



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

November 30, 2011

Long time resident, **Bill Sommers**, age 79, of Cooke City passed away on Sunday November 20th. Bill's father brought him to the area at the age of 11. In his younger years, Bill worked at his parents' (Ed & Dagney Sommers) Wigwam Bakery in Cody, Wyoming. Bill & Betty ran the Sommers Motel (purchased by Bills father, Ed, in 1942). Bill had Top of the World Guide Service and Sommers Construction. He was very involved with the Cooke City Volunteer Fire Department and the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club. Bill helped Rick at the Cooke City Exxon for many years. Bill was very community minded and will be greatly missed by many residents and friends of the Cooke City area.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty of 52 years, daughter, Vicky Menuey of Colter Pass and a son, Rick Sommers, of Cooke City. Photos and information of Bill's history in the area can be viewed online at <http://www.colorado-west.com/cooke>. No services are planned at this time.

Around Town

Breakfast with Santa: The "big man" will be in town on Saturday December 17th at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center. For more information, contact Mary Dye.

CCCC Update: An update and annual letter from the President, Bev Chatelain, is available for review online at www.cookecitychamber.org

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.

The part time position is still available, contact the Livingston Job Service for more information.

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.

Annual Christmas Eve Community Dinner Will be held @ 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. December 24th at the Community Building. Ham and Turkey sandwiches will be served along with drinks and table service. Please bring a dish to pass, salad, dessert or appetizer. Please call the parsonage with questions 838-2397.

Christmas Eve Service to be held at 6:00 p.m. on the 24th at Mount Republic Chapel of Peace.

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.

This Sunday Potluck lunch will follow the morning service.

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.

Meetings in Town

Commissioner's Monthly Meeting: Dates have been set for RESORT TAX meetings. Friday **December 16th** at 10:00 a.m. there will be a meeting to discuss upcoming needs for the community and volunteer organizations.

Tax applications will be due on **Friday February 17th**.

Tax allocation decisions will be made on **Friday March 2nd**.

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

Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club: Will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Important topics to discuss - please plan to attend. Pot luck at 6:30 - meeting around 7:00 in the Community Center conference room.

Progressive Dinner is planned for Tuesday, Dec. 20

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

Chamber Board meeting The next regular monthly meeting will be held on December 8 at 2:00p.m. in the Community conference room.

Cooke City Volunteer Fire Department Training: To be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 6:00 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 3rd Thursday of each month (unless a 48 hour notice is given otherwise) Next meeting will be December 15th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Conference Room.

CCCC Regular Monthly Board Meeting: The next meeting is TBD.

Cooke City School Board: The next regular monthly school board meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday December 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the school.

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

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK NEWS RELEASE

Commercially guided snowmobile and snow coach travel during the winter season, which begins December 15. The only park road open to wheeled vehicle travel all year is the section from the North Entrance at Gardiner, Montana, through Mammoth Hot Springs, Tower Junction, and the Lamar Valley on to the park's Northeast Entrance and the communities of Silver Gate and Cooke City, Montana.

At Mammoth Hot Springs, the Yellowstone General Store, Post Office, medical clinic, campground, and the Albright Visitor Center remain open all year. Pay-at-the pump fuel is available 24 hours a day all year at Yellowstone Park Service Stations at Mammoth Hot Springs and Tower Junctions information in the bathroom hallway for all visitors.

Businesses:

Stop the Car Trading: Fresh coffee, hot soup, WIFI, locally made gifts, groceries, snacks, book corner and more! **Winter hours** begin Oct. 10, 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**

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.

Just for Fun, (thanks Dean)

The Haircut

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

The dad's response....."Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

Community Businesses Open in the Off Season

Please call ahead for times if needed

Restaurants -

Buns N Beds (see ad for details) 838-2030

Soda Butte Lodge 838-2251

Painter Outpost 307-527-5510

Miners Saloon Thursday-Sundays 838-2214

Stop the Car Trading Post 838-2130

Gifts

Stop the Car Trading Post (check their ad for details) 838-2130

Gas Stations

Sinclair 838-2000

Exxon 838-2244

Lodging

All Seasons Cabin 838-2433

Alpine 838-2262

Buns N Beds 838-2030

Elk Horn Lodge re-opens 12/8/2011

Painter Outpost 307-527-5510 RV Park

Sinclair & Cabins 838-2000

Silver Gate Cabins 838-2371

Soda Butte 838-2251

Stop the Car Trading Post 838-2130

Super 8 Motel 838-2070

For more other businesses and vacation homes check at www.cookecitychamber.org

Attention Businesses: Please call the Chamber at 838-2495 to update your information.