



The Cooke City Newsletter is published once each week. The deadline for advertisements is each Wednesday. Businesses can advertise for four issues at a rate of \$15 per month with a 40 word limit per advertisement. Individual ads are \$5 for the first 40 words and \$.10 for each additional word on a weekly basis. Ads can be e-mailed to info@cookecitychamber.org or mailed to Chamber, P.O. Box 1071 Cooke City, MT 59020. If you have questions please call 838-2495 and leave a message. We reserve the right to refuse any ad and also the right to edit for length, grammar and good taste. You can access the newsletter year round on the chamber website at www.cookecitychamber.org.

Issue no. 510

In Memory of Steve Liebl

August 14, 2009

Free Admission to the Park on Saturday and Sunday! **AND** The road between Norris Junction and Madison Junction will close on August 16 (Sunday) at 10:00 PM. This **full closure** will be in effect until November 20.

Please come to meet landscape & wilderness artist Tom Jones at a Wine & Cheese Reception. On Thursday, August 27th 5:00 to 7:00 at the Range Rider Lodge, Silver Gate, MT. Tom has generously donated several of his art works for the new Community Building. Informal presentation will be at 6:00 p.m. Each of his stunning light filled watercolors tells a story of nature's beauty.

- Hosted by Faye Craig and the Cooke City Historical Committee.

Christmas in August is coming! This tradition which began many years ago in Yellowstone Park during a blizzard on August 25th is now celebrated in the national parks and at Mount Republic Chapel of Peace. Dinner and carol sing is Saturday, August 22, at 6:30 P.M. at Mount Republic Chapel. Please bring a potluck dish if you can. Meat will be provided. Sunday Christmas service is at 8 and 10 A.M. Come join in the fun! All are welcome!

Yellowstone National Park Wolf Coordinator Doug Smith or a representative from the wolf project will give a talk about Yellowstone wolves at the annual meeting of the Beartooth Alliance on Thursday, August 20 at 7:00pm at the Range Rider Lodge in Silver Gate. Everyone is welcome.

GOING AWAY POTLUCK FOR THE BROWNS. Gary Brown and his family are moving to Oregon for the winters. Come wish them well at the Log Cabin in Silver Gate. BBQ sandwiches and ice cream served. Bring a side salad if you wish. Sunday August 23, 1:00-3:00. 838-2367.

Citizen of the Year Award – Thursday, September 3rd at the FireHall. See next week's newsletter for more details.

The Cooke City, Park County, Water District Board of Directors will hold a meeting, open to the public, on August 20, 2009 at the Cooke City FireHall beginning at 6:00 pm. Meeting agenda has not yet been set at this time. Some items of business for discussion: Opening of bids for Forest Service work to be performed; Boil Water Update; Public Questions and Concerns; Project Update; Clerks concerns; Appointment of new Director to replace Gary Brown who is moving to Oregon. And other items of business to be determined. If you have an item of business that you wish to bring up before the Board please call Patti at 406-539-7149.

The Forest Service has reopened access to the burn pile located in Cooke City. The burn pile is for slash material only. The Gardiner District intends to work closely with the community in the near future to determine how to ensure that refuse being dumped is burnable or if other options exist. Please call the Gardiner Ranger District if you have questions at (406) 848-7375.

Visiting dance teacher Karen Hogan will teach movement classes for ages 18 months to 5 years. Classes will be held on Mondays beginning August 10th in the Range Rider Lodge in Silver Gate at 11:00 am. Classes focus on basic dance concepts such as Shape, Space, Rhythm, Pathways, etc. They are appropriate and lots of energetic fun for both boys and girls. Parents or caregivers must attend class with child. Please email Karen if you are interested. Classes are pay as you wish. Karens email is: forsskaren@gmail.com.

Mountain Belles will be having lunch at the Log Cabin and the **Men** will be meeting at the Miner's on Wed., August 19 at 12:30.

Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace – 2 services on Sunday - 8:00 and 10:00. Visitors are welcome. If you have questions please call Pastor Seth Jones at 838-2397. Sunday school is available for children. Bible study is every Wednesday. 6:00 potluck and 7:00 for discussion. **Rides to Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace** are available for Sunday mornings. Pick up time in Cooke City and Silver Gate are 7:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. In Cooke City meet outside the Soda Butte.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints -meets Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the log cabin behind the Big Moose Resort located 3 miles east of Cooke City. For information call 838-2380.

Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Chamber Board Meeting – Thursday, August 20th at 4:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Community Council Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

A.A meeting (open) at Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace each Monday at 8PM- ph-838-2397

A.A meeting (open) at Sun Dog Trading Co., Silver Gate, each Wednesday at 8PM-ph-838-2130-Christopher. (Please enter through the back entrance if the front door is locked.)

Highway Construction Update: Paving starting next week! Up to 30 minute delays. The website and bulletin board are updated as progress is made and the schedule changes on the project. For information on traffic delays on this project and others on the **Beartooth Highway dial 1-888-285-INFO.**

Cooke City Water District Trustees (2) two Vacancies.

Section 7-13-2241 provides for candidates for the Office of Trustee of Cooke City Water District to be filled by Election. Information and Petitions for nomination can be obtained from Patti Smith, Clerk for the Water District, 539-7149, any board member (Kay Whittle, Deb Myers, Ken Hufford, Bill Blackford), or from the Deputy Election Administrator, in the Clerk & Records office in Livingston 222-4110. Close of filing for the Office of Trustee will be August 21, 2009, with the election being held on November 3, 2009. You must have your "Oath of Candidacy" and "Petition for Nomination" filed with the Election Administrator in the Clerk & Records Office in Livingston Montana by 5:00 PM on August 21, 2009 to have your name on the ballot for the November 3, 2009 election.

For Sale / For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost

Businesses

Generate More Sales for Your Business – And Measure the Results

Mike Banville, the Montana strategist for Vertical Media, will share insights, techniques, suggestions and free Google software on how Cooke City, and individual businesses, can better attract their share of visitor revenues and be able to measure the ROI from all your marketing investments, not just those from the internet. The workshop is FREE to the business community, but an RSVP is necessary for food planning purposes.

Everyone who attends will receive complimentary refreshments, free advertising in one of Alltrips' local directories (worth hundreds of dollars), a chance to win one of many door prizes, and FREE Google Analytics tracking software.

Who: Workshop put on by Vertical Media, online publishers of the Alltrips.com family of local destination directories, including Cooke City.

Where: Upstairs in the Cooke City Fire Hall

When: Wednesday September 9th 2009, 2:00 – 3:00pm

To RSVP, email your name, email address and business name to: mike@verticalmedia.com

Trail Rides at Skyline Guest Ranch takes you by horseback across the Clarks Fork River and through the beautiful Gallatin National Forest. Starting at just \$25. for one hour rides. Located 3 miles East of Cooke City, look for our sign on an old-fashioned wagon. Open Monday through Saturday. call 838-2380.

Cooke City Store – Built in 1886 & listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Stop in for groceries, beer, wine, gifts, Wyo & Yellowstone fishing licenses, & all your fishing supplies.

Wilson & Wilson The Real Estate Firm – 2 homes for sale.

Located between Cooke City & Silver Gate. For more info stop in the Cooke City Store and ask for Troy Wilson. 838-2234

Blain Gallery – Open 9-6 daily, 9-5 Sundays. Fine art by Mary Blain and others. We carry pottery, wooden bowls, baskets, beaded purses, photographs, cards, postcards, coins, jewelry and Montana sapphires. 406-838-2474. Come see our new selection!!

Therapeutic Massage of Cooke City at the Big Moose Resort.

Call for appointment. Gift Certificates. 1 hour Therapy Massage, also offering chair massage or foot soak/massage. 406-838-2393, by appointment only. Located Big Moose Resort. www.bigmooseresort.com E-mail info@bigmooseresort.com

Sun Dog Trading Co, Silver Gate, MT Unique local art, gift store, book store and fly-fishing shop in Silver Gate. Also home of Scrounge Hound Hot Dogs, featuring Buffalo Bratwurst. Huge *smoked* pulled pork sandwiches daily and more. Come and see our "slumped" or flattened bottle collection for sale. Help Wanted – call or stop by. 838-2130

Rent Log Home in Silver Gate, furnished down to the wine glasses. Perfect condition. Sleeps 5 or 6. Available most of September. Weekly only for \$1200+tax. Call 540-253-5545 or 406-838-2481.

Skyline Guest Ranch Bed and Breakfast now has free **wireless internet!** Large comfortable rooms in a handcrafted log lodge, each room has a private bath. We also have a Hot tub, ping pong, foosball, satellite TV and horseback riding. Located 3 miles east of Cooke City. 838-2380 Old Time Photo Business for sale call 838-2380.

BUNS N BEDS DELI and CABINS. Sandwiches for here or to go. Daily BBQ, fresh breads, salads, cheese cakes, malts and milkshakes. Catering available 406-838-2030

If you are a woman, age 40 or older, you need an annual mammogram.

If you can't afford one, visit www.livingstonhealthcare.org for information on programs for free mammograms. Talk to your doctor or call 823-6441 to schedule your mammogram today.

Topsoil for Sale -- 5 yards for \$200 delivered in Cooke City/Silver Gate/Cooke Pass area. Cost includes one hour of truck time.

Call 838-2222 and ask for Pete.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Painter Outpost LLC, located on HWY 296 (Chief Joseph Highway) 23 miles from the NE entrance to Yellowstone Park. Business sits on 11+ acres of riverfront land, surrounded by Shoshone National Forest, and includes a restaurant, a gift shop, a convenience store, fuel sales, cabins, a 14 space RV park, 4 tent sites, a central RV dump, a barn and 7 corrals. Two liquor licenses, and wireless internet. A turnkey opportunity. Check out our web site at www.painteroutpost.com. Call 307-527-5510 or email carol@painteroutpost.com for further details.

Reiman Corporation - Hiring immediately for laborers to work on construction on the Beartooth Hwy bridge. Contact Supertinent Don Olson at the Top of the World.

Local year-round small vacation rental cabin seeking house cleaner beginning in September. VERY competitive pay. Must be detail oriented. Call 406-838-2337 or cell 307-413-1990.

Cooke City Cabin For Sale – Large sunlit pine living room – small kitchen, sleeps 6 – all services – located at 402 S Harris St. Open for viewing. Email: gedmonds@bresnan.net. 406-656-8863. Offered at \$178,500.

NEW LISTING !! THREE COMMERCIAL LOTS ON MAIN STREET, LOG HOME AND LARGE WORK SHOP. For more information go to: www.cookecitymontanafsbo.com

Interested in becoming a Class 4 A-B Certified Water Operator for Cooke City Water District. Contact Gary Brown at 406-838-2305 or visit the DEQ website at <http://deq.mt.gov/wqinfo/opert/index.asp> for all of the necessary paperwork. Or call Reta Theriault at 406-444-3434 and take the first step toward a great career!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Cooke City Interim Requirements

Our water system is in violation of a drinking water standard. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

On May 1, 2002, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality classified our water system as being under the direct influence of surface water and ordered us to filter the water in addition to disinfecting. As of this date we have installed an interim filtration system and are providing disinfection.

What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water. A home filter will not necessarily solve the problem, because not all home filters protect against parasites. Call NSF International at 1(800) NSF-8010 or the Water Quality Association at 1(800) 749-0234 for information on appropriate filters.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, people with an infant, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. We do not know of any cases of contamination. However, until improvements are made, there is an increased chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply.

Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

What is being done?

Our Water System will be monitoring turbidity (cloudiness) of the water twice daily, and submitting one water sample on Monday and one on Wednesday to check for the presence of fecal coliform (e-coli). All findings will be reported to the State DEQ on a weekly basis. The District will also post the results of the weekly water samples in the Cooke City Weekly Newsletter published each Friday.

Until this is completed we will post a notice similar to this every three months. For more information, please contact Patti Smith, PO Box 798 Livingston, MT 59047 or 406-539-7149.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Cooke City. Montana PWS ID#: MT0000187.
Date distributed: August 14, 2009.