

# JACKSON HOLE AIRPORT STAFF UPDATE

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Employee of the Month:

Jacob Ayling was awarded the Employee of the Month for July. Jacob was recognized for being an exceptional team player and always willing to modify his work schedule to ensure adequate staffing. Jacob has truly embraced the 'People Helping Mantra' and it is shows in his daily work. Congratulations, Jacob!

Jackson Hole Airport Board Celebrates 50th with a HUGE Community Event:



On Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, the Jackson Hole Airport Board will host a community event at the Jackson Hole Center for the Arts to celebrate 50 years since the formation of the Board. Guest Speaker, Captain "Sully" Sullenberger, best known for successfully executing the emergency landing of US Airways Flight 1549 on the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 passengers & crew on board, will give an educational presentation and participate in a live question and answer session. A showing of the film "Sully" will follow the educational presentation.

Tickets will be available through the Center for the Arts on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. Orchestra seats will cost \$10 (includes \$3 processing fee) and balcony seats will be FREE! Tickets will be sold on first-come, first-serve basis with a 4-ticket limit per person. All proceeds from ticketing will be donated to the Jackson Hole Children's Museum.

We have collaborated with Jackson Hole Children's Museum to engage the community. The Airport will pass on \$7 for every ticket sold (less the Centers \$3 processing fee) to the Jackson Hole Children's Museum. The Museum will help educate our younger audience about Sully is during the weeks leading to up to our event. Children will be able to submit questions for Captain Sullenberger's Q&A through the "Taking Flight' exhibit at the Museum. On August 24<sup>th</sup>, we will collect all the questions and submit a "short-list" of questions to Captain Sullenberger for his pre-approval. Out of the questions selected for his Q&A, we will draw three children's names. One child will be given three orchestra seats and two VIP meet and greet passes. Two children will receive a "family package" which includes four orchestra tickets.

The event will kick-off with a reception at 4pm where we will serve hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

The first 200 attendees to arrive at the venue on the evening of the event will receive a free copy of Sully's book, *Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters.* 

Keep an eye out for upcoming volunteer opportunities to receive a ticket hassle free!

#### **Community Outreach:**

An awesome summer camp group from the Moose Daycare visited the Airport for a "behind the scenes" tour. The kids stayed and had lunch in the Fire House and we had an amazing time showing off our Airport to these aspiring aviators!



The Airport worked in conjuntion with the Town of Jackson to welcome delegates from Jackson's siter city, Lienz, Austria. The Community Band played as passengers deplaned and our friends enjoyed local choclates and drinks while they waited for their luggage. The Leinz delegates also made an apperance on a float in the Fourth of July Parade before departing JAC in style with a water salute. Thank you to everyone involved in making their visit to Jackson so special!



(Photo by Tony Cross)



(Photo by Andrew Wells)

The Airport was happy to spend another 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the local parade. This year staff members handed out about 80 pounds of candy and over 700 fire hats to the crowd!



(Photos by Andrew Wells)

# Changes to Health Insurance: A Note from Tony Cross

The airport's health plan renews every year with the fiscal year, which is July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. This means that any statutory changes relating to our health insurance plan will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. This year, the IRS adjusted the minimum deductible and total out-of-pocket expense for our type of health plan and those changes will take effect for us on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

	Current Deductible	New Deductible	Current Max. Out-of-Pocket	New Max. Out-of-Pocket
Individual coverage	\$1,300	\$1,350	\$3,300	\$3,350
Family coverage	\$2,600	\$2,700	\$6,600	\$6,700

The good news is that the Airport will increase the airport's HSA contributions to coincide with the changes in deductibles. These increases should mean that the increases made by the IRS will have no net effect on your bottom line. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, the airport will contribute \$1,100/year for those with individual coverage and \$2,200/year for those with family coverage.

Because the deductible changes take place mid-year, that means that the per-pay-period HSA contributions will be adjusted with the July 13<sup>th</sup> payroll (to make up the difference), and then will be adjusted again in January in order to balance out over the course of a full calendar year. The per-pay-period contributions you can expect are:

	Individual	Family coverage
Current HSA Contribution	\$43.75	\$87.50
HSA Contribution - Remainder of		
2018	\$47.95	\$95.83
HSA Contribution - 2019	\$45.83	\$91.67

Finally, please be aware that if you have already maxed out your deductible or out-of-pocket maximum this year, you will experience a small increase in those amounts as these changes take effect.

## Plein Air:

The Grand Teton Association and Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters presented their of 7th annual fine art show and sale this past weekend. Forty percent (40%) of the proceeds from the show benefited the Grand Teton Association which provides support for educational, interpretive and scientific programs within Grand Teton National Park. Every year, the Jackson Hole Airport Board purchases a few of these pieces to add to our collection that is on display in the board room. The below photos are this year's selections. Be sure to stop by the board room to view the entire collection!



- 1. Teton Tapestry by Huber
- 2. Sneaking through the Park by Robert Hagberg
- 3. Approaching Storm by Jake Gaedtke
- 4. Snake River Calm by Niles Nordquest

## LVE - Natural Gas: Update by Dustin Havel



Some good news! The Airport is in the process of constructing a new rental car Quick Turn Around Facility as well as drainage and access road improvements. Recently during the process of finalizing some details with the installation of underground propane tanks we were approached by Lower Valley Energy (LVE) to get natural gas to the airport. This will be a great advantage to the Airport and our tenants as it gives the Airport some additional opportunities during future projects. We are in the process right now of installing the infrastructure on the property for this as part of the ongoing projects. It will be a push, but Lower Valley Energy is planning to have the work completed this fall so the QTA will have natural gas when opened in late November.

## United Captain Retires: Last Flight JAC



(Photo by Dustin Havel)

Captain Steve Wright piloted his last flight on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. A United pilot for over 22 years, Captain Wright had many "special airport qualifications", which included dozens of flights into JAC. With over 3,000 hours in the air and visits to hundreds of airports, Captain Wright still referred to JAC as his favorite airport and favorite layover. Thank you, Operations, for celebrating Captain Wright's retirement with United!