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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: March 15



Wolf Update

The decision on when to release Yellowstone's wolves from their pens is being considered on a day-to-day basis. At this time, the wolves continue to feed well and are making few attempts to dig or climb out of their pens. Park biologists continue to monitor their health and behavior, and see no signs of serious injury to the animals. One concern is the potential for human and wolf safety as bears begin to emerge from their dens; adult male grizzlies in Yellowstone are consistently observed to emerge in mid-to-late March.

The park has received numerous calls from individuals wishing to make private contributions to the wolf recovery program. For this reason, the park is setting up donation accounts along with The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Yellowstone Association. These donations can be used to enhance the program or to offset portions of the public cost.

Child Care in the Interior, A Reality? by Stacey Love

In 1990, an effort was begun to establish child care facilities in the interior of Yellowstone Park. Since then the need has grown; there are approximately 10 children at Lake, 6 at Grant and 11 at Old Faithful during the summer season. Superintendent Finley is aware of the situation and has encouraged the completion of a needs assessment. An organized effort is currently underway to collect and submit the necessary information as the Superintendent requested.

The proposal will include two centralized locations, one at Lake and the other at Old Faithful. The biggest hurdle at this stage is to find suitable facilities. Both locations have some possibilities which will be addressed with local area managers and supervisors. The Board of Directors and administrators of Little People's Learning Center have offered their assistance in helping to get these facilities established. The parents in these interior areas will be responsible for electing a Board of Directors and administering the facilities.

The hope is that child care in the interior will become reality this summer. There are many unanswered questions and details to work out. All Yellowstone Park employees who would benefit from these facilities, including those who wish to utilize them on a drop-in basis for a day of hiking, etc. are asked to join this cooperative effort. You can show your support by completing the "Survey of Interior Child Care Needs" (located on pg. 4), and return it to Stacey Love, Canyon Ranger Station by March 15. Comments and questions may be directed to Stacey at (307) 242-2515 or (307) 242-7339 (leave message), or Dan Reinhart at (307) 344-2119 or (307) 242-2403.

Personnel News

Pre-Retirement Training

There will be two, two-day pre-retirement training courses offered on April 10 & 11, and April 12 & 13. These classes will cover the essentials of pre-retirement planning as well as the various financial aspects of retirement. Contact Roseanne Riley at ext. 2041 if you are interested in attending one of these sessions.

Employees on the Move

Ron Harvey and family are off to a warmer climate as they head out this week to California and a new job. Mike and Jeannine Montgomery & family, left Yellowstone for Indiana on February 17. Bev Whitman will be leaving her post in the Library which she has held for 18 years on March 10, to open an espresso shop in Gardiner. We wish them all luck in their new careers.

Mailroom Reminder

PLEASE pay attention to the recycle bin in the Mailroom for one-sided paper. It is for 8 1/2" x 11" paper with printing on one side only! Please NO taped together sheets, glued, stapled, cut strips, or paper with holes punched in them. (Use the regular recycle boxes for these pieces). The paper that is clean on one side is being used in printers so it cannot be damaged in any way. If you would put only suitable paper in the tray, and the good side up, it would save us having to sort it page by page. Thanks for your cooperation.

AYUSA Needs You

Would you be interested in experiencing the culture of another country in your own home? AYUSA (Academic Year in the USA) is looking for families to sponsor a foreign exchange student for a semester or an academic year. AYUSA also has an Outbound program for high school students interested in living /studying in another country. Please contact Dayna McClure at 848-7291, evenings, for more information.

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Dear Yellowstone Friends:.....♥♥♥

Thank you so much for your good wishes and beautiful "Kalanchoe" plant. Much to my amazement, this lovely pink flowering plant has remained alive these past three weeks under my non-green thumb care—a record for me! As it turns out, this great plant is related to the cactus family so I may actually be able to keep it alive for a very long time. I am happy to report that I am healing well from my recent surgery and have returned to work part time, soon to be full-time. I plan to come to Yellowstone in late March to pick-up Jenny and look forward to seeing you then. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and good cheer!

Joan Anzelmo

Seven Signs of a Good Job

1. You get regular feedback from your boss.
2. You respect your boss.
3. Teamwork is encouraged over competition.
4. Self-reliance is encouraged over conformity.
5. You have at least a certain measure of autonomy.
6. You're not accountable for things you can't control.
7. There are no signs encouraging you to "smile" anywhere on the premises.

Men's Health, November 1993

♀ ♂ ♀ *New Arrivals* ♂ ♀ ♂

Congratulations:

♀ It's a granddaughter for **Karen and Jim Hotchkiss**. Caroline Veneta Walker was born to their daughter Venita and her husband Kerry Walker on Wednesday, February 22. Caroline weighed in at 5 lbs. and 14 ozs.

Women's Conference to be Held in March

The Western Wyoming Community College and their Vocational Women's Support and Training Program are hosting their 2nd Annual Nontraditional Career Conference in Rock Springs, Wyoming on Saturday, March 25, 1995. Some of the topics to be addressed are:

- ✓Women and Self-Confidence
- ✓Conflict Resolution in the Workplace
- ✓Women and Money
- ✓Nutrition & the Working Woman
- ✓Advantages of Choosing a Non-traditional Career
- ✓Realities of Relocation
- ✓Clinical Depression

Many more interesting topics will be covered. There is no charge, this is funded through a Carl Perkins Grant. Anyone interested in attending this seminar who would like to carpool please contact Renee Evanoff at 344-2204 or Joy Perius at 344-2203. Please let us know so that we can pre-register people from Yellowstone through the Federal Women's Program.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Volunteers Needed:

The Greater Yellowstone Conservation Data Center, a cooperative program between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy, needs volunteers to assist with a variety of tasks. While we are in particular need of persons to do data entry, we also need help in extracting and mapping information and other administrative tasks. If interested, please call either Pete Feigley or Eugénie Drayton at 344-2157.

For Sale:

Four Aluminum pots, (includes 1, 2, 3 4 qt.) \$5. Montana Chapter of American Fisheries Society thermal coffee mugs, \$3 ea. (Help support Montana's native fishes). Bridgestone MB-4 mountain bike, 18" frame, good condition, \$400. Also, Profile Aero Bar for triathlon racing or bicycle touring. \$30. Call Dan Carty at 344-7758 evenings.

For Sale:

'83 Yamaha 440 SS snowmobile. Has rebuilt engine, runs great, \$600 OBO. Call Budd at 344-2353.

For Sale:

TREK "Jazz" boys mountain bike. 20" tires, 5-speed index shifting. 1 yr. old, like new condition (paid \$200). Will sell for \$100. Call 848-7307 evenings or 344-2062 days.

For Sale:

Pair of Bose 301 series book shelf speakers. \$50. Call Mary Meagher at 344-2152.

For Sale:

Protect your investment from the elements. Cover for snowmachine available at no extra cost to recipient. Be the first person to contact Stu Coleman by dialing 344-2150, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. No dealer inquiries, please.

Car Poolers Wanted:

Want to increase your gas mileage, decrease pollution and congestion? Car pool with me from Gardiner/Gardiner area, Monday through Friday. Call 848-7722.

Adventurers Wanted:

NPS employee, Mammoth, seeking other with Monday/Tuesday off work for skiing, hiking, travelling and other weekend adventures. Call 344-7744 after 5:30 p.m.

To Give-away:

American Gramophone "Visions" videos. Three copies. A video collection by Mannheim Steamroller, Mason Williams, Chip Davis, etc. Stop by the Superintendent's Office and pick up a copy now while they're hot.

Applications Accepted:

The Mammoth Post Office is accepting applications for the position of *Casual Clerk* for the summer '95 season. Contact the Postmaster for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Vet Visit

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

* Potluck Farewell

You're invited to a farewell potluck lunch for Bev Whitman on Wednesday, March 8, at the Canteen Room A. Please bring a dish to share. Dessert and drinks are provided.

* Ballet Recital

The Yellowstone School of Ballet presents "Earth Rhythms" on Wednesday, March 15. The recital will start at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Gardiner School. "Feel the Earth Move!"

* Credit Union Dinner

The 58th Annual Yellowstone Federal Credit Union Dinner will be held at the Gardiner Eagles Hall on Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. Call 344-7974 to make reservations.

SURVEY OF INTERIOR CHILD CARE NEEDS
March 1995

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE #'s _____

1. Your Employer in the Park: _____
2. Your Spouse's/Partner's Employer: _____
3. Your Residence/Duty Station: _____
4. Your Spouse's/Partner's Residence/Duty Station: _____
5. What is your Employment status: *Permanent___ *Temporary___ *Seasonal___ *Other___
6. Number of Children: *Infants___ *Toddlers___ *Pre-Schoolers___ *Elementary___
7. Will you require child care in the future? * Yes___ *No___ (If "Yes", When? 1 year___
*2 Years___ *More___).
8. Would you utilize a child care facility at *Lake___ *Old Faithful___ *Both___
9. How often would you utilize that facility? *Full-time___ *Part-Time___ *Drop-in___
10. If you or your partner are currently not employed, with whom would you seek employment if child care were available:
*First Choice _____ *Second Choice _____
11. We will charge the same rates as "Little People's Learning Center" in Mammoth; infants-\$20/day, Toddlers- \$18/day, Pre-Schoolers-\$16/day, Drop-ins-\$2.50/hour.
*Do you feel these rates are affordable to you: *Yes___ *No___ . (If "No", please specify rates you feel are affordable:

12. Parent involvement will be crucial the first year or two until we get established, would you be willing to assist us by:
*Volunteering Time at the Center? _____ *Donating Toys, Books, Equipment, etc? _____ *Other _____
13. Other Comments: _____

**Return to: Stacey Love, Canyon Ranger Station, Yellowstone N.P., WY. 82190
by March 15, 1995.**