

The YELLOWSTONE

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News

February 20, 1997

NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: March 19

New Location for Recycling Center

Check out the Mammoth Recycling Center's new location across from the Fire Cache building (north end of Carpenter Shop building) for all your recycling needs. Newspapers, magazines and catalogs (J.C. Penney, Eddie Bauer, LL Bean, glossy types) are now accepted. Bring in all colors of washed glass, and white-only office paper. Staples on the paper don't seem to be a problem, but post-its are not accepted at this time. Aluminum cans (beer, soda, and juice varieties) are accepted, and the shed is open 24 hours for your convenience. Love Mother Earth, and recycle all your items; every little bit helps.

Research Library Request...

We are missing a video, #98-*Yellowstone National Fire*, which has been requested by a Washington state patron. As you can see, our resources are used far and wide through Interlibrary Loan services. PLEASE check your shelves at work/home and return it to the library ASAP. No questions asked--no fine. Thank you.

Quotable Quotes

It is one thing to learn about the past; it is another to wallow in it.
Kenneth Auchincloss

Adventure in Another Hot Spot

by Sandy Snell-Dobert

Little did we know, when our friend Jay Robinson recommended an overnight hike to Napau Crater in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park that we would have our pictures in the newspapers across the state of Hawaii! On January 29, Stephen and I hiked the 7 miles of lava flow and rainforest into Napau Crater and set up camp. The campsite was delightful, surrounded by blooming bamboo orchids and affording a tremendous view of Pu'u O'o cinder cone. We went for a short walk toward the nearby Napau Crater, but rain quickly came in and eliminated any possibility of views of the cone, so we went to the tent and read. That afternoon and evening we felt tremors but could not see the cone due to low cloud cover. By 8 p.m. the clouds rose just enough to see the cone and the oncoming glow that Jay had told us to expect with the reflection of the lava pool into the night sky. The clouds closed in again and we went to sleep, waking occasionally to tremors and a distant rumble. Stephen commented, "Wouldn't it be funny if the cone was collapsing?" and we both laughed it off.

I awoke at 2:43 a.m. to a strong tremor and a rather loud, constant roar, like the sound of surf crashing or a high pressure steam vent. I looked out the tent door and could see a bright glow but assumed it was Pu'u O'o. I drifted back to sleep after waking Stephen to show him the glow. About one hour later, we both awoke to a louder roar and looked out to see fountains of lava and a flow that looked to be headed our way. We watched, spellbound, at the sheer beauty of it, then got up. I snapped a couple of pictures and we started to pack up the gear. The day before we had been hiking on the new lava flows with a USGS geologist, looking into skylights in the lava tubes and experiencing the sharp, acrid, breathtaking odors of the gases from lava, so we knew that we didn't want to be under the gas and ash plume if the wind shifted. We were ready to hike out, flashlights in hand, when we heard a helicopter. My first thought was that the geologists were coming to check out this new phase of the eruption, but then I saw the searchlight and knew they were looking for us. Stephen told me to flash the light directly at the helicopter and they immediately landed near where our tent had been. Two fellows from county rescue got out and told us that the National Park Service wanted them to evacuate us from the area; we got in and as we lifted off we could see a major rift that had opened across Napau Crater and fountains of lava shooting from the rift. They

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took us to our rental car, which was covered in red ash, and once we found the keys Jay had stashed for us, we went to headquarters for "debriefing". We met with key staff members there and then went to the USGS labs and talked with the geologists. There we found that the cinder cone had indeed collapsed and that the flows from Pu'u O'o to the sea had stopped with the incursion of lava into Napau Crater. At the press conference later that day, we shared our story and praised our compatriots in the NPS. Our pictures were in all the major newspapers and we made it on TV as far away as California. Needless to say, we highly recommend a vacation at Hawaii Volcanoes!

Employee Association Events Deemed Success

"The purpose of this non-profit organization shall be for the benefit of the federal employees of Yellowstone National Park; to foster goodwill, establish a procedure for the organization of employee gatherings and social events, that they may profit from the spirit of unity." These words are taken from the Yellowstone Federal Employees Association (YFEA) Constitution and have rung true during the first year the organization has been together. The last employee luncheon was an overwhelming success and was very much appreciated by those who attended. Nearly 100 persons took advantage of the hot soups, breads, and delicious desserts which were provided by Judy Jensen, Barb Agle, and other helpful volunteers who spent many hours preparing the feast. This event, as well as the Christmas Party and Fall Fest, were well attended and comments from those who attended were very appreciative and overwhelmingly positive. Organizers have had no shortage of volunteer help and this has truly been the redeeming factor in making the events a success. The officers of YFEA want to extend our sincere thanks to all who helped organize, set-up, take down, buy groceries, and clean-up after these events. It has truly been a group effort. We appreciate your support. Superintendent Finley wants to thank everyone who has made the first year of the Yellowstone Federal Employees Association a success and would like to remind supervisors that participants in these events should not be docked administrative or annual leave, but should be allowed to help within reason, without penalty. This organization is here for the benefit of the employees and supervisors should have a positive attitude when an employee wishes to assist the organization. The YFEA would like to ask members for ideas for events, lunches, and fund-raising activities. Send a cc:mail message or give a call to any of the officers or coordinators with any ideas you would like to suggest.

It's nomination time for YFEA officer elections. Check out the latest YFEA flyer and find out what each position entails. If you are a member (or want to be) and wish to become an officer or nominate someone for any of the positions listed, call Dayna McClure in Maintenance or send her a cc:mail message. The nomination deadline is March 5.

Another subject that we seek your comments on is the idea of a shuttle or bus service up and down the Mammoth hill. The hill is so crowded and it seems that the employees should find ways to cut back on the traffic (especially in summer) and provide reliable and safe transportation to those who are willing to pay for it. Please take a few moments to answer the following questions and turn them in to Jan Laye, Superintendent's Office, by March 7th. Thanks for your help.

-----Questionnaire-----

-----Cut and Send-----

1. Would you be interested in taking advantage of a ride up and down the Mammoth Hill?
2. How often would you use this service? Daily, weekly?
3. How much would you be willing to pay?
4. What time would be the best for you to catch the shuttle, before 7 or 8 a.m., in Gardiner and 4:30 or 5:30 p.m. in Mammoth? Other times? Be specific.

♀♂♀ New Arrivals ♂♀♂

Congratulations to Joel and Tina Marsten who had a baby girl on February 5, 1997. Brooke Louise was born at the Livingston Memorial Hospital at 12:10 a.m. and weighed 8 lbs., 5 1/2 ozs. She joins brother Joel Jr. at home.

Also, a hearty congratulations to Adolph and Edith Peterson and Urban and Karen Kultgen on the birth of granddaughter Brienne Nicole Peterson, whose proud parents are Leslie and Alan Peterson. Brienne was born January 28, 1997, and weighed 8 lbs. and 7 1/2 ozs.

Heartfelt Congratulations!

To Holli and Scott Traught who were married on Saturday, February 1, 1997, at the Gardiner Community Church. Holli and Scott reside in the Tom Miner Basin north of Gardiner, Montana. Our best wishes to the new couple!

The Yellowstone Institute Searches for New Director

Don Nelson, Yellowstone Institute Director since 1991, has announced plans to leave the Yellowstone Institute in May 1997, in order to pursue other interests. According to Yellowstone Association Executive Director Pat Cole; who oversees the Yellowstone Institute field school program, the search for the new Yellowstone Institute Director has begun. The position is a year-round, full-time position based out of the Mammoth Hot Springs area of Yellowstone Park, with residency required at the Lamar Valley facility during class periods. The institute, founded in 1976, offers over 80 three-to-five day classes a year in topics relevant to Yellowstone Park and the surrounding ecosystem; approximately 800 person a year attend. The ideal candidate would have similar experience in administering a similar field school program along with solid knowledge of Yellowstone Park and the surrounding area. Resumes will be accepted through February 21 with selection to be made shortly thereafter and the successful applicant expected to begin employment in early May. Complete position descriptions are available at the Yellowstone Association office in Mammoth, by calling (307) 344-2289, or by writing: Yellowstone Association, Dept. DT, P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

Mammoth Clinic Sponsors Women's Health Workshop

Area women are cordially invited to attend the Women's Health Workshop (Menopause and Mid-Life Health), to be held at the Mammoth Clinic on Saturday, February 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00, and pre-registration is required. You can call 344-7965. This workshop is sponsored by Bridger Mountain Family Planning and the Mammoth Medical Clinic.

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Jan Laye, Editor, Superintendent's Office 344-2003

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* **Quilt Nights are coming!** Did you make a New Year's resolution to finish that project you started last year? Quilters are meeting on Monday evenings at Barb Zafft's house to do just that. Sharing questions and ideas are all part of the fun. (Last Monday we had a "Show and Tell" because we had to see what everyone was working on.) Call Barb at 344-7483.

* **Vet Visit** -- Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, February 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: March 14.

* **Ballet Recital**-- Grab your spurs, and your partner, the annual ballet recital will be held on Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Gardiner School Gym. This year's theme is "The Wild West."

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: Four Yakima 1A Towers with locks--excellent condition, fits older model cars with rain gutters, compatible with round crossbar and all other Yakima rack components. Asking \$30. Call Jean or Rocky at 344-7452.

For Sale: 1996 Polaris Trail Touring Snowmobile. 1500 miles, 2 UP Seat, Electric Start, Reverse, Luggage Rack and Cover, \$3,700. Call (307) 242-7541 and ask for Lisa or Jeff.

For Sale: Backcountry/Telemark Karhu XCD Supreme skis; cable bindings, size 207 cm, \$150 OBO. Call 848-7513.

For Sale: Mazda Protege, 1993, 39 miles per gallon, 39,000 miles. Asking \$8,000. Call (406) 586-6930.

For Sale: K2 175's, 2 years old, Nordica Nerotech 55's, 2 years old, Solomon Serie 6, adjustable bindings, total price for entire package: \$200/OBO. All items are in great shape. Call Robert Perry at 344-9272.

For Sale: Health Rider--approximately 1 1/2 years old in excellent condition. Asking only \$200 (\$500 new), an AB and Back machine -- asking \$50. Call 344-7927 after 5 p.m.

For Sale: Chest freezer, 15.6 CF (34 3/4" H x 44" W x 30" D), looks bad but works fine, \$100. Call Paul or Gail at 344-7406.

For Sale: 1995 Polaris 500 EFI. 1,000 miles, make an offer. Call 646-4862 any time.

For Sale: Kingsize waterbed with underbed storage compartments. \$150. 7 1/2" Tomlinson couch (needs recovering), \$100. Backswing (for inverted stretching), \$50. Call Dorothy at 344-7441.

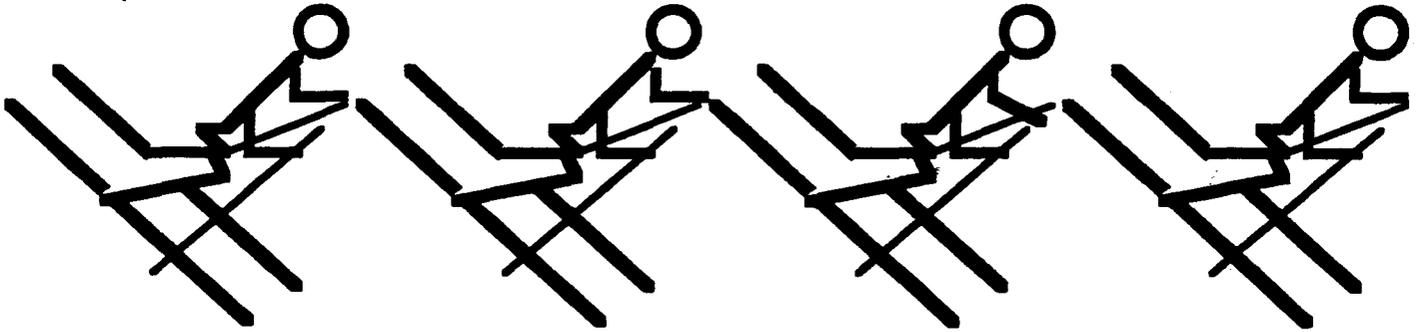
Room for Rent in Gardiner: Quiet, fully furnished, must like cats, temporary or seasonal, \$250 per month. Call 848-2270, leave a message.

Wanted to Buy: Lap top computer -- used, in excellent condition. Must be at least a 386 with no less than 8MB of EDO DRAM (and expandable). Also must have a 3 1/2" disk drive, AC adapter, etc. Call Mary at 242-7656 or 242-2655 and leave a message if no answer.

Jardine Ski Run

11th Annual

*****Sponsored by Bear Creek Council*****



***Sunday, February 23, 1997, 1:00 p.m.**

***Jardine, MT---Look for signs**

***Check in time: 12:00-12:45**

at Pine Creek Parking area

***CREATIVE DRESS ENCOURAGED (PRIZES??)**

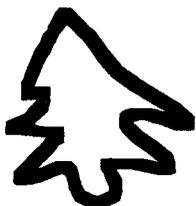
Adult and Youngsters Races

\$6.00 Adult Donation, \$1.00 Youngsters 12 and under

PRIZES ● Donated by area merchants ●

Food - Fun - Bake Sale

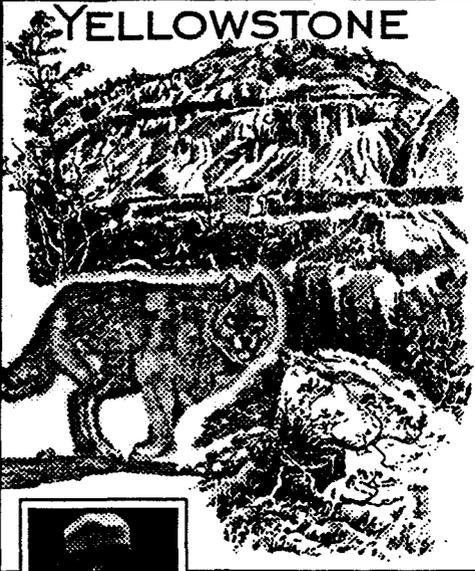
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For more info call 848-7972, evenings



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*Any momentos you wish to share would
be greatly appreciated. Contact Joy at
the above address.*

Retirement Dinner

March 9, 1997

6:00 p.m.

Mammoth Hot Springs

YACC Dining Room

Dinner Prime Rib/Stuffed Chicken

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