

The

YELLOWSTONE



News

June 2, 1994

Next Deadline: June 13

Awards Presented

Steve Liebl was presented with a Special Achievement award for his contributions to the Fire Cache and most notably, his outstanding work on the park's hazard fuel plan.

Elsa Kortge received a Special Achievement award in recognition of her extra efforts in single-handedly keeping the park's curatorial operations running smoothly while the position was vacant.

Condolences

Our thoughts are with Phil Perkins, Fire Management Officer, Mammoth, and family on the recent death of Phil's mother in New Mexico on May 21. The family is currently in New Mexico and will be returning to Mammoth next week.

Get Well Wishes

Ron Harvey, Audio-Visual Specialist, Mammoth, is seriously ill and hospitalized in the intensive care unit of Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. Get-well cards may be sent to Ron in care of the hospital.

Local Athletes Race

At the state track meet in Butte, Gardiner athlete, Heather Wells, jumped 5'0" for a fifth place finish in the high jump. Matthew Young placed third in both the 3200m and the 1600m runs with respective times of 10:12.17 and 4:43.4. Dustin Sene placed fifth in the 800m run with a time of 2:00.06.

Barbee Accepts New Post in Alaska

by Jan Laye, Superintendent's Office

Superintendent Bob Barbee recently accepted the position of Regional Director of the Alaskan park system and will begin there in September. Replacing Barbee at the helm here in Yellowstone will be Yosemite Superintendent Mike Finley. Finley is currently acting Associate Director of Operations in Washington D.C.

The promotions are in part a reshuffling of a number of top-level positions in the National Park Service, as Director Kennedy proclaimed, "for employees who have proven their dedication to preserving our national heritage and have demonstrated remarkable managerial skills." Bob's new position, centered in Anchorage, will require him to manage a region containing 53 million acres or two-thirds of all lands in the park system.

Bob, who weathered the storms of the complex 1988 fire season, bear and bison management dilemmas, mining/geothermal development nightmares, and increased visitation concerns, is looking forward to the significant challenges his Alaskan position will present.

The news of his reassignment has prompted NPS and concession employees, as well as members of the environmental community to call and express their congratulations, admiration, and respect for a man who has quietly but effectively inspired confidence during his often controversial stewardship in Yellowstone. "There're always tensions and there's always controversy, but when it's all said and done, this is one of the special places in this world, so leaving here is not going to be easy," Bob said.

Superintendent Barbee, whose NPS career has spanned 34 years, began as a seasonal ranger and naturalist at Rocky Mountain and Yosemite National Parks. From there he journeyed to Carlsbad Caverns to become a park guide, Point Reyes National Seashore as a park ranger, Big Bend National Park as a park naturalist; Chief of Resource Management in Yosemite to Superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. Bob joined the Western Regional Office staff to become the Chief of Bicentennial and Interpretation and later became the Superintendent at Hawaii Volcanos, Redwood National Park, and ultimately made his home in Yellowstone, where he and his wife Carol continued to raise three daughters.

"I have always been a creature of the field, so that was one attraction about Alaska, I'll have a lot more to be involved with." Bob said. "Leaving Yellowstone will be a bittersweet experience; one Carol and I have dreaded for nearly 12 years. Leaving the place, but mostly our friends, will be really hard."

CLASSIFIED ADS

Wanted to Buy Cheap:

Used blenders in working condition - for children's art class in late June. Please call Laura Long 344-2039 days/ 344-7789 evenings.

For Sale:

1991 Kit Monterey RV trailer, self-contained, sleeps 7, awning, equalizer hitch, microwave, am/fm cassette, lots more, like new. Phone 848-7328 or 344-2071.

Wanted:

Little People's Learning Center is looking for a stand-up freezer. If you have one to donate or sell, please contact Chris Bray at 344-7725.

For Sale:

*Full-size collapsible metal ironing board w/cover and multi-setting Black & Decker steam iron, \$25.

*Eureka vacuum cleaner w/powerhead, extra bags, works great, \$75.

*Portable electric heater, \$15.

*Sansui stereo system: cassette deck, receiver, turntable, two speakers, plus classic rock record collection and stereo storage cabinet, works great, \$75.

Call Elizabeth, 344-9242 evenings.

Wanted:

16 foot extension ladder and 6 foot step ladder. Call Wes at 344-2317.

Wanted:

One or more serious hiking partners willing to commit to one day of the week, preferably M, T, or W. Should be interested in hiking within and around Yellowstone. Call Dawn 545-7227.

Garage Sale:

Multi-family garage sale from 2 -7 p.m. Friday, June 10 at NPS garages #5 and #6 at West Entrance. Items include: Yakima rack, cartop carrier, utility trailer, Pioneer stereo, fishing waders, x-c skis, and many household goods. Call Stacy at 242-7339 or Kim 545-7227.

Free:

Mom calico cat and two cute fluffy kittens, one orange/white, one gray/white. Call 848-7798 evenings or 344-2031 days.

For Sale:

Large moving/storage cartons, used once, \$3.00 each or make deal on 50+. Call 848-7798 evenings or 344-2031 days.

Artistic Youth "iMAGiNE! Yellowstone"

by Alexandra Sholly, Public Affairs Office Intern

As President Clinton proclaimed earlier this spring, May 22nd through the 29th was National Park Week. In celebration of the event Superintendent Bob Barbee invited the public to attend the grand opening of the sixth annual iMAGiNE! YELLOWSTONE student art exhibit at the Canyon Visitor Center on May 23rd. This year's theme is "From Geology to Landscape." Superintendent Barbee addressed the group of artists, parents, and visitors regarding the significance National Park Week and kicked off the grand opening by cutting the ribbon at the entrance of the new exhibit.

The fires of 1988 marked a wonderful rejuvenating process for Yellowstone, but all of the information that was sent to the public, via the media, tended to be limited mostly to adults, leaving children wondering about Yellowstone. iMAGiNE! YELLOWSTONE was created by the National Park Service to provide youth with an opportunity to express their feelings and thoughts about Yellowstone. As residents of Yellowstone, we may forget how wondrous and powerful Yellowstone is to those who have never had the chance to visit or to those who have only experienced the park briefly. The thought of bison and elk roaming freely among Yellowstone's 2.2 million acres or the fearful perception of the grizzly bear ruling the forest, brings many imaginative thoughts to young minds.

iMAGiNE YELLOWSTONE! is a juried art exhibit for students grades 5th through 12th. Entry forms are sent to schools all over the United States along with a letter encouraging students to submit their original works of art or writings relevant to the particular topic of the year. Art work may be done using any medium, from sculptures to oil paintings. This year there were 350 students who entered their art work. Of those entrants approximately 60 submissions were chosen by a jury which consisted of professional artists and art teachers.

Dave Cowan, Arts Program Director, feels that "the exhibit serves as a forum in which students can express their personal thoughts, perceptions, and emotions in creative form." He adds, "To experience the wonder of places like Yellowstone is special in the modern world."

Stefan Karfakis, of Easton, Pennsylvania, was an entrant in last year's program. For the theme, "The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem", Stefan, then 15 years old, entered a magnificent work of art done in colored pencils entitled, "Animal Ties," a creative collection of park animals including grizzly bear, moose, eagle, and squirrel, linked together from a central knotted rope which implied that all the animals of Yellowstone are tied together. Stefan has never been to Yellowstone. When asked how he came up with the idea for his art work he replied, "My teacher told us the topic was about Yellowstone. I just imagined animals tied together. The idea came out of my head and out of places like magazines and things." It's amazing how individuals perceive Yellowstone.

Our youth are our future. It is important to expose them to the wonders of Yellowstone. After all, Yellowstone's future is in their hands. If you have a chance, stop by the Canyon Visitor Center to see the 1994 iMAGiNE! YELLOWSTONE student art exhibit. The exhibit will be displayed through September. For more information contact Dave Cowan at (307) 344-2265.

Visitors Injured in Park

A Livingston woman, Jeri Bucy, received first and second degree burns over 13 percent of her body after being sprayed during an eruption of Flood Geyser at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 30.

Bucy and two friends were standing on the rim of the geyser when it erupted. The two friends escaped unharmed, but Bucy, who was wearing shorts, experienced burns to her legs.

The group drove to Madison for assistance where rangers administered emergency medical care and transported Bucy via park ambulance to the Old Faithful Clinic for additional care. She was treated and released.

On Sunday, May 22, a large bull bison gored a 43 year old man in front of the Lake Hotel.

Tony Moore of Marietta, Georgia, and a friend approached the bull within 10-15 feet to have their picture taken. As the photo was being taken, the bison began to charge. Moore and his friend, who had their backs to the bison, ran. The bison chased the two men and gored Moore as he was attempting to get away. Moore received a severe puncture wound to the right upper thigh and injured his right wrist. "I really appreciate the park rangers, how quickly they got to me," Moore said.

The victim was transported by ground ambulance to St. John's Hospital in Jackson. He was in stable condition when he left the park.

This was the first visitor to be gored by a bison during the 1994 summer season.

Bear Re-Relocated

A sub-adult male grizzly bear accepted from Montana and relocated to the park last week was again relocated on May 31.

The two-year-old male (No. 223) was first trapped and collared by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks on May 19 after it had obtained bird seed from a feeder and shed located on private property near Big Sky, Montana. The bear was relocated to a southwest area of the park's backcountry on May 20 and almost immediately began traveling northwest back towards its previous home.

On May 29, Bear No. 223 obtained unnatural food from garbage left on a porch at a vacation home near Henrys Fork, Idaho. It was trapped by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game on May 30 and relocated to a remote backcountry area in the southeast portion of the park the following day.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

► NPS All-Employee Family Picnic

Come one, come all to an all-employee family picnic on June 25 from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Norris picnic area. Bring something to grill, a salad or dessert to share, and tableware. Hope to see you there. Call Mary Danno for more information, 344-7397.

► Good-Bye Potluck for the Dillards

Come wish Cheryl and Roger Dillard and family well as they leave Yellowstone for LBJ National Historical Park, Texas, where Roger will be the Chief of Maintenance. The potluck will be held on Monday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the new Garage Conference Room, Mammoth. Please bring tableware, beverages, and a dish to share. See you there!

► Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, June 10, from approximately 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: June 24.

► Your Spring Cleaning Leftovers Wanted

Little People's Learning Center (LPLC) is accepting donations of the following items: jump ropes, large balls, tricycles, big wheels, hula hoops, roller skates, badminton racquets/birdies, first aid kits, jigsaw puzzles, an old typewriter, phones, books, crates, baby bottles, tea sets, eyeglasses (no lenses), toddler toys, mobiles, egg timers, teaspoons, buttons, fishbowls, games, large boxes, a carpet sweeper, and dress-up clothes such as sparkly dresses, fancy hats, doctor/nurse outfits, old Halloween costumes. Also pants, shirts, socks, shoes, underwear for ages up to five. Please, no stuffed animals. Items may be dropped off at LPLC Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Thanks for thinking of us!

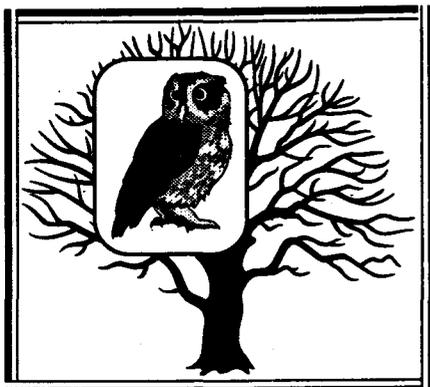
► Smokey Bear Turns 50

To help celebrate Smokey's 50th birthday, the Gallatin National Forest, in cooperation with the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR), will host a Smokey Bear Night at the rodeo on June 15 in Bozeman. Everyone is invited to attend and recognize this important fire prevention program.



YELLOWSTONE NATURE DETECTIVE WORKSHOPS

*** For Ages 6-9 ***



June 25 ----- Plants & Butterflies: 615
July 9----- Mammals: 705
July 23 ----- Birds & Rocks: 724
August 13 --- Geysers: 814
August 20 --- Entomology: 821

Instructor: Deb Ihli Limit for each class: 15
\$25 (Member's fee \$20)

June 25, Plants & Butterflies: 615 This course includes a day of hiking in the Mammoth area, identifying trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers, and observing regrowth in natural fire areas. Children will make a flower press for use in collection of plants outside the park. We will also observe different species, patterns, colors and characteristics of butterflies. Students will learn techniques for collection and identification. Meets at the Children's Fire Trail, 7.5 miles east of Mammoth.

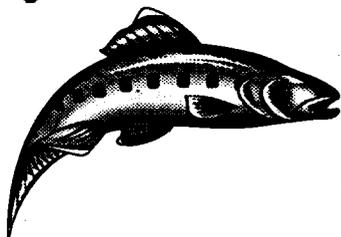


July 9, Mammals: 705 This course includes a day hike exploring the habitat and food habits of Yellowstone mammals. The students will be introduced to animal tracking and make plaster casts of tracks near Obsidian Creek. This course begins at Beaver Lake Picnic area.



July 23, Birds & Rocks: 724 This course will begin with observation and identification of birds by sight and sound. We will begin in the Yellowstone Lake area. Next we will hike a rim of the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, discuss and identify geological formations and rocks of Yellowstone Park.

August 13, Geysers: 814 This course includes a day of hiking and geyser gazing. Students will develop an understanding of geothermal activity, what geysers are, how they work and how they change over time. This day begins at Old Faithful Lodge.



August 20, Entomology: 821 This course includes legal wading in hot spots, and identification of stream life, including bugs and fish found in the Yellowstone river systems. We will begin at the 45th Parallel. Students should bring or make arrangements to have a life jacket, wading shoes, and apparel that can get wet.

For all classes, students should bring sack lunch, water bottle and snacks.

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