



March 19, 2002

Next Deadline: April 8, 2002

State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park Moving Forward with Interagency Bison Management Plan

At a meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2002, Governor Judy Martz and Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Suzanne Lewis discussed a recent opinion from the Department of the Interior (DOI) Office of the Solicitor regarding the authorities for employees of Yellowstone National Park to assist all other agencies in the course of implementing the Interagency Bison Management Plan.

"I am very pleased with the progress made in Wednesday's meeting with new Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Suzanne Lewis. The level of commitment and follow-through outlined by the Park Service in the meeting was truly historic," said Governor Judy Martz. "I have been working on this issue for many years, and greatly appreciate Superintendent Lewis' ability to recognize the importance of cooperation, communication and mutual respect."

In 2000, a long-term interagency bison management plan was agreed to with two goals: 1) to maintain a wild, free-ranging population of bison and 2) to address the risk of brucellosis transmission to protect the economic interest and viability of the livestock industry in the state of Montana. All parties are seriously committed to managing risk primarily through separation of bison and cattle in time and space. Yellowstone National Park has agreed to conduct a vaccination program that would, over time, reduce brucellosis in the Yellowstone bison population. The State of Montana has agreed to eventually allow a limited number of untested bison to use some public lands outside the park during winter, when no cattle graze in the vicinity.

"Clarification of National Park Service (NPS) authorities to conduct bison management activities outside the park provides the basis to cooperatively implement the Interagency Bison Management Plan and to achieve the common objectives of the State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park", said Superintendent Lewis.

The recent Office of the Solicitor opinion clearly states that NPS employees do have resource management authority to assist the State of Montana in bison management activities outside the park, both in emergency and non-emergency situations under the auspices of the Interagency Bison Management Plan. The types of activities covered by this authority include riding horses and snowmobiles to haze bison into the park; assisting with the holding and testing of bison for

disease at the state-operated capture facilities; meeting the press or members of the public to provide information; lethally removing bison; and providing leadership and incident command expertise for bison management operations.

"The DOI Solicitor's opinion confirms the National Park Service's authority to implement and participate in management actions contained in the Record of Decision. I look forward to all agencies working together to continue in the implementation of the management plan," said Governor Martz.

Scam Alert

The Yellowstone Federal Credit Union was asked to alert its members of this fraudulent scam being conducted by email.

Some taxpayers may receive email from a non-IRS (Internal Revenue Service) source indicating the taxpayer is under audit and needs to complete a questionnaire within 48 hours to avoid the assessment of penalties and interest. The email refers to an "e-audit" and references the IRS Form 1040. The taxpayer is asked for social security numbers, bank account numbers and other confidential information.

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Safety Corner

By Willie Burkhardt

Safety Advisory Council Announces Safety Award Program for Hazard Reporting and Contest Kickoff

In today's business environment, we are forced to explore new ways to increase our efficiency and to do more with less. Facing the pressures of competitive outsourcing, shrinking budgets, and new requirements in how we perform our work, safety is good business. It's often said that we don't have the time, money, and energy to devote to safety. Well, folks, we can't afford to ignore safety. We may neglect the time to train, resolve and mitigate hazards, and think we're saving time with shortcuts, but it's still costing us time and money. We're taking time to fill out accident reports. Our budgets are being hurt by our workmen's compensation costs, and the hidden costs of covering for injured workers, days lost, and pain and suffering are costing all of us, from the injured to the replacements.

It's time to take the time to do it safely. We have made advancements in recent years, and it's time to solidify our resolve! We all need to make a commitment to do it safely, to not take shortcuts, to use the right equipment, including both tools and personal protective equipment for the job, to make sure the equipment and vehicles we use are safe and mechanically sound. No one should be pressured into taking risks that threaten their safety. Stand up for your right to be safe and injury-free on your job. Management supports your right and it's the law.

The Safety Advisory Council has decided on a program to award your commitment in recognizing, identifying, and solving hazards in the workplace. We want employees and supervisors to be involved in preserving the safety of all employees and park visitors. We need all of you to submit significant hazards that affect you, your fellow employees and our park visitors, possible solutions to their resolution, and work with your supervisor to mitigate the hazard. Significant hazards are ones that are not the obvious maintenance and workplace concerns that should be routinely resolved, such as replacing light bulbs, repairing tools, equipment, and hardware, and basic maintenance issues. You should be resolving these issues already in the course of your duties. We are looking at significant issues that will prevent a future accident or injury, or resolve an ongoing issue that has potential hazardous consequences, and will make a difference in the life, health, and safety of our employees and visitors.

We need all of you to help us identify these hazards. In order to participate in this program, we are asking each of you to write up the hazard, along with possible solutions, and to work with your supervisor on achieving a solution. A completed form will need to be submitted to your area Safety Advisor, who will make sure your supervisor (though they should already be aware of the situation) and the Safety Office receive copies. The Safety Advisor will investigate your suggestion, and assure

it is resolved in a timely manner. Major projects requiring funding, etc., will be referred to the Executive Safety Team for solutions. The Safety Advisor will

also present your suggestion to the Council, which will decide if you are to receive an award. Suggestions will receive an award from the Yellowstone National Park Safety Program. Significant hazard reports will be awarded with either a \$25 gift certificate or cash, whichever you prefer. This award will entitle you to a chance in a grand prize drawing in September for a \$500 award!

To begin this new program, we are staging a contest to suggest a name for the award program. The winning entry selected by the Safety Advisory Council will become famous and its owner will receive \$25, a chance at the \$500, and either a YNP coffee mug, or a choice of an item from the Safety Office award cache. This cache includes hats, polo shirts, travel organizers, insulated shirts with our safety logo, and a lot of other cool stuff. We desire a short catchy name, with an acronym that suggests what the program is about. The winner will be selected at our April Safety Advisory Council meeting.

Get your suggestions into your Safety Advisor or the Safety Office, and get involved with your Safety Program. Also, don't forget to report significant hazards and their solutions. Report forms can be obtained from the Safety Web site on the Intranet, your Safety Advisor or the Safety Office. You have a good chance at the \$25, possibly even \$500, and a sure thing in improving the safety and health of you, your fellow employees, and our visitors. Take an active part in your Safety Program, it pays. And as Always, **Do it Safe. All the Time. Everytime.**

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Safety Matters—

Even In an Office

Your ordinary office routine may *seem* safe enough. You probably take the elevator or stairs, use the coffee maker, open and close drawers, and lift stacks of files comfortably and easily every day. Although all of these daily office activities may be second nature to you, they can be more dangerous than you might suppose—especially because you and your co-workers don't expect problems. Learn to look with new eyes for these common safety hazards in your office.

✎ Falls are the most common office accidents. They happen while people are walking, climbing stairs, even leaning back in chairs. Keep an eye out for telephone extension and electrical cords, and open drawers, which can cause people to trip. Loose or worn carpeting, slippery floors or packages left sitting in aisles can send even the most sure-footed for a nasty tumble. Correct these hazards when you can, and when you can't, point them out to others to prevent accidents.

✎ File cabinets are a primary source of office injuries. Top-heavy drawers can cause a cabinet to topple over. Sharp corners of metal file cabinets can cause injuries. Drawers can pinch fingers if slammed shut. Open only one drawer at a time, and close drawers slowly and carefully.

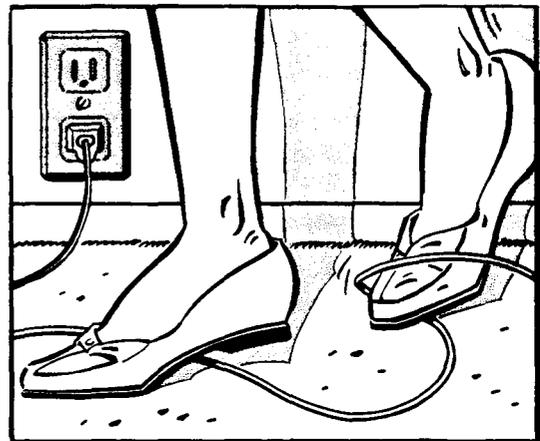
✎ Office avalanches occur when too many boxes, papers or other materials are stacked too high for safety. All it takes is someone to pull out something from halfway down the stack to send everything tumbling down. Keep papers inside cabinets—
not on top of them.

✎ Electrical shock can result from frayed wiring, improper grounding or malfunctioning equipment. Check equipment and plugs regularly. All offices should have a three-wire grounding system.

✎ Fires can occur anytime. Smoking is a common cause; so is electrical equipment. Look for people lighting up in no-smoking areas, or throwing matches or still-lit cigarettes on the floor or in wastebaskets. Flammable materials that are too close to coffee makers, space heaters or hot plates are also dangerous; keep them at least 18 inches away.

✎ Lifting loads improperly can lead to strains and other back injuries. Twisting or jerking while lifting can also cause injury. No one should try to lift a heavy or awkward load alone.

✎ Repetitive motions, such as those involved in typing, can cause injuries to the hands and arms. Anyone working on a keyboard should be trained in proper hand position and should take breaks to exercise and stretch hands and arms.



Falls and file cabinets are common sources of office accidents and injuries.

Promoting a "Smoke-free" Workplace

In studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency, indoor air pollution was identified as one of the top five environmental risks to public health. Environmental tobacco smoke has been determined to be a major indoor air pollutant. Although there are other harmful pollutants in the air of most workplaces, very few of those pollutants are capable of being isolated and removed from the workplace with the exception of tobacco smoke, a known health hazard. It is the policy of Yellowstone National Park to establish a smoke-free environment for federal employees and members of the public visiting or using Yellowstone federal facilities. **The smoking of tobacco products is thus prohibited:**

- in all interior (enclosed) space owned, rented, or leased by Yellowstone National Park, and in any outdoor areas (under Yellowstone Park control) within twenty-five feet of air intake ducts, windows, doorways and bay doors;
- in all passenger carrying vehicles and all light and heavy equipment;
- in all shared seasonal housing;
- in all outside areas within a 50-foot radius of any flammable materials such as gas pumps, fuel tanks, and butane tanks.

Additionally, employees who are in public contact, representing the National Park Service in an official capacity, shall refrain from smoking or using smokeless tobacco products while in the public view.

Cigarette butts and packaging should be put in appropriate trash receptacles, once they are thoroughly extinguished. Employees that use smokeless tobacco products such as chew or snuff should be discrete and courteous when spitting. Spitting out of the window of a Government vehicle is not acceptable.

Yellowstone Road Schedule

Yellowstone National Park has closed to over-snow vehicles so that spring plowing may begin. Roads will begin opening (subject to road and weather conditions) to motor vehicles on Friday, April 19. Roads are scheduled to open at 8 a.m. on the day listed:

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|-----------------|--|
| April 19 | Mammoth to Norris, Madison Junction to the West Entrance, Madison Junction to Old Faithful |
| April 26 | Norris to Canyon |
| May 3 | Canyon to Lake, Lake to East Entrance, Tower to Tower Fall |
| May 10 | Lake to West Thumb, West Thumb to Old Faithful, South Entrance to West Thumb |
| June 21 | Canyon to Tower Fall* |

The North Entrance to the Northeast Entrance is open year-round to motor vehicles (weather permitting).

*Please note that the Canyon to Chittenden Road will not be closed this season as previously scheduled. Road construction will cause delays of up to 30 minutes. The road will close for the season on September 9 at 8:00 a.m. Watch for additional information on other road construction in future issues of *The Yellowstone News*.

Cooke City via Colter Pass to the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway intersection (Sunlight Junction) and to the Long Lake barricade will open after May 3 as conditions allow.

Sunlight Junction and Long Lake barricade over Beartooth Pass is scheduled to open May 24.

Personnel News

Term Appointments:

Erik Hendrickson
General Engineer
Business Management
from Bryce Canyon National Park
EOD 3/18/02

Steven Tustanowski-Marsh
Museum Technician
from Island Park, Idaho
EOD 3/26/02

Permanent Appointments:

Patricia Wimberley
Supervisory Visitor Use Assistant
at the West Entrance
EOD 3/10/02

Promotions:

Colleen Watson
Administrative Support Assistant
Yellowstone Center for Resources
EOD 3/24/02

Retirements:

Ron Buss
Computer Support Services
4/1/02

Peer Awards

Congratulations to Fred Schmook and Sandi LeFevre, recent Peer Award recipients. Keep up the good work!

Announcements

- National Park Service employees are eligible to receive a 50% discount on any **Yellowstone Association Institute courses** that have space remaining 30 days beforehand. Winter courses that currently have space remaining include:

Wildlife Observation - Winter March 22-25, 2002 Instructor: Gene Ball	Winter Photography March 24-26, 2002 Instructor: Tom Murphy
Cost/course: \$170 (Member's fee \$160) \$85 NPS fee	

For more information on these courses, call the Institute registrar, Andy Stratman at 344-2294 or visit www.yellowstoneassociation.org.

- Free employee Internet access** is still available! Stop by the Parkwide Co-op Employee Recreation Office (located on the northeast corner of the Recreation Hall adjacent to the Conference Room) Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to get the access key. Call 344-5224 with questions.
- Two **Bridger Bowl ski trips** are available to all Yellowstone National Park employees! \$40 covers transportation and full day lift tickets. Trip 1 departs on Friday, **March 29** and Trip 2 departs on Thursday, **April 4** from two locations: the Co-op Employee Recreation Office at 7:00 a.m., returning at 7:30 p.m., and from Amfac Human Resources in Gardiner at 7:30 a.m., returning at 7:00 p.m. Call the Co-op Employee Recreation Office at 344-5224 to sign-up. Payment must be made during sign-up. Deadlines are at 12:00 p.m. on the day before each trip. A minimum of five must be signed up for each trip before it will go. Equipment rentals are available for \$20 for a full ski package and \$30 for a full snowboard package.
- The **Mammoth Clinic** will be closed on April 1 for Spring Break and on April 5 for ACL Staff Recertification. Winter hours of operation are weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on Wednesdays when the clinic closes at 1:00 p.m.
- Little People's Learning Center** has immediate openings for childcare providers. Competitive wages, benefit package, and possible housing available. Please call Barb at (307) 344-7785.



News from Yellowstone Federal Employees Association

If you or someone you know would like to become a YFEA officer please fill out the following form and return it to Nancy Tyson in CSS. *Please only* list people who have *agreed* to become officers, if elected.

Name:	President	
	Vice President	
	Secretary	
	Treasurer	
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	Secretary	
	Treasurer	

Birth Announcements

Samuel Carlson Galindo



6 pounds 14 ounces, 19-1/2 inches
born February 15 at 9:30 p.m.
to Anna and Peter Galindo!

Katherine Joyce Reid

8 pounds, 3 ounces
born March 17
to Charissa and Tim Reid
(no photo available)

Baby Fuhrmann

An 8 pound, 2 ounce girl
born on March 18 at 3:03 a.m.
to Jeanne Johnson and
Bob Fuhrmann
(no name or photo available)

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Karhu XCD (waxable - wax and tools included), 180mm, metal-edged, backcountry skis. Good condition with Black Diamond three pin bindings. \$40. Gregory brand top-loading, day-and-a-half pack with internal, metal back support, top compartment converts to fanny pack, two detachable side pockets, padded shoulder straps, chest compression strap, bottom/zippered sleeping bag compartment, forest green/black color, size small (small adult or child) in excellent condition. \$50. Call Mary at 242-7656.

FOR SALE: 1991 Mitsubishi Montero 4-door SUV, blue, 4WD, PW, PDL, AC, Thule roof rack, CD, 150K mostly highway miles (completely rebuilt engine@125K) asking \$4100. Garaged at West. Call Richard at 242-2619.

WANTED TO BUY: Child's "co-pilot" bicycle seat for the back of an adult bicycle. Please call Karen at 848-2448.

Community Events

- ◆ It's not too soon to start training for the **23rd Annual Park to Paradise Race**, Saturday, May 4, 2002!
- ◆ Please join **Colleen Eldred, N.P.** from the Mammoth Clinic as she addresses women's health issues and **Carol Ferrie** from Bozeman as she shares issues of her life on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Comfort Inn in Gardiner. The cost is \$4, which includes chocolate fondue. Call Cathy McPherson at 848-7526 for reservation and questions.
- ◆ The **Yellowstone Federal Credit Union** will celebrate their 65th year of operation at the Annual Membership Meeting and Dinner on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall in Gardiner. Please come help us celebrate this event with dinner, a good time and door prizes. Dinner is free for Credit Union members and reservations are required. Make your reservations by calling the Credit Union at (307) 344-7974 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays, except on Wednesdays, call between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ The public opening for the **Draper Museum of Natural History** in Cody, Wyoming, will be on June 4, 2002. In conjunction with the opening, there will be a **public lecture by Richard Leakey**, son of famed anthropologist Louis Leakey on Monday, June 3. There are 65 seats available to Yellowstone National Park employees. If you are interested in attending, please call Beth Taylor in the Superintendent's Office at 344-2003 or send an email to Beth_Taylor@nps.gov before April 9.
- ◆ This year's **Annual Yellowstone Resource Workshop** will be held on April 9 and 10 at the YCC Camp in Mammoth. Everyone is welcome. Attend any or all sessions at no charge. Call Dan Reinhart at 344-2145 with questions.

Tuesday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks	Frank Walker
9:45 a.m. The Significance of Yellowstone's Cultural Resources	Sue Consolo Murphy
10:30 a.m. Winter Use Update: What Does This Mean to Park Staff	John Sacklin
11:15 a.m. Ungulate Management in Yellowstone National Park	Glenn Plumb
12:30 p.m. Lunch Break	
1:30 p.m. What the Endangered Species Act means to Yellowstone Park Managers	Kerry Murphy
2:15 p.m. The Status and Conservation of the Yellowstone Grizzly Bear Population	Mark Haroldson
3:00 p.m. Break	
3:15 p.m. Fisheries Management in the Greater Yellowstone Area: Are Cutthroat Trout and Arctic Grayling Our Next Endangered Species?	Todd Koel
4:00 p.m. The Threats of Exotic Vegetation in the Yellowstone Area	Bruce Maxwell
6:00 p.m. Lasagna Dinner. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Please call Dan Reinhart at 344-2145 or Anita Varley at 344-2160 to sign up.	

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 a.m. The Role of Science in Yellowstone	Tom Olliff
9:15 a.m. The Value of Yellowstone's Proposed Wilderness Lands	Dan Reinhart
9:45 a.m. Break	
10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion: The Role of Administrative use in Yellowstone's Proposed Wilderness (Panel Moderator: Dan Reinhart; Panel Members: Dan Tyers, Andy Mitchell, Mona Divine, Tom Olliff, Chris Glenn)	
11:30 a.m. Closing Remarks	Mona Divine

2002 MAMMOTH SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION

From "RULES and PROCEDURES" developed and adopted on May 12, 1959, and later amended/accepted by the school board committee on January 13, 1987, and on September 30, 1997, procedures to be followed in the Election of Yellowstone National Park School Board:

The School Board will consist of three members as follows: Chairperson and two Members. Terms of office will be for three years and staggered in such a manner that one new member is elected each year.

One position on the Mammoth School Board will be open each year; the incumbent will serve a three-year term. A second position, Representative on the Gardiner School Board, will also be open every other year; the incumbent will serve a two-year term. Polls will be open on Tuesday, May 7 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Office at Park Headquarters in upper Mammoth.

<u>Member*</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mary Hektner	Chairperson	06/30/02
Andrew Mitchell	Member	06/30/03
Lori Gruber	Member	06/30/04
Scott Cote	Representative	06/30/03

ELECTORS:

1. Voters must be 18 years of age or over.
2. All permanent employees of Yellowstone National Park, parents with a child in the Yellowstone National Park School, Park Concessionaires, and Cooperating Agencies, who live in Mammoth Hot Springs are eligible to vote. The spouses of employees listed in the above group are also eligible.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS:

1. All eligible voters are required to register at the National Park Service Administration Office, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration closes at 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 26. Voters may obtain a copy of the Rules and Procedures (recently amended) for the election of the Yellowstone National Park School Board, available at the Administration Office.
2. Those who voted in last year's School Board Election need not register again this year.
3. New members of the Mammoth Community or qualified voters who did not vote in the previous school board election must register at the Administration Office to qualify for participation in this year's election.

Current registered voters are:

Juanita Bueter	Lori Gruber	Doug Madsen	David Stringfield
Joe Bueter	Tim Hudson	Betsy Mitchell	Bev Whitman
Hank Coleman	Mary Hektner	Ellen Petrick-Underwood	John Whitman
John Gruber	Joan Marty	John Sacklin	

NOMINATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

1. Any eligible voter, as defined under "Electors," is eligible for nomination as a candidate for membership on the School Board.
2. Nominations shall be filed with the Chairperson of the Election Board on a form provided for that purpose. The School Board voter who makes the nomination will retain a copy. The nominee must consent to having his or her name placed in nomination. A nomination form may be obtained from the Administration Office.
3. Nominations are now open and will close at 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 26, 2002.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

Voters who will be away from Mammoth on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be available upon application to the National Park Service Administration Office and must be submitted by Monday, May 6.

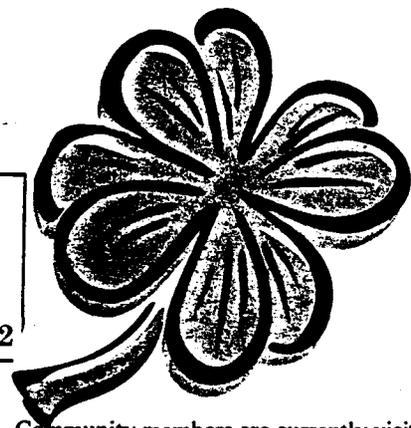
ELECTION BOARD:

Chairperson: Joanne Timmins, Chief of Administration

Members: Jean Nuetzel
Kris Peters

March News

March 1, 2002



School News

Welcome to our new students and their families! Fifth grader Kevin Wallen came to us from Bryce Canyon NP with his sister and his parents, Rick and Carolyn. Sixth grader Azalee Brittain has moved north with her mother, Janet Ambrose, from Tennessee. We are glad to have them be a part of our school family.

Lost & Found Grows Exponentially If you or your child are missing any items of clothing, there is a good chance we have it here. At the rate we are accumulating lost articles, we will need an additional room for storage by May of this year! Please take a moment over the next few days to stop by the school and peruse this treasure box of lost articles, located to the left of the front doors.

Classroom Notes

Ms. Marty's Class: The kindergartners will be learning about the letters Uu, Kk, Gg during the next month. We will be writing stories, cooking, and painting! The first graders are beginning their last hardcover book for first grade. It will include many interesting stories. We will be having book projects to go along with some of the stories. We will learn more about money and time during our math lessons. We have completed our study of penguins, and we will now begin learning about the rainforest! Keep studying the muscle words!

Mr. Stringfield's Class: Second and third graders ate a delectable stone soup today. Thank you parents for your donations to the pot. Second graders are completing two-digit addition and will begin subtraction next. First and second graders are continuing their science study of animals in winter. They are also learning about homes around the world. Check out our homes made of natural materials in the hall outside our room.

Mrs. Kisthart: Fourth graders have begun dividing by 1 and 2-digit numbers. Keep practicing those times tables at home! Third graders have begun multiplication. They will be learning the facts through 12, so any extra practice with those at home will be beneficial. Third graders just finished studying about the Pilgrims, and they all did a fantastic job on the chapter test. The next chapter is on the Pioneers. Fourth graders are finishing up the chapter on the Southeastern Region and its links to other regions and the rest of the world. The next chapter finds them in

I Love to Read! Community members are currently visiting classrooms and reading to children. Some readers have chosen selections they loved as children, and some are reading their own writing. Students are thus exposed and enthused by the notion of a lifetime love affair with books, authors, and writing. Thanks to all participating readers.

Kitchen cleaning After many years of neglect, our kitchen appliances and cupboards have had a recent cleaning thanks to the attention of many parents! Thank you mothers for helping us cleanup and organize. Perhaps now we'll be able to find the salt.

School Hours Change Beginning March 4th the afternoon school schedule will change. Remember that lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students who go home for lunch may return to the playground at 12:15 with classes resuming at 12:30.

the "Heartland" of the United States, the Midwest and Great Plains Region. We enjoyed listening to our guest readers this week and look forward to hearing next week's guests. Thank you to Barb Zafft, Steve Cole, Andy Mitchell, and Doug Madsen for taking time to share their talents during *I Love to Read Month*.

Ms. Loren's Reading and Writing: Fourth graders are completing a reading skills unit using Power Builders, short reading selections. They have also read Stone Fox, a story of a Wyoming boy with a great deal of determination. Their next writing project will emphasize using details and adjectives to describe a place or thing. Fifth graders will soon complete a lengthy unity focused on Black American History. The mystery genre is next for them, with The House with a Clock in Its Walls. Sixth graders recently read books based in Medieval times, and are now into ancient Greek myths. Come read their writing, including poetry, ballads, and research reports. It's posted in the hallway.

Mrs. Young's Music: Third and fourth grade recorder concert will be on March 8 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to hear our music! Fifth and sixth graders are preparing for a musical afternoon with the fifth and sixth graders from the Gardiner school. On Thursday, March 20, Gardiner students will join us for rehearsal of several choral and band pieces that we will perform for our families and friends. Watch for further developments. Come join us!



March 2002

Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 New School hours: 8:00—11:30 12:30—3:10, 3:40	5 library 1-6	6	7 library K	8 Recorder Concert 2:30	9
10	11	12 library 1-6 School Board Meeting 4:15	13	14 library K	15	16
17	18	19 library 1-6	20 Elementary Music Festival	21 library K	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Spring Break _____ no school _____					
31	April 1 Staff ordering day, no school!					

- **March 4**—A new school schedule begins today. Students will be walking to and from school at slightly different times. We ask for everyone's cooperation for safe passage for our students. Careful driving habits can prevent a terrible tragedy from occurring. Please be cautious driving children to and from Little People's and the school. Thank you.
- **March 8**— Our study of the recorder in grades 3 and 4 will culminate in a concert at 2:30 p.m. Come and listen as we share folk songs and other music with our family and friends. The concert will be held in the music room of the Mammoth School.
- **March 20**—The fifth and sixth grades of Gardiner and Yellowstone Park Schools will join together in an afternoon of music rehearsal and performance. An elementary choir and band made up of the joined students will share the fun later that day. Look for more details later.
- **March 25—29**—Spring Break! Don't come to school these days!



Race Results

16th Annual Jardine Ski Run

February 24, 2002

brought to you by



5 Mile Race

1 Matt Hermann	33 : 51	S
2 Tim Reid	34 : 26	S
3 Leigh Taggart	36 : 05	S
4 Rick McAdam	37 : 58	S
5 Lynn Sellegren	38 : 14	S
6 Bob Fuhrman	39 : 58	S
7 Dan Sahler	41 : 00	S
8 Gretchen Sellegren (11 years old!)	42 : 57	S
9 Colette Daigle-Berg	43 : 47	S
10 Susan Boniek	47 : 41	S
11 Julia Page	48 : 39	S
12 Herb Vaughan	49 : 56	C
13 Ellen Petrick Underwood	51 : 16	C
14 Brian Suderman	51 : 25	C
15 Kerry Gunther	51 : 37	C
16 Wyatt Cleveland (12 years old!)	55 : 55	S
17 Mark Biel	61 : 18	C
18 Wayne Skertich	61 : 47	C
19 Terri Eddington	61 : 58	C
20 John Dendy	62 : 56	C
21 LeAnn Dunworth	63 : 26	C
22 Mary Preston	67 : 11	C
23 Shaney Evans	68 : 01	C
24 Megan Tillet	68 : 54	C
25 Alice Wondrak	69 : 09	C
26 Tom Waynkus	71 : 26	C
27 Erin Bentley	72 : 47	C
28 Josh Walters	97 : 23	C
29 Jessica Rhoades	113 : 30	C
30 Brandi Hinckle	130 : 05	C
31 Julia Zander	130 : 05	C
32 Darlene Bos	130 : 05	C

S - Skate C - Classic

Pee Wee Race

	Age
1 Robert Wickham	5
1 Duncan McIntosh	2
2 Julianna Olliff	4
3 Baxter Fuhrman	2

It was a tie!

Kid's Race - 1.25 Miles

	Age	
1 Ford Smith	11: 47	11
2 Taylor Tompkins	12: 34	12
3 Bridger Sellegren	13: 07	8
4 Ben Broadhead	13: 09	9
5 Katie Mahoney	14: 22	12
6 Austin Smith	15: 15	10
7 Angel Demaree	16: 09	12
8 Addie Cleveland	16: 22	10
9 Stormy Hupp	24: 25	9

These are all Skaters!

P. Russell Brown Style Award:

- Erin Bentley for her Scottish Kilt Theme

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