



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

September 11, 2009

Ground Breaking Ceremony – the Park County Commissioners, Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Community Council, Denny Salveson from DPS Construction, and the COMMUNITY joined together for refreshments. Everyone had a chance to dig to start off building the Community Center. Thank you to all those that attended and celebrated.

Going away potluck party for Seth Jones and his family, Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 at Mt. Republic Chapel. Pastor Seth Jones and his family will be leaving in the middle of November for a new position in Maine. Everyone welcome.

New Cookbook & Local Family History titled "Old Cabins and New Cooks"

We invite you to participate in the creation of this most exciting funding project. There has been great interest in the history of our community as well as the many local family stories that have enriched Cooke City & the surrounding areas.

What better way to share your wonderful family legacy than in the pages of vintage photos, family stories & private family recipes? This project is funded by the Cooke City Historical Group. For detailed information & registration forms, please contact the Chamber or Dee Smith or Joye Kohl. You do not need to be historically connected to participate. We will be most happy to help you document your home &/or place of business. We hope to publish next summer & would very much like to receive your information as soon as possible.

Monthly Commissioner's Meeting will be Friday, September 25th at 10:00 at the Fire Hall. One topic of the discussion will be to begin a discussion on a central sewer system for Cooke City-Silver Gate area. Flyers will be posted soon around town.

Leonard Rathie passed away Sept 9 from natural causes. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter.

The Gallatin National Forest has closed Colter campground and Chief Joseph Campgrounds for the season. Soda Butte Campground will remain open thru September or until closed by weather. For more information contact the District office at 848-7375.

Mountain Belles will be having lunch at the Buns N Beds and the **Men** will be meeting at the Bearclaw Bakery on Wed., Sept 16 at 12:30.

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.

A.A meeting (open) at Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace each Monday at 8PM- ph-838-2397

A.A meeting (open) at the Fire Hall in Cooke City, each Wednesday at 8PM (This is a change from the Sun Dog Trading Co)

Highway Construction Update: Stripping and misc work will continue this next week. For traffic and delays on this project and others on the **Beartooth Highway dial 1-888-285-INFO.**

The road between Norris Junction and Madison Junction is closed. This **full closure** will be in effect until November 20.

Beartooth Pass Hwy. will close this year on October 13th at 8:00 a.m.

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.

The Park County Conservation District, and the Upper Yellowstone and Shields Valley Watershed Groups are sponsoring a workshop on "Land Conservation Tools". Designed to provide landowners with information about conservation opportunities available to them in managing their lands, the workshop is scheduled for September 17, 2009 at the Civic Center in Livingston, Montana from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh:

His dizzy aunt ----- Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes----- Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store ----- Stop N Gogh
The grandfather from Yugoslavia ----- U Gogh
His magician uncle ----- Where-diddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin ----- A Mee Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage coach ----- Wells-far Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt ----- Tang Gogh
The bird lover uncle ----- Flamin Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in an RV --- Winnie Bay Gogh

A sister who loved disco ----- Go Gogh
The fruit-loving cousin ----- Man Gogh
The constipated uncle ----- Can't Gogh

Thanks Dean!

Businesses

LOG CABIN CAFE in Silver Gate: Last weekend of the season, serving breakfast and dinner. The best breakfast of your life! Homemade hashbrowns, grilled mountain trout, exclusive pancakes & more. Seafood dinner specials this weekend only. You'll never forget our 1937 log dining room. Cabins available. 406 838 2367 or 406 838 2125.

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.

Quality Propane Service in Powell, WY is now servicing the Cooke City, Colter Pass, Crandall area. Quality Propane has been in business in Powell for 2 Years and is looking to expand our service area! We will come over the pass in the winter at no extra charge for the Crandall area. We are committed to servicing our customers. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please call for our always competitive usually lower prices. 1-307-754-3226 qualitypropaneservice@yahoo.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!!

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

Other News

The Forest Service has reopened access to the burn pile located in Cooke City. The burn pile is for slash material only. 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.

The Program

The Northern Rocky Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Area and Gallatin, Park, and Meagher County Extension offices have joined forces to assist landowners with creating defensible space around their homes to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and provide management practices that increase forest health. The program provides technical assistance for landowners to develop and implement a hazardous fuels mitigation plan. Through grant funding we are able to provide a 50% cost share to landowners who implement the plan. The cost share assists landowners with paying for fuels reduction work (clearing, thinning, and trimming vegetation). County professionals provide direct technical assistance to guide landowners through this process.

CONTACT: Crystal Hagerman, Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D 406-209-0344

For Sale / For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost

If anyone in the valley is looking for caretaker assistance or general cabin maintenance, let me know. I can be reached at Grafix Studio at 406-245-2995 in Billings or by e-mail at richardatgrafix@yahoo.com

In case you missed the chimney cleaner when he was here, he would return if we have several homes needing chimneys cleaned. If you are interested, call John Sherman (X 2325) or John Kohl (X 2041) within the next couple of days.

Firewood for sale - \$125.00 delivered. Various lengths, average 8" to 10" diam. Call 406-838-2071

Looking for firewood or to have your cabin closed this fall? Call Jason Flug 838-2207.

For Sale – 1 show case \$75.00. Please call Blain Gallery 838-2474

RESORT FOR SALE BY OWNER, COZY LOG HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER:

For more information: www.cookecitymontanafsbo.com

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Cooke City Interim Requirements

Our water system is in violation of a drinking water standard. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

On May 1, 2002, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality classified our water system as being under the direct influence of surface water and ordered us to filter the water in addition to disinfecting.

What should I do?

- You do not need to boil your water. A home filter will not necessarily solve the problem, because not all home filters protect against parasites. Call NSF International at 1(800) NSF-8010 or the Water Quality Association at 1(800) 749-0234 for information on appropriate filters.
- People with severely compromised immune systems, people with an infant, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean? This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. We do not know of any cases of contamination. However, until improvements are made, there is an increased chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply. *Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

What is being done? Our Water System will be monitoring turbidity (cloudiness) of the water twice daily, and submitting one water sample on Monday and one on Wednesday to check for the presence of fecal coliform (e-coli). All findings will be reported to the State DEQ on a weekly basis. The District will also post the results of the weekly water samples in the Cooke City Weekly Newsletter published each Friday.

Until this is completed we will post a notice similar to this every three months.

For more information, please contact Patti Smith, PO Box 798 Livingston, MT 59047 or 406-539-7149.

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. Montana PWS ID#: MT0000187.

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