

# The Yellowstone News

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## **Yellowstone Park Foundation launches Yellowstone Credit Card and New Website**

The Yellowstone Park Foundation has a new fund-raising tool to benefit Yellowstone National Park: a Yellowstone Visa Credit Card Program through Elan Financial Services. There is no annual fee for this card provided at least one purchase is made on it every year. A percentage of each charge made on the new card goes to the Foundation, so every purchase will help fund important programs and projects that preserve and protect the park. In addition, the Foundation will receive a donation from Elan for every new cardholder.

A photo of two moose in a Yellowstone meadow donated by Livingston photographer and staunch Foundation supporter Tom Murphy graces the front of the new credit card. You can find more information and an application on our website at [www.ypf.org](http://www.ypf.org).

When you log on to the Foundation's website, you will also discover a colorful new site that looks very different from the previous one. The new site was designed by Earthtalk, an award-winning web design firm in Bozeman. Improvements include the addition of color photographs on each page and more ease in navigation to allow users to quickly access information on the projects or topics that interest them most. Many new features have also been added, including a "News and Updates" section and a page that will highlight National Park Service staff members.

Christine Gianas, the Foundation's Assistant Director of Donor Development and Communications, collaborated on the new site with Earthtalk personnel and Livingston graphic designer Adrienne Pollard (who is also a member of the Foundation's Advisory Council). According to Christine, the new site has engendered a lot of positive feedback. "People really like that the colorful new design reflects the beauty of Yellowstone itself. We like it because the site was programmed so that we can make changes more easily, which will help keep our supporters up to date on the latest news and progress."

-Yellowstone Park Foundation Staff

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## **Wayne Brewster Receives 2001 Director's Award for Natural Resource Management**

Yellowstone National Park Superintendent Suzanne Lewis is pleased to announce that Wayne Brewster, Deputy Director of the Yellowstone Center for Resources, is the recipient of the 2001 Director's Award for Natural Resource Management. This prestigious National Park Service (NPS) award program recognizes outstanding contributions by park employees in managing the diverse natural resources within the National Park System. Mr. Brewster received the Director's Award for his leadership role in resolving two precedent-setting issues in the NPS: the reintroduction and recovery of endangered gray wolves to Yellowstone and central Idaho, and the development of an interagency Bison Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Management Plan.

In December 2000, the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Bison Management Plan for the State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park was signed. The ROD and Plan were the result of over eight years of negotiation and seven months of mediation between the federal agencies and the State of Montana. As the NPS lead, Mr. Brewster was instrumental in putting together a plan that not only preserves Yellowstone's wild, free-ranging bison population but minimizes the risk of brucellosis disease transmission between bison and cattle and protects the State of Montana's economic interests and the viability of the livestock industry.

The success of the wolf reintroduction and recovery is another testament to Mr. Brewster's leadership abilities. Mr. Brewster played a pivotal role, again as the NPS lead, in the development of the interagency Wolf EIS—a legally sound, thoroughly researched document that has withstood several Court challenges. As a result of Mr. Brewster's continued oversight and interagency collaboration, wolves are well on the way to being a recovered population in the park.

"Wayne is very deserving of the Director's Award. His superb leadership abilities, his analytical and negotiation skills have greatly benefited Yellowstone and the NPS in the past and will continue to do so in the future," Superintendent Lewis noted.



## Charles "Dino" Nicholau Receives Department of Interior's Exemplary Act Award

On June 2, 2002, Charles "Dino" Nicholau was presented with the Department of Interior's Exemplary Act award. The award was presented by Yellowstone National Park's chief ranger Rick Obernesser on behalf of Director Fran Mainella, "In recognition of Dino's outstanding efforts in saving the lives of a family at Yellowstone National Park."



*Dino Nicholau*

At approximately 8:00 p.m. on July 19, 1998, ranger Dino Nicholau was patrolling the Sand Point picnic area between Lake and Grant Village when he noted a parked RV and decided to stop and check it. The vehicle engine was turned off, but Nicholau could hear the generator running on the left rear quarter section of the vehicle. All windows and doors were shut tight with the exception of a two-inch gap in the window located directly above the generator. Upon further investigation, he could see a hand through one of the RV windows but noted no movement. After knocking twice on the RV door and receiving no response, Nicholau opened the door and was made immediately aware of the heat and strong fumes.



*Sarah Royce*

He saw the first victim, Edwina Royce, 60 years old, of Columbia, Mississippi, unconscious and lying face down in her own vomit. He carried her from the RV and returned to find two other victims, Mrs. Royce's 5-year-old granddaughter (Sarah Royce) and her husband Charles Royce, 68 years old; both were unconscious. Nicholau was able to carry the granddaughter to safety, and then hailed the assistance of another park visitor to carry Mr. Royce to safety. All three victims were exhibiting severe signs of carbon monoxide poisoning from fumes that entered through the rear window. Sarah Royce was most critical since she was closest to that window. The investigation revealed that the three had been sleeping in the RV for approximately two hours before Nicholau discovered them. Doctors who treated the family confirmed that if Nicholau had not rescued them, they would have died in minutes.

"It gives me great pride to see such dedication and fortitude in the National Park Service. Thanks to Dino's intuition, alertness and quick response, the victims of this incident did not give way to carbon monoxide poisoning," stated Superintendent Lewis. "I commend this remarkable act that saved these three lives."



*Sarah Royce today*

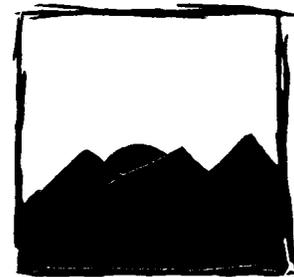
### The Following Letter Was Addressed To The Yellowstone Search and Rescue Team

"Enclosed is a small donation to help a little in your work. Mary Lynn Graham is our niece and we can't tell you how much it meant to her, her family, extended family and friends to know of the efforts you all put forth to recover the bodies of Quinn and David Graham last week after their canoe accident on Shoshone Lake.

We were all praying for the miracle of finding and recovering David's body so that his wife and small children could say goodbye and bury him next to his son. You provided that miracle, and we are forever grateful to you!!

Thank you for your good work. You are truly unsung heroes."

Sincerely,  
Glen and Dorothy Garrett



## Art/Theatre Workshops

Chelsea Smith from Bozeman's Artsplot is providing a creative writing/art workshop for children.

**Date:** Aug 5th, 6th, and 7th

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Minimum Age:** 7 years old

**Cost:** \$145 (includes material)



Montana Theatre Works from Bozeman will be offering a workshop on musical comedies.

**Date:** Aug. 12th - 16th  
(Exact dates to be determined)

**Cost:** Unknown at this time

**Ages:** 5th grade and older

Call Janet Lewis at 344-7712 to register.

## Party Bus Trip to Jack Pot, Nevada

**What:** Two-night stay at Cactus Pete's or the Horseshoe Club

**When:** August 30 - September 1

**Estimated Cost:** \$100 per person

\$30 deposit due by August 15

This includes charter bus and room  
(Gambling and food not included)

**Deadline:** August 5

If you are interested send your name to Kris Peters or Judy Jensen in Mammoth. Let us know if you plan to take a guest. The current cost estimate is based on a 40-person maximum, and double occupancy per room. This cost will increase by \$10 for a 30 person maximum. This trip is offered to all responsible Park Service personnel 21 years of age and older.

## Yellowstone Road Schedule



### Road Construction

#### Madison Junction to Norris Junction:

##### **May 29 - August 30, 12:00 p.m.**

Open 7-days a week, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
with 30-minute delays.

##### **July 5 - August 30, 12:00 p.m.**

Open 7-days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., with 30-minute delays.

##### **August 30, 12:00 p.m. - September 3, 6:00 a.m.**

Open without delays.

##### **September 3 - November 3**

**Weekdays:** Closed 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m./10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Open 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m./6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with possible delays of up to 30 minutes

**Weekends:** Open 6:00 a.m. Saturday to 10:00 p.m. Sunday, with possible delays of up to 30 minutes.

##### **November 3**

Road closes for the season.

#### Canyon to Chittenden Road

Up to 30-minute delays possible, beginning in August.

The road closes for the season at 8:00 a.m. on September 9.

## Norris Ranger Museum VIP's, 2002

<u>Name</u>	<u>Work Dates</u>	<u>Arrive</u>
Dale and Betty Smith	July 24-August 3	July 23
Deryl Stone	July 28-August 7	July 27
Paul and Nadine James	August 7-17	August 6
Ed and Marge Rothfuss	August 11-21	August 10
Butch Farabee	August 21-31	August 20
Bill Lewis and Sue Kusserow	August 25-September 11	August 24
Al Mebane	September 4-14	September 3
Bill and Jean Bullard	September 15-30	September 14
Bob and Carol Grom	September 18-28	September 17

# NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PERSONNEL NEWS

## Term Appointments:

Kristin Hardin  
Civil Engineer  
Old Faithful  
EOD 7/14/02

Tiffany Potter  
Biological Science Technician (Lynx)  
Yellowstone Center for Resources  
EOD 7/14/02

Daniel Stahler  
Biological Science Technician (Wolves)  
Yellowstone Center for Resources  
EOD 7/14/02

## Welcome to Yellowstone:

Kirby Barford  
Roads & Grounds Supervisor  
From Grand Teton National Park  
EOD 8/11/02

Herbert Dawson  
Architect (Historic)  
From Helena, Montana  
EOD 8/11/02

Timothy Klukas  
Prescribed Fire Specialist  
From Fort Niobrara/Valentine NWRC,  
Nebraska  
EOD 8/11/02

Eric Morey  
Supervisory Park Ranger  
Mammoth  
From Kings Canyon NP, California  
EOD 8/11/02

## Welcome back to Yellowstone:

John Fors  
Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor  
Grant Village  
From Alaska  
EOD 7/28/02

## Promotions:

Steve Krumm  
Automotive Worker  
Mammoth Garage  
EOD 7/14/02

## Permanent Appointments:

David Donkersgoed  
Engineering Equipment Operator  
Madison/West Yellowstone area  
EOD 7/21/02

Debra Guernsey  
Biological Science Technician (Wolves)  
Yellowstone Center for Research  
EOD 7/14/02

Rosemary Sucec  
Cultural Anthropologist  
Yellowstone Center for Resources  
EOD 7/28/02

John Tranor  
Biological Science Technician (Bison)  
Yellowstone Center for Resources  
EOD 7/21/02

Travis Wyman  
Biological Science Technician (Bears)  
Yellowstone Center for Resources  
EOD 7/14/02

## Peer Award Recipients:

Carl Brun  
Dave Dixon  
Dennis Lojko  
John Mayer

### **What is the Peer Award Program?**

Ex-Superintendent Mike Finley announced the idea of a Peer Award Program many years ago. He wanted to introduce the concept of an award that was not generated by a supervisor, but by a work peer. The idea is simply this. If you observe or know about something one of your peers has done that you think merits an "attaboy," you can recognize that act by nominating him or her for a peer award. Supervisors don't have to be part of the mix, although they certainly can be included.

### **How do I Nominate Someone?**

Just send me an e-mail or hand-written message describing, in one or two paragraphs, what that person has done to merit an award. I will put the justification into a memorandum for Superintendent Lewis. In addition to receiving a signed original memo from the Superintendent acknowledging the "good deed," the recipient is also rewarded with a small gift or award. The recipient may select one of various awards at his or her convenience either by calling me or stopping by my office.

If you have any questions about this program, I'd be glad to answer any questions.

- Jean Nuetzel  
344-2093



## CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Sale:** Kenmore portable dishwasher, with white sides, black face, and butcher block top. Works great, \$50. Call Rick or Carolyn Wallen, 848-7594.

**For Sale:** Home in Gardiner. Quiet with nice trees, in-ground sprinklers, fenced yard, 2 bedrooms (possible third), 1 bath, and garage with a small cabin in the back, \$150,000. Call 848-7472.

**For Sale:** Browning Cheyenne hunting bow. String length 38", adjustment range from 29" to 32", 65 to 80 lb., has never been used, \$134 or best offer. Motobecane 10 speed, tall frame, men's touring bicycle, \$75 or best offer. Sears BMX bicycle, 20", \$20 or best offer. All offers considered. Call 848-7154.

**For Sale:** V Gregor Boat, 12' deep, excellent condition. Includes boat cover, spare tire, and Game Fisher trailer, \$700. Call 242-7356.

**For Sale:** Tired of renting? Looking for a nice place to call home? We've got the place - Papesh Road #27. This one-owner home is located 4.5 miles north of Gardiner on 1 acre of land. It is approximately 1800 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling with skylight, mud room added and out building for extra storage. Includes all appliances, washer/dryer, dishwasher, etc., and a well-maintained yard with trees and live water. Come check it out! Motivated seller. Call 848-7016.

**For Sale:** Four tire rims in excellent shape. Fits 165-75R-14 tires (among others). Sold with or without used tires in fair condition, \$10 each. Call 344-7741.

**For Sale:** White Kelvinator "No Frost" refrigerator, excellent condition, \$175. Small dormitory refrigerator, \$50. Wireless underground electric fence for dogs/pets, new, still in box, includes extra rolls of wire. Call Mary at 848-7933 after six.

**For Sale:** Do you need fire boots or a backpack? Whites boots with mini-lug sole, can be used for fire fighting or riding horseback, fits women's sizes 5 1/2 to 6, very good condition, \$190. Lowe Alpine Total Eclipse large daypack, \$35. Arc Teryx backpack, 3500 cu inches, nearly new, women's pack, \$200. Jansport fanny pack, \$20. Please call Lessie at 848-2104 in the evening, or 344-2107 during the day.

**For Sale:** Computer, E1 (looks like an IMac) all in one computer. Includes Windows 98, Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, Quicken, Microsoft Picture It, 64 MB ram, Pentium 2 processor, 32 bit processor, 6 GB hard drive, 3 1/2 inch floppy drive, CD Rom, 2 PCMCIA slots, Video In, 56 KB Modem, LAN card, 1 side, front, parallel serial, and game USB port, 13" VGA monitor included, still in box, Lexmark printer also included, \$700. Call Bob Greenburg at Fishing Bridge Visitor Center.

**For Sale:** 2000 Chevrolet 3500 LS 454, 4-wheel drive pick-up. One ton, regular cab with 8-foot bed, 18,000 miles, in excellent condition. Matching topper and grill guard. Asking \$19,500. Call Rod Churchwell at 848-7290.

**Help Wanted:** Child care for our 6 month old son in our home in Mammoth or yours in Mammoth or Gardiner; 2 to 3 days a week flexible schedule; \$8/hr; starting mid-August or early September. Please call Anna at 344-9252 if you are interested or have questions.

**Help Wanted:** The Yellowstone Association has immediate openings for Sales Assistants at our educational bookstore at the Old Faithful Visitor Center. Please contact Debbie Collins for a complete job description and application at 848-2454 or by email at [dtcollins@yellowstoneassociation.org](mailto:dtcollins@yellowstoneassociation.org).

### Yellowstone Association Institute Seeking Winter Naturalists

The Yellowstone Association Institute is seeking Yellowstone naturalists for 5-day educational programs to be offered each week from January 1 through March 3, 2003. The programs are designed to provide an introduction to the natural and cultural history of Yellowstone and feature interpretive ski and snowshoe tours, wildlife viewing, and visits to thermal areas. The naturalists will work 40-55 hours per week.

Applicants must have extensive interpretive experience, outdoor leadership skills, and a close knowledge of the Yellowstone ecosystem. Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness EMT certification, intermediate ski and snowshoe skills, and previous winter experience at Yellowstone are desirable.

The naturalists will be paid an hourly wage of \$10.50/hour, with overtime paid for hours in excess of 40 per week. Meals are provided on working days at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Old Faithful Snow Lodge. Housing may be available in Mammoth.

To apply for these positions, please send a resume and cover letter to: Jim Williams, Institute Program Manager, Yellowstone Association Institute, Post Office Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. MST on August 13, 2002. A limited number of applicants will be interviewed and hiring will be completed by September 1, 2002.

# Safety Corner

The Safety Advisory Committee would like to acknowledge these employees for their SHARP ideas. We had six winners in June and July. Keep the great ideas flowing! Our safety is our number one priority!

## Six winners that are Sharp!

**Bob Evanhoff** made the suggestion to use a safety bracket when changing tires on the snow groomers. The safety bracket, a simple tool, locks the spread track to prevent head injuries. Bob has already taken the initiative to make the safety brackets for the garages in Yellowstone Park. We've had at least two previous injuries that could have been prevented with this bracket.

**Richard Ranc** was selected for his idea to weld a hand railing or guardrail on the packer at the Lake Transfer Station; this will prevent an employee from falling 75 feet to the ground.

**Margie Fey** is also a winner in the SHARP Program for her suggestion that Xanterra employees assigned to traffic control at the entrances and campgrounds, wear orange traffic vests. Xanterra Risk Management liked the idea and is in the process of outfitting their personnel with the vests!

**Harry Laney** won for his suggestion to post height signs on the Old Faithful overpass. Each lane has a different height and you can see numerous marks indicating contact on the overhead. This should help prevent future accidents.

**Karen Reinhart** won for her suggestion of reducing the speed limit at Fishing Bridge pedestrian cross walks. This will help reduce the chance of injury. There have already been two children injured on the bridge, which is a popular area for pedestrian traffic.

**Judie Lanning** won for her suggestion to stock sunblock at the Supply Center for our outdoor employees. Ultraviolet radiation at this altitude is very dangerous and we are all at risk for skin cancer. The Supply Center will now carry a combination insect and UV protective cream.

For those of you interested in the detective work of learning why we have accidents or injuries, and learning about how to prevent future occurrences, please mark your calendars for the Root Cause Analysis Training in October. We need employees from all divisions to participate.

The Safety Services Office is sending out two different OSHA handbooks, one for office personnel and one for field personnel. The books are very informative and discuss different OSHA programs from ergonomics to forklift safety. We are still waiting for the trainer's guides and additional office safety books. You can use these books for your tailgate safety meetings or for individual study.

We still have bloodborne pathogen kits for your government vehicle. If you still need one, please come to the Safety Services Office to pick it up.

What did you say? Hazardous noise is deceptive. It can come from your favorite rock band or opera star and it's also generated right here in the park, from the snow groomers, snowmobiles, asphalt plant, ground equipment, forklifts trucks, boats, helicopters and more. Damage may be gradual, painless and invisible, but remember hearing loss from hazardous noise is permanent. The best thing you can do is wear hearing protection, even if you are exposed to hazardous noise for short periods. Damage can be cumulative. For those of you who are exposed to hazardous noise (85 decibels and above), you need to have an annual hearing test called an audiogram. Don't forget audiometric testing will be conducted in the park according to the following schedule.

### Audiometric testing will be conducted throughout the park according to the following schedule:

<b>July 29 - 30</b>	7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Mammoth New Garage
<b>July 31</b>	7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Old Faithful Maintenance Area
	1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Madison
<b>August 1</b>	7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Lake Maintenance area
	1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Canyon

The hearing test will be performed in a portable testing booth that will be located outside each location listed. Supervisors must provide names of their employees who need a hearing test to Leisha McEldery, Fleet Maintenance Office at 344-2460. If you have not done so, please contact her immediately.

Finally, our work is never so urgent or so important that we cannot take the time to do it safely.

**Do It Safe, All the Time, Every time!**

# **BURGERS, BREW & BOOGIE!!**

**Want to have some fun  
in the sun?**

**Music by Disc Jockey "K2"  
Barbecue, beer, children's  
activities & lots of fun!**

**Come to  
Arch Park in Gardiner  
Saturday, July 27  
4:00 p.m. - ????**

**No cover charge  
& ice cold beer is  
only \$1.00!!**

**Tickets for the  
barbecue are  
\$5.00 for ages 12 & over,  
\$3.00 for ages 4-11,  
children 3 & under  
eat free!!**

**Rain location will be the Montana Blues building  
on the Yellowstone Village property.**

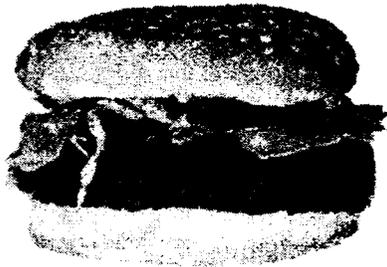
**All proceeds will benefit Little People's Learning Center.**

YFEA is bringing a picnic lunch to an area near you --



All NPS employees are invited to the YFEA  
**PARK-WIDE LUNCH DAY**

Wednesday, AUGUST 7 at 12 noon



*Wherever you happen to be in the Park on that  
day please join us for lunch--*

Canyon Blister Rust Camp Fire Ring  
Lake Mess Hall Area  
Grant Maintenance Area  
Old Faithful Emergency Services Building  
Madison Abegglen Fire Ring  
Norris Picnic Area  
Mammoth Admin Building Lawn

Hamburgers or Garden burgers with Buns & Condiments  
Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Iced Tea or Lemonade, Desserts

All you care to eat  
\$3.00 for YFEA members  
\$5.00 for non-members

# THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN OPEN SEASON

ISSUE 3, JULY 2002

*Just a reminder that the Thrift Savings Plan Open Season ends July 31, 2002.*

*FERS employees can now contribute up to 12% of their pay each pay period and CSRS employees can contribute 7%.*

*FERS employees receive up to 5% matching contributions from the government! If you are a FERS employee, please sign up for TSP to receive these matching dollars. Application forms are available from the Personnel Office. Forms can also be mailed or faxed to you. CSRS employees do not receive matching funds.*

*TSP contributions are taken out of your pay before taxes so you pay less tax now. TSP contributions are also excluded from your taxable income so you pay less tax at the end of the year. In addition, you do not pay taxes on the earnings you make until the money is taken out.*

*Presently, there is a bill before Congress to permit federal, postal and military TSP investors who are age 50 and older to make "catch-up" contributions to their TSP account. This bill is expected to move forward and I will inform you when the bill is enacted.*

*A special note to FERS employees: Your FERS retirement is made up of three parts: Social Security, money in the FERS retirement fund, and money you have saved in your Thrift Savings Plan account. At retirement, you will receive a check from each fund.*

*Plan Now For Your Retirement - - It's Later Than You Think!*

