



The Cooke City Newsletter is published once each week on Wednesday. The deadline for advertisements is Tuesday at noon. 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 [cookecityareacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cookecityareacouncil@gmail.com) or mailed to CCCC, P.O. Box 1134, 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](http://www.cookecitychamber.org).

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In Memory of Steve Liebl

January 25, 2012

**Vote Now! America's Coolest Small Towns 2012:** Readers nominated a record 647 towns this year – and now Budget Travel has narrowed that list down to just 10 standout communities across the country which one of them is COOKE CITY. Go to [www.budgettravel.com](http://www.budgettravel.com) and click on the "Vote Now! America's Coolest Towns 2012" link for the coolest town! You can vote once daily, so be sure to get all your votes in before the contest closes on January 31st. Winning means an article will be written about our area!

**The Gardiner Ranger District** would like to remind everyone about the **16 day stay limit** on the Gallatin National Forest. The 16 day stay limit includes vehicles parked on National Forest lands near the transfer facility. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Gardiner ranger District at (406) 848-7375. Thank you.

**Miss Montana:** Way to go Vern, thanks for making Cooke City proud at the 2012 Miss America competition.

**Game Night:** for locals will be on Wednesdays starting Jan. 25th. at the Community Center building. 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 for children 4 years and older along with parents and any adults. 7:30 p.m. for adults only! Feel welcome to bring snacks & drinks if you wish. Any questions: Call Mary Dye

**RESORT TAX: Reminder:** 4th QUARTER 2011 Resort Tax reports are due Jan31, 2012. Remittance forms are available at the Community Center or online at [www.parkcounty.org](http://www.parkcounty.org)

**APPLICATION FOR RESORT TAX FUNDS** For Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Resort Area DATE NOTICE ISSUED 01-12-12 This request for applications (RFA) shall be distributed by the Park County Clerk and Recorder's Office only. All copies must be obtained from the Park County Clerk and Recorder's Office and all applications must be submitted to Park County Commission. The Park County Clerk and Recorder's Office cannot answer questions regarding this request for bids. All questions regarding the application and instructions will be answered by either Suzy Hahn, Community Council Clerk's, at 406-838-2443 or Donna Rowland, at 406-838-2495. This RFP is issued in accordance with Section 18-4-303, of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) ARM 2.5.602.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Park County Commission will receive applications for Resort Tax Funds for the Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Resort Tax Area. The application may be obtained Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Park County Clerk and Recorder's Office, 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, Montana 59047, (406) 222-4110 or by emailing the Park County Clerk and Recorder's Office at [clerkandrecorder@parkcounty.org](mailto:clerkandrecorder@parkcounty.org). Additionally, the applications may be obtained on the Park County website. Applications shall be submitted to the Park County Commission at a public meeting held at the Cooke City Community Center on February 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. All application envelopes must be sealed and marked with "Resort Tax Fund Application." Late applications will not be accepted. All applications must follow the Instructions and Schedule for Resort Tax Fund Application. Park County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. Park County may or may not choose to award a contract as a result of any application.

**Pool Tournaments:** To be held every Wednesday at the Miners Saloon at 6:30 p.m. all are welcome. \$5 entry fee, bar will match the pot. Prizes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

**COMPACTOR:** Hours: Open 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Closed Monday and Wednesday and holidays. Call the compactor for information - 838-2003.

**Cooke City Community Council Mission Statement:** Maintain and sustain our Community by creating projects that support the health, safety, welfare and enjoyment of all people through educational and charitable actions.

**Mt. Republic Chapel Of Peace : Sunday services at 9:30.** Visitors are welcome. If you have questions, please call Pastor Doug Fournier at 838-2397. Bible Study on Wednesday nights. Potluck starts at 5:00 with discussion starting at 6:00. Everyone is welcome.

**IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT, ILLNESS OR LOST PERSON GO TO THE CLOSEST PHONE AND DIAL 911.** They will assist you and page Cooke City E.M.T.'s. Please call 911 first.

**The Community Building Restrooms are always open:** If the chamber office is closed there is information in the bathroom hallway for visitors

**Election News** Filing for state and county offices begins on January 12th & ends March 12th at 5:00 p.m. Declaration of Nomination & C-1-A forms for county offices can be received from the Clerk & Recorder's office at this time. Additional information and forms can be found at [www.parkcounty.org](http://www.parkcounty.org) under the Clerk & Recorder tab. Filing for state offices can be done on line through the Secretary of State @ <http://sos.mt.gov/elections>. Now is a perfect time to update your voter registration if you have moved, changed a mailing address or need to do a name change. If you need to register to vote or verify your current status, call 406-222-4110 or come into the Clerk & Recorder's office at 414 East Callender Street, Livingston MT 59047

## **Just for Fun (Thanks Dean)**

### **Norwegian Love Story**

Ole and Lena lived by a lake in Norderm Minnesoda.

It vas early vinter and da lake had froze over.

Ole asked Lena if she vould valk across da frozen lake to da yeneral store to get him some smokes. She asked him for some money, but he told her, "Nah, jüst put it on our tab."

So Lena valked across, got the smokes at da yeneral store, den valked back home across the lake. Ven she got home and gave Ole his smokes, she asked him, "Ole, you always tell me not to run up da tab at da store. Why didn't you jüst give me some money?"

Ole replied, "Vell, I didn't vant to send you out dere vit some money ven I vash't sure how tick the ice vas yet."

## Meetings in Town

**Park County Commissioner:** Marty Malone will be in Cooke City on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. to hear residents' concerns, in the Visitor Center Conference Room.

### **RESORT TAX**

Tax applications will be due on **Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>**. (date change)

Tax allocation decisions will be made on **Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>** 2012.

Please come to discuss these very important issues. We need community discussion and decisions.

**Cooke City Emergency Medical Services (EMS):** Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month @ 7:00 p.m. @ Buns and Beds.

**Cooke City Volunteer Fire Department Training:** To be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesdays** of each month from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Please contact Fire Chief Dale Dempsey for more information.

**MEETING NOTICE:** The Cooke City Water Board holds its official meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (unless a 48 hour notice is given otherwise) Next meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Conference Room.

## Seasonal Road Closures and Conditions

For up to date information call the area road reports.

**Yellowstone National Park Road Report** @ 307-344-2117

**Wyoming Road Report:** (888) WYO-ROAD or from out of state dial (307)772-0824 or <http://wyoroad.info>

**Montana Road Report:** (800) 226-7623

**Cooke City Area Chamber of Commerce:** (406) 838-2495

**Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center:** (406) 587-6981 or [www.mtavalanche.com](http://www.mtavalanche.com)

## Businesses:

**SILVERTIP MOUNTAIN CENTER** in Silver Gate: Discover a REAL Mountain Shop. Equipment rentals including "go anywhere skis," snowshoes & climbing gear. Local trail maps, clothing, Smartwool, down jackets, plus gifts. All winter: Sat. & Sun. 10:00 - 4:00 or call anytime: (406) 838-2125 / 800 863 0807. [www.silvertipmountaincenter.com](http://www.silvertipmountaincenter.com) / [jay@silvertipmountaincenter.com](mailto:jay@silvertipmountaincenter.com)

**Antlers Lodge Restaurant:** The restaurant will be serving breakfast (7-10:00 a.m.) and dinner (4-8:00 p.m.) Tuesday – Sundays and will be closed each week on Mondays. 838-2432

### **Cooke City Alpine Motel & Cooke City Adventures**

Offering Pilot Creek Shuttles - Snow-Coach Skiing and Boarding - Adventure Packages for Everyone

[www.CookeCityAdventures.com](http://www.CookeCityAdventures.com) OR 406-838-2262

**Stop the Car Trading:** Fresh coffee, hot soup, WIFI, locally made gifts, groceries, snacks, book corner and more! **Winter hours** are 9 am - 5 pm, 6 days a week, closed **Tuesdays**. Try a warm bread bowl filled with hot soup, stew or chili! Check out our Groceries!! 838-2130

**Wilson & Wilson The Real Estate Firm:** We are your Cooke City area Real Estate company. There are many properties listed for sale: cabins, a restaurant, vacant building lots, and acreage tracts. **Call Troy Wilson for more info at (406)698-8353 or go to [www.cookecitystore.com](http://www.cookecitystore.com)**

## For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost /For Sale:

**VACATION RENTAL -** Year Round, Silver Gate Log Style- One bedroom, full kitchen, bathroom. \$145/night or \$850/week. Call to reserve, 406-838-2130

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** The Cooke City Water District is seeking to fill the position of water system operator. 20-30 hrs/month @ \$350 – 450/month (DOE). A position description is available from Marilyn @ 406-333-4551. Applications are being accepted through the Livingston Job Service, in person, by mail, or online through 1/31/12

## Cooke City, Colter Pass Silver Gate Chamber Meeting Highlights

The Chamber held it's regular monthly meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM at the conference center. Here's some highlights from that meeting:

- 1) We are 1 step closer to getting a new website up and running for the Chamber as we have signed a contract with Tredenic Designs.
- 2) We are keeping in contact with the Friends of the Beartooth about any upcoming Beartooth Highway Construction. Any construction on this highway has a big impact on our tourism and we need to keep abreast of what is going on.
- 3) We are researching an additional "People Counter" for the inside door of the Visitor's Center. We have been relying on people working in the Visitor's Center to take a manual count and feel we may be missing some people. We currently have one installed on the doorway of the bathrooms. These numbers play a big part in the amount of money we receive from grants etc.
- 4) Red Lodge Destination is again offering a discount to the Chamber for anyone wanting to put an ad in the Red Lodge Destination like we did last year. Watch for information coming soon!
- 5) Emily Stifler from Big Sky Weekly came to Cooke City over New Years Weekend to do a story about winter activities in Cooke City but due to the deaths at that time she wrote this article. check it out at: <http://www.explorebigsky.com/newspost/tragic-consequences-in-cooke-city>. Emily will be back in February to do the article that she intended to do. You can also stop by the chamber to pick up a Big Sky Weekly!
- 6) The Chamber has been running a new Winter Ad in the Bozone and we will also run it in the Big Sky Weekly along side Emily's article in February. Stop in at the chamber to view it!
- 7) Cooke City was also featured in the magazine Mountain Outlaw in a story titled "Powder Coated In Cooke" It's on Page 26. The Mountain Outlaw Magazine is a free publication by Outlaw Publishers. Stop by the Chamber to pick one up!
- 8) Membership Dues for 2012 are due in March. Watch for information coming your way soon!
- 9) Mark Your Calendars: Snow Hawk February 16-17-18 & 19th, Hog Roast is March 9th and 10th and Sweet Corn is April 13th & 14th!
- 10) Next Meeting **February 16th @ 2:00 PM** at the conference center.