



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 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.

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In Memory of Steve Liebl

June 1, 2011

Are you interested in receiving the Cooke City Newsletter via email each week? Feel free to use above contact information. The newsletter is also available online at www.cookecitychamber.org

COMPACTOR: Now on Summer Hours 2:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday thru Tuesday. 838-2003

Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile ClubThe meeting and steak fry has been changed to Sunday June 5th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Groomer Shed. Steaks are provided and sides are welcome. For more information, contact Jason Flug 838-2207.

Trash Pick-up: A huge thanks to the Cooke City School kids for picking up trash (in the rain) around town. Please do your part in picking up trash as the snow melts. If anyone is interested in setting up a town wide trash pick-up event, please contact Suzy 838-2443 or Matt 838-2036.

APPLICATIONS FOR PARK COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Applications for the Park County Parks and Recreation Board are being accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, June 3rd, 2011.

Consideration will be given to any county resident interested in parks, recreation and historical preservation and site development, including persons living in Livingston and Clyde Park. *One seat on the Board is reserved for a high school student currently enrolled in any County high school.*

For more information go to www.parkcounty.org or call the Park County Community Development Department at 406.222.4102 or 406.451.8117 (cell). Applications, job description, and qualifications summary may be obtained from the Community Development Department's link on the County website, the County Commissioners' Office, or at the Community Development Department at 414 E. Callender Street, Livingston, MT 59047.

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

Question and Answer Session Rescheduled: The question and answer session with Mary Maj, USFS Gallatin National Forest, Gardiner Ranger District has been tentatively rescheduled to June 6th from 10:0 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Visitor Center given that the roads are open by then.

Sewage Problem Steering committee - next meeting has been rescheduled to June 7th at 10am in the conference room of the Cooke City Community Center. The service training will be held from 1-5. Please try to attend!!!! I realize it is not always easy for business owners to attend meetings in the daytime. PLEASE EMAIL COMMENTS!!!! I will share any emails you send me at the next meeting. This is the best way to get your voice heard, even if you cannot be at the meeting. Please share this information with anyone and everyone!

Barbara Woodbury, R.S., M.P.H., C.F.M. Director of Environmental Health Park County, MT 406-222-4145, ext. 1

Shakespeare in the Parks

It is time to think about summer in Silver Gate and another free performance of Shakespeare in the Parks. This year's performance— "The Merchant of Venice"— will be on Saturday, July 23 in the Silver Gate Park.

The fee to bring the MSU troupe to Silver Gate is \$1,200. Please consider a donation.

Community members have brought SIP to Silver Gate for over 30 years! This is remarkable.

To make your tax-deductible donation, please send checks to:

SIP c/o Heidi Barrett 231 S H Street

Livingston, MT 59047

Mt. Republic Chapel Of Peace : Services at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Visitors are welcome. If you have questions, please call our Pastor Haley Goranson at 838-2397. Bible Study on Tuesday nights. Potluck starts at 5:00 with discussion starting at 6:00. Everyone is welcome. WINTER PICTURES ONLINE Check the website (mtrepublicchapel.org) frequently to see updated pictures from winter 2010-2011, as well as sermon and bible study notes.

Cooke City Area Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Beartooth All American Road includes a two day Gold Panning Experience hosted by the Headwaters Chapter of GPAA and Cooke City Community Council.

June 11th 11 am to 6 pm & June 12th 9 am to 3 pm

Located at the New Cooke City Community Center, 206 W Main St, Cooke City, MT

Bear Spray Canister Recycling: Bear-deterrent pepper spray is a recommended precaution when hiking in bear country, but thousands of thanks to a unique community partnership resulting in new technology, Yellowstone-area visitors can be safe and be green.

What: Yellowstone National Park, along with a group of private and other public partners, will unveil a first-of-its-kind device that allows bear spray canisters to be safely emptied and recycled, reducing harmful impact on the environment. The device is based on a design by Montana State University students and was part of a project by the Gallatin National Forest. Residents are encouraged to bring their empty bear spray canisters for recycling. (Advance coverage requested if possible to notify public of this opportunity). Canister collection sites will be located throughout the Yellowstone region including in Yellowstone National Park, surrounding national forests, wildlife refuges, numerous retail sites and Gallatin Field Airport. An updated list of canister collection sites can be found at <http://www.bearsprayrecycling.info>

Cooke City Vehicle Stickers: Attention all property owners - This is the year to get a new Cooke City sticker to be able to get from the North East gate to the North Gate. The north east gate is open now. You will need your driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of property ownership such as a tax bill or deed. Take information to the gate during normal business hours and get your new sticker! This sticker is good only for travel between Gardiner and Cooke City.

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. The Chamber Visitor Center is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If the chamber office is closed there is information in the bathroom hallway for all visitors.

Businesses:

Big Moose Resort – Deluxe Cabin lodging, WIFI, Kitchenettes, Direct TV, Hot Tub, Snow Pole Web Cam, Massage by appointment only. 406-838-2393. Located 3 miles East of Cooke City on Hwy 212. www.bigmooseresort.com; E-Mail: info@bigmooseresort.com. Check us out!

Stop the Car Trading. New summer hours- open 7AM-9PM, everyday! Fresh coffee, hot soup, WIFI, locally made gifts, groceries, snacks, book corner and more! Try a hot dog, polish sausage, or burger- hot off the grill! 838-2130

Wilson & Wilson The Real Estate Firm – We are your Cooke City area Real Estate company. I have many properties listed for sale: cabins, motel, vacant building lots, and even acreage tracts. **Call Troy Wilson for more info (406)698-8353. www.cookecitystore.com**

Christoferson Plumbing: For all your plumbing and hot water heating needs for new construction, remodel and service. Call Jason Christoferson at (406)860-4347 as I am in the area regularly. I also specialize in water saving fixtures such as Rinnai, tankless water heaters, STEEL and Wardflex propane lines.

For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost /For Sale

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, 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.

Yellowstone Park Travel Information:

(307)-344-2117 (updated information available 24 hours a day)

Rocks and debris fell and covered a section of the road between Mammoth Hot Springs and Tower Junction sometime early Saturday. The slide occurred about eight miles east of Mammoth Hot Springs, just east of the entrance to Blacktail Plateau Drive. The temporary closure has cut off the scenic Lamar Valley and the park's Northeast Entrance from most of the rest of Yellowstone National Park. Visitors can still travel to and from the area by taking US-212 to US-296 to WY-120, the route linking the communities of Cooke City, Montana, and Cody, Wyoming. Meanwhile, the park is mobilizing plows and personnel to open another route between the Lamar Valley and the rest of the park. Crews and equipment are being pulled off spring clearing of the Beartooth Highway. Instead, they'll be working overtime to clear the road from Tower Junction over Dunraven Pass to Canyon Village. Weather and avalanche conditions on the pass permitting, this road could open to travel by next weekend.

The North, West, and South entrances to Yellowstone are open, subject to temporary closures due to weather. Unstable snow conditions and the threat of snow slides continue to limit travel on the East Entrance road through Sylvan Pass to between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. The section of US-212 across Beartooth Pass, which links the park's Northeast Entrance with the community of Red Lodge, Montana, has yet to open for the season. Limited visitor services are available at this time of year, but some facilities are currently open at Old Faithful, Canyon, and Mammoth. For information on facility opening dates, please visit http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/open_closedates.htm

Obituaries

Gerald Myron Edmonds, age 80, died at home on May 24, 2011. Geb, as he was known to his family, was born in Ft. Benton, MT on June 25, 1930 to Helen (Alm) and Floyd (Jack) Edmonds of Geraldine. At the age of 9, his family moved to Great Falls where he graduated from high school in 1948. He attended the College of Gt. Falls before joining the Air National Guard in April 1950. In 1952 Geb entered the University of Montana, graduating in 1954. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta. On June 23, 1956 he married Avis Flom in Eveleth, MN. On Jan. 4, 1960 their first daughter, Lisa was born followed by Leslie on July 29, 1961. Jerry began his career in the insurance industry working for Safeco Insurance Co. as a Claims Adjuster. Then the St. Paul Insurance Co. hired him as a Field Representative calling on agents in eastern Montana. His final position was with the Montana Bank System managing their agencies throughout the state. As a member of the Optimists Club he lead the Christmas tree sales for many years, and was very active in the Bicycle Safety program. Jerry was a Son of the American Revolution and a long time member of the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. He was a life member of the BPOE.

His survivors are his wife, Avis, 2 daughters, Lisa Boyle, Kalispell, Leslie Pitman (Ken), Billings, 2 grandsons, Sean Boyle, Missoula, Aaron Boyle, Kalispell, Ken's daughter, Rochelle (Bret) Rutherford, Billings, Ken's son, Dustin, (Jennifer) ,Belgrade & their 2 sons Peyton & Parker . He is also survived by his brother Ray (Virginia) of Havre, sister, Sharon Edmonds of Gt. Falls, his brother-in-laws, Thomas Flom (Virginia), LaCleda, ID, Kit Flom, Ventura , CA & sister-in-law, Vicki Olson (Jerry) of Chaska, MN.

Skiing was a very important part of his life from the development of the King's Hill ski area during his high school years to an ambassadorship at Red Lodge Mountain after retirement. He tutored many youngsters during that time. Hunting was also a favorite activity. From the antlers gained from hunting, he created chandeliers and candle holders. He also taught many youngster how to fish and hunt. Planting trees and taking photos at family gatherings were other hobbies he enjoyed.

His favorite places to be were the cabin in Cooke City & the fishing camp at 16 Mile. His ashes will be strewn in his beloved Beartooth Mountains. He was a kind, patient, loving, faithful, good & gentle man.

We give thanks for the many caring people who helped him during his illness at Billings Clinic Hospital, the Transitional Care Cottage at St. John's, Rocky Mt. Health Care and RiverStone Hospice.