



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

October 26, 2011

AROUND TOWN: This is what Peter Allan (part-time Silver Gate resident) has said about the upcoming weather. According to Donna, he has been right the last few years so we will see.

“Just read the latest long-range climate/weather forecast for the winter. La Nina has re-emerged, after taking some time off during the summer. A weaker La Nina than last winter makes it most likely that southern Montana will see an average winter as far as snowpack, and that it will be drier than last year in Colorado and southern Wyoming. We'll see; long-range predictions are just guesses”.

Update on Sewer District formation by Barbara Woodbury, R.S The petitions have been signed and collected. I would like to especially thank Susan Jack and Vicky Menuey for collecting signatures! 24 signatures were collected. THANK YOU everyone that took the time to sign the petition.

The next step is to present the petition to the Commissioners and ask them to hold an election to form the sewer district. This meeting is scheduled for **November 9, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers in the City-County Building 414 E. Callender, Livingston.**

Please encourage everyone to vote for the district!

Thank you for your continued support!

Resort Tax 3rd Quarter reports are due October 31st. Call or stop by the Chamber if you need copies of the report or go to www.parkcounty.org under the treasurer section for download copy.

Employer's Form 941 3rd Quarter Report is due October 31

Cooke City Recreational Field Update: The field has recently been seeded again. Thanks again to all who made the fundraiser possible for continuing work on the field. Thanks to the Dye's for providing the dunk tank, thanks to those who took a cold dunk including Miss Montana & Mr. Montana. Thanks to those who did the dunking. Work will resume in the late spring with the remaining funds.

Public Service Announcement: Please report all bear crime and encounters to Jim Miller of FWP. Please be bear aware. There are bear(s) in the area that are breaking into vehicles, campers, etc. and destroying property.

If you have an incident of an intrusion or see a bear please report immediately to Jim Miller from MT Fish Wildlife & Parks at 406-224-5207. (Leave a message if he is not available)

Don't be careless with food or garbage. Bears having lost their natural fear of humans, often become increasingly aggressive in their attempts to obtain human, pet and livestock food.

Protect yourself and others and prevent wild animals from obtaining human food and garbage by keeping your yards and cars inside and out clean from garbage.

Please pass this on to your friends, neighbors and guests.

Trick or Treat: The local school kids will be making the rounds on Monday October 31st beginning @ 2:00 p.m. Please call Suzy (2443) or the School (2285) to let us know if you would like the kids to stop over for a treat. If there are other children that will be in the area, let us know as you are welcome to join in the festivities.

Zoning Advisory Board: Park County is seeking two more volunteers for this local Board. Applications are available at the Visitor Center or see Jason & Suzy Hahn.

COMPACTOR: Still 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. 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.

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 Tuesday nights. Potluck starts at 6:00 with discussion starting at 7:00. 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.

Meetings in Town

Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club: Will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1st. Important topics to discuss - please plan to attend. Pot luck at 6:30 - meeting around 7:00 in the Community Center conference room.)

The UYSC is seeking your support and membership, please see attached membership form or contact the club for more details.

Chamber Of Commerce monthly board meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. to be held in the community building conference room

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

Park County Commissioners: There is no regular monthly meeting this Friday.

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. Next meetings will be held November 3rd and November 17th. 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). The next meeting is scheduled for **November 17th @ 6:30 pm** in the Community Center meeting room.

CCCC Regular Monthly Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the VC Conference Room.

End of Season Road Closures

Beartooth Pass is closed for the Season.

Park Roads are all open except Dunraven Pass - Call the Yellowstone Park Travel Road information for day to day updates due to weather.

Park Roads are scheduled to close on November 7 at 8:00 a.m. except the road from Gardiner through Mammoth to Cooke City which remains open year round.

Yellowstone Park Travel Information: (307)-344-2117 (updated information available 24 hours a day)

Visitors are still able to travel over the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway (WY296) to the western section of the Beartooth Highway (US 212) and Cooke City, MT to go on to Cody, Red Lodge or Billings areas.

Campgrounds:

Slough Creek Campground open through Sunday, October 31

Lewis Lake Campground open through Saturday, November 5

Mammoth Campground open all year round

The Community Building Restrooms are always open: If

the chamber office is closed there is 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 - 6 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

Community Businesses Open in the Off Season:

Please call ahead for times if needed

Restaurants -

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

Loving Cup 838-2412

Bistro 838-2160

Soda Butte will reopen 10/27 838-2251

Painter Outpost 307-527-5510

Miners Saloon 838-2214

Gifts

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

Gas Stations

Sinclair (pumps only) 838-2000

Exxon 838-2244

Lodging

All Seasons Cabin 838-2433

Alpine 838-2262

Buns N Beds 838-2030

Elk Horn 838-2332

Grizzly Lodge 838-2219 Open till 10/15

Grizzly Pad 838-2161

High Country 838-2272

Hunter Peak 307-587-3711

Painter Outpost 307-527-5510 RV Park

Sinclair & Cabins 838-2000

Silver Gate Cabins 838-2371

Skyline Guest Ranch 838-2380

Soda Butte will reopen 10/27 838-2251

Stop the Car Trading Post 838-2130

Super 8 Motel 838-2070

For more vacation homes check at

www.cookecitychamber.org for more information.

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

Just for fun (Thanks Dean)

WHERE I HAVE & HAVE NOT BEEN.

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there.

I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

Buns & Beds: 8-6 daily. Weekends may be later. Call for group dinners of 6 or more 838-2030

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.

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 turn-key opportunity. Check out our web site at www.painteroutpost.com. Call 307-527-5510 or email carol@painteroutpost.com for further details.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart!

At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

The Gallatin National Forest is pleased to announce that Alex Sienkiewicz and Ron Hecker have accepted the District Ranger positions for the Yellowstone and Gardiner Ranger Districts respectively. Alex will replace former Yellowstone District Ranger Ron Archuleta and Ron will replace former Ranger Mary Maj.

Alex Sienkiewicz (Sink-i-vitch) comes to the Gallatin National Forest from the Manchester Ranger District of Vermont's Green Mountain National Forest where he is the District Ranger. Alex was raised in Washington, D.C., has worked in the Forest Service's Washington Headquarters and has a background in forestry and law. He and his wife Holly have three young children and will be stationed at the Big Timber office of the Yellowstone Ranger District. "As the son of an immigrant I have a deep love and appreciation for public lands. I have long wanted to be part of public lands conservation in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and what better way to do this than as a public servant with the United States Forest Service. Having the opportunity to be the Yellowstone District Ranger is truly a dream fulfilled," said Sienkiewicz. Alex will begin working for the Gallatin Forest on November 7, 2011.

Since 2008 **Ron Hecker** has been the District Ranger on the McKenzie Ranger District of the Little Missouri Grasslands, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands in Watford City, ND. Ron was raised on a small ranch in eastern Montana just south of the little town of Sumatra. He and his wife Brandi are both Montana State University graduates and have two daughters, ages 13 and 6. Ron has worked on the Nebraska, Custer, and Lewis and Clark National Forests and brings a wealth of experience in resource management, particularly in range management to the Gallatin. "I have a strong commitment to our natural resources and the public I serve," said Hecker. "I am committed to developing, maintaining, and enhancing partnerships and working together to help meet the Forest's natural resource goals." Ron will begin work in Gardiner on October 23, 2011. "We are happy to bring Alex and Ron to these key District Ranger positions. They both bring diverse backgrounds and a wealth of knowledge to help manage the Gardiner and Yellowstone Ranger Districts," said Mary Erickson, Forest Supervisor. "I encourage everyone to stop by and say hello when you have a chance."