



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

July 31, 2009

The Forest Service recently closed access to the burn pile located in Cooke City. The pile needs to be sorted and the unburnable refuse removed from the burnable material. 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 Bistro and the **Men** will be meeting at Soda Butte on Wed., August 5 at 12:30. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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

Cooke City School - Help is needed in the school beginning Friday, July 31 through Saturday, August 8. We will be cleaning, running off papers, cutting out lamination, and other misc. things. Bobbi will there from around 10:00 a.m. until around 5:00 p.m. most of those days. If you want to choose a time in advance to work, call her at 2077 (home) or 2285 (school) and leave a message. Thanks in advance for your help!

BEAD 2009 - Nearly 100 individuals attended the Yellowstone cutthroat workshop including local Beartooth Alliance members and representatives of Trout Unlimited chapters from Cody, Red Lodge, Billings, Livingston, Gardiner, and West Yellowstone. A number of important points were made:

- o A rapid increase in numbers of hybrid Yellowstone cutthroats is occurring in the Lamar River, Slough Creek, and Soda Butte Creek.
- o Last fall a hybrid cutthroat-rainbow trout was caught by electrofishing in Soda Butte Creek outside the Park between Sheep Creek and Guitar Creek.
- o Although considerable effort through chemicals and electrofishing have been made to remove all brook trout in Soda Butte Creek, young brook trout persist and occur well into the Park on Soda Butte Creek.
- o The various agencies (Yellowstone National Park, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and the Gallatin National Forest) have begun meetings on maintaining pure strains of Yellowstone cutthroats in Soda Butte Creek. The Beartooth Alliance has been concerned that such coordination was lacking, and we are enthusiastic that coordination has already begun.
- o Meetings among the agencies will begin next winter to develop a plan for managing for pure strains of Yellowstone cutthroats. Unfortunately, once a plan is developed for Soda Butte Creek, several years will be required to implement the plan due to NEPA and other regulatory requirements.
- o Conservation groups such as Trout Unlimited, fully support protecting, developing, and maintaining populations of pure strains of cutthroat trout in their native ranges.

The pie auction was hot again this year! Twenty-two pies - silk chocolate, blueberry, grasshopper, blackberry-rhubarb, apple, cherry, and more- sold for a total of \$523! Thanks to auctioneer Ted Floden and to all of the bakers and helpers!



QUILT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER: Raffle tickets on sale at the Chamber \$5 each or 6 for \$25 and the quilt is on display at the Chamber. This quilt was handmade by Marsha White of Cooke City/Atlanta, GA. She used jeans and flannel shirts left over from the last few Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace's Church Bazaar. This raggy quilt was made to raise money for the new Community Center. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!!

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**.

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.

Businesses

WILDLIFE ALONG THE ROCKIES will have its annual OPEN HOUSE on SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dan will be presenting his predator talk and slide show at 2:00 p.m. All photos, jewelry and artwork will be 20% off. We are located just one mile east of the NorthEast Entrance. Call 838-2296 if you have any questions. Refreshments will be served.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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!!

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.

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

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.

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.

More Businesses

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

For Sale / For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost

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.

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

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!

UPDATE: Repeat Water Samples were taken on July 21, 2009. All 5 samples came back negative for the contaminants E-Coli and Coliforms. DEQ is making our town stay on the Boil Order due to the current construction project. The Board will continue to take samples and report them to the public to ensure that our drinking water supply is ok.

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 Community County: Park	Monitoring Period: June 2009 Violation Date: 6/17/2009
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