

THE YELLOWSTONE NEWS



February 15, 2000

Next Deadline: March 13, 2000

Clean Snowmobile Challenge

In an effort to address the environmental concerns of snowmobile use in the Greater Yellowstone Area, Teton County Commissioner Bill Paddleford and Jackson Hole environmental engineer Dr. Lori M. Fussell formed the idea of the Clean Snowmobile Challenge 2000. This idea became a reality last March as part of the prestigious SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Collegiate Design Series that puts classroom training into action as students design, build, and test the performance of a real vehicle in a challenging and highly competitive environment. The object of the contest is to design a snowmobile that retains today's performance

while reducing pollution and noise. The competing schools are:
University; Colorado
State University;
Mankato; State University
University of Waterloo
Technologie Superieure



Michigan Technological
School of Mines; Colorado
Minnesota State University,
of New York-Buffalo;
(Ontario); Ecole de
(Quebec).

The National Park
with SAE International to
snowmobiles to participating
Representatives from Yellowstone and Isle
Pictured Rocks and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshores relayed the snowmobiles
across the country to the participating universities last July. All seven schools are
redesigning their vehicles to reduce noise and exhaust pollution while maintaining the power
and characteristics of the original snowmobile.

Service joined forces
assist in the delivery of used
universities.

Royal National Parks, as well as

The competition is to take place March 29-31, 2000, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The modified snowmobiles will be judged in static and dynamic events for such factors as emissions, noise, acceleration, hill climb, fuel economy, design, and cold start ability. Yellowstone will host the fuel economy event. This will entail driving the machines from Flagg Ranch to West Thumb and back, twice, on a single tank of gas. Grand Teton National Park will host the acceleration event.

President's Day

History of the Holiday

The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796 (the last full year of his presidency). Washington, according to the calendar that has been used since at least the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old style calendar in use back then, however, he was born on February 11. At least in 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.

By the early 19th century, Washington's Birthday had taken firm root in the American experience as a bona fide national holiday. Its traditions included Birthnight Balls in various regions, speeches and receptions given by prominent public figures, and a lot of revelry in taverns throughout the land. Then along came Abraham Lincoln, another revered president and fellow February baby (born on the 12th of the month). The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. While Lincoln's Birthday did not become a federal holiday like George Washington's, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays. One of these was Washington's Birthday, the observation of which was shifted to the third Monday in February each year whether or not it fell on the 22nd. This act, which took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the yearly calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process.

Apparently, while the holiday in February is still officially known as Washington's Birthday (at least according to the Office of Personnel Management), it has become popularly (and perhaps legally) known as "President's Day." This has made the third Monday in February a day for honoring both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all the other men who have served as president.



"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

-George Washington

How well do you know your Presidents?.....



1. Out of 42 Presidents only one was a bachelor. His niece, Harriet Lane fulfilled the role of "Hostess of the White House."

- A. James A. Garfield
- B. James Buchanan
- C. Chester A. Arthur
- D. Martin Van Buren

2. Which President is called, "The Father of our Country?"

- A. John Adams
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. George Washington

3. During the Civil War, who was the President of the United States?

- A. James Buchanan
- B. Rutherford B. Hayes
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. Andrew Johnson

4. What President was responsible for freeing the slaves?

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. William H. Harrison
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. James Buchanan

5. Who was the first President to talk on the radio?

- A. Grover Cleveland
- B. William H. Harrison
- C. Woodrow Wilson

6. What president was a prisoner of war?

- A. Andrew Jackson
- B. Andrew Johnson
- C. William McKinley
- D. Calvin Coolidge

7. At age 39 what President suffered an attack of polio?

- A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- B. Herbert Hoover
- C. Harry S. Truman
- D. Chester Arthur

8. What President(s) won the Nobel peace prize?

- A. Theodore Roosevelt & Woodrow Wilson
- B. Ulysses S. Grant
- C. John Quincy Adams
- D. James K. Polk

9. What President was the first to appear on television?

- A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- B. Herbert Hoover
- C. Woodrow Wilson
- D. Martin Van Buren

10. Name the President who was impeached.

- A. Richard M. Nixon
- B. Andrew Johnson
- C. William H. Taft
- D. Rutherford B. Hayes

Answers:

1. James Buchanan 2. George Washington 3. Abraham Lincoln 4. Abraham Lincoln 5. Woodrow Wilson 6. Andrew Jackson 7. Franklin D. Roosevelt 8. Theodore Roosevelt & Woodrow Wilson 9. Franklin D. Roosevelt 10. Andrew Johnson

Personnel News....

New Permanents:

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| Wendy Hafer | Fire & Emergency Operations Dispatcher |
| Kathy Cunningham | Cash Clerk |
| Carolyn Duckworth | Visual Information Specialist |
| Nancy Baum | Secretary, Ranger Office |
| Debbie McPherson | Mail & Files Clerk |
| Lessie Sites | Visitor Services Clerk |
| Lon Johnson | Cultural Resource Technician |

Promotions:

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| Claude Long | Maintenance Worker |
| Lindsay Robb | Budget Analyst |

Peer Awards....

The following have received Peer Awards for the past month:

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| Mark Hemingway | Grant Village Maintenance |
| Lindsay Robb | Mammoth Finance Office |
| Andy Ludwig | Yellowstone Personnel Office and good guy at large |
| Judy Jensen | Mammoth Administration |
| Debbie McPherson | Mammoth Administration |

Mammoth Clinic News:

It's still INFLUENZA SEASON. It's not too late to get a FLU shot. Vaccine is still available at the clinic. Please call for an appointment. Cost is \$10.00.

We're pleased to announce some new services:

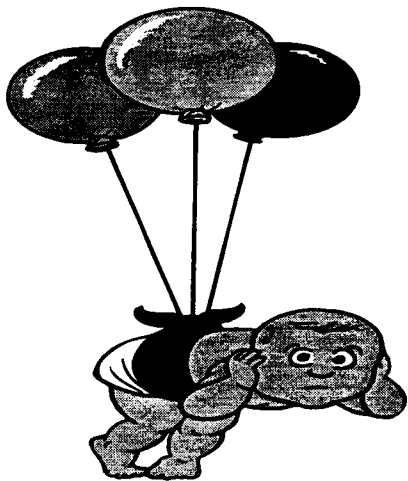
COLLEEN ELDRED, AN OB/GYN NURSE PRACTITIONER, is now available by appointment to provide exams, prescriptions, consultations and referrals for the women in our community. Please call the clinic for more information or if you have any questions.

The clinic will be participating in the Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program, which provides comprehensive breast and cervical cancer screening services to the women in Gallatin, Park and Sweet Grass counties in Montana. This service is available for women 50-64 years of age who are uninsured or underinsured. For more information regarding this program and enrollment requirements, please call the clinic at 344-7965.

HELPFUL/HEALTHFUL TIP: Most of us are aware that smoking increases the risk of developing heart disease. February is American Heart Month. If you are smoking and would like to quit, this would be a good time to do it. The clinic has some great videos and books to help you. Stop by and check them out!

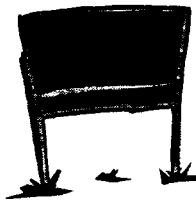
Announcements:

- There is a new website for R&R Uniforms. Go to Yellowstone's Intranet, choose *Employee Information*, and lo and behold, there is the R&R Website. This offers the entire uniform catalog, price list, and an order form. While you can't submit orders electronically, you can fill out the order form, print it, (make sure to total the order) then fax or mail it in.
- YFEA would like to thank all the employees who donated or otherwise helped prepare the soup lunch. We especially appreciated Harold Anderson who kept all the pots hot until lunch with a tricky, electrical solution! Also, THANKS to all the employees who stayed and supported YFEA by feeding their faces with us!
- YFEA will be electing officers next month, so if anyone would like to sign up, please contact any current officer.
- Thank you to everyone who signed up to help us find a cure for diabetes. We really appreciate your help.
-Tim, Charissa, Anna and Olivia Reid
- Friends of Jerry and Margaret Ryder wanting to keep in touch with them can write to them at their email address; ryder@montana.com. Jerry & Margaret would love to hear what all their former neighbors and co-workers are up to!
- Dr. Murray, DVM, will be in Gardiner at the Exxon every other Friday (2/18, 3/3, 3/17, etc.) from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This schedule will continue until further notice.



*Mike and Lillie Finley
are proud grandparents of
Alexandra Lynn
Born January 15 at 6 lbs., 12 oz. And 20" long.
Proud parents are Jon & Laura Blaskovitch
of Surprise, AZ.*

Classified Ads:



For Sale - 98 Polaris Sport Touring Snowmobile, 5070 miles, \$2350. 98 Polaris Trail Indy Snowmobile, 5666 miles, \$2250. Both in excellent condition. Moving must sell! Call 307-242-4149

For Sale - Snowmobile, Polaris 400 liquid cooled-1990, SKS long track, 5900 miles, runs great. \$1500 obo. Call Bundy at 344-7753 or ccMail.

For Sale - Yakima roof rack with towers that fit small to medium sized vehicles with gutters. Attachments include ski rack with same key lock as towers, two bike racks, and wind faring. Asking \$150. Kahru telemark skis with cable bindings, size 207 cm. Asking \$100. Call 848-7513, evenings.

For Sale - Must sell 1986 GMC Safari van 120k miles, as is. \$300.00 obo. Call Matthew at 307-344-8532.

For Sale - 1996 Toyota Camry, 4 door, 5 speed, power windows & locks, AC, cassette player, FWD, dark blue in color & new tires, 50k miles. \$13,000.00 obo. Call 646-4937 or 848-7649. If no answer, leave message.

For Sale - 1996 Dodge Ram p/u, SLT 1500, extended cab, ½ ton, 4WD, 5 speed, AC & cassette player, new tires, blue/tan in color. \$18,000.00, obo. Call 646-4937 or 848-7649. If no answer, leave message.

For Sale by Owner - In Gardiner, 1972 Great Lakes Mobile Home on a 50' x 100' lot. Mobile Home is in very good condition and includes three bedrooms, 1 & ¾ baths, double hung windows, new roof for better insulation, wood stove, appliances, propane heat, attached porch (mud room), wooden deck and a swamp cooler. Lot is surrounded by a 6' cedar privacy fence and has a well established lawn with lots of flowers, trees, shrubs and a water fountain. For more information, call 406-848-7649 after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays or anytime on the weekends. If no answer, please leave a message.

Life is What You Make It-

Outside my window, a new day I see,
And only I can determine
What kind of day it will be.
It can be busy and sunny, laughing and gay,
Or boring and cold, unhappy and grey
My own state of mind is the determining key,
For I am the only person I let myself be.
I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help.
Or be selfish and think just of myself.
I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun,
Or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone

I can be patient with those who may not understand
Or belittle and hurt them as much as I can.
But I have faith in myself,
And believe what I say,
And personally I intend
To make the best of each day.
-Anonymous-

News from the Yellowstone Park Foundation...

April deadline nears for submitting projects to Y.P.F.

Do you have an idea for a worthwhile project that is a priority for your division but won't be funded because it is beyond the financial capacity of the Park Service? It might be appropriate for funding by the Yellowstone Park Foundation. Since its inception in 1996, the Yellowstone Park Foundation has funded more than 35 such projects for the park, and it is entirely possible that yours could be one of the new projects chosen for funding this year – if you act quickly. Friday, March 31, is the deadline for grant applications to be submitted to Superintendent Mike Finley.

If you would like to apply for a grant from the Yellowstone Park Foundation, the first step is to have your division chief review and approve your project idea. After your chief signs off on the project, you need to fill out a copy of the Foundation's grant request form. This form can be obtained at the Superintendent's Office or the Office of Public Affairs, or it can be sent to you electronically. The Foundation has a new grant application form this year, so if you have one left over from previous years, you need to find a copy of the updated version.

If your completed grant request is approved by the Superintendent, it will be passed on to the Grant Committee of the Yellowstone Park Foundation at the Foundation's May 21, 2000 Board meeting. The Grant Committee will then review and rate each project according to the following criteria: The project must be well-conceived and scientifically sound. The project's goals must be clear and attainable. The project leader must be able to justify the funding request, which must be reasonable and adequate for the project. Finally, the project must be appropriate for the Foundation's mission to protect, preserve and enhance Yellowstone National Park.

After the Foundation's Grant Committee has reviewed and ranked each project that is submitted in the spring, it will convene in Yellowstone in August. At this meeting, some of the project leaders who submitted projects in the spring will be invited to make presentations and answer any questions or concerns that the Grant Committee may have. Five or six projects will be selected by the Committee to be recommended for approval to the Board at the September 17, 2000 meeting. If your project is approved by the Board, the Foundation staff will then start work on finding funding for it. Keep in mind that it is unlikely you will receive the funds until 2001, so plan your project dates accordingly.

More detailed information about the grant request process can be obtained, along with the new grant request form, at the Superintendent's Office or the Office of Public Affairs. It may seem like a long way from inception to completion of the Foundation's grant proposal process, but – like any journey – it begins with a single step. We look forward to working with you.

– The Yellowstone Park Foundation Staff



Eating Healthy:

In a rush - try this one pot meal...

Chicken with Winter Vegetables

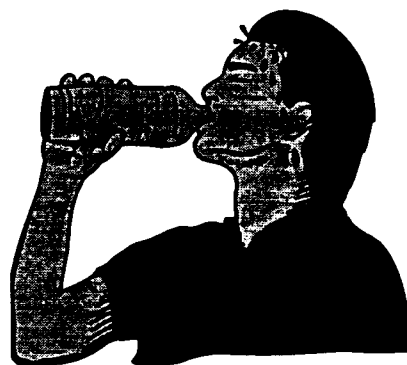
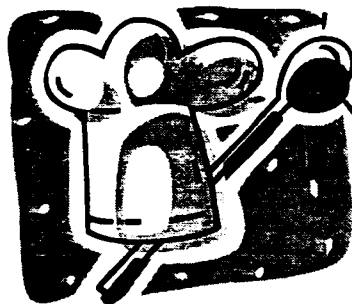
$\frac{3}{4}$ lb. peeled baby carrots
2 celery stalks, cut in $\frac{3}{4}$ " pieces
2 medium leeks (white part and 1" green), washed well, cut into 1" pieces
1 garlic clove, thinly sliced
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. dried tarragon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper
1 lb. tiny red potatoes, scrubbed
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb. roasting chicken, quartered
1 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
chopped parsley for garnish

1. Place carrots, celery, leeks, garlic, and tarragon in slow cooker. Toss vegetables with salt and pepper. Place potatoes over vegetables, and lay chicken pieces on top of potatoes. Pour in broth. Cover and cook on low-heat setting 6 to 8 hours. Garnish with parsley before serving.

402 cal; 46 g pro; 7 g fat; 39 g carb; 94 mg calcium; 4 mg iron; 6 g fiber.

Eight is Enough???

The standard prescription to drink eight glasses of water a day is just a ballpark figure, according to experts at The Mayo Clinic. To determine how much you really need, divide your weight in half. This number in ounces is your actual recommended daily water intake. And if you're active, try to drink a couple of extra glasses a day for insurance. By the way, caffeinated and alcoholic beverages don't count: They tend to dehydrate your body.



DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE...USE THE FOLLOWING GUIDE WHEN SORTING YOUR TRASH:

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| OFFICE - PAK | All sizes and colors of paper can be recycled, including post-it-notes and envelopes. Shredded paper is also okay. Staples do not have to be taken out. Items that cannot be recycled are padded envelopes with bubble wrap or gray filling and carbon paper. |
| ALUMINUM | Aluminum cans and tinfoil can be recycled together. Please rinse out the cans. |
| GLASS | All colors of glass can be recycled. Please remove lids and rings and rinse. |
| STEEL | Steel cans are recyclable. The labels do not have to be removed. Please rinse the cans out. |
| NEWSPAPER | Everything that comes with the newspaper can be recycled with the newspaper. |
| MAGAZINES/ CATALOGS | Catalogs over ½" thick cannot be recycled due to the type of glue that is used in the binding. All other catalogs and magazines can be recycled. |
| CARDBOARD | Corrugated cardboard and "cereal type" (gray board) boxes can be recycled at Supply. Please flatten boxes. |
| PLASTICS | Plastics cannot be recycled at this time in the park. |

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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 e-mail 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.



Here's your chance to work for the **Yellowstone Association**! Several of our long-time employees are pursuing other adventures this year and we have Area Manager positions available in our educational bookstores at Mammoth, Canyon, Norris, Madison, and Grant.

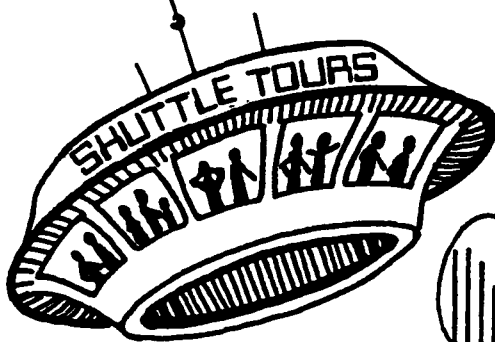
Area Managers supervise one to four other employees and work regular shifts at the cash register in addition to administrative duties. This position requires previous supervisory experience, excellent customer service skills, and a genuine desire to share the park with visitors from all backgrounds. Rewards include a spectacular setting, a fun work environment, and the knowledge that all proceeds support educational projects in Yellowstone National Park. The season runs from mid-May to mid-October. Applicants must be available to work the entire season. Area managers typically work 32 to 40 hours a week. RV sites that are rented from the Park Service are available. The starting wage is \$8.20 an hour. The application deadline is 2/15/00. For more information or to request an application call, please contact Deborah Collins at 307-344-2292 or email at dtcollins@yellowstoneassociation.org.

21ST CENTURY in YELLOWSTONE

A Fun Whimsical Dinner & Magic Show

Saturday, February 26, 2000

Mammoth Recreation Hall

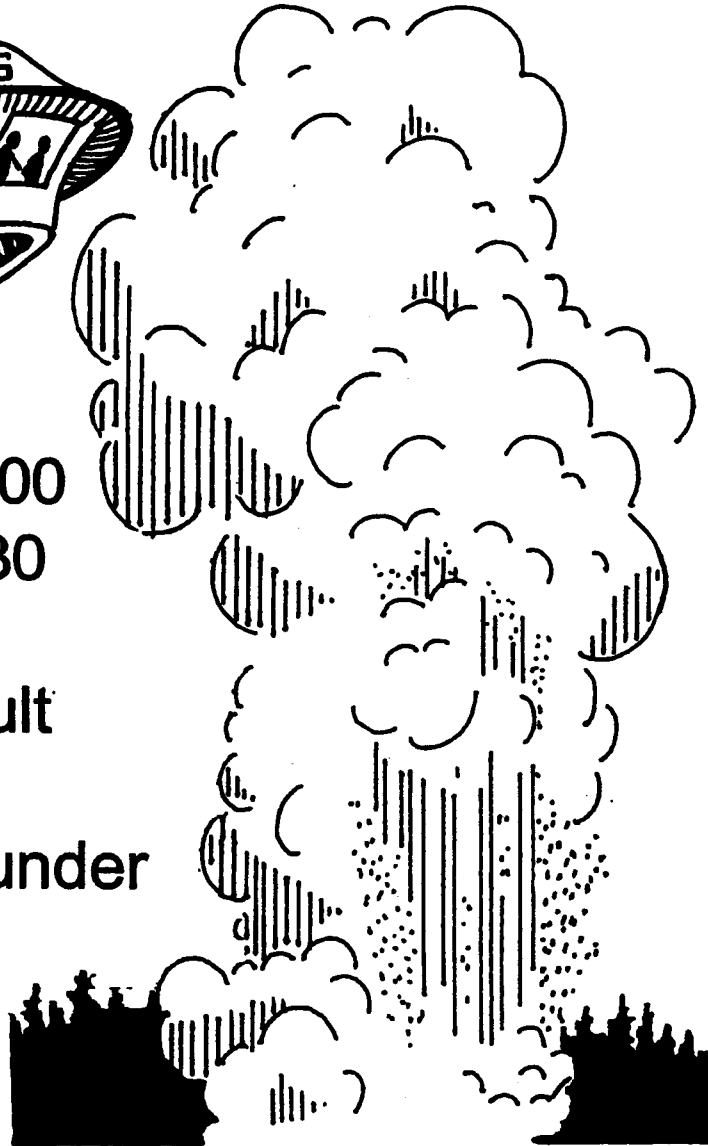


- No Host Bar ● Cocktails 5:00
- Dinner 5:30 ● Magician 6:30

Cost: \$20 - 12 years - Adult
\$10 - Children
Free - 2 Years and under

RAFFLES:

- Week stay at
Lone Mountain Guest Ranch
- 21st Century Playhouse (designed by A&E Architects)
(Must be present to win Playhouse)



FOR TICKETS CALL: 344-5204

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LITTLE PEOPLE'S LEARNING CENTER

“WUF”

March 4, 2000

Mammoth Rec Hall

7:00 pm

No one escapes the witty satire of the Vigilante Players in this hilarious production. Join your neighbors for an evening of music and laughter.

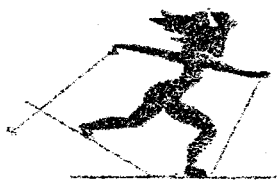
**Tickets \$10 at the Door
Children 11 and under – Free**

Call Christie Cote (344-7339), Liz Cleveland (848-5052) or Dayna McClure (848-7291) for more information.

It's back!
The Bear Creek Council's

Jardine Ski Run

Sunday, February 20, 1:00 PM



- Pine Creek Recreation Area above Jardine (look for signs)
- Check-in time begins at noon
- Prepared track (*thank you, Warren!*)

Adult & Kid Races

\$6 Adult donation, \$2 Kids (12 & under)

PRIZES

Donated by area merchants

FOOD

Chili, hot drinks, and baked goods!

FUN

Wear something crazy for the P. Russell Brown style award.

Bring Money! This is a fundraiser, too!

For more info, call 848-7571