



The Cooke City Newsletter is published once each week. The deadline for advertisements is each on 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 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

February 19, 2010

SKI CLUB - everyone welcome regardless of skill level. We meet on Thursday's at 1:00 at the LOVING CUP. **Silvertip Mountain Center** will rent skies to locals for free for those that want to enjoy the ski time at 1:00.

Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace – **One service at 9:30.** Visitors are welcome. If you have questions, please call our new Pastor Haley Goranson at 838-2397. Wednesday night Bible Study – 6:00 potluck with study starting at 7:00. Everyone welcome.

In Case of an accident, illness or a 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!!!

We are considering changing the newsletter distribution day of the week to Wednesday or Thursday in order to better serve the Community. This may allow more time to get the news about upcoming weekend events, meetings and activities. Please provide us with your feedback on this potential change.

Email: cookecityareacouncil@gmail.com or leave a message at the Chamber Office 406-838-2495

Are you interested in receiving the Cooke City Newsletter via email each week? Use above contact information.

February 26th 10:00 am Monthly Commissioners Meeting at the Fire Hall.

February 26th 9:00 am CCCC Monthly Meeting at the Chamber office.

Congratulations to all of those who have been involved with the reclamation of historic mining impacts in the New World Mining District near Cooke City. The New World Response and Restoration Project work began in 2001 with the goal of reducing erosion and improving water quality in headwater streams of the Stillwater River, the Clarks Fork River and Soda Butte Creek, which flows into the Lamar River then the Yellowstone River in Yellowstone National Park. Much of the acidic metals-laden water is naturally occurring and will never meet Montana's water quality standards, but the overall quality of water has improved significantly as result of this project. And, many of the scars of a century of mining activity have been stabilized and revegetated. It has been an outstanding accomplishment thanks to the efforts of dedicated individuals from federal and state agencies and from non-government organizations.

The United States Forest Service (FS) was the lead agency under the direction of Mary Beth Marks and Peter Werner of the Gallatin National Forest. Many other FS resource professionals contributed their expertise along with Tetra Tech, the FS engineering consultant. The State of Montana was represented by John Koerth, Abandoned Mine Reclamation Branch of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Yellowstone National Park was represented by Mary Hektner. Other agencies involved include; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Beartooth Alliance (BA) of Cooke City, an affiliate of Northern Plains Resource Council, was the grassroots conservation organization that assumed a lead role in project oversight representing the public's interests. Involved members of BA were Mike Whittington, Don Bachman, Nellie Israel and Ken Pierce. The Western Organization Resource Council helped in Washington D.C. The Greater Yellowstone Coalition provided needed technical support.

A big thank-you also goes to Senators Max Baucus and Representative Dennis Rehberg for their support.

After 10 years of on-the-ground restoration work and the expenditure of over \$20 million, this summer will conclude the visible work activities. Then, the monitoring and maintenance phase of the project will continue through year 2032. We are thankful for the efforts of everyone involved with helping restore the natural values this very special part of Montana.

Nellie Israel, past Chair of the Beartooth Alliance
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Businesses

Miner's Saloon.

Will be serving a Prime Rib Dinner every Saturday.

SILVERTIP MOUNTAIN CENTER: Winter equipment rentals. Custom local ski maps, great detail and exclusive info. only \$2.00! Clothing, packs, skis, boots, climbing gear, gifts & more. 15% of our sales go to Haitian recovery every Saturday. In Silver Gate, 10:00 – 4:00 every weekend or shop by appointment: (406) 838-2125 / 800 863 0807. www.silvertipmountaincenter.com / jay@silvertipmountaincenter.com.

BEARCLAW SALES & SERVICE

We now rent sleds along with all types of avalanche equipment. We will also be carrying parts and accessories for snowmobiles. Rent a shop bay to work on your sled, or let us keep your sled over night in a heated bay. Call us at 838-2040 for additional information. Located next to the Super 8 Motel.

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

LOVING CUP CAFE

Serving breakfast and lunch from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm every day. We feature locally roasted organic coffees, baked goods and WI-FI. Specials daily. 838-2412 **SKI CLUB** - everyone welcome regardless of skill level. We meet on Thursday's at 1:00 at the LOVING CUP.

BEARCLAW BAKERY

Open Tuesday-Sunday for **breakfast** from 6:00-11:00 a.m. along with homemade cinnamon and pecan rolls. Our homemade Breakfast Burritos are huge! Espresso machine is up and running - stop by for a peppermint mocha or your favorite coffee drink. 838-2040

PC Cowboys –

Computer sales and service for the home or office. We do: virus & spyware removal, networking solutions, software & hardware support, technology consulting, software training. Our address is 2220 Big Horn Ave. Cody, WY, phone # 307-587-3400; website: www.pccowboys.com. Assisting our clients with technology decisions.

Therapeutic Massage of Cooke City at the Big Moose

Resort – Gift certificates available. Call for appointment. Also, offering chair massage or foot soak/massage. 406-838-2393, by appointment only. Located at Big Moose Resort. www.bigmooseresort.com; info@bigmooseresort.com

For Sale / For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost

1989 Polaris Indy500 with luggage rack needs carburetor work. \$300.00 OBO. Contact Merv Olson at 406-219-3636 cell# 406-640-0635

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.

For Rent - A Great Log Cabin – Charming, rustic log cabin, stone fireplace, fully stocked kitchen. Bedroom & sleeping loft, sleeps 5. Snowmobiling, skiing to Yellowstone Park, wolf watching, photography, dog sledding, snowshoeing, bird watching, star-gazing. Available by the night, year round. \$175/night. 406-322-4244

Wilson & Wilson The Real Estate Firm – Your Cooke City area Real Estate Company. I currently have 5 properties for sale in the area. 4 cabins/homes and 1 hotel for sale. For more info call Troy Wilson (406)698-8353 or visit www.cookecitystore.com

Area properties for sale by owners –

www.cookecitymontanafsbo.com

Historical Notes & Quotes:

This new column in our newsletter will be information provided by Dee Smith and the local Historical Committee.

The township was originally platted as Cook. The postal name was changed to Cooke City on Jan.1, 1957. At certain times, the mail was brought from Columbus to Nye City and up the Stillwater by pack horses in the summer and by snowshoes in the winter season. The first postal clerk in Cook was William Randall in 1882.

COOKE CITY SCHOOL: The regular monthly meeting will be held on February 24th Wednesday at 5:30 pm at the School. The meeting agenda will be posted at the Post Office as well as at the School.

A HUGE thanks to the School Board and the Trip Coordinator, Patty Ma Warren for an” awesome” field trip to Bridger Bowl and the Bozeman Symphony. A GRAND time was had by all.

Silver Gate Shakespeare in the Parks -- Residents and businesses of the Soda Butte Valley have been supporting this free performing arts production for over 30 years. This summer audience members will be delighted to see A Mid Summer's Night Dream on Sunday, August 15 at 6 pm in the Silver Gate Park.

In order to bring the troupe to our community we need to raise \$1,200.00. Please consider a donation to this worthy cause. Residents and businesses who donate by April 15 will have their name placed in the program that is distributed state-wide. Donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to SIP, c/o Heidi Barrett, 231 S H Street, Livingston, MT 59047. For more information you may email Heidi at esilvergate@yahoo.com.