ ton, 2wd, F250, new engine, paint, like new. Call for more details. 646-9295, leave a message.

For Sale: 1998 Polaris 440 short track snowmobile. 4,600 miles, excellent condition, \$2,100 FIRM. Contact Gary Hallman at Norris Maintenance at 344-2814.

For Sale: Polaris Indy 400 snowmobile, great shape, cargo rack, \$1500; Bushnell Spotting scope, 15-45 zoom, with case, \$150. Call (307) 242-2620 eves, or 242-2603 days. Please leave a message.

For Sale: 1974, 8-foot Alaskan Camper, 3-burner propane stove, 2-way fridge/freezer, 12 volt and propane, 30 gallon water tank, 110 and 12 volt lights, new upholstered seats, underseat and wheel storage, stereo and jacks, good condition, asking \$2,000. Call after 6 p.m. (307) 242-7356.

For Sale: Cassette tapes, 90 minute, sealed box of 10, \$8.00 Call Bob Flather at 848-7542.



Recognize Your Fellow Employees with Peer Awards

Also known as the Yellowstone Award this is a non-monetary award, which YOU the employee can initiate to recognize outstanding performance of park employees by YOU their peers. The nominating employee prepares the nomination through the use of Form DI-451, memorandum, or sends a note to the Administrative Office. A short justification is necessary for the Superintendent's approval; Supervisor or Division Chief approval is not required. The employee should also indicate how and when they would like to see the award presented. The Superintendent's office will maintain a small inventory of items to be used for this non-monetary award. Recent recipients of this award include Lori Jensen, Mary Wilson, Dave Mickus, Renee Mickus, and Joanne McCartney.

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Memorandum

To: All National Park Service Employees

From: Director

Subject: Death of Park Ranger Joseph David Kolodski

The death of Park Ranger Joseph David Kolodski has been a devastating tragedy, first and foremost, for the family and friends of Ranger Kolodski. It has also been a tremendous loss for the National Park Service (NPS). I have sent a personal message to his wife, Florie Takaki, who also works for the Service, to express my deepest sympathy on behalf of our National Park Service family.

Park Ranger Kolodski was senselessly gunned down while he was protecting visitors to Great Smoky Mountains National Park and motorists on the heavily-traveled Blue Ridge Parkway on the afternoon of Sunday, June 21.

I will accompany Secretary Babbitt to the funeral services being held on Thursday, June 25, at the First Baptist Church in Bryson City, North Carolina. Secretary Babbitt has expressed a profound sense of sorrow and outrage over Ranger Kolodski's death.

Ranger Kolodski was an exemplary Park Ranger and a credit to the profession and art of "rangering." Over the course of his NPS career, he made countless contributions to the Service and to the public. Park Ranger Kolodski was, without a doubt, a dedicated and highly skilled Park Ranger who also gave his time freely in his volunteer efforts. I am told by his colleagues that he had a vibrant sense of humor. He was a devoted husband and doting father to his three small children. Park Ranger Kolodski will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

The family has strongly requested that no flowers be sent. A memorial fund in Joseph Kolodski's name has been established with proceeds going to his family. Checks should be made payable to:

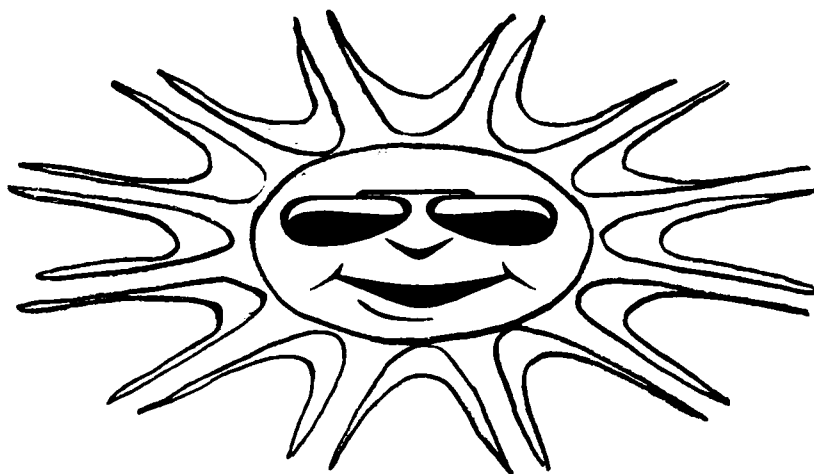
"Friends of the Smokies"
130 W. Bruce St., Suite 1
Sevierville, Tennessee 37862

I hope each of you will join me in offering your thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time to the family and friends of Park Ranger Kolodski, as well as, our own fellow colleagues. He deserves our utmost respect and gratitude, as he was truly one of the finest Park Rangers to wear our uniform and badge with such great pride, extraordinary dedication, and boundless commitment.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Suncare Safety—How to Avoid the Risks

- Stay out of the sun between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest.
- Make sure you buy a sunscreen, which offers “broad spectrum” protection to ward off both UVA and UVB rays. Dermatologists recommend at least SPF15. Don’t be fooled by SPF30. It does not give you double the protection of SPV15; it gives you three percent more.
- Wear protective sunglasses as UV rays can cause cataracts and damage to the retina.
- Lips are very vulnerable to skin cancers, so protect them with a balm of at least SPF15.
- Avoid using sun beds—they carry all the risks of natural sunlight. They can also be addictive if you believe you get the perceived feelgood/look-good factor of a tan fast.
- Sun protection is most important for babies, little children, and teenagers. Babies under six months of age are too young for sunscreen and should simply be kept out of direct sun as much as possible. Two-thirds of sun damage is done before you reach your 15th birthday.
- Wear clothes made from tightly woven fabric and a hat, which shades the face, neck, and ears.
- If you really can’t face being pale on your vacation, there’s a booming industry in excellent fake tanning products.



Skin Cancer-The Warning Signs

Most melanomas start in normal skin, as small brown or black marks on the skin. They are sometimes hard to distinguish from ordinary moles. About a third develop in existing moles. Signs of a malignant melanoma may include any of the following: Major signs: Change in size of a mole; the mole may become lumpy or spread outwards over the skin. A melanoma is more likely to have an irregular, ragged edge. A change in color from brown to red. It may become darker or appear to have different shades of color, usually a mixture of brown and black. They can also be red due to inflammation, or have a blue-white tinge due to partial clearing in the center of the mole. Minor signs include: small diameter, inflammation, crusting or bleeding, itch, satellite lesions or small brown changes around the edge of a mole.

A spot, freckle, or mole which displays one of the major signs, or three of the minor signs, or a combination of major or minor points could be a melanoma and should be checked by a doctor as soon as possible.

About 700,000 cases of skin cancer occur in this country each year. Most skin cancers are either the basal cell or squamous cell type. These types of cancer tend to grow slowly and spread little and nearly 95 percent can be cured. However, malignant melanoma is much more serious and the incidence of it occurring is increasing faster than any other type of cancer every year. If detected early, most skin cancers have a 99 percent cure rate.

Editor's Note... This column is designed to answer questions regarding health, fitness, nutrition or any other related subjects. Please send your questions to Jan Laye, Superintendent's office or by cc:Mail message.



Great Grilling Ideas and Recipes: Try these great marinades:

Teriyaki Marinade for Beef or Chicken

1 cup pineapple juice
½ cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons brown sugar
3 tablespoons cooking oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon grated gingerroot
1 teaspoon pepper

Combine pineapple juice, soy sauce, brown sugar, oil, garlic, gingerroot, and pepper; stir till sugar dissolves. Place meat in a plastic bag set in a deep bowl. Pour desired amount of marinade over meat. Close bag. Marinate in refrigerator for 2 to 8 hours, turning occasionally. Makes about 2 cups marinade, enough for 3 to 4 pounds of boneless meat. Store unused portion of marinade in refrigerator up to 2 weeks.

Beer Marinade for Beef Steaks or Roasts

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon onion salt
3 cups beer
3 tablespoons brown sugar
2 teaspoons of dry mustard

Combine beer, brown sugar, Worcestershire sauce, onion, salt, and dry mustard. Place meat in a plastic bag set in a shallow dish, pour desired amount of marinade over meat. Close bag. Marinate in refrigerator for 12 to 24 hours, turning occasionally. Drain meat before grilling. Makes about 3 cups marinade enough for 10 pounds of meat. Can be stored in refrigerator up to 2 weeks.







Learn about Fossils, Photography, and Field Journals in July Courses at the Yellowstone Institute

Exciting things are happening at the Yellowstone Institute during the month of July, and we invite park employees to join us for a truly unique educational experience. The schedule includes a wide variety of courses taught by park staff and visiting experts. Among the highlights will be a course on fossils by Vincent Santucci, a course on field journals by Eleanor Williams, and a course on Yellowstone place names by Lee Whittlesey. As always, the Institute is glad to extend a 50% discount to NPS employees and immediate family members (spouse and children) who enroll on a space-available basis. There is still space available in the following courses:

July 4-6	Fossils of Yellowstone
July 6-7	Aquatic Insects of Yellowstone
July 7-10	Photographing Nature in Yellowstone #1
July 8-9	Yellowstone for Families
July 8-10	Butterflies of Greater Yellowstone
July 9-12	Historic Field Journals
July 11-12	Women and Yellowstone
July 11-13	Exploring the Yellowstone Ecosystem
July 12-16	Photographing Nature in Yellowstone #2
July 14-16	Headwater Watershed Ecology
July 17-19	Yellowstone Place Names
July 19-21	Introduction to Macro Photography
July 20-22	Botanical Sketchbook – Drawing Workshop
July 25-29	Observing Yellowstone with the Artist's Eye
July 31-Aug 2	Fly Fishing – Less Experienced
July 31-Aug 2	Environmental Ethics and Yellowstone

PARKS & RECREATION MONTH

JULY 1998

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
YELLOWSTONE EMPLOYEE RECREATION PROGRAM						
			1	2	3	4 4th of July rodeo Trips Jackson/Cody/Livingston
Disc Golf-Lake	6 Grizzly 8 Ball-OFL Pub pm	7 Dream Catchers-LL-6:30 pm M O O V E (OFL) Grizzly 8 Ball-GVPub-10pm	8 Grizzly 8 Ball-LL-10pm N D O B A (MHS)	9 CPR-OFL Rec. Hall- 8am-12:30pm G S N D (LL) Grizzly 8 Ball-CLPub 10pm	10 Joe Meeks Golf Day Bridger Creek, Bozeman Grizzly 8 Ball-MHS Pub 10pm (CL)	11 
12 Hawaiian Theme Dances→ MHS Rec. Hall→	13 Steve Fuller Slide Show Lake Rec. Hall-8pm Wolf Classic-Ping Pong LL-5pm MHS-DJ Dance booked→	14 PW FUN RUN T-shirt Design Deadline Photo Contest Deadline Literary Mag. Deadline OFL-DJ dance Wolf Classic-Ping Pong CL-5pm MHS Rec. Hall→	15 [Silver Tip]→ Wolf Classic-Ping Pong OFL-5pm GV-DJ dance	16 Theater Trips→ CPR-LL Rec. Hall- 8am-12:30pm LL-DJ Dance Wolf Classic-Ping Pong MHS 5pm	17 Wolf Classic-Ping Pong GV-5pm CL-DJ Dance MHS Rec. Hall bld—Musical rehearsals→ Mountain Bike Race moved to Aug. 1/West Yellowstone	18 Musical Production "Little Shop of Horrors" MHS Rec. Hall-8pm 
19 FW 3 ON 3 VOLLEYBALL-MHS 8:00 am-8:00pm 	20 Yancey's Doubles Co-ed Horse Shoes-RL 1:00pm Silver Tips→ T (MHS)	21 Fly Fishing Seminar RL-6pm/CL-9p Community Museum A L E (OFL)	22 Sky Diving-Three Forks [Amfac Apprec.— (CL) Fly Fishing Sem. GV-6pm/OFL-9pm Trips—] N T (RL)	23 CPR-CL-8am-12:30pm Dances—] (RL) S H O (CL)	24  W S (LL)	25 Colter Classic Softball Tourney- MHS-8am—?? Colter Classic Dance- MHS Pub-9pm → (GV) 
26 Carnival Theme Dances PW TALENT SHOW OFL REC. HALL 8PM.	27 Fly Fishing Sem-LL-6pm Weight Lifting— CL/OFL-6pm LL/MHS-7pm RL/GV-8pm	28 DJ Dance-GV Fly Fishing Field Trip CL/LL-8am LL-DJ	29 Fly Fishing Field Trip OFL/GV-8am MHS-DJ 	30 PW DISC GOLF CPR-MHS-Conf. Rm 8am-12:30pm DJ Dance-OFL Pub	31 Fly Fishing Field Trip MHS/RL-8am Wolf Night-Lake Pub DJ Dance-GV	Please note— Mtn. Bike Race date has changed to August 1st!

Garage Sale!

The Yellowstone Association is having a Garage Sale!

When: Friday, June 26th , 1-4 pm, and, Saturday, June 27th , 9am-12 noon.

Items

For Sale: There are lots of retail displays, assorted shelves/bookcases, parts-TVs, framed posters, tables, mannequin torso, misc. office fixtures and so much more.

Come Check It Out!

Where: It's going to be in Gardiner at the garage north of 305 4th Street (McCoy's Storage which is across from Amerigas propane company).

Exercise!

EGAD!!!

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Has the chilly weather kept your hips hiding safely behind the cover of your jeans? Well guess what? One of these days it's going to warm up (sure) and you will want to don those shorts or perhaps the dreaded bathing suit. **EGAD!!!** Fear not, as help is here. Come join the gang in the Canteen Room A at noon to trim down and firm up.

Don't be shy!

Get rid of those thighs!