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In Memory of Steve Liebl

July 17, 2009

Free Admission - You can't get much closer to nature than in Yellowstone National Park, and what greater way to celebrate summer than with free entrance to America's first national park. Visit Yellowstone this weekend, July 18 and 19, and receive free admission.

Vacation Bible School July 20 -23, Monday – Thursday - Boomarang Express to Australia 9:30 to 12 noon. Ages 4 to 5th grade. To be held at Mt. Republic Chapel.

Cooke City, Park County, Water District, Board of Directors will hold a public meeting on Thursday July 23, 2009. 6:00 pm at the Cooke City Fire Hall. Agenda: 1) Sandy Kust will give a presentation on what the duties of a Board of Director are, she will also give a presentation on the Montana WARN project. We have 2 positions on the Board up for re-election this year so come and find out what being on the Board is all about! 2) Project Update. 3) Boil Water update 4) Public comment and concerns. 5. Board Discussion

Mountain Belles will be having lunch at the Bearclaw Bakery and the **Men** will be meeting at Beartooth Cafe on Wed., July 22 at 12:30. Everyone is welcome.

BEAD 2009, JULY 25 - For the past several years, the Beartooth Alliance has been concerned about the survival of pure strain Yellowstone cutthroat populations in streams flowing into Yellowstone National Park because of competition from brook trout, hybridization with rainbow trout, pollution, and whirling disease. This year's BEAD will feature a workshop of fisheries experts to discuss how to maintain healthy populations of Yellowstone cutthroats. Three of the eight panelists are Scott Barndt, Ken Frazer, and Craig Mathews. Scott is a fisheries biologist with the Gallatin National Forest; Ken is the Region 3 Fisheries Biologist for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and Craig is the owner of Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone and the 2008 Conservation Volunteer of the Year for Trout Unlimited. BEAD will begin at 1:00pm and again be held at the Range Rider and feature its famous pie auction. A barbeque at the Log Cabin Café and the Range Rider will begin at 11:00am.

Pie Bakers! BEAD is July 25. Once again the famous pie auction with auctioneer Ted Floden will be featured. Pies are needed! Call Carole Oldemeyer at 838-2431 to volunteer to bake a pie.

Congratulations to Betty and Bill Sommers on their 50th wedding anniversary!!

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.

Mt Republic Chapel of Peace.Memorial Service – July 19th at 8:00 and 10:00 services. If you have someone you would like remembered please contact Pastor Seth Jones at 838-2397 or Joan Humiston at 838-2454.

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.

Resort Tax Quarterly Reports are due by July 31, 2009 for the 2nd qtr.

Citizen of the Year Award– We need your ideas now! Please send your nominations & the reason why to info@cookecitychamber.org or drop them off at the Visitor's Center. A candidate should be a person without thought towards personal gain, a person who in some fashion made a significant impact on the lives of those who live, work and play in this area. Remember this person does not have to be a chamber member. Nominations are closing soon.

Annual Board Meeting - Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Community Council – Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 NOW is your opportunity to get involved as a CCCC Board Member. The current CCCC Board will review current Board members status as well as appoint any new community members interested in joining the Board. For more details on the Bylaws, goals status of building, etc. please contact Donna at 838-2495 or email her at cookecityareacouncil@gmail.com.

Commissioner's Meeting and Public Hearing Meeting – Friday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Hall.

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ISSUING BONDS TO CONSTRUCT THE COOKE CITY AREA COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE OPERATED BY THE COLTER PASS, COOKE CITY AND SILVER GATE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PARK COUNTY, MONTANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Montana (the "County"), will meet on July 31, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., M.T., at the Cooke City Fire Hall, 202 Main, Cooke City, Montana 59020, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposal that the County issue its general fund obligation note (the "Note") in the approximate amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing the 2,800 square foot public museum and visitors' center which will be located at 206 W. Main Street, in the community of Cooke City to be known as the Cooke City Area Community Center (the "Center" or the "Project"). The total estimated cost of the Project is \$567,427. The County will agree, using the proceeds of the Note and the other funds set aside to fund the Project in the amount of \$283,522 to cause the Center, as contemplated by the Colter Pass, Cooke City and Silver Gate Community Council (the "Community Council"), to be constructed in accordance with the public bidding requirements of Montana law. The Center will be leased to the Community Council for the term of the Note, pursuant to which the Community Council will be responsible for the costs of operating and maintaining the Center. It is the intent of the County and the Community Council that the resort tax revenues from the Cooke City, Silver Gate and Colter Pass Resort Area will be used to repay the County for the amount of principal and interest it pays each year on the Note and to pay the costs of the operation and maintenance of the Center.

Based on the County and the Community Council's best estimates, resort tax revenues in the annual amount of \$29,000 will be needed to repay the County for a \$300,000 Note at 4.00% per annum and \$36,000 will be needed to pay the costs of operation and maintenance. It is anticipated that once the Note is issued the annual amount required for the reimbursement of the County will be fixed, but the annual costs of operation and maintenance of the Center may increase over the 15 year term of the Lease.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments with the County Clerk and Recorder prior to the date of the hearing set forth above. Comments addressed or delivered to the Park County Commissioners at 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, Montana 59047 (FAX (406) 222-4100) and received prior to the hearing will be considered.

Further information may be obtained from Donna Rowland, Cooke City Chamber, 109 W Main, Cooke City, Montana 59020, phone: (406) 838-2495, or the County Commissioners Office at 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, Montana 59047, phone: (406) 222-4106.

Dated: July 15, 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Publish: July 17 and July 24, 2009

Businesses

Bearclaw Service - Doing all types of dirt work, from building roads to digging footings. We specialize in installation and repair of septic systems. We also do tire repair, chain saw sharpening and auto repair. Need your house opened and closed for the season? Please call 406-838-2040.

SILVERTIP MOUNTAIN CENTER: Sunday, August 9. Join us for our annual Anniversary Celebration in Silver Gate, all day. Storewide discounts, free gifts, food and beverages plus a drawing for a FREE THERM-A-REST of your choice! Your local outdoor gear center: maps, rain gear, fuel, tents, hydration systems, packs, climbing gear and unmatched area knowledge! (406) 838-2125/ 800 863 0807/ www.silvertipmountaincenter.com.

LOG CABIN CAFE in Silver Gate: The best breakfast of your life! Homemade hashbrowns, grilled mountain trout, exclusive pancakes & more. Lunch features amazing burgers from Beartooth-raised beef, BBQ brisket, enormous salads and wraps. At dinner chose from homemade pastas, tender steaks, huge pork chops, special rosemary roasted red potatoes and much more. You'll never forget our 1937 log dining room. Open 7 days a week 7:00-10:00. Cabins available. 460 838 2367.

K Bar Z Guest Ranch: 15th Annual BBQ & Dance, Sat., Aug. 8th, 6:30pm, presenting "The Bannock Trailers!" \$25 per person, kids 10 and under \$12.50. Steak Dinner, Live Music & Beer Garden, Call 307-587-4410 to make reservations and or for directions.

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.

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

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.

JCS America West - Computer sales and service for the home or office. We do: virus & spyware removal, networking solutions, software & hardware support, technology consulting, software training. Our address is 2220 Bighorn Ave Cody WY phone: 307-587-3400 website: www.pccowboys.com. Assisting our clients with technology decisions."

All Seasons Cabin - Open year-round. Cabin has 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Amenities include: TV with satellite service, CD and DVD players hot tub, bar, satellite TV, large propane grill, shuffleboard, bocce ball court, and a fire pit. Lawn has swings and a play horse stable. It is a non-smoking facility, and sorry we do not allow pets. Check us out further at www.allseasonscabin.com

K Bar Z Guest Ranch & Outfitters: We offer hourly or daily horseback trailrides, dinners for small or large parties, and lodging in our cozy log cabins. Please call or stop by for more information: 307-587-4410 Located on the Chief Joseph Scenic Hwy. (296) about 24 miles south east of Cooke City.

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

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

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.

WildBlue High Speed Satellite Internet is offering a 99.95 one time set-up special along with a reduced monthly fee to \$39.95 for their base package which is 26 times faster than dial-up for downloads. Jeff Guengerich, Bear Paw Ventures, LLC., Gardiner, MT, 406-223-3893

Miners Saloon - Summer hours 12pm - 2am. Sammies Cafe 12pm-10pm (starting in July-Labor day 12pm-11pm) Also, Back by popular demand Happy Hour. Monday -Thursday 3pm-5pm. Also, Come join us at night for our evening Happy hour 11pm -Midnight Monday – Thursday

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.

For Sale / For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost

Wanted to Buy: Rem Model 600 or 660 any caliber and/or Rem Model 760 35 Rem Calaber – Contact Ray, Soda Butte Campground Host.

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

Precision Concrete Cutting & Core Drilling is coming to Cooke City to do work on July 24th. If you need concrete or core drilling work to be done please contact Pete at Concrete Precision to schedule an appointment at 800-429-7733 or contact Rich at Richardatgrafix@yahoo.com for further information.

June 22, 2009

DRINKING WATER WARNING

Cooke City Water District water is contaminated with *E. coli*

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

E. coli bacteria (a fecal indicator) were found in the water supply on June 15, 2009. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What is being done?

Our system is under construction, we are chlorinating and flushing the water system as we switch to the temporary water lines. We are increasing sampling for coliform bacteria to determine the source of the contamination. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 30 days.

For more information, please contact PATTI A SMITH at 406-539-7149 or PO BOX 798 LIVINGSTON, MT 59047. Or Gary Brown at 406-838-2305. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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 Water District.**

State Water System ID#: **MT0000187.**

Date and Method Distributed: June 22, 2009 delivered in person to each residence and business.

Water System Class: Public	Monitoring Period: June 2009
Community	Violation Date: 6/17/2009
County: Park	

Other News

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.)

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.

Highway Construction Update: Work will continue next week with up to 30 minute delays. The majority of the work will be form Wildlife Along the Rockies, through Silver Gate, to the YNP Boundary. For specific construction information like "When are they going to pave in Cooke City?", see the updated information at www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/beartooth or visit the bulletin boards posted at the Post Office, Chamber of Commerce, or Sun Dog Trading. The website and bulletin board are updated as progress is made and the schedule changes on the project. As it has been with the road construction for the last 3 seasons, there will not be delays on the weekends or holidays. For information on traffic delays on this project and others on the **Beartooth Highway dial 1-888-285-INFO.** For information on traffic delays due to **road construction in Yellowstone National Park call 307-344-2117.**