

THE YELLOWSTONE NEWS



October 15, 1999

Next Deadline: November 10, 1999

Fall Road Closure Reminder

It's that time of year again! All park roads close to the public at 8 a.m. on Monday, November 8th. The North Entrance to Upper Mammoth Terrace, and Mammoth via Tower Junction to Northeast Entrance remain open year round, weather permitting.

Through November 7th, Lake Junction to Bridge Bay and West Thumb remains open from 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays, with possible 30 minute delays. On weekends the road is open from 6 a.m. Saturday through 10 p.m. on Sunday with possible 30 minute delays.

Dunraven Pass and the Beartooth Highway have already closed for the season.

Groomed roads open December 15, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. for snow machines, snow conditions permitting.



Public Meetings Begin for Winter Use

The first in a series of meetings that have been scheduled to accept public comment on the Draft Winter Use Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway began Thursday in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The other meeting locations include:

October 21 - West Yellowstone, MT
October 23 - Livingston, MT
October 26 - Cody, WY
October 28 - Jackson, WY
November 3 - Lakewood, CO

All meetings will be held from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the exception of the Livingston meeting which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Members of the public will each be offered five minutes (on a first-come, first-served basis) to offer their substantive comments on the various alternatives. The meetings will be chaired by a hearing officer, and park managers will be on hand to listen to the comments expressed by audience members during the meetings.

Written public comments can either be accepted at meeting locations or submitted to: Clifford Hawkes, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228. Comments on the document will be accepted until December 1, 1999.

The Yellowstone News is a National Park Service employee newsletter, published monthly by the Public Affairs Office. To submit articles, notices of events, classified ads, or announcements please email yell_public_affairs@nps.gov, call 344-2013, or send via interdepartmental mail or fax to 344-2014. Please include your name and phone number with all submissions.

► Use or Lose Deadline Nears

With the end of the leave year quickly approaching, it is time to remind employees of the deadline for documenting the scheduling and approval of their use-or-lose annual leave. To protect employees from irrevocable loss of annual leave that is over the 240-hour annual carryover limit, leave requests and approvals must be documented, in writing, at least three full pay periods before the end of the leave year.

The 1999 Leave Year ends January 1, 2000, so the deadline for completing documentation of the scheduling and approval of use-or-lose leave is November 19 (the last regular business day preceding the leave year end by at least three pay periods). Contact: Sue Crowfoot, 344-2051, if you have any questions.

Personnel News...

New Permanent:

Ashley Sites
Shannon Savage
Carol Staton

Lead Forestry Tech. (Smokejumper)
Visitor Use Assistant
Administrative Support Assistant (to Gail Menard)

Welcome to Yellowstone:

Paul Doss
Allyn Carranza

Geologist
Park Ranger - Interpretation (Mammoth)

Peer Awards...

The following have received Peer Awards for the month of October:

Virginia Brock
Art Jawad
Tom McKenna
Dan Reinhart
Tom Yankus

Personnel Office
East Entrance Ranger Operations
Chief of Maintenance Office
North District Resource Management
North District Maintenance

Congratulations to Tom Cawley who was a recent nominee for the 1999 Intermountain Region's Freeman Tilden Award for Excellence in Interpretation. Tom was nominated for providing the highest level of interpretive services to the visitors at Yellowstone National Park. His efforts in developing a state of the art website for Yellowstone have made the park accessible to the world. Way to go Tom!

Classified Ads:

For Sale - Coleman Ram 16-16' plastic canoe, \$225; Nordic Track-Pro Model with computer heart monitor, like new, \$450.00. Contact Rick or Julie at 307-543-9116.

For Sale - queen sleeper-sofa, blue gray, \$125. Call Steve at 344-2148 or Tammy at 344-2115.

For Sale - 1985 Nissan King Cab 4x4 - 105,000 miles, AM/FM Cassette, 2 sets of wheel/tires (one set oversized) \$3900 OBO. Call Andy Ludwig @ 848-7849 after 6pm or leave a message.

For Sale - Black & Decker Radial Arm Saw. \$100.00. Call 646-9295 - leave message.

For Sale - Simmons Beauty Rest (Prestige Collection) twin bed (mattress, box spring, frame), 4 years old, excellent condition. \$125 OBO. Call 848-7692 after 7:00 pm.

Wanted - Pickup truck, 4x4, extended cab. Call Rick at 307-543-9116.

Wanted - Warm dog house for a mid-sized hound. Call Kerry Murphy at 344-7944.



Yellowstone Park Superintendent Mike Finley enjoys a light moment

CHRONICLE FILE PHOTO



The latest in Halloween costumes!



Belated Congratulations to proud parents Bob Fuhrmann & Jeanne Johnson. Johnson Benjamin "Baxter" Fuhrmann entered the world on July 31, 1999 at 12:48 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 4½ oz.

Tammy, Tom, and sister Taylor Totland also welcome baby brother Drew Thomas Totland. Drew was born on August 9, 1999 at 2:40 a.m., weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

**Christmas is coming and that means
PARTY !**

**The YFEA Christmas Party will be
Thursday, December 9.
Mark your calendars!**

**If you would like to be on the planning
committee, please call Judy Jensen (344-
2031) or Leigh Ann Dunworth (344-2018)
or
come to the planning meeting on
Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 3pm
Supt. Conference Room.**



News from the Yellowstone Park Foundation...

Yellowstone Park Foundation to Fund Six Park Projects

The Yellowstone Park Foundation's Board of Directors approved funding commitments for six new Yellowstone projects at the September 19 board meeting at Mammoth. The new projects, which were recommended for approval by the Foundation's Grant Committee, are listed below along with the names of project managers:

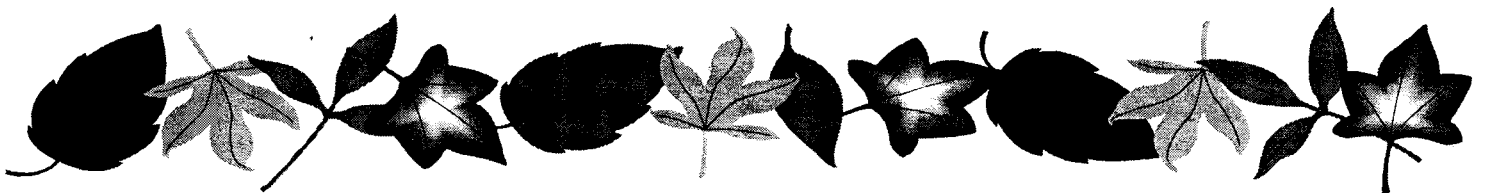
- Mammoth Campground Accessibility Improvements – Doug Madsen
- Mitigate Visitor Impacts at Great Fountain Geyser – Craig McClure
- Photograph, Scan and Transcribe Thomas Moran Diary, Autobiography and Other Rare Documents – Susan Kraft
- Produce Exhibits, Mt. Washburn Trail and Lookout – Diane Chalfant/Linda Young
- Old Faithful Visitor Education Center – Diane Chalfant
- Tower Fall Trail Reconstruction – Chris Glenn.

Following board approval and notification of project leaders, the Foundation assigns an account number to each project and begins a funding search. Once funding has been secured, the project manager can draw money from the account to finance work on the project. If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the Foundation for funding, a detailed description of the entire process can be obtained in the May 1999 back issue of "The Yellowstone News" or from the Yellowstone Office of Public Affairs.

Since its inception in 1996, the Yellowstone Park Foundation has funded more than 30 projects for Yellowstone. The projects cover many different aspects of the Park and run the gamut from small to very large. The foundation's largest funding commitment to date is the proposed Old Faithful Visitor Education Center, which will be discussed in this column in a future issue. Recent projects made possible by Foundation funding include the acquisition of an 1885 painting of Constant Geyser by Sir James Everett Stuart, rebuilding the Boiling River Trail, and a trumpeter swan recovery project that will improve our understanding of and raise public awareness about trumpeter swan conservation and management in Yellowstone.

For a complete list and description of Foundation-funded projects, contact the Office of Public Affairs or call us at our office in Bozeman, 406.586.6303. Project descriptions are also available at the Foundation's website, www.ypf.org. Please note that our website is currently being updated; we hope to have a new and improved version ready soon.

– The Yellowstone Park Foundation Staff



IT'S HALLOWEEN AND THE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS WILL BE PAYING YOU A VISIT!

The four year old ghosts, goblins and princesses from Snoopy School will visit you on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 27th, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

If your office is willing to participate, please have one person prepared to hand out treats. This is an opportunity for the kids to practice their trick-or-treat manners and safety before the big night.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Bush, the Snoopy School Preschool teacher at 344-7928 or Lori Gruber at 344-2314.

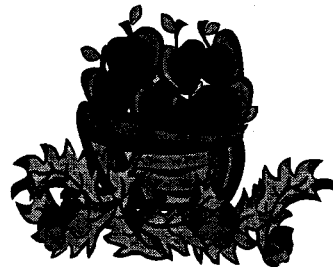


Eating Healthy:

Tis the season for apples....try this one!

Nutty Apple Spice Cake with Quick Butterscotch Sauce

*It is not necessary to peel the apples in this very moist cake.



Cake:

- 2 cups sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vegetable oil
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking soda
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp ground nutmeg
- 3 cups dices Granny Smith apple (about $\frac{3}{4}$ pound)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped walnuts or pecans, toasted

Cooking spray

Sauce

- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup golden raisins
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dark rum or apple juice
- 1 (12.25-ounce) bottle fat-free butterscotch topping

1. Preheat oven to 350°.
2. To prepare cake, beat sugar, oil, and eggs at medium speed of a mixer until well-blended. Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine flour and next 4 ingredients (flour through nutmeg) in a small bowl. Add flour mixture to sugar mixture, beating just until blended. Fold in apple and walnuts.
3. Pour batter into a 13 x 9-inch baking pan coated with cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 55 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Run a knife around outside edge; cool.
4. To prepare sauce, combine raisins and rum in a microwave-safe bowl; let stand 5 minutes. Stir in butterscotch topping; microwave on HIGH 45 seconds or until hot. Serve cake with sauce. Yield: 16 servings

Note: Cake will keep for several days in an airtight container, but the crunchy top will soften.

CALORIES 324 (29% from fat); FAT 10.3 (sat 1.7g, mono 2.9g, poly 5g); PROTEIN 4.3g; CARB 57.6g; FIBER 1.6g; CHOL 41 mg; IRON 1.2mg; SODIUM 170mg; CALC 23mg

Notable Notes....

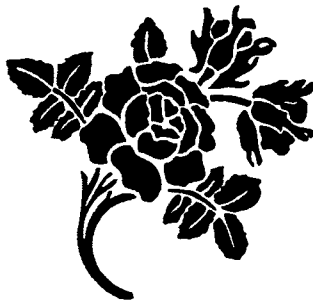
●FYI on Park Housing: Between the years of 1997 and 1998, 29 residences have been bid and awarded. By division, these have been awarded as follows: 4 - YCR, 2 - Planning, 10 - Maintenance, 5 - Administration, 6 - CRO, 2 - Interpretation.

●Have you had your flu shot yet? Did you know that during most influenza seasons, 10% to 20% of the nation's population is infected with influenza with an annual estimated cost to society during severe epidemics of at least \$12 billion. Each year in the United States, pneumococcal disease accounts for an estimated 500,000 cases of pneumonia, 50,000 cases of bacteremia, and 3,000 cases of meningitis.

●October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

For additional sources of information on breast cancer, contact:

- American Cancer Society
(www.cancer.org)
- National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
(www.nbcam.org)
- National Women's Health Information Center
(www.4woman.org)
- 1(800)4-cancer



Stamping Out Breast Cancer

Buy a stamp and join the fight against this disease

The sign hanging in the post office proclaiming that "These days, even your stamp choice can be a matter of life and death" might be overstating the case a bit. But it is true that by passing on the commemorative Superman stamp and instead choosing the 40-cent Breast Cancer Research Stamp, you will be helping raise funds for research into a disease that the American Cancer Society estimates will claim the life of an American woman every 12 minutes this year.



The "semipostal" breast cancer stamp is good for the usual 33-cent first-class postage, with net proceeds from the extra seven cents going to two federal breast-cancer research efforts. The National Institutes of Health, which oversees the National Cancer Institute and other federal agencies that study breast cancer, will receive 70 percent of the money; the Medical Research program of the Department of Defense will benefit from the other 30 percent.

If all 200 million of the stamps are sold, more than \$16 million will be divided between the two research programs.

The design is a colorful depiction of the Roman goddess Diana, a mythological symbol of strength and independence, pulling an arrow out of a quiver. It was created by Whitney Sherman, a breast cancer survivor and illustrator who lives in Baltimore. Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Md., designed the stamp.

You can purchase the stamps at your neighborhood post office or by calling (800) STAMP24.

RAFFLE TO BENEFIT CHRISTINA KAHRS

Tickets can be purchased for \$2.00 each at Gardiner Drug, Your Town Video or the Mammoth Clinic.
Tickets must be purchased by 6 PM on Wednesday NOV 3rd. Drawing to be held the evening of Nov 3rd.
You need not be present to win—winners will be notified by phone or mail.

Items to be raffled off include:

Winter weekend package for 2 to Old Faithful Snowlodge from
Amfac Parks & Resorts
Original Oil Painting "MORNING GLOW" by Paul Krapf
Limited edition print "YELLOWSTONE CELEBRATES 125
YEARS" by Jeff Henry
16 x 20 Print "THE SUN PILLAR TREE" by Steven Fuller
Embroidered Jacket from Wood'n'Stitches---winners choice
16 X 50 Vanguard Binoculars from Flying Pig Camp Store
1 night stay at Cabins by the River from Chris & Warren Wagner
Hartstone Pottery Bowl from Gardiner Drug
Norby Pitcher from ELK Inc.
Gift Certificates from Mountain Rose Theater, Yellowstone
Mine, Outlaws Pizza, K Bar, Bear Country Restaurant, The
Tire Iron, Park Street Grill, Kellem's Saddle Shop, &
Your Town Video
Shirts from Outwest T's and Sweats, and Electric Peak
Espresso Ice Cream & Gifts
Large Stuffed Moose from High Country Espresso
2 Original Oil Paintings from Dan Downing
Etched Grizzly Bear from Pete Wilkinson
Wine Basket from North Entrance Shopping Center

Items are on display at Wood'n'Stitches

THE WONDERLAND PACKAGE

JANUARY 2 – MARCH 3, 2000

A five-day guided adventure in Yellowstone offered by The Yellowstone Association Institute and Yellowstone National Park Lodges.

INCLUDES:

- ⇒ Expert instruction by Institute Naturalist/Guide
- ⇒ Lodging with private bath at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (three nights)
- ⇒ Lodging with private bath at Old Faithful Snow Lodge (two nights)
- ⇒ Breakfasts, lunches, snacks
- ⇒ Ski and snowshoe rentals
- ⇒ In-park transportation
- ⇒ In-room gift
- ⇒ One-hour hot tub rental
- ⇒ Unlimited ice skating at Mammoth.
- ⇒ "Snowcard" that allows a 25% discount on additional meals, select gift items, and activities purchased at Yellowstone National Park Lodges.

SCHEDULE:

Sunday	Evening Orientation at Mammoth
Monday	Wildlife Tour in Lamar Valley
Tuesday	Ski or snowshoe tour in Northern Range
Wednesday	Interpretive snowcoach tour to Old Faithful
Thursday	Ski or snowshoe tours near Old Faithful
Friday	Interpretive snowcoach tour to Mammoth via Canyon

COST:

Double Occupancy:

\$595.25 for YA members

Single Occupancy:

\$759.53 for YA members

50% deposit is required and cancellation must be received at least 14 days in advance.

TO RESERVE:

Please call Yellowstone National Park Lodges at 307-344-7311 and ask to make a reservation for the "Wonderland Package".