



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.

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In Memory of Steve Liebl

August 21, 2009

The road between Norris Junction and Madison Junction is closed. 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 – Rick McIntyre will give a talk about “The History of Wolf ‘302’ 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. **CORRECTION.** Gary Brown's picnic will be Saturday August 22 (1:00-3:00) rather than Sunday August 23.

Citizen of the Year Award – Thursday, September 3rd at the FireHall at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a Sloppy Joe dinner and celebrate with us the nominees and the Citizen of the Year.

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.

Mountain Belles will be having lunch at the Buns N Beds and the **Men** will be meeting at the Log Cabin on Wed., August 26 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 meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

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 will continue next week. No work over the weekend. 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.**

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.

The Program

The Northern Rocky Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Area and Gallatin, Park, and Meagher County Extension offices have joined forces to assist landowners with creating defensible space around their homes to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and provide management practices that increase forest health. The program provides technical assistance for landowners to develop and implement a hazardous fuels mitigation plan. Through grant funding we are able to provide a 50% cost share to landowners who implement the plan. The cost share assists landowners with paying for fuels reduction work (clearing, thinning, and trimming vegetation). County professionals provide direct technical assistance to guide landowners through this process.

CONTACT:

Crystal Hagerman

Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D

406-209-0344

Businesses

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.

LOG CABIN CAFE in Silver Gate: The best breakfast of your life! Homemade hashbrowns, grilled mountain trout, exclusive pancakes & more. Lunch features amazing Beartooth- area hamburgers, BBQ brisket, enormous salads and wraps. Homemade pastas, tender steaks, huge pork chops, special rosemary roasted red potatoes and much more for dinner. You'll never forget our 1937 log dining room. Open through Labor Day, 7 days a week 7:30-9:30. Cabins available. 460 838 2367.

SILVERTIP MOUNTAIN CENTER: Visit us year-round in Silvergate. Stock-up during our Big Labor Day Sale with HUGE storewide discounts. Last sale of the summer. We are your outdoor gear specialists with maps, long underwear, tents, packs, climbing gear and more! Backed by over twenty years experience. (406)838-2125 800 863 0807. www.silvertipmountaincenter.com.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

For Sale / For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost

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.

Quality Propane Service in Powell, WY is now servicing the Cooke City, Colter Pass, Crandall area. Quality Propane has been in business in Powell for 2 Years and is looking to expand our service area! We will come over the pass in the winter at no extra charge for the Crandall area. We are committed to servicing our customers. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please call for our always competitive usually lower prices. 1-307-754-3226 qualitypropaneservice@yahoo.com

RESORT FOR SALE BY OWNER, COZY LOG HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER:

For more information: www.cookecitymontanafsb.com

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.

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.
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