

July 10, 2003

Next Deadline: Tuesday, August 5, 2003

YELLOWSTONE'S WORLD HERITAGE DESIGNATION

In 1972, the United States proposed the concept to the world community that some places of "outstanding universal value to mankind" needed to be recognized and protected. Along with other countries, the United States developed and entered into an international agreement, known as the World Heritage Convention (Convention), to protect the world's most important historical, cultural and natural sites - sites considered so extraordinarily important that their significance crosses geographic, national and cultural boundaries. The United States was the first country to ratify the Convention.

The World Heritage Convention is administered by an international panel known as the World Heritage Committee, whose members are drawn from countries that have signed the Convention. Among other responsibilities, the Committee reviews proposals to add new sites to the list once each year; and they can also determine whether a particular site is threatened and include it on the list of Endangered World Heritage Sites.

In 1978, at the request of the U.S. Government, Yellowstone was among the first 12 properties in the world to be listed by the World Heritage Committee. To be listed as a World Heritage Site, an area must meet several criteria which define "outstanding universal value." As required by the convention, Yellowstone is an exceptional area recognized throughout the United States and the world. World Heritage designation recognizes natural values as an equivalent of a "Nobel Prize." Yellowstone shares the roster with an astounding array of other cultural, natural and

historical sites including Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, Serengeti National Park in Tanzania, Galapagos National Park in Ecuador, the Great Wall of China, India's Taj Mahal, and the Auschwitz concentration camp in Germany.

Some of America's premier natural and cultural treasures are recognized and respected internationally through the World Heritage Program. It has helped attract tourism to the United States and has kept America in the forefront of natural and cultural site preservation and park-related study worldwide. The program has also helped the National Park Service forge partnerships to improve conditions at those national parks that are World Heritage Sites.

It is important to remember Yellowstone's designation on the World Heritage List does not change the jurisdiction or management responsibility. This remains with the park superintendent as the representative of the U.S. Government. There is no change in title or ownership. Yellowstone will continue to be the property of the people of the United States and administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

In 1995, Yellowstone was designated by the World Heritage Committee as a site "in danger" because of the proposed New World Mine just outside the Northeast Entrance, as well as a variety of other concerns. In a recent report to the World Heritage Committee,

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the Department of the Interior recommended that Yellowstone be removed from the list of endangered sites based on the fact that the mining proposal was shelved and most of the property was transferred to public domain. Clean-up of toxic materials from past mining started in 1999 and is expected to be completed sometime in 2006.

Although the World Heritage Committee removed Yellowstone from the list of endangered parks, they expressed continued concern about other issues that affect the park, including bison, threats to cutthroat trout, water quality issues, and road impacts. The Department of Interior agreed to continue monitoring activities and provide annual progress reports.

The Yellowstone Stage

—Summer 2003 Series of Guest Speakers, Authors, Musicians & Artisans

In the Old Faithful Inn Lobby “Celebrating 100 Years on a Worldwide Stage”

Thursday, July 10, 2003	Dave Petersen, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth</i>
Friday, July 11, 2003	Lynn Chan, Watercolor Artist <i>Old Faithful Inn and Roosevelt Arch Images</i>
Saturday, July 12, 2003	Jeff Bluewater, Cherokee Artist <i>Tribute Day to Jeff's Memory</i>
Monday, July 14, 2003	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>
Tuesday, July 15, 2003	Dave Petersen, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place on Earth</i>
Wednesday, July 16, 2003	Orville Bach, Author <i>Exploring the Yellowstone Backcountry Tracking the Spirit of Yellowstone</i>
Thursday, July 17, 2003	Dave Petersen, Author <i>Yellowstone, Like No Other Place on Earth</i>
Friday, July 18, 2003	Tom Murphy, Photographer <i>Wilderness Photography Expeditions</i> <i>“Silence and Solitude” Book Signing</i>
Saturday, July 19, 2003	Tom Murphy, Photographer <i>Wilderness Photography Expeditions</i> <i>“Silence and Solitude” Book Signing</i>
Sunday, July 20, 2003	Tom Murphy, Photographer <i>Wilderness Photography Expeditions</i> <i>“Silence and Solitude” Book Signing</i>
Monday, July 21, 2003	Jett Hitt, Composer <i>Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra</i>

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Tuesday, July 22, 2003

Dave Petersen, Author

Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth

Wednesday, July 23, 2003

Orville Bach, Author

Exploring the Yellowstone Backcountry

Tracking the Spirit of Yellowstone

Friday, July 25, 2003

Tom Murphy, Photographer

Wilderness Photography Expeditions

"Silence and Solitude" Book Signing

Saturday, July 26

Tom Murphy, Photographer

Wilderness Photography Expeditions

"Silence and Solitude" Book Signing

Sunday, July 27

Tom Murphy, Photographer

Wilderness Photography Expeditions

"Silence and Solitude" Book Signing

Monday, July 28

Jett Hitt, Composer

Yellowstone for Violin and Orchestra

Tuesday, July 29

Dave Petersen, Author

Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth

Wednesday, July 30

Orville Bach, Author

Exploring the Yellowstone Backcountry

Tracking the Spirit of Yellowstone

Thursday, July 31

Dave Petersen, Author

Yellowstone, Like No Other Place On Earth

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELECTRIC PEAK ARTS COUNCIL

Electric Peak Arts Council is presenting Windham Hill recording artist George Winston, in a solo piano concert on July 29, 2003, at the Old Faithful Recreation Hall. General Admission tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Seating is limited, so ordering tickets early is advised. Advance tickets will be on sale until July 16, 2003 (cash or local checks only). Pick up tickets in person from the Silvertip Bookstore or the Yellowstone Gallery in Gardiner, or from an Electric Peak Arts Council board member (Diana McGahan, Janet Lewis, Cheryl Hoppe, Christie Cote, Bob Fuhrmann, Dayna McClure, Julie York, Jenny Golding, Beth Taylor, Ivan Kowski, and Denny Barford).

Concert goers are asked to join us in support of the West Yellowstone Food Bank by bringing a non-perishable food item to the concert. Collection barrels will be provided.

(See the flyer on the next page!)

George Winston

A SOLO PIANO CONCERT

**OLD FAITHFUL REC HALL
Yellowstone Park, WY
Tuesday, July 29, 2003 AT 7:30 PM**

*Tickets \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door.
General seating. Limited tickets.*

**Send check or money
order to Electric Peak
Arts Council, PO Box
22, Gardiner, MT 59030**

*For information e-mail us at
electricpeakarts@yahoo.com.*



*Please join us in support of the
West Yellowstone Food Bank
program by bringing a donation of
non-perishable food to the concert.*



Free Music Workshop with George Winston

George Winston is willing to give a FREE piano or guitar workshop to interested people on the day of his concert (July 29, 2003) at the Old Faithful Recreation Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to meet and learn with a master!!!

Workshop participants should have a good foundation in music theory and the piano or guitar.

If interested contact Christie Cote at 344-7339 no later than July 16th. Please let her know whether you are interested in the piano or guitar. There will be only one workshop and the type (i.e. piano or guitar) will depend on the number of expressed interest.

Date: July 29, 2003

Time: 1:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. (lasts approximately 40-45 minutes)

Where: Old Faithful Recreation Hall

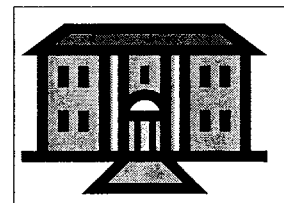
Max # of participants: 10-15 people

GARDINER COMMUNITY CENTER

There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, July 7, 2003, at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. We are looking for community members to help with the various committees:

- ◇ **Operations** – oversees fees, and general operating procedures.
- ◇ **Maintenance, Fundraising and Grants**

This is your opportunity to be part of the Community Center and have some say about the direction in which you would like to see the Community Center go.



LITTLE PEOPLE'S LEARNING CENTER

Little People's Learning Center has immediate openings for childcare providers. Competitive wages, benefit package, and housing available. Please call Barb at (307) 344-7785.

BLOOD DRIVE

*Sponsored by the American Red Cross,
Montana Blood Services*

Friday, July 18, 2003
2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Gardiner Multi-Purpose Room



To make an appointment call 848-7271, Monday – Friday

Walk-ins are welcome.

We need your support!

PERSONNEL NEWS

Peer Awards:

Sarah and Jason Barthel – Tower Maintenance
Bob Bryant – Grant Village Resource Management VIP
Craig VanderPolder – Madison Garage
Chuck Forward – Madison Garage
Gina Garrett – Lake Resource Management
Judy Jensen – Mammoth Mailroom
Dick Divine – Branch of Law Enforcement Services (BLES)
Chris Fors – BLES
Brian Smith – BLES
Dan Kirschner – BLES

THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN Catch-up Contributions

- Starting July 1, 2003, employees who are age 50 or older can make tax-deferred catch-up contributions of up to \$2,000 from their basic pay to their Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) accounts. This contribution is in addition to an employee's regular TSP contributions. Employees must be contributing the maximum TSP contribution (in 2003, 13% for employees covered by the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS), or 8% for employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS), or the Internal Revenue Code's elective deferral limit (\$12,000 in 2003). Employees must also be in pay status. Catch-up contributions are made on a pre-tax basis; therefore, they cannot be made by check. Contributions must be payroll deducted and are not eligible for matching contributions. Employees must not be in a 6-month non-contribution period following the receipt of a financial hardship in-service withdrawal.

Form TSP-1-C, Catch-Up Contribution Election, must be used for this purpose and is

available in the Human Resources Office, or on the TSP web site, www.tsp.gov. Catch-up contributions will be invested according to the employee's most recent contribution allocation. (If you wish to change your contributions allocation, you may do so on the TSP web site or the Thrift line at (504) 255-8777).

Employees may start, stop, or change catch-up contributions at any time (open season dates do not apply to catch-up contribution elections). A new election must be made for each calendar year and again after being in a non-pay status.

Catch-up contributions are effective August 10, 2003. The last contribution for 2003 will be in pay period 26, which ends December 13, 2003. A new election form must be made in pay period 26 to be effective in pay period 1.

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

YELLOWSTONE FEDERAL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

The Officers of the Yellowstone Federal Employee Association (YFEA) would like to thank the supervisors and employees who participated in the field trip to the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, Wyoming. It was a great success. Look for details for upcoming events!

Recent additions to the YFEA Video Library:

8 Mile
Adaptation
Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets

Moonlight Mile
Road to Perdition
Spirited Away



NEW ADDITIONS...

YCR's NEW PUP



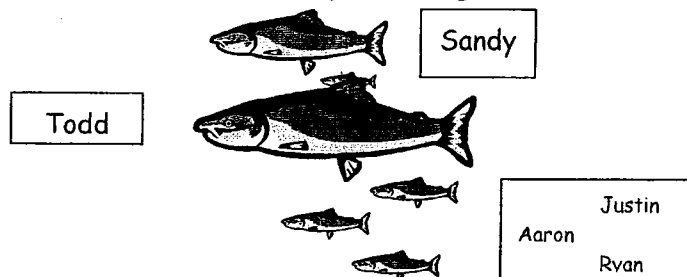
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MAY 30, 2003 AT 1:30 PM

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The Koel School *featuring:*



And the newest lil' fry:

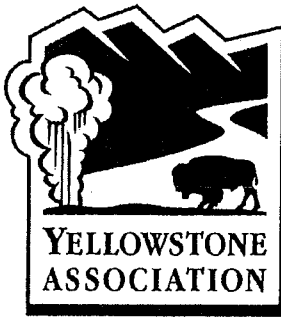
TYLER WILLIAM KOEL

June 16, 2003 at 7:00 pm

8 lbs 3 oz 19 inches



YELLOWSTONE ASSOCIATION



Yellowstone Association's Jeff Brown to become Director of Outdoor Programs at Dartmouth College

Jeff Brown, Director of Educational Operations for the Yellowstone Association since May 1997, will be leaving the Association July 18 to become Director of Outdoor Programs at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. In this position, he will be overseeing a wide variety of programs and facilities that enhance the overall educational climate of the college including the Dartmouth Outing Club, Dartmouth's Intercollegiate Ski Program, Moosilauke Ravine Lodge, an organic farm, and twenty rental cabins located in northern New Hampshire.

During his time with the Association, Jeff's leadership was a key factor in tremendous growth of Yellowstone Association educational sales operations and educational programming. Educational sales have increased nearly 30% under Jeff's direction; educational contact hours offered by the Yellowstone Association Institute totaled around 21,500 the year before Jeff joined the Association but will total nearly 100,000 hours this fiscal year. He will be personally and professionally missed by Association staff and board who wish Jeff and his family the very best.

Because of the growth in both sales and educational programs over the past few years, the Association will be splitting Jeff's position and will soon begin recruitment for both a Director of Sales and Marketing and a Director of Educational Programs as a replacement for Jeff's single position. Until the positions are filled, Debbie Collins will be serving as Acting Director of Sales (406-848-2454); Jim Williams will be serving as Acting Director of Educational Programs (406-848-2167).

DID YOU KNOW:

FREE TV can be picked up with rabbit ears on Channel 9 (ABC), Channel 10 (CBS) and channel 13 (NBC). These are all Billings TV stations with translators located on Bunsen Peak. There are also several FM radio station translators located on Bunsen Peak.

Tired of getting your evening interrupted by telemarketing calls? The Federal Trade Commission has a registry now for home and mobile telephone numbers (no business numbers can be registered). If you want to have your home telephone number registered on the national list, you can do it on-line but you must have an email address. The website is <http://www.donotcall.gov>, or you may call 888-382-1222 to register. If you register between now and August 31, 2003, telemarketing folks cannot call you beginning October 1, 2003. The State of Montana Do Not Call law goes into effect January 1, 2004, and will be linked to the National Registry.

THANK YOU

June 27, 2003

Dear Yellowstone Friends,

We had a two-day garage sale, took four or five pickup truck loads of treasures to the bone yard, and we still have two garages full of boxes that are stuffed with memories of our 38 years spent in Yellowstone. We can never fully express our gratitude to those people who made our retirement party such a memorable experience. We were delighted to once again visit with those people (both students and parents) who made up our past experiences in Yellowstone, and those students and parents that now live there will always be a delightful part of our stay in the Park. No matter where we live or travel, we will always consider Yellowstone our home.

We will be leaving our new home in the Jack Creek Canyon (just 12 miles east of Ennis, Montana) about the middle of September and traveling to New England to view the fall colors. From there we will travel south and west, reaching Arizona sometime in January or February. Then, thanks to you, we will be going to Hawaii for about a month. Upon returning we will slowly make our way north, reaching Montana when the snows in the valleys have disappeared.

We would like to have you come and visit us at any time. Our house is easy to find, just go to Jeffers, Montana, and follow the signs to the Diamond J Ranch. We live on the second road to the right after the entrance to the Diamond J. The Park Service sign that was on our house in Mammoth now is securely attached to the entrance road fence that leads to our new home.

Thanks again for all your kindness.

Sincerely,

John and Bev
John and Beverly Whitman

It's been a busy first month since my retirement, but my time away from work has just reinforced my deep appreciation of how much I enjoyed my interaction, involvement, and friendship with my co-workers, as well as what a great privilege it has been to work for the National Park Service.

Thank each and every one of you for the great send-off. It was a wonderful going-away party with lots of great memories. And a very big, heartfelt "thank you" for the extremely thoughtful and generous gift. The painting I plan to select with the gift certificate will be a wonderful reminder of my time with the NPS and the many dedicated people I had the honor to work with.

I look forward to seeing each of you as I enjoy my travels with the grandkids throughout the park this summer.

Again, thank you for everything!

Gary Matthews

Hear Ye All

We are all encouraged to participate in this summer's

Employee Talent Shows!

Mammoth Talent Show
Monday, July 21

Old Faithful Talent Show
Monday, July 21

Lake Talent Show
Monday, July 21

Grant Talent Show
Tuesday, July 22

Canyon Talent Show
Tuesday, July 22

Roosevelt Talent Show
Tuesday, July 22 -

Location Showtimes TBA - Talk to your Location Recreation Staff for signups and schedule of performances

Location First Place Prize: \$25 / Second Place \$15

First and second place location winners advance to Parkwide Talent Show

The Parkwide Talent Show

Old Faithful Lodge Recreation Hall, Wednesday, July 23rd at 8:00 pm

Parkwide First Place Prize: \$60 / Second Place \$40

This show features professional sound and lighting!

A great event for all!!

YOU MUST REGISTER WITH LOCATION REC STAFF 24 HOURS PRIOR TO
LOCATION SHOW TO PERFORM!

Sponsored by Yellowstone Co-Op Recreation



July - August Employee Recreation Events!!

THE NEW ELLIPTICAL MACHINE IS NOW IN THE MAMMOTH GYM!!

July 9: The Parkwide Fun Run! This year's event will be held on Fountain Flats Road, just north of Old Faithful. The format stresses fun and exercise above all – runners of all ability are welcome! Sign up with your Recreation Staff in advance. The winner gets a custom t-shirt!

July 10: Location Ping Pong Tournament Playoffs! Winners advance to the Parkwide Tournament at Canyon on July 17th. Contact your location Recreation Staff for rules and play times. The Parkwide winner receives a free custom t-shirt!

July 10: Staff T-Shirt Art Design Contest Deadline! All artists are encouraged to get to work on a design for their location – winning design will be printed on T-Shirts and made available for sale to all employees! Contact your Location Recreation Staff for details – all designs must be photo – ready.

July 11: The Parkwide Mountain Bike Race! This year's race will be held on the Old Bunsen Peak Road (YAC Camp) at 10:00 am. Register at your location Recreation Office by July 7th. Cost is \$2.00 per person. Winner receives a custom t-shirt!

July 18th: The First Annual Parkwide Soccer Tournament! Locations and times TBA. Let your Recreation Staff know if you are interested in signing up for this tournament!

July 21 – 22: Location Talent Shows! Contact your Location Recreation Staff for Details.

July 23: The Parkwide Talent Show at the Old Faithful Lodge Recreation Hall! Professional sound and lighting for all performances – this is a great show!

July 26: The Colter Classic One – Pitch Softball Tournament! This annual event is all kinds of fun in the sun, playing softball, eating burgers and cheering on your friends all day.

July 29: The Parkwide Disc Golf Tournament! Location and time TBA. Compete against the best in the area to earn the title of Parkwide Disc Golf Champion.

August 4 – 6: Parkwide Softball Playoffs. Check team standings as the season goes to find out which teams will play and where!

August 9: Yellowstone Photo Contest Entry Deadline. Make sure to submit all of your prints to your location Employee Recreation Office by this date. Entries will be voted on by a panel of judges, and winners will be chosen and displayed by late August. There are 5 categories for which winners will be chosen: action, beauty, people, humor and still life. Once again, Kodak will donate all kinds of great prizes! So keep taking pictures of your Yellowstone adventures!

August 15: The Employee Swap Meet! Once again, it will be in the Mammoth Gym. Sell your old stuff and pick up some used stuff for yourself! Call the Parkwide Recreation Office for more info: 344-5225.

