



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@cokecitychamber.org](mailto:info@cokecitychamber.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](http://www.cookecitychamber.org).

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In Memory of Steve Liebl

September 25, 2009

**Flu shots** will be offered on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 3:00. Please call Jan at Buns and Beds at 838-2030 to RSVP.

Gail and Zanya from the **Livingston Job Service will be in Cooke City!** Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> Super 8 Motel 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Stop by and chat! We have information on: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus) programs - for unemployed and underemployed workers Incumbent Worker Training – for qualified employers to upgrade staff skills. We're bringing: TREATS And FREE EMPLOYMENT POSTERS Come say, "HI!"

**The Cooke City School** has a vacant board position open. Anyone interested in the position should contact Jason Hahn at 838-2332 or Freya at 586-3755 by October 7, 2009.

### **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.

**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 Beartooth Cafe and the **Men** will be meeting at the Soda Butte on Wed., Sept 30 at 12:30.

**Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace – Starting this Sunday there will be one service at 9:30.** Visitors are welcome. If you have questions please call Pastor Seth Jones at 838-2397. Sunday school is available for children. **Rides to Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace** are available for Sunday mornings. Pick up time in Cooke City and Silver Gate are 9:15. In Cooke City meet outside the Soda Butte.

**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)

**Beartooth Pass Hwy.** Will close this year on October 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.livingstonhealthcare.org) for information on programs for free mammograms. Talk to your doctor or call 823-6441 to schedule your mammogram today.

### **News on the McLaren Tailings Drilling:**

Well drilling is being done in preparation for further pump testing at the McLaren Tailings impoundment. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality wishes to reduce the waste content of the tailings to 30% before further removal of the tailings.

Because of a threat to remove the Abandoned Mine Lands funding, tailings removal was questioned. That threat no longer seems to be in effect. After 2009's summer's delay, the MTDEQ feels it has the funding to remove the tailings. As a result pumping is now taking place. Next summer should see further action to remove the tailings. At present it is hoped a contract will be awarded to haul the gold filled tailings for reprocessing at a custom mill. The value of the gold within the tailings would cover the cost of transportation. Most of the waste rock, alluvium sediments and embankment materials would require repository placement at the site.

There are other options to be considered but this solution is at the top of the list. The Beartooth Alliance, MTDEQ, U.S. Forest service, National Park Service and Greater Yellowstone Coalition are all working together on the solution. Nellie Israel, BA

### **Children's Logic:**

"Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."

When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised, "mine says I'm 4 to 6."

I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these, yourself!"

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."

## Businesses

**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.

**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](http://www.bigmooseresort.com) E-mail [info@bigmooseresort.com](mailto:info@bigmooseresort.com)

**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](mailto: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!!

**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

**Help Wanted** – Somebody to help with fall cleaning a few hours a day. Call High Country Hotel 838-2272.

**For Sale** - Snow Blower attachment for a skid steer, 6' Bobcat SB200, like new, \$4900.00. 406-656-8143 or 406-855-9933.

**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](mailto:richardatgrafix@yahoo.com)

**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](http://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](http://www.painteroutpost.com). Call 307-527-5510 or email [carol@painteroutpost.com](mailto: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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