



# THE YELLOWSTONE NEWS

NOVEMBER 15, 2001

NEXT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 9

## Happy Thanksgiving



### FROM THE SAFETY OFFICE:

Now is the time to prepare your vehicle, private and government, for the winter. Check the antifreeze, purchase new winter tires if needed, and winterize the vehicle. Be prepared for emergency situations while on the road. Put together a winter survival kit for each vehicle that includes a flashlight with fresh batteries (check the light bulb also), warm clothing, a hat, gloves, proper foot wear for the conditions, a blanket, energy bars, snacks, matches, candle, water, a snow brush and scraper, flares, first aid kit, shovel, and a bag of cat litter or sand. The preparations that you make now may make a difference in an emergency. When traveling during adverse weather conditions check all fluid levels, windshield wipers, tires, lights, and make sure your vehicle is well maintained. Try to keep your gas tank at least half full. If starting through a long desolate stretch of road, fill your tank so that you don't run out of gas, even if you get stranded. Remember...seat belts are never out of season! Always buckle up.

### WINTER ROAD REMINDERS

#### **Wheeled Vehicles**

The only park road that remains open to wheeled vehicles through the winter is the road from Gardiner, Montana, at the North Entrance to Silver Gate & Cooke City, Montana, near the Northeast Entrance.

#### **Fall Administrative Travel (Wheeled Vehicles)**

Roads may be closed temporarily to administrative travel (i.e. wheeled vehicles) at any time depending on the weather. The switch from wheeled to oversnow vehicles will generally occur on the Monday after Thanksgiving, but could occur earlier (within 24 hours notice) or later if there is a lack of snow.

#### **Groomed Roads Open to the Public**

December 17, 2001 – Park is open to oversnow vehicles from Mammoth to Madison to West Entrance; from Old Faithful to West Thumb; from South to Lake to East Entrance, and from Canyon to Norris

### Use or Lose Vacation Deadline

All Use or Lose Annual Leave needs to be used by Saturday, January 12, 2002.

### Leave Share Program

We currently have two employees that will be eligible for the leave share program. Susan Kraft will be eligible for pay period 26 (December 2) and Holly Long will be eligible for pay period 2 (December 30). Please keep them in mind if you have any days you won't be able to use by the deadline.

## **Open Season for Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan**

This year's open enrollment period for the Federal Employees' Health Benefits (FEHB) Program will be from November 12 through December 10, 2001.

Plan brochures (detailing any changes), comparison charts, and forms are currently available on the Internet at <http://www.opm.gov/insure/02/index.html>. Please use this option, if possible, as the Office of Personnel Management has reduced the number of brochures and comparison charts we will receive. I expect to receive our brochures next week.

Enrollment forms must be submitted prior to the close of business on December 10, 2001. Enrollment forms (SF-2809) are available on the internet at [www.opm.gov/form/index.html](http://www.opm.gov/form/index.html) or from the Personnel Office.

If using the Employee Express\*, the transaction must be complete prior to the close of business on December 10, 2001. If using the Employee Express, please request a confirmation letter and send us a copy so that we can put one in your Official Personnel Folder. Current coverage will continue unless you initiate a change.

### **All changes in coverage will be effective January 13, 2002.**

During the open enrollment period, permanent employees may register to enroll, change from one option or plan to another, change from self-only to self-and-family; or any combination of these changes. Additionally, you may elect or cancel Premium Conversion (health insurance taken out of your check before taxes), during the open season.

Temporary employees who have completed 1 year of current continuous employment, excluding any break in service of 5 days or less, are eligible to participate in FEHB and are eligible to make the same changes as permanent employees. However, temporary employees must pay the full premium (both the employee and the government contributions).

For further information, please contact Rosanne Riley at (307) 344-2041.

\* Employee Express is available to all NPS employees and may be accessed by calling 912-757-3080 (from work), 1-800-827-6254 (from any touch-tone phone), or 912-757-3117 if you use a TDD. If you have lost your PIN number, call the Employee Express Help Desk at 912-757-3030 to be issued a new number.

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## Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all of the wonderful members of the Yellowstone family who were so kind with their expressions of sympathy at the passing of my mother, Doris.

Sincerely,  
Rick McAdam

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I'm sorry this thank you is coming so late but I've adjusted to retirement much better than I thought I would. I've spent time in Columbus helping Jeff with projects, spent six weeks at Moses Lake and now back to stack wood (my annual birthday present from Virgil). I can't begin to tell you how much it meant to have such a wonderful retirement party. A **huge "THANK YOU"** to my friends in the Supply Center for all the planning, decorating and food. I'd also like to thank those who sent cards and those who attended my party; Judy Profitt for the Precious Moments figurine; the Superintendent's office for the framed "Leaving Yellowstone" photo; and for the money I received that will go towards the purchase of a computer. And last, but not least, a big thanks to **Virgil** for the beautiful arrowheads. I'll be in the area most of the winter so please drop by or give me a call. I miss you all!

**Madeline Hall**

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Madeline and I wish to thank everyone who expressed sympathy in the loss of our Mother Leora through calls, cards, and the donation to the American Heart Association. It helps getting through tough times when you know others care. God Bless you all.

**Virgil and Madeline Hall**

## Welcome!

We welcome Cynthia (Cindy) and Jeff Casalina to Yellowstone. Cindy is the new Industrial Hygienist (vice Si) and comes to Yellowstone from Naples, Italy where she was with the Department of the Navy. Stop by and say "hi" and get acquainted.

## An Update on Holly Long and the twins...

Holly and the babies are doing great! Here is her address:

Holly Long, Room 587  
Benefis East  
1101 26th Street South  
Great Falls, MT 59405

There is no phone number listed as she has asked that phone calls be limited. However, Judy, in maintenance, will be sending around about 3 cards for people to sign and also an envelope for donations towards a "Cookie Bouquet", with a picture. They are so neat and the cookies are very good.

If you have any questions, please call Judy at (307) 344-2327. Thanks!!!

## And Susan Kraft...

Lindsey Robb reports that Susan is doing well. She has completed two of the required six chemotherapy treatments and is managing the side effects well. Both Lindsey and Susan want everyone to know how much they appreciate all of the good wishes they have received from their Yellowstone family.

## **IT'S A GIRL!**

Tami and Bill Blackford are the proud new parents of Kersey Michelle Blackford. She arrived November 7, 2001, at 4:44 p.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 oz.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## RECEPTION HELD FOR ACQUISITION OF HISTORIC DAVIS COLLECTION

Several Yellowstone National Park Service staff members attended a reception Thursday, November 8, 2001, to celebrate the acquisition of a remarkable 10,000-piece collection of historic memorabilia related to Yellowstone National Park.

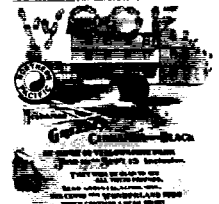


The Yellowstone Park Foundation raised \$500,000 from individuals and foundations to purchase the majority of the collection belonging to Susan and Jack Davis of Bozeman. The Davis's donated most of their remaining collection to the park, including two rare and highly valuable stereoviews which were recently authenticated.



The Davis collection, generally regarded as the world's largest and most well-preserved collection of National Park memorabilia, contains photographs, stereoviews, souvenirs, books, maps, advertisements, posters, and original artwork. Susan Davis began the collection as a college student in the late 1960s, and today Susan and her husband Jack are recognized as leading authorities on Yellowstone memorabilia.

Yellowstone is very grateful to the Yellowstone Park Foundation and the Davis's for this astounding collection.



### Important Recall Information:

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Whirlpool Corp., of Benton Harbor, Michigan, is voluntarily recalling about 1.8 million microwave-hood combinations. These units can overheat and catch fire.

Whirlpool has received seven reports of fires involving these microwave-hood combinations. These incidents have resulted in extensive property damage. No injuries have been reported.

These are microwave oven and exhaust fan hood combination units that are installed above ranges. They were sold under the Whirlpool®, KitchenAid®, and Kenmore® brand names. They have serial numbers that begin with XC. Open the door to locate the serial and model numbers. Department stores, electronics, home and appliance stores, as well as builder and remodelers, sold the microwave-hood combinations nationwide from January 1998 through September 2001 for between \$249 and \$749.

Consumers with recalled microwave-hood combinations should immediately stop using them and disconnect the units by unplugging them. Consumers can call Whirlpool Corporation for a free repair. Consumers can contact Whirlpool at (800) 785-8897 beginning at 8:00 a.m. ET on Wednesday, October 17, 2001. Consumers also can visit Whirlpool's web site at [www.whirlpool.com](http://www.whirlpool.com). Consumers should have the model and serial number of their unit available when they call or visit the web site.

Countertop microwaves are not included in this recall.

# FROM THE MAILBAG

MICHAEL B. ENZI  
WYOMING



## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

October 25, 2001

Frank Walker  
United States National Park Service  
P.O.Box 168  
Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190

Dear Frank:

I am writing today to offer my congratulations to the Yellowstone National Park employees who recently were awarded the 2001 Department of the Interior Environmental Achievement Award.

This recognition represents the culmination of a great deal of hard work and determined effort. Your staff should be very proud of this honor. It is truly and greatly deserved.

I know I join with their family, friends and colleagues in telling them how proud I am of all they did to earn this award. In reading the report that detailed their efforts I could not help but wonder how much better the world would be if we all worked as hard as they do.

Congratulations again. Please extend my best wishes to all of your staff. They are truly special citizens. Their hard work exemplifies the "can do" spirit of the West. Their efforts reflect well on all of us. Diana joins in sending our regards to you and to your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Enzi".

Michael B. Enzi  
United States Senator

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And excerpts from our friends the Inafuku's in Hawaii:

Aloha!

The P. O. Box 4507 address is no longer current. We purchased a home in June and closed our box at the end of August, so here's our residence and mailing address and home phone number: 3-1079 Makamaka Street; Kailua-Kona, HI 96740-9556; (808) 325-9686

Miyeko is attending the local intermediate school, taking advanced placement classes with a handful of other students, playing her trumpet in the school's band, and is a member of a wonderful 4-H club of eight, 5th & 6th grade girls. Niki is at a public charter school in its first year of operations. It's a wonderful school and Niki loves it (about as much as the Mammoth School). Dawn is a special education teacher at another local elementary school. She has a self-contained classroom of lower functioning students who also have behavioral problems, so, she's exhausted at the end of the day. For me, working two parks is an impossibility. My superintendent is fine with it, but I'm thinking that I'm going to self destruct because there's no way to bring both of these parks into the 20th Century because of the sheer volume of tasks to be tackled. I'm not even trying to think about the 21st Century... We're volunteering at the schools with events and at church too... So, relaxation is out of the picture.

Of course, I haven't mentioned that we're experiencing the "joys" of home ownership: Painting the entire interior of the house (next chore the garage, exterior later); installed a solar hot water system (fantastic!...temp. varies from 120 to 160 degrees F.); buying new kitchen appliances (to replace the dying set in our home built in '88...the tropics are hard on machines); installing ceramic tile to replace worn carpet; fixing broken cabinet hinges, toilets, etc. Oh well, living in "paradise" ain't like living in paradise...

Take care at "home". We bet that we'll still retire in the GYA. Come visit!

Aloha!

Les



**Here's a great e-mail we received on October 17th!**

No questions. Just want to tell you how much the web cam means to older folks, like me. Shortly after we retired in 1999, my husband and I made an RV trip to Yellowstone for the first time. We planned on staying a week and stayed three. It was the most beautiful and unique place we have ever visited. It was in early May and everything was just waking up. The people at the RV Grizzly Park in West Yellowstone were great, as well as all of the Yellowstone park staff. It made such a profound impression on me and I have wanted to come back each year. But, as we grow older, we face limitations and plans are easily made, but difficult to carry out. So, I can go on-line and see the awesome Old Faithful and imagine I am there. I have seen it in every season of the year. I saw the snow just the other day on Mammoth and the area around Old Faithful. With all of the uncertainty and problems in this world now, it is a wonderful and encouraging sight. Just wanted to let you know that I love being transported back by the internet and the web cam.

Thank you so much for maintaining it.

Joan and Fred Gibertini  
Houston, Texas 77058

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRAW!**

Thanks to all in the Gardiner/Yellowstone area participants who donated blood at the October American Red Cross Blood draw. There was a total of 58 donors including 15 first timers! The next draw will be on May 10th. Watch here for your reminder in the April Newsletter or call Millie Thornton at (406) 848-2419 or Kelly Vroman at (406) 848-7271. Remember the American Red Cross is only provider for blood to the Armed Forces.

### **SPECIAL THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE**

A special service of worship will be held on Thanksgiving Eve at the Gardiner Community Church. The service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21. Join us in remembering all we have to be thankful for during the past year.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Regular Gardiner/Mammoth worship services will be as follows: Sunday worship in the Mammoth Chapel will be held at 9:00 a.m. Gardiner Community Church will have Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. followed by worship service at 11:15 a.m.

### **MAMMOTH CLINIC WINTER HOURS**

The Mammoth Clinic is now open 5 days a week. The clinic hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. To make an appointment, please call the clinic at 344-7965.

**The clinic will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.**

### **YELLOWSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

Effective October 1, 2001, Yellowstone Federal Credit Union hours will be:

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

**The Yellowstone Federal Credit Union will be closed Thursday, November 22, in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.**

YFCU offers free checking with no minimum balance requirement.

Members should watch their September statement for information on YFCU's new VISA ATM/Check card.

YFCU also has a special checks program that will aid victims in the aftermath of the tragic terrorist attacks in New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania. When members order either the FLAG or FIREFIGHTERS check series from the credit union, the purchase will trigger a \$5.00 donation to support programs designed to help affected areas recover from the September attacks. This program will remain in effect for the remainder of 2001. For more information, contact Martha Powell at (307) 344-7974 or stop by the Credit Union office.

## **YELLOWSTONE GALLERY RAFFLE**

The Yellowstone Gallery raffle for the Twin Towers Fund has raised a total of \$2667.00. The people of the Gardiner/Yellowstone/Valley communities gave generously, as usual. A special thanks from Christina and Jerry goes out to all the tireless workers – too numerous to mention – who helped promote the raffle and sell tickets. You know who you are! Without your help this raffle would not have been possible or as successful. Thank You! And congratulations to Terri Thate, the winner of "Winged Victory."

## **VETERINARIAN VISIT**

Dr. James Murray, DVM, of Livingston, will be in Gardiner on the following Fridays: November 16, 30 & December 14. Call (406) 222-3700 if you would like to schedule a home visit appointment. Thank you!

## **EMT REFRESHER**

Yellowstone National Park will be holding an EMT Refresher Course in Room A of the Canteen on December 11 - 13. There should be enough room for anyone wanting to take care of "Next Years Refresher" now. Leave Steve Sarles a message at (307) 344-2148 if you'd like to attend. The sessions will run from 8:00 - 5:00 each day. He will be out of the office through December 3. You're also welcome to attend for continuing education hours.

## **Mammoth Clinic Seeking Office Service Clerk**

The Mammoth Clinic is seeking a casual relief office clerk. Position will include additional hours through the summer months. Applicants should possess strong communication skills, and have general knowledge of office procedures. Knowledge of medical field preferred, but not required. Please call (307) 344-7965 or stop by the Clinic to pick up an application.

## **Yellowstone Association Institute Seeking Natural History/Backpacking Instructor**

The Yellowstone Association Institute is seeking an environmental educator with backcountry leadership skills and close knowledge of Yellowstone National Park to instruct natural history backpacking courses in the park from early June to mid-September, 2002. Extensive backpacking experience in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, broad knowledge of the park's natural and cultural resources, current Wilderness First Responder certification, at least 2 years professional backcountry leadership experience, and a strong commitment to the Institute's educational mission are required. Current LNT Master Trainer certification and experience working with or for the National Park Service are desired. Compensation is \$105-135/day with lodging between courses.

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter with three references to: Jim Williams, Program Manager, Yellowstone Association Institute, PO Box 117, Yellowstone, WY 82190. For more information, call Jim Williams at (307) 344-2292. Applications are due November 23.



## **NEW WEBSITE ON CLEANER SNOWMOBILE EMISSIONS**

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) sponsored a new website to present objective and balanced information about all aspects of the debate over snowmobile emissions and access to national parks and other public lands.

DEQ and its contractor, the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) of Butte, tried to locate and present the best and most current scientific studies, opposing points-of-view, news stories, rules and regulations, and links to useful web sites. Many of these studies are available on the web site.

For example, in cooperation with the Society of Automotive Engineers, the slide presentations and some of the technical papers from the Clean Snowmobile Challenge are available at no cost for personal use. Other papers on efficiency, emissions, and ethanol blend fuel sponsored by the U. S Department of Energy Regional Biomass Energy Program and conducted by the Southwest Research Institute are available on this site. The site features a presentation that addresses national issues. This slide show and other educational material were developed by the DEQ with funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The new site can be accessed at [www.deq.state.mt.us/cleansnowmobile](http://www.deq.state.mt.us/cleansnowmobile). Please contact Howard Haines at (406) 444-6773 or [hhaines@state.mt.us](mailto:hhaines@state.mt.us) for more information or if you have questions.

## **SPATIAL ODYSSEY CONFERENCE**

Please join the NPS GIS Community at the upcoming Spatial Odyssey Conference in Primm, Nevada, the week of December 3-7, 2001. The conference is structured to provide multiple modes of learning from field trips, formal training sessions, presentations, tactical planning breakout sessions, a poster session, and wonderful keynote speakers.

We encourage all NPS staff and interested partners to participate. This conference will be valuable to Superintendents, Program Managers, and GIS techies too!

**Don't miss out on the EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY!!! See the web site for all the details and registration information. <http://www.nps.gov/gis/odyssey/>. Online registration is available until Nov 26th and after that you will need to register after you arrive in Primm, NV.**

Looking forward to seeing you at the Spatial Odyssey Conference!

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Memorandum

November 2, 2001

To: All NPS Employees Servicewide

From: Director  
/s/ Fran P. Mainella

Subject: Our Concern for Your Safety

Reference: <http://www.nps.gov/riskmgmt/>

I know that each of us has become much more concerned about our personal safety and the safety of our families, friends and co-workers because of the acts of September 11th. While we have responsibility to protect and preserve our prized symbols of America's cultural and natural resource legacy, we have an even greater responsibility to ensure that we keep each other as safe as we can.

We know the nature of risks we face and the ways we respond to those risks are frequently changing. But we want to share the best current information to keep you and our workplaces safe.

I have asked Dick Powell, Chief of Risk Management, to help us be as informed as possible about issues, questions and concerns relating to biological and chemical terrorism. He is working closely with John Hanley and our U.S. Public Health Service officers to obtain and make available the best, most current information as quickly as they can.

Our Risk Management website <http://www.nps.gov/riskmgmt/> will carry current information on these issues, including recommended mail-handling procedures. The site will be continually updated as new information and links to other helpful, related sites become available. If you have Internet access from your workstation or home, please bookmark the site and check it often.

This week, we hosted Washington-area meetings open to all employees on mail-handling procedures and anthrax-related risks. The information presented at those meetings is also available on the NPS risk management website.

I know a lack of information can lead to anxiety. By providing this information, we hope to reduce your anxiety and keep you and your families as fully informed and as safe as possible.

In closing, I wish I could thank each of you personally for how well you have responded to the threats against our country. You are keeping our parks open, our programs advancing and going about your work with great resolve. You ARE "unity, hope and healing" to America. I want you to know how deeply I appreciate that.

Thank you!

## PEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Peer Awards.

Holli Tract  
Carrie Lang  
Judy Jensen

Roy Jenkins  
Grace Short  
Monty Simenson  
Ken Haslett

## PERSONNEL NEWS

### Term Appointment:

Mary Hudson      General Engineer  
EOD 11/4/01      Mammoth

Linda Miller      Planning Assistant  
EOD 11/11      Mammoth

### Reassignment:

Patty Oestreich      Contract Specialist  
EOD 11/4/01      Mammoth

Boone Vandzura      Park Ranger (Protection)  
EOD 11/18/01      Lake

### Permanent Appointments:

Greg McGinnis      Utility Systems Operator  
EOD 12/2/01      Grant Village

Pamela Novitzky      Natural Resource Specialist  
EOD 11/11/01      Planning Office

Carin Schneider      Utility Systems Operator  
EOD 11/18/01      Canyon

Scott Traucht      Heating Equipment &  
EOD 11/4/01      Boiler Plant Mechanic  
Mammoth

### Welcome to Yellowstone:

Travis Poulson      Supervisory Park Ranger  
EOD 11/18/01      from Rocky Mtn NP to  
Tower Fall

Bonnie Schwartz      Supervisory Park Ranger  
EOD 11/4/01      from Sequoia NP to Old  
Faithful

### Promotions:

Greg Butcher      Utility Systems Operator  
EOD 11/4/01      Canyon

Curt Dimmick      Supervisory Park Ranger  
EOD 11/4/01      Madison

Grant Gifford      Maintenance Mechanic  
EOD 11/4/01      Supervisor  
Old Faithful

## NEED TRACTION?



Don't forget to pick up your sandbags at the North Entrance Shopping Center, Sinclair, or Tire Iron. They're perfect for your trucks or trunks. Increase your traction on slippery roads and use the sand for emergency traction. Approx. 50 lbs. for \$2.50

Thanks!!! From the Boy Scouts of Mammoth-Gardiner (especially the employees of The North Entrance Shopping Center, Sinclair, Tire Iron and Welch Brogan.)

## **FOR SALE**

1999 4x6 enclosed cargo trailer, barely used, 13" wheels, new \$1400, asking \$975. Richard Moore, (307) 242-2619.

1986 Ford F-150, 4x4 with topper, 250,000 miles, many replacements, runs great. \$2000. Call Craig in West Yellowstone at (406) 646-7696

HOME FOR SALE. We're building soon and need to sell our home. It is located 4.5 miles north of Gardiner on Papesh Road. One acre of land with a newer modular home on foundation (crawl space available for storage) with vaulted ceiling, 3-bedrooms, 2 baths and, a shed for additional storage. It has trees and a nice lawn with live water in the summer. A great view of Electric Peak! Come check it out, but please call first. (406) 848-7016.

## **FOR RENT**

Clean, well located 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, furnished, nice yard. November – May or Year-round lease options available. \$625/month. Call (406) 848-2472.

## **ROOMMATE NEEDED**

Looking for quiet, mature, non-smoking, female roommate to share 2-bedroom, 1-bath house in Gardiner. Huge fenced-in yard so pets may be an option. Either way, you must like animals! Available first part of December. 1/2 rent is \$200/month (includes water) plus 1/2 utilities. Call Diane at (406) 223-1833, leave a message if no answer.

## **LOST & FOUND**

A tan ball cap with the words Big Rock Congregational was found in the Research Library. If this is yours, it will be at VSO.

## **KIDS WINTER GEAR NEEDED**

We are looking for winter clothing to borrow for two weeks over Christmas (December 14-28). Our nephews, 6 and 8 years old, are visiting from Britain and have no snow gear.

If anyone has anything spare or grown out of, snow pants snow boots, ski boots, skis, and/or snowshoes, please call either Lynn at (307) 344-2316 or Brian at (307) 344-7739.

Thanks!

Lynn & Brian Chan

## **PEN PAL OPPORTUNITY**

The Public Affairs Office has a letter from a 17 year of boy in Spain who is looking for a pen pal in Yellowstone. His name is Andoni Etxeberria. If anyone is interested in corresponding with this young man, please contact Diane at (307) 344-2013. I can get you a copy of his letter which includes his address and some general information.

## ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR FOR THE VIP PROGRAM

Volunteers **do** make a difference. This past year, Yellowstone was rewarded with 80,722 hours of donated time given by over 300 individuals and groups. If one does the math, and I will for you, it is easy to see that those hours divided by the "1,039" maximum hours a seasonal employee may work, theoretically benefits the park with another 78 seasonals!

Volunteering is one of the most pervasive activities in American society, one that has always been a historical tradition. In 1970, the Volunteers-In-Parks Program was authorized by Congress to provide avenues for volunteers to assist the parks. Since then, thousands of individuals have proudly worn the official VIP patch and helped the Park Service to preserve, manage, and interpret our American Heritage.

Yellowstone volunteers perform an extraordinary array of duties working in all divisions. As examples, Steve Cleland volunteered his services this past summer in the Computer Support Services (CSS) branch of Administration. His CSS comrades presented him with a peer award at the end of his season citing his "expertise and widespread knowledge of computers and components" and perhaps more importantly for "his refreshing attitude that spilled over into our own and energized our own work."

Ask Doug Smith about volunteers. Without them, the fall and spring wolf predation studies, as part of the Wolf Reintroduction program, just plain wouldn't happen. Doug's volunteers this past year amassed 5,800 hours alone gathering some astounding information on what the wolf packs are doing in Yellowstone.

All Yellowstone volunteers get their housing paid for unless they're living in a gateway community in their own housing; very few receive any reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. They are volunteers in the truest sense of the word.

And so many of them come back year after year. Their devotion to this park, their supervisor, and their jobs go beyond any appreciation rendered in just words. We all know or have known Yellowstone volunteers. All of us are aware, to some degree, the important work they do. Hopefully, we've thought to tell them how important they are to us and the overall accomplishment of the NPS mission.

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A poem was recently given to me by Colleen Watson of the Maintenance Division. I liked it—  
hope you do too.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers will be rewarded in heaven  
Many will be shocked to find  
When the day of judgement nears  
That there's a special place in heaven  
Set aside for volunteers

Furnished with big recliners  
Leather couches and foot stools  
Where there is no committee chairman  
No group leaders or car pools  
No bazaars or bake sales  
No eager team that needs a coach

There will be nothing to staple  
Not one thing to fold or mail  
Telephone lists will be outlawed  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners  
And rare treats fit for a king

You ask "Who will serve these  
Privileged few, and work for  
All their worth?"  
Why all those who reaped the benefits,  
And not once volunteered on Earth!

If anyone would like to learn more about the Yellowstone's VIP Program, please call me at  
(307) 344-2093. Thank you VOLUNTEERS!

Jean Nuetzel

# Mammoth General Store

## Winter Menu

### Soup and Salad Bar

All you can eat..... \$ 4.75

### Other Lunches & Etc.

Side Salad	\$ 1.75
Hot Dog	2.75
Chili Dog	3.50
Burrito	3.75
Soup	2.50
Chili	2.65
Biscuit	.25

### Soup of the Day

#### Monday

Chicken Noodle

#### Tuesday

Cream of Broccoli

#### Wednesday

Cream of Potato

#### Thursday

Corn Chowder

#### Friday

Beef Stew

### Day of the Week Special

#### Monday

Charbroiled Hamburger \$ 3.50

Charbroiled Cheeseburger 3.85

Quarter-pounder with Potato Chips and garnish

#### Tuesday

Taco 2.25

Soft or Crisp Tortilla with Sour Cream & Salsa

#### Wednesday

Bar-B-Q Sandwich 3.95

Sliced beef in a delicious sauce with Potato Chips and garnish

#### Thursday

Fiesta Salad 3.25

Chicken Fajita strips in an edible bowl with all the toppings

#### Friday

Chicken Filet Sandwich 3.85

Delicious Filet served with Potato Chips and garnish

### Drinks

	<u>Small</u>	<u>Large</u>
Coffee	.80	1.10
Cappuccino	.85	1.25
Hot Chocolate	.85	1.25
Cider	.85	
Hot Tea	.80	

**Serving Lunch**

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

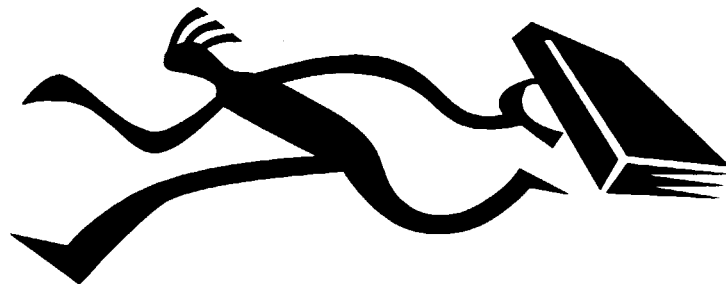


*United We Stand*

**Take-Out Orders**  
**344-7702**

**BLAINE FLINT**

**IS OUTTA HERE!**



**FAREWELL PARTY**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**3:00 - 4:30 P.M.**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE ROOM**





# Christmas Open House

**Live Music by Ray Corbin  
Friday Evening 5P.M. - 8P.M.  
Festivities Continuing Saturday**

**Refreshments & Holiday Cheer  
Mingle with Friends  
Door Prizes & Specials  
Gift Wrapping Available**

**Yellowstone Gallery  
Fri. Nov 30 & Dec 1 Sat.**

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE**  
**WITH**  
**AMFAC RETAIL**  
**AND THE**  
**YELLOWSTONE ASSOCIATION**

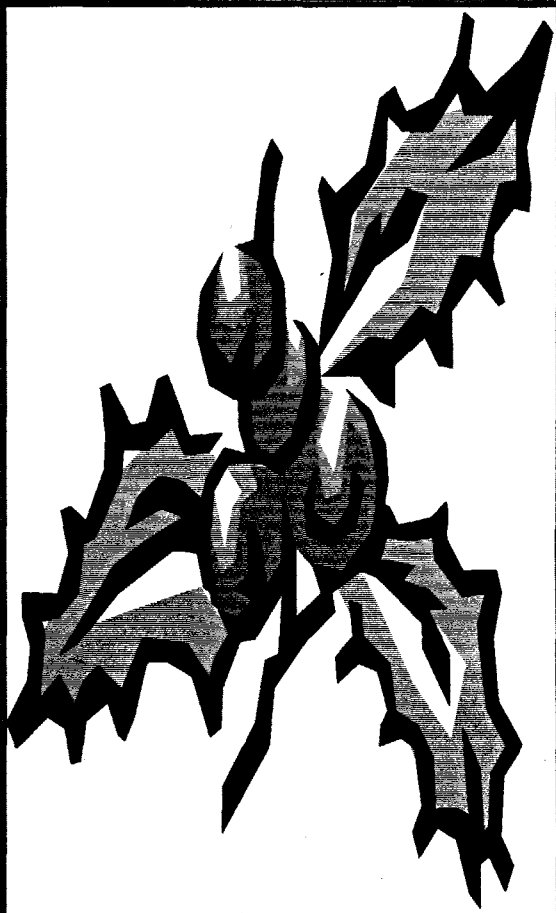
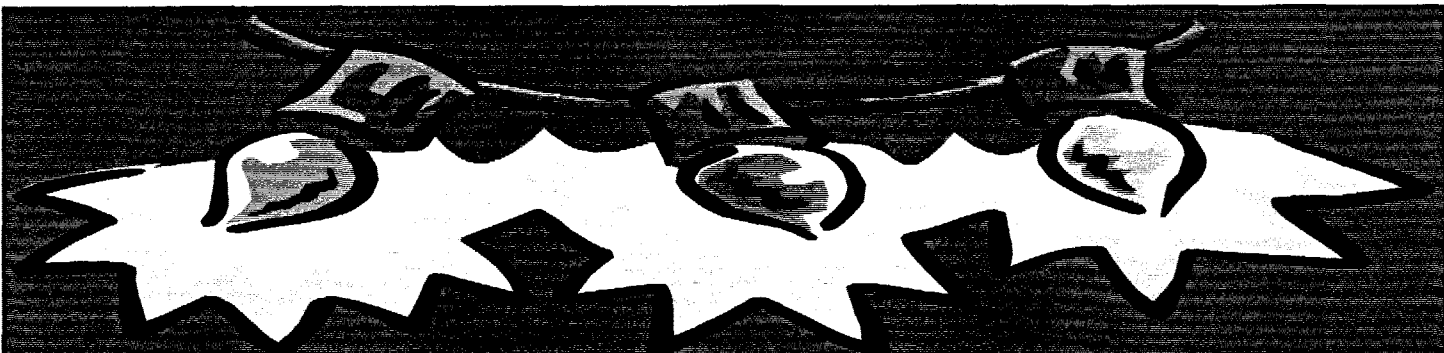
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**10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2001**  
**MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS HOTEL**

**THE YELLOWSTONE ASSOCIATION AND AMFAC  
RETAIL ARE TEAMING UP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON  
WITH HUNDREDS OF BARGAIN ITEMS JUST IN TIME  
FOR CHRISTMAS. THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOOK  
SALE WILL ALSO FEATURE TERRIFIC DISCOUNTS  
ON SHOP WORN OR GUEST RETURN ITEMS FROM  
AMFAC'S 2001 GIFT SEASON.**

**LOCALS WILL ALSO BE TREATED TO A 20%  
DISCOUNT AT THE MAMMOTH VISITOR CENTER AS  
WELL AS THE MAMMOTH HOTEL GIFT SHOP.**

**SEE YOU THERE!**



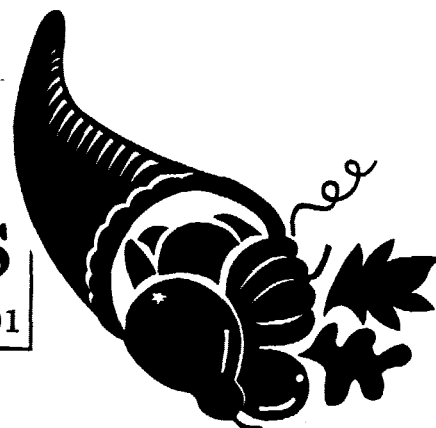
3:00 to 5:00 PM DECEMBER 5TH 2011



PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS AND TO WELCOME DR.  
MATTHEW HERMANN AND HIS WIFE LEIGH TO OUR COMMUNITY

# November News

October 26, 2001



## School News

**A Poetry Party coming up!** Please come and join us "around the fire" as students share poetry recitations and readings on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 2:15 p.m. We'll meet in the gym, listen, laugh, and maybe even cry, as well-known, lesser-known, and student-written poems fill the air.

**Christmas Program:** December 20 is the date to circle on your calendar. Around Thanksgiving time, we will be sending home a list of needed props (help!) and costume ideas. As usual, I think we'll stick with the "simpler is better" idea. Be looking for a note concerning these things. Thanks!

**An Aussie in our midst!** We are so glad to welcome Rachel de Vries to our school for the next 10 weeks. She hails from Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, and is living

with the Hudson family during her stay here. As a student teacher, she will be working with Mr. Stringfield and the first, second, and third graders. Welcome, Ms. de Vries!

On November 5<sup>th</sup> we will begin a new schedule for the school-day. The first bell will ring at 7:55 a.m. with classes starting at 8:00. School will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m. for K through 3, and at 3:40 for 4 through 6 grades. Younger grades will have a snack to tide them over until lunchtime which will remain the same, from 11:30 to 12:30. Classes will resume at 12:45 p.m.

The annual Thanksgiving Feast will be held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We will be sharing wild game, vegetable dishes and breads served by the Pilgrims, and activities centered around this authentic American holiday. Much as we would like to, we are unable to feed parents and siblings at this feast. School will be dismissed at the end of the dinner.

## Classroom Notes

**Ms. Marty's Class:** \*The kindergartners will be working on the letters Aa, Dd, and Ss. They will be busy making books. Pilgrims will also be a topic of conversation in the kindergarten classroom this month. \*The first graders are starting their 2<sup>nd</sup> reading book of the year. They are bringing home little books to read to their parents. We will be working on addition and subtraction in math. We are starting to spell lots of words with the "real" spelling!

**Mr. Stringfield's Class:** \*Second and third graders will begin devouring monster books in our reading class. We will have the chance to read many different types of books and discuss special topics related to this genre. \*First and second graders are continuing their study of changing colors for science. We will also begin learning about people shelters and Australian animals this month.

**Ms. Loren's Classes:** \*Fourth graders are exploring the possibilities of poetry, and have also started reading Fudge-a-mania by Judy Blume. \*The fifth grade traveled to Livingston and discovered a great variety of interesting historical objects in the Yellowstone Gateway Museum. Their photo essays will soon be on display at school for you review. \*The sixth grade delved into the world of canines, comparing the behavior of their dogs to that of wolves (and humans). Doug Smith and Glenn Plumb gave generously of their time so that the students could observe and understand the Yellowstone wolves. Thanks also to parents who provided help and transportation for these activities.

**Mrs. Young's Music:** Everyone is having a great time playing with beats in music classes. The lower grades are experiencing steady beats and strong beats, while the older grades are learning to group them into sets of 2 or 3 beats. We have been moving to the beat, playing the drum on the strong beat, identifying instrumental music with meters in 2 or 3.

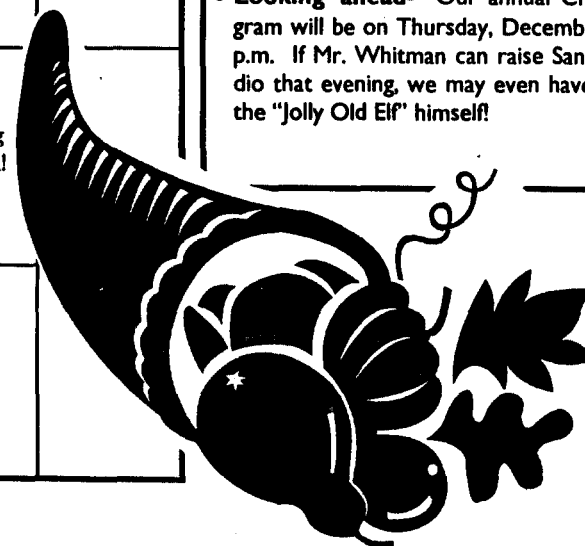
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## Yellowstone National Park School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct. 28 PTO Halloween Carnival, 5:00 p.m.			October 31 Halloween!	1 Ellen Petrick- Underwood, grade K bat presentation	2	3
4	5	6 Election Day	7	8	9	10
11	12 Veteran's Day Teacher In-service Day	13 School Board Meet- ing, 4:15 p.m.	14 Dinner Fundraiser for NYC Fire Fighters, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 All-School Thanksgiving Feast	22 No school——	23 ——Thanksgiving Break!	
25	26	27	28	29	30	

### Schedule of Events

- **October 28**— PTO sponsored Halloween Carnival, 5:00 p.m. Come dressed for the occasion and join our Halloween parade! There will be the usual games, prizes, and books to enjoy.
- **November 1**— Ellen Petrick-Underwood will be joining the kindergarten class for some time spent exploring the world of bats.
- **November 12**— No school for students! Teachers are coming to school for a workshop day. They will be working with Ranger Nancy Martinz concerning emergency plans for the school.
- **November 14**— A Sloppy Joe Dinner will be held to raise funds to benefit the New York City fire fighters. Join the *Mammoth Fire Fighters and Friends* in the Mammoth School gym from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door. Look for fliers for more information.
- **November 21**— Our annual All-School Thanksgiving Feast will feature wild game foods and traditional vegetable dishes and breads served by the Pilgrims. Students from grades K through 6 will enjoy activities that center around this original American holiday. As much as we'd like to, we cannot feed parents and siblings. School will dismiss early this day following the Feast.
- **November 22, 23**— Thanksgiving Break! No school for everyone!
- **Looking ahead**— Our annual Christmas Program will be on Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 p.m. If Mr. Whitman can raise Santa on the radio that evening, we may even have a visit from the "Jolly Old Elf" himself!



# November 2001

## Gardiner Public School Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				<b>1</b> JOSTENS HERE FOR PICTURE RETAKES 5th & 6th Grade GBB Team Picture @ 11:30am Jr.Hi FB Team Picture @ 12:00pm Jr.Hi GBB Team Picture @ 12:00pm	<b>2</b> SKIP 7TH HOUR ***STAR READING*** 6:00pm & 7:30 H. S. GBB @ WSS, Lv:2:50pm, Rt:1:00am	<b>3</b> H.S. FB Quarter Finals - TBA Speech & Drama Meet @ Belgrade. Lv:6:00am 4:30pm 6:00 & 7:30 H.S. GBB @ Harrison, Lv:1:15pm,Rt:12:4
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-5pm	<b>8</b> Parent/Teacher Conferences 6-7pm	<b>9</b> STAR READING	<b>10</b> H.S. FB Semi-Final - TBA
					H.S. GBB District @ Dillon - TBA	
<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00pm School Board Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> H.S. FB Championship Game - TBA
						H.S. GBB District @ Dillon - TBA
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> H.S. BBB practice starts	<b>20</b> 7:00pm FALL MUSICAL	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	MODEL U.N.				THANKSGIVING BREAK	
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Jr.Hi BBB w/ Livingston #2 - HOME	<b>30</b>	
						H.S. GBB State @ Belgrade - TBA

October

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December

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