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# THE YELLOWSTONE NEWS



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NPS EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER

NEXT DEADLINE: AUGUST 25

## Night of The Grouse ("Or Why You Should Never Hike Alone") by Mack Shortt

Recent Cultural Resource (archaeological) compliance investigations along the Snake River at Fox Park were nearly halted on Wednesday, July 15, after a serious wildlife encounter. While hiking to Harebell Patrol Cabin on the South Boundary Trail, the archeologist and volunteer noticed a female grouse standing on the trail 15 feet distant.

Their approach to within 10 feet of the bird did not result in its leaving the trail. Instead their approach elicited an aggressive hissing, chest-puffing, wing-flapping, and bluff (?)-charge to within three feet of the crew. A rapid retreat followed by several words and arm-waving did little to deter the angered mother who stood her ground. This defensive posturing also alarmed the six or so chicks who, by this time, were scampering chaotically on both sides of the trail.

Assuming that pepper-sprays were excessive and that the mother would leave the trail for the safety of the forest, the crew attempted another pass. Again the grouse attacked in a flurry of hissing and wing flapping to a point at which contact with the crew was imminent. Bloodied ankles and shins were narrowly avoided by a hasty retreat. The third attempt at passing was met by a broken wing display, which gave the chick's ample opportunity to regroup and make a collective escape. Fortunately, the hen chose to flee with her brood thus avoiding further (serious) confrontation. Shaken, but all the wiser, the crew continued and successfully completed the compliance study at Fox Park.

## Quotable Quotes

"As long as rivers shall run down to the sea, or shadows touch the mountain slopes, or stars graze in the vault of heaven, so long shall your honor, your name, your praises endure." **Sallust**

## Community Events

- ☛ **END OF THE SEASON FAMILY POTLUCK FOR:** Exploring Yellowstone participants, their families, instructors, friends, community members, etc. The potluck will be held on Friday, July 31, at 6 p.m. behind the Mammoth School. Bring a dish to share and table service for your group. Drinks will be provided. Also join in the fun of *The Rhythm Drum Ensemble* from Bozeman. Come and drum along with Chet Leach and friends. Most importantly, come to have fun with friends and pick up your Exploring Yellowstone surprise (just for participants and instructors). Call Bob Fuhrmann at 344-2318 with any questions.
- ☛ **VET VISIT:** Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, August 7, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: Aug. 21.
- ☛ **VIVE LA FRANCE!** Language Camp for students in grades 1-3 will begin August 10-14. Beginning August 17-21 for students entering grades 4-6. Class times are 8:30am to 12:30 PM and will be held in the basement of St. William's Church. Program goals are to provide a fun and positive early experience with a foreign language. To register, or for more information, call Jackie Jerla at 344-7419.
- ☛ **SLIDE SHOW:** to be presented by Dr. Chuck Swartz, the lead for the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team Friday, August 21, at 3 PM at the garage conference room. Dr. Swartz has spent the last 21 years working with Alaskan Brown Bears and his talk will focus on the conservation issues facing the Kenai Peninsula brown bear. Chuck will present a slide show about Kenai bears, depicting their habitats, demographics, and threats.

## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** 1980 Suzuki 850 GT motorcycle. Full dresser, good condition. \$900. (Will the person who placed this ad please call me with a phone number?) **Anyone interested call 344-2003 and I'll try to help...Editor**

**For Sale:** Classic 1974 Ford, ¾ ton, 2wd, F250, new engine, paint, like new. Call for more details. 646-9295, leave a message.

**For Sale:** 1998 Polaris 440 short track snowmobile. 4,600 miles, excellent condition \$2,100 FIRM. Contact Gary Hallman at Norris Maintenance at 344-2814.

**For Sale:** Polaris Indy 400 snowmobile, great shape, cargo rack, \$1500; Bushnell Spotting scope, 15-45 zoom, with case, \$150. Call (307) 242-2620 eves, or 242-2603 days. Please leave a message.

**For Sale:** 1974, 8-foot Alaskan Camper, 3-burner propane stove, 2-way fridge/freezer, 12 volt and propane, 30 gallon water tank, 110 and 12 volt lights, new upholstered seats, underseat and wheel storage, stereo and jacks, good condition, asking \$2,000. Call after 6 p.m. (307) 242-7356.

**For Sale:** 1989 Wilderness Travel Trailer, 24 foot, fully equipped, bath, excellent condition. \$7,000. Call (406) 838-2409.

**For Sale:** Nissan Frontier 4x4 K-cab pickup. Only 4,500 miles, loaded with CD, and air. Nice topper, dark red, only 4 months old. Asking \$19,995. Also, 18-speed road bike, Bianchi Eros, good condition. \$225. Call 848-7513, leave message.



## Recognize Your Fellow Employees with Peer Awards

Also known as the Yellowstone Award this is a non-monetary award, which YOU the employee can initiate to recognize outstanding performance of park employees by YOU their peers. The nominating employee prepares the nomination through the use of Form DI-451, memorandum, or sends a note to the Administrative Office. A short justification is necessary for the Superintendent's approval; Supervisor or Division Chief approval is not required. The employee should also indicate how and when they would like to see the award presented. The Superintendent's office will maintain a small inventory of items to be used for this non-monetary award. Recent recipients of this award include Barb Agle, Sheldon Ralston, and Doug Lentz. Congratulations!

## Reminder from the Research Library

The Research library would like to send a reminder to all NPS seasonals to return your library materials. There is a drop box if you can't make it in during library hours. Have a great winter. We hope to see you next year! Supervisors please check with us before signing out seasonals to be sure we've gotten everything back.





♀ ♂ **HEARTFELT**

## CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to Pat and Stu Coleman who are the proud grandparents of "Jordan Elizabeth Coleman" born on July 24, 1998, at 6:51 a.m. and weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs. The parents are Navy Lt. Dr. Scott and Paula Coleman of Yucca Valley, California. Dr. Coleman is stationed at the Marine Base in twenty-nine Palms where he is a family practitioner.*

## Heartfelt Condolences

*We would like to express our sincere condolences to Jerry and Margaret Ryder and their family who recently lost their son Brent in a tragic boating accident on the Yellowstone River. We would like them to know they are in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers. Friends of the Ryder family*

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*The Yellowstone Park Community recently lost another familiar and friendly face that was a long-time resident of Gardiner Montana. Steve Krapf passed away Wednesday evening at the Salt Lake City Burn Center after a devastating fire-related accident in Gardiner. Steve was always the smiling "guy in the red fuel truck with his dog, "Sadie". He will be missed greatly by his friends here in the park. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, children, and family.*

### **Dear Yellowstone Friends:**

*"After several months of delay, I have initiated my experimental lymphoma vaccine treatments at Stanford University. The first phase occurred during the last week of June. Everything went great and the doctors are pleased at my progress thus far—latest tests have not detected any recurrence of tumors. We will be heading back to Stanford once a month for the next few months—more treatments and follow-up tests. I feel good and my strength level is just about back to normal. Once again, Janet, Katie and I thank you for your tremendous support and word of encouragement throughout the past year. That's the main reason why we have been successful!!!" **Dan Mahony***

# THE GRATEFUL HEAD BENEFIT



MAKIN' BACON & HAIR RAISIN' FUN

FOR MATTHEW REGNIER

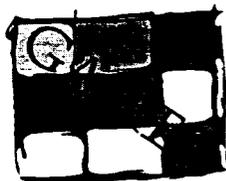
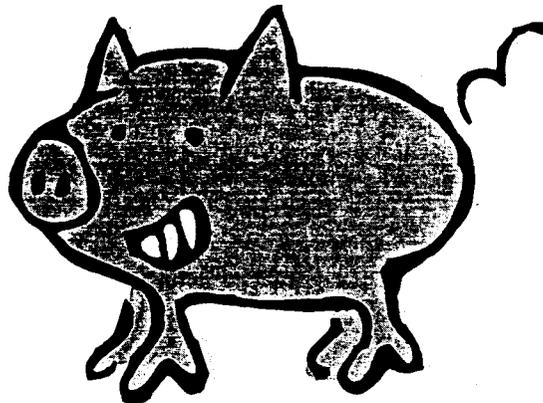
EAGLES HALL,

GARDINER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 1998

\$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, 12 & under \$5, under 4 free

## PIG ROAST

Come and get it at 5 pm  
Side dishes welcome.



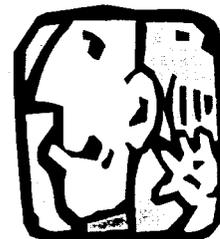
Pin-the-ponytail on  
Matthew, plus more.



KEGS PROVIDED  
Matthew makes a  
mean homebrew -  
bring yours to share.



ENTERTAINMENT  
provided - most likely  
that funky music  
Matthew loves.



SILENT AUCTION  
for unique gifts.

Tickets may be purchased from Lauryl Mack, 344-2301, Lynne Mager 344-2160, or Christie Hendrix 344-2107.

Watch for additional flyers describing the entertainment, and listing the unique gifts for bid.

Matthew loves making Greek food and homebrew, fly fishing and backpacking, listening to bluegrass and the Grateful Dead. He is a great fan and player of soccer. On June 24, Matthew found out he has a brain tumor. At this time it is slow growing and will need to be monitored over his life. Matthew, 31, is presently a landscape architect in Yellowstone. If you cannot make this event, but would like to help defray costs already incurred, an account for Matthew is set up at Yellowstone Federal Credit Union, or call Lauryl Mack at 344-2301.

**Ride a horse, paddle a canoe, or catch a fish during August courses at the Yellowstone Institute**

There's still time to have a Yellowstone adventure before another summer slips away! This August, the Yellowstone Institute will offer a variety of educational programs taught by park staff and visiting experts. Among the offerings will be several backcountry courses designed to promote an awareness and appreciation of park resources with minimum environmental impact. NPS employees and immediate family members (spouse and children) may enroll in these backcountry courses on a space-available basis and receive a discount that varies based on outfitter fees. The NPS discount for all other courses is 50%. There are still a few spaces left in the following courses:

- August 4-6      Yellowstone's Northern Roadside History (*Taught by Lee Whittlesey!*)
- August 6-9      Bison to Buffalo – Using Field Journals to Explore an Animal & an Issue
- August 7-9      Fly Fishing – More Experienced
- August 14-16    The Living Stream
- August 15-16    Simply Stunning Scenic Photography
- August 16-21    Responding to the Elements – Painting
- August 16-21    Responding to the Elements – Writing
- August 22-27    Horsepacking: The Tetons
- August 23-26    Intro to the Archaeology of Yellowstone (*Taught by Ann Johnson!*)
- August 28-31    Autumn Canoeing in Yellowstone
- August 29-31    Wild Edible Plants & Medicinal Herbs

To request a catalog or register for a course, please contact Diane at 344-2294