

# The Yellowstone News



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## **A family known as the 'Running Ricardis'**

It's no mistake the Ricardi family is known as the "Running Ricardis."

The dad, Nicholas, was the first to start running seriously in the Marines. The mom, Kathy, began after having four children. And the kids - Joy, Josh, Lois and John - all seemed to have been born running.

For fun, this Gardiner family enjoys packing their things in a camper and traveling to as many races as they can between the kids' high school and college sports seasons.

"It is something that we can all do and it is cheap," said Nicholas, who regularly runs in the Boston and New York Marathons. "All we need are running shoes and a race meet. I don't think that there is any better way to stay in shape."

The next race on the Ricardi agenda is the annual First Security Bank Bozeman Classic - formerly known as the Sweet Pea Run - to be held Saturday, August 24.

The Ricardis started running together after Kathy got an itch to compete in her mid-30's. In short time, Kathy ran the Governor's Cup marathon, and the following year, she and Nicholas ran in the 100th annual Boston Marathon.

Soon enough, Josh asked dad to write him a training schedule to compete in one of the Governor's Cup races. The rest of the siblings quickly followed suit, and the Running Ricardis were born.

"For me, I think that it has been great because running takes a lot of discipline and sacrifice," Josh said. "I want to run my whole life."

Each of the Ricardi kids has since become decorated runners. The short list reads something like this:

- Josh is a junior at Montana State and runs for the Bobcat track and cross-country teams.

-Please See **Ricardis'** on next page



## **Northern Rockies National Incident Management Team Thanks Yellowstone Community**

As we prepare to leave our assignment on the Broad Fire, the members of the Northern Rockies National Incident Management Team would like to offer our sincere thanks to the many people who have provided cooperation and assistance during this fire suppression effort.

- Please See **Thank You** on next page

## **National Park Service Mourns the loss of Ranger Kris Eggle and Park Police Officer Hakim Farthing**

Ranger Kris Eggle was fatally wounded along the United States border with Mexico within Arizona's Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument on Friday, August 9. Eggle was 27.

Mexican police called the U.S. Border Patrol around 2 p.m. to report that a gray SUV occupied by two armed suspects had fled across the border from Mexico into the United States. Officers in a Border Patrol helicopter in the area saw two people abandon the SUV within sight of the border and run into nearby vegetation. The officers in the helicopter directed Eggle and three Border Patrol agents on the ground to the two men. One of them, a Mexican national, was arrested. As the second man was approached in a wash area, Eggle was ambushed, shot and fatally wounded. Officers at the scene returned fire and the second man, also a Mexican national, was fatally wounded. Organ Pipe Rangers Jon Young and Bo Stone provided life support for the suspect and Eggle until an ambulance from Ajo, Arizona, arrived and began transport. A life flight helicopter was dispatched from Tucson, but Eggle was pronounced dead when it arrived. Investigations are underway by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Park Service, and Pima County Sheriff's Department.

Eggle had several years of experience working for the National Park Service. He was an outstanding person and ranger and his death represents an incredible loss to his family, many friends and the Service.

Park Police Officer Hakim Farthing, was killed in the line of duty on Saturday, August 10th. Farthing, 28, had been on the force since October 2000.

At 1:30 a.m. on August 10, a driver, heading west on Route 50 toward Washington lost control of his vehicle, which left the road and rolled over. He was ejected and the vehicle came to rest on top of him, then burst into flames. The driver died in the accident. Park Police officer Hakim Farthing and others responded. A number of road closures were put into effect, and cones and flares were put out, blocking the ramp where the accident occurred. Just before 4:00 a.m., Ajovada Welch, 20, of Silver Spring, entered the closed ramp and struck Hakim Farthing, then continued down the ramp until she was stopped by other Park Police officers and arrested. A Maryland State police helicopter happened to be overhead at the time of the accident; the pilot landed and an on-board paramedic jumped out and reached Farthing within seconds, but the officer had already expired.

Welch has been arrested on federal charges of driving under the influence and involuntary manslaughter.

## Ricardis'

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- Joy, Josh's twin sister, won a high school cross-country state title on a co-op team with Manhattan Christian. She has since battled through Cushing's Disease but is still trying to hook up with a college team.
- Lois, who along with John transferred to Manhattan Christian from Gardiner last summer, also won a state cross-country title as a junior last fall, helping lead the Eagles to their third-straight state title. In addition, she placed third in the state 3200-meter event last spring.
- And John has already made his presence known running for Manhattan Christian last season as a freshman by placing third in the 1600 and fifth in the 3200 at the last state meet.

The Ricardi tradition will live on Saturday morning, as all of the Ricardis, but Josh, will join the hundreds of others expected to race in the Bozeman Classic.

Josh will not compete because he doesn't want to burn himself out before the cross-country season, as he has done before by running in too many road races with his family. "I just don't want to overdue it before the cross-country season comes because in the past I think that I have overdone it," Josh said.

But Josh said he will at least try to attend the race and watch from the sidelines. That effort is at least partly due to his not wanting to break a Ricardi custom.

"The (Bozeman Classic), the Governor's Cup, the State Games - those are the races that we never miss. They come like a tradition," Nicholas said. "The kids have run those races since they started.

- Thad Kelling, Sports Writer  
Bozeman Daily Chronicle, August 2, 2002

## Thank You

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We are especially grateful to the people who live and work at Fishing Bridge, Lake, and Canyon, who have welcomed us as part of the park community. Many of you directly assisted our team and the fire crews, and our success would not have been possible without your help. Those who provided their time and cooperation are equally appreciated. Everyone in the area, regardless of their involvement, was impacted by the smoke, increased traffic, and other disturbances that are inevitably a part of large wildfires, we are grateful for your patience and understanding as we went about our work of containing the fires.

The Yellowstone community can be proud of how you came together to help with this wildfire incident. As our firefighters return home, they will take with them a new appreciation of the beauty of this special place and the cooperative spirit of those who contribute to that experience. Once again, we extend to you our sincerest thanks.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Frye  
Incident Commander

## Yellowstone Road Schedule



### Road Construction

#### Madison Junction to Norris Junction:

##### **May 29 - August 30, 12:00 p.m.**

Open 7-days a week, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
with 30-minute delays.

##### **August 30, 12:00 p.m. - September 3, 6:00 a.m. (Labor Day Weekend)**

Open without delays.

##### **September 3 - November 3**

**Weekdays:** Closed 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m./10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Open 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m./6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with possible delays up to 30 minutes

**Weekends:** Open 6:00 a.m. Saturday to 10:00 p.m. Sunday, with possible delays of up to 30 minutes.

##### **November 4**

Road closes for the season.



### Fall Park Road Closures

#### Dunraven Pass (Tower Fall to Canyon)

Tuesday, October 15, 2002

#### All Park Roads (excluding North Entrance to North East Entrance)

Monday, November 4, 2002, at 8:00 a.m.

#### North Entrance to North East Entrance

Remains open year-round to automobile traffic; this road is subject to temporary closures, and chains or snow tires may be required at times due to hazardous winter driving conditions



### Winter Season Road Openings

Yellowstone is scheduled to open to oversnow vehicles on Wednesday, December 18, 2002, depending on sufficient snow.

## National Park Service Personnel News

### Welcome to Yellowstone:

Janet Cauthorn-Page  
Park Ranger (Protection)  
Old Faithful  
From Grand Teton National Park  
EOD 8/25/02

David Page  
Park Ranger (Protection)  
Old Faithful  
From Grand Teton National Park  
EOD 9/8/02

### Permanent Appointments:

Kevin Dooley  
Park Ranger (Protection)  
Mammoth  
EOD 8/11/02

Justin Ivary  
Park Ranger (Protection)  
Snake River  
From Kings Canyon National Park, California  
EOD 8/11/02

Monty Simenson  
Horse Handler  
Mammoth  
EOD 8/25/02

Alan Timberlake  
Engineering Equipment Operator  
Grant Village  
EOD 9/8/02

You can either complain that rose bushes  
have thorns - or rejoice  
that thorn bushes have roses.



### Promotions:

Claude Long  
Maintenance Mechanic  
Mammoth Plumbing Shop  
EOD 8/11/02

### Peer Award Recipients:

Barb Agle  
Leisha McEldery  
Sue Nell  
Lori Werthiem

### **A Note on Monetary Awards from the Awards Coordinator**



It seems that it's that time of year again when I receive lots of phone calls on how to submit an employee for a monetary award. So, here's a recap.

In December 2000, then Superintendent Mike Finley distributed a memo that talked about monetary awards. Assistant Superintendent Frank Walker agreed with the contents of that memo when he arrived last summer. The highlights are:

- Use only the DI-451 award form (Yellowstone's version has been modified to lump STAR and On-the-spot awards into one category called Monetary Awards. On-the-spot awards existed from 1996 to 1998 when they were rescinded because of the accounting nightmare they caused, and nobody knows what STAR is an acronym for except me).
- Monetary awards are noted in gross amounts only; please don't try to estimate what an employee's net outcome will be because you don't know their tax status.
- \$1,000 is usually the cap
- Awards are issued through the payroll system.

If you are planning on issuing any monetary or time-off awards, please contact me for Yellowstone's DI-451 form as well as the 12/2000 memo if you don't already have them. I can electronically mail you both, and the form can be filled out on-line and sent back to me for signatures and processing. Hope that helps

-Jean Nuetzel  
344-2093

## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** 1995 Toyota 4-Runner, loaded with new tires, only \$10,500, highway miles. Call 848-7933 after 6:00 p.m.

**For Sale:** 1986 Volkswagen Westfalia Vanagon 170,000 miles, well maintained. Runs great! New infinity speakers and CD player. Kelly Blue Book value of \$4,900, asking \$3,900. Call Olivia at 344-9071 in the evening or 344-2013 during the day.

**For Sale:** Buy'em while there hot! \$80 for four studded snow tires. Cooper, P165/80/M/S, fit Subaru Loyale. Used only one season, plenty of tread remaining. Call Carolyn at 344-2449 or at home 848-2270.

**For Sale:** 1994 Ford Aerostar Extended Window Minivan, white, V6 3.0 liter engine, automatic, rear wheel drive, 120,000 miles, AC, cruise control, leather, roof rack, running boards, towing package, premium wheels, etc. Blue Book value of \$5,395. Will sell for \$4,500. Call Edna Good at 344-2270 during the day or 344-9250 in the evening.

**For Sale:** White, almost new, aluminum topper. Fits Toyota short box truck, measures 5' by 6' roughly. Asking \$425 or best offer. Call Becky at 344-9066 or 344-2474.

**For Sale:** Arc Teryx backpack, 3000 cu inches, like new, \$200. Lowe Alpine daypack, is in good condition, \$35. Cannondale racing road bike, \$200. Call Lessie at 344-2107 during the day or 848-2104 in the evening.

**For Sale:** Home in Gardiner. Quiet with nice trees, in-ground sprinklers, fenced yard, 2 bedrooms (possible third), 1 bath, and garage with a small cabin in the back, \$150,000. Call 848-7472.

**For Sale:** Interest rates are down and we're motivated to sell! Where? - Papesh Road #27. This one-owner home is located 4.5 miles north of Gardiner on 1 acre of land. It is approximately 1800 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling with skylight, mud room added and out building for extra storage. Includes all appliances, washer/dryer, dishwasher, etc., and a well-maintained yard with trees and live water. Come check it out! Motivated seller. We will consider all financing options. Call 848-7016.

**For Sale:** 9 drawer Ikea dresser, light pine color \$30. Call Anna at 344-9252.

**For Sale:** C & H Matt Cutter: cuts straight and beveled mats, single, double or triple mats, for professional artwork and photography framing. Handles 48" mat board. Measuring stops for high-speed production. Similar units sell new for \$1200. Will sell for \$300 (firm). Bob 646-7476.

**For Sale:** Great Boat: 22' Seaswirl Sable - a beautiful 1991 cuddy cabin cruiser, OMC 350 I/O, low hours, excellent condition. Full new sunbrella camping canvas, hydraulic trim tabs, kevlar keel strip, radios, water ski accessories, and many extras. Double axle Shorelander trailer. Used in fresh water only. This is a great family boat! Asking \$10,000 (firm). Bob 646-7476.

**Free:** Firewood behind 394B in Lower Mammoth just come and pick-it-up. Help yourself, wood is located in backyard. Please don't knock on door.

**Wanted:** Child gate to fit in doorframe. Call Janet Lewis 344-7712.

**Wanted:** The Yellowstone Association is looking for two sales assistants to work at our educational bookstore at the Old Faithful Visitor Center from October 7th, 2002, until November 4th, 2002. RV sites are available and other housing may be available. We offer competitive hourly wages for 30-35 hours a week. To request an application and a full job description, contact Debbie Collins at 848-2454 or email [dtcollins@yellowstoneassociation.org](mailto:dtcollins@yellowstoneassociation.org). Applications will be accepted until September 6, 2002.

Yellowstone National Park has begun **selling surplus government personal property** on the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA) website [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov). Viewers can bid on "live" on-line auctions. Yellowstone will NOT be holding an on-site live auction in the fall 2002, as in previous years.

Items for sale will be posted on this website on a continual basis. Items will include such things as vehicles, snowmobiles, boats, outboard motors, computers, horse trailers, sea kayaks, and other miscellaneous items.

This website includes information and auction procedures. For additional information not found on this website, please contact the Yellowstone Property Office at (307) 344-2084 or 2085

## Announcements

### **Veterinarian Visit**

Dr. James Murray, DVM, of Livingston, will be in Gardiner on the following Fridays: August 23 and September 20th. He will then be in Gardiner every other Friday starting September 20th. Call 406-222-3700 if you would like to schedule a home visit appointment. Thank You!

### **Mammoth Clinic Closed**

September 2, 2002 - Labor day

### **Little Peoples Learning Center**

The parents, children and staff of Little People's Learning Center would like to extend our gratitude to the following individuals and organizations that generously contributed to our recent fundraising event:

**Xanterra Parks & Resorts, Inc.  
The National Park Service  
Rod and Judy Churchwell  
Mike "K2" Kunasek  
Joe and Joyce Sperano**

**John and Cathy O'Neal of the Yellowstone Village Motel  
Jolyn and Thom Mahan of the Riverside Cottages  
Amy Clifford and the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce  
Lynn Mavencamp and the Gardiner School**

And, of course, all of you who attended! Without you, Little People's wouldn't sustain. Thanks for your support!  
**-Little People's Learning Center**

### **Party Bus Trip to Jack Pot, Nevada**

**What:** Two-night stay at Cactus Pete's or the Horseshoe Club

➤ **Date has been changed to the following:**

**When:** October 12th & 13th  
**Estimated Cost:** \$100 per person  
\$30 deposit due by September 16  
This includes charter bus and room  
(Gambling and food not included)

If you are interested, send your name to Kris Peters or Judy Jensen in Mammoth. Let us know if you plan to take a guest. The current cost estimate is based on a 40-person maximum, and double occupancy per room. This cost will increase by \$10 for a 30 person maximum. This trip is offered to all responsible Park Service personnel 21 years of age and older.

### **Calling all Quilters**



Looking for interested folks to help put together a "farewell from Yellowstone" quilt for Ellen Petrick-Underwood.

If you would like to do a patch or just donate money for materials, call Jeannie Fuhrmann at 848-7972 or Janet Lewis at 344-7712.

### **Brown Bag Lunch**

### **How to Apply for Government Jobs**

**When:** Tuesday, September 10, 2002, 12:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Mammoth Canteen Gym

Bring your lunch and learn about the application process as well as some hints on making your application that much better.

Monica Hemingway's



### **Rubber Stamping Class**

#### **Rubber Stamping Demonstration**

**What:** Learn to make hand stamped cards and stamped scrapbook pages

**When:** September 7 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mammoth School

#### **Seasonal Stamping Workshop**

**What:** Learn to make holiday cards and gift tags

**When:** September 8, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mammoth School

**Cost:** \$3 per person

(Supplies and teaching time)

Paper, scissors, inks, markers, pastels, etc. are supplied.

It is recommended that you attend a stamping demonstration before you attend the workshop unless you are an advanced stamper already.

For additional information contact Monica Hemingway in Grant Village at 242-2638

## Announcements Continued

### Thank You:

I'd like to thank all of you for the thoughts, prayers, cards and kind words when my Dad passed away. It is wonderful to belong to such a caring family. God Bless you all.

-Edith Peterson

### Condolenses:

Our condolences go out to Victor Cavalier for the loss of his mother.

## Norris Ranger Museum VIP's, 2002

<u>Name</u>	<u>Work Dates</u>	<u>Arrive</u>
Butch Farabee	August 21-31	August 20
Bill Lewis and Sue Kusserow	August 25-September 11	August 24
Al Mebane	September 4-14	September 3
Norman and Merrie Hinson	September 15-25	September 14
Bob and Carol Grom	September 18-30	September 17

I only went out for a walk,  
and finally concluded to stay out until sundown;  
for going out, I found, was really going in.

John Muir



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