



# Cooke City Newsletter

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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](mailto: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](http://www.cookecitychamber.org).

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In Memory of Steve Liebl

May 22, 2009

**2009 Beartooth All-American Road Opening Celebration!** At the Custer National Forest Service office on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon. Live Music: The Quarter Moon Band. Refreshments served compliments of Friends of the Beartooth All-American Road. **BRING YOUR SHOVEL too.** Support the Montana Department of Transportation employees as they lead the way over the Beartooth All American Road.

**Mountain Belles** will be having lunch at the Beartooth Café and the **Men** will be meeting at Buns N Beds on Wed., May 27 at 12:30. Everyone is welcome.

**Rides to Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace** are available for Sunday morning. Pick up time for Sunday is 9:15 a.m. outside the Soda Butte. Bible study is every Wednesday. 6:00 potluck and 7:00 for discussion. Church Services are at 9:30 a.m.

**Cooke City Compactor** is on summer hours. Thursday through Tuesday open from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday open from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Chamber Visitor Center** is open 7 days a week. At this time there is 1 port a john available at the Chamber.

**Commissioners Monthly Meeting** will be held at the Fire Hall on Friday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m.

## Businesses

**NEW LISTING !!** THREE COMMERCIAL LOTS ON MAIN STREET, LOG HOME AND LARGE WORK SHOP. For more information go to: [www.cookecitymontanafsb.com](http://www.cookecitymontanafsb.com)

**SILVERTIP MOUNTAIN CENTER:** Join us in Silver Gate this Memorial Day weekend for our annual "Stock up for Summer Sale!" HUGE discounts on outdoor gear: Patagonia, Black Diamond, Scarpa, Smartwool and more. Close-out discounts on remaining skis. Great selection of climbing gear, clothing, maps, and more. Unmatched area info! 838-2125. [www.silvertipmountaincenter.com](http://www.silvertipmountaincenter.com).

**Log Cabin Café:** Join us in Silver Gate for a delightful homemade meal in our unforgettable 1937 log dining room. Open for the season May, 22. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, 7 days a week. Annual 1970s Retro-priced dinner June, 13. Cabins available. 406 838 2367.

**Miner's Saloon - Live Music** featuring the Bannack Trailers Saturday and Sunday nights. This weekend Friday – Monday lunch through dinner hours are from noon to 10:00 p.m. Saturday is Steak night with specials of a 28 oz. bone in ribeye or pork bellies. Weekdays open from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m. Check out our new website: [www.minersaloon.com](http://www.minersaloon.com).

**BUNS N BEDS DELI and CABINS.** Breakfast is available. Sandwiches for here or to go. Daily BBQ, fresh breads, salads, cheese cakes, malts and milkshakes. Catering available 406-838-2030

**WildBlue High Speed Satellite Internet** is running a \$39.95 per month special for one year if you sign up by May 31<sup>st</sup> along with their current install special. This is the best offer that has been offered for the 3 plus years that I have been your local dealer for WildBlue. Call for details. Jeff Guengerich, Bear Paw Ventures, LLC., 406-223-3893

## For Sale / For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost

**Great Commercial/Residential Opportunity!** Great opportunity for residential or commercial use just 4 miles from Yellowstone National Park! Located on Colter Pass, this property has been used as an outfitting business, guest lodge, and residence. Property includes 5 log buildings-3 bedroom, 2 bath main lodge, 3 guest cabins and a large garage/rec room with hot tub. The property consists of 1.45 acres and borders Forest Service and Highway 212. It is zoned residential or commercial. Ready for your year round adventures! \$749,000. Please contact Heather Burdette, Montana Broker Properties, for more information: (406) 600-6617 or [heather@montanabroker.com](mailto:heather@montanabroker.com).

**Construction Update:** There will be no delays over the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend." Up to 30 minute delays started on Monday, May 18, 2009 between the Northeast Entrance and Cooke City. For further information on this construction project, visit <http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/beartooth/>.

For information regarding traffic delays on the Beartooth Highway call the Beartooth Highway Hotline at 1-888-285-INFO or visit [http://www.cflhd.gov/FtpInternetDir/Project\\_Beartooth/BeartoothUp\\_date.pdf](http://www.cflhd.gov/FtpInternetDir/Project_Beartooth/BeartoothUp_date.pdf).

For Yellowstone Park construction information, call 307-344-2117 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/roadclosures.htm>.

# Memorial Day

**Originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.** There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

There are a few notable exceptions. Since the late 50's on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. In 1951, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of St. Louis began placing flags on the 150,000 graves at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as an annual Good Turn, a practice that continues to this day. More recently, beginning in 1998, on the Saturday before the observed day for Memorial Day, the Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts place a candle at each of approximately 15,300 grave sites of soldiers buried at Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park on

Marye's Heights. And in 2004, Washington D.C. held its first Memorial Day parade in over 60 years.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.'"

## Memorandum on the White House Program for the National Moment of Remembrance

Subject: White House Program for the National Moment of Remembrance

As Memorial Day approaches, it is time to pause and consider the true meaning of this holiday. Memorial Day represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. While we should honor these heroes every day for the profound contribution they have made to securing our Nation's freedom, we should honor them especially on Memorial Day.

In this time of unprecedented success and prosperity throughout our land, I ask that all Americans come together to recognize how fortunate we are to live in freedom and to observe a universal ``National Moment of Remembrance" on each Memorial Day. This memorial observance represents a simple and unifying way to commemorate our history and honor the struggle to protect our freedoms.

Accordingly, I hereby direct all executive departments and agencies, in consultation with the White House Program for the National Moment of Remembrance (Program), to promote a ``National Moment of Remembrance" to occur at 3 p.m. (local time) on each Memorial Day.

Recognizing that Memorial Day is a Federal holiday, all executive departments and agencies, in coordination with the Program and to the extent possible and permitted by law, shall promote and provide resources to support a National Moment of Remembrance, including:

Encouraging individual department and agency personnel, and Americans everywhere, to pause for one minute at 3:00 p.m. (local time) on Memorial Day, to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by so many to provide freedom for all.

Recognizing, in conjunction with Memorial Day, department and agency personnel whose family members have made the ultimate sacrifice for this Nation.

Providing such information and assistance as may be necessary for the Program to carry out its functions.

I have asked the Director of the White House Millennium Council to issue additional guidance, pursuant to this Memorandum, to the heads of executive departments and agencies regarding specific activities and events to commemorate the National Moment of Remembrance.

William J. Clinton

Information taken from  
[www.usmemorialday.org](http://www.usmemorialday.org)