



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

July 24, 2009

**The Forest Service** recently closed access to the burn pile located in Cooke City. The pile needs to be sorted and the unburnable refuse removed from the burnable material. 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.

**Visiting dance teacher Karen Hogan** will teach movement classes for ages 18 months to 5 years. Classes will be held on Mondays beginning August 10th in the Range Rider Lodge in Silver Gate at 11:00 am. Classes focus on basic dance concepts such as Shape, Space, Rhythm, Pathways, etc. They are appropriate and lots of energetic fun for both boys and girls. Parents or caregivers must attend class with child. Please email Karen if you are interested. Classes are pay as you wish. Karens email is: [forsskaren@gmail.com](mailto:forsskaren@gmail.com).

**Mountain Belles** will be having lunch at the Soda Butte and the **Men** will be meeting at Bearclaw Bakery on Wed., July 29 at 12:30. Everyone is welcome.

**Beartooth Environmental Awareness Day - Saturday, 25 July 2009. Everyone welcome! Range Rider Lodge, Silver Gate, MT**

**Workshop on preserving pure strain Yellowstone cutthroat trout**

1:00pm **Welcome and Introductions** - John Oldemeyer

1:10pm **Description of the problem** - Marcia Woolman

1:20pm **Panel of Agency Biologists**

**Todd Koel** - Chief Fisheries Biologist, Yellowstone National Park

“Issues of hybridization and competition for Yellowstone cutthroats in Soda Butte Creek”

**Ken Frazer** - Regional Fisheries Manager, Region 5; Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

“The role of brook trout management in conservation of Yellowstone cutthroat trout in Soda Butte Creek”

**Scott Barndt**, Fisheries Biologist, Gallatin National Forest

“Forest Service philosophy and management for pure strains of native trout”

**Jason Burckhardt**, Wyoming Department of Game and Fish

“Conservation of Yellowstone cutthroat trout in small streams of Wyoming: progress and issues”

Questions to panel

3:00pm **Break for refreshments and pie auction**

3:20pm **Panel of Conservationists**

**Craig Mathews**, Trout Unlimited's 2008 Conservation Volunteer of the Year

“A conservationist's view of maintaining pure strains of Yellowstone cutthroat trout”

**Bruce Farling**, Executive Director, Montana Council of Trout Unlimited

“Issues among TU membership related to maintaining pure strains of native trout”

**Robert Behnke**, Author and Emeritus Professor of Fisheries Biology, Colorado State University, “Distribution of Yellowstone cutthroat trout: Is it possible to maintain pure strains of cutthroat trout?”

Questions to panel

4:40pm **Summary of Workshop** - “Where do we go from here?”

5:00pm **Pie Auction**

Barbeque will be available at the Log Cabin Cafe from 11:00am - 1:00pm; prior to the workshop

**Pie Bakers! BEAD is this Saturday.** Please bring your pies to the Range Rider in Silver Gate between 11 A.M. and 1 P.M. The auction will take place at 3 and 5 P.M. If you need your pies picked up call Carole Oldemeyer at 838-2431. PIE EATERS! Come bid on your favorite pie!

**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.

**Resort Tax Quarterly Reports are due by July 31, 2009 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr.**

**Citizen of the Year Award** – We need your ideas now! Please send your nominations & the reason why to [info@cookecitychamber.org](mailto:info@cookecitychamber.org) or drop them off at the Visitor’s Center. A candidate should be a person without thought towards personal gain, a person who in some fashion made a significant impact on the lives of those who live, work and play in this area. Remember this person does not have to be a chamber member. **Nominations are closing Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Communities

**Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Community Council Annual Board Meeting** –NOW is your opportunity to get involved as a CCCC Board Member. The current CCCC Board will review current Board members status as well as appoint any new community members interested in joining the Board. For more details on the Bylaws, goals status of building, etc. please contact Donna at 838-2495 or email her at [cookecityareacouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cookecityareacouncil@gmail.com).

**Public Meetings – Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.** This is a must attend meeting to find out about the **New Community Building**. Sarah Hamlin from RC&D will be returning to speak about the financial plan. The Community Center Board will be available to discuss the building and plans for construction. Question and Answer session will be held during and after the presentation.

**Commissioner's Meeting and Public Hearing Meeting** – Friday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Hall.

### EXHIBIT A

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ISSUING BONDS TO CONSTRUCT THE COOKE CITY AREA COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE OPERATED BY THE COLTER PASS, COOKE CITY AND SILVER GATE COMMUNITY COUNCIL PARK COUNTY, MONTANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Montana (the "County"), will meet on July 31, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., M.T., at the Cooke City Fire Hall, 202 Main, Cooke City, Montana 59020, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposal that the County issue its general fund obligation note (the "Note") in the approximate amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of constructing the 2,800 square foot public museum and visitors' center which will be located at 206 W. Main Street, in the community of Cooke City to be known as the Cooke City Area Community Center (the "Center" or the "Project"). The total estimated cost of the Project is \$567,427. The County will agree, using the proceeds of the Note and the other funds set aside to fund the Project in the amount of \$283,522 to cause the Center, as contemplated by the Colter Pass, Cooke City and Silver Gate Community Council (the "Community Council"), to be constructed in accordance with the public bidding requirements of Montana law. The Center will be leased to the Community Council for the term of the Note, pursuant to which the Community Council will be responsible for the costs of operating and maintaining the Center. It is the intent of the County and the Community Council that the resort tax revenues from the Cooke City, Silver Gate and Colter Pass Resort Area will be used to repay the County for the amount of principal and interest it pays each year on the Note and to pay the costs of the operation and maintenance of the Center.

Based on the County and the Community Council's best estimates, resort tax revenues in the annual amount of \$29,000 will be needed to repay the County for a \$300,000 Note at 4.00% per annum and \$36,000 will be needed to pay the costs of operation and maintenance. It is anticipated that once the Note is issued the annual amount required for the reimbursement of the County will be fixed, but the annual costs of operation and maintenance of the Center may increase over the 15 year term of the Lease.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above, or may file written comments with the County Clerk and Recorder prior to the date of the hearing set forth above. Comments addressed or delivered to the Park County Commissioners at 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, Montana 59047 (FAX (406) 222-4100) and received prior to the hearing will be considered.

Further information may be obtained from Donna Rowland, Cooke City Chamber, 109 W Main, Cooke City, Montana 59020, phone: (406) 838-2495, or the County Commissioners Office at 414 East Callender Street, Livingston, Montana 59047, phone: (406) 222-4106.

Dated: July 15, 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Bathrooms, museum, conference room, offices, Visitor Center, and Chamber office!



## Businesses

**K Bar Z Guest Ranch & Outfitters:** We offer hourly or daily horseback trailrides, dinners for small or large parties, and lodging in our cozy log cabins. Please call or stop by for more information: 307-587-4410 Located on the Chief Joseph Scenic Hwy. (296) about 24 miles south east of Cooke City.

**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.

**Trail Rides at Skyline Guest Ranch** takes you by horseback across the Clarks Fork River and through the beautiful Gallatin National Forest. Starting at just \$25. for one hour rides. Located 3 miles East of Cooke City, look for our sign on an old-fashioned wagon. Open Monday through Saturday. call 838-2380.

**LOG CABIN CAFE** in Silver Gate: The best breakfast of your life! Homemade hashbrowns, grilled mountain trout, exclusive pancakes & more. Lunch features amazing burgers from Beartooth-raised beef, BBQ brisket, enormous salads and wraps. At dinner chose from homemade pastas, tender steaks, huge pork chops, special rosemary roasted red potatoes and much more. You'll never forget our 1937 log dining room. Open 7 days a week 7:00-10:00. Cabins available. 460 838 2367.

**WildBlue High Speed Satellite Internet** is offering a 99.95 one time set-up special along with a reduced monthly fee to \$39.95 for their base package which is 26 times faster than dial-up for downloads. Jeff Guengerich, Bear Paw Ventures, LLC., Gardiner, MT, 406-223-3893

**K Bar Z Guest Ranch:** 15th Annual BBQ & Dance, Sat., Aug. 8th, 6:30pm, presenting "The Bannock Trailers!" \$25 per person, kids 10 and under \$12.50. Steak Dinner, Live Music & Beer Garden, Call 307-587-4410 to make reservations and or for directions.

**Wilson & Wilson The Real Estate Firm** – 2 homes for sale. Located between Cooke City & Silver Gate. For more info stop in the Cooke City Store and ask for Troy Wilson. 838-2234

**JCS America West - 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 Bighorn Ave Cody WY phone: 307-587-3400 website: [www.pccowboys.com](http://www.pccowboys.com). Assisting our clients with technology decisions”.

**All Seasons Cabin** - Open year-round. Cabin has 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Amenities include: TV with satellite service, CD and DVD players hot tub, bar, satellite TV, large propane grill, shuffleboard, bocce ball court, and a fire pit. Lawn has swings and a play horse stable. It is a non-smoking facility, and sorry we do not allow pets. Check us out further at [www.allseasonscabin.com](http://www.allseasonscabin.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!!

**Cooke City Store** – Built in 1886 & listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Stop in for groceries, beer, wine, gifts, Wyo & Yellowstone fishing licenses, & all your fishing supplies.

## **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)

**Miners Saloon** - Live music, Saturday. Bannock Trailers. Summer Hours Bar 12pm-2am; Sammies Cafe 12-10pm. Sorry no more happy hour, we will start it up again in the fall.

**SILVERTIP MOUNTAIN CENTER:** Sunday, August 9. Join us for our annual Anniversary Celebration in Silver Gate, all day. Storewide discounts, free gifts, food and beverages plus a drawing for a FREE THERM-A-REST of your choice! Your local outdoor gear center: maps, rain gear, fuel, tents, hydration systems, packs, climbing gear and unmatched area knowledge! (406) 838-2125/ 800 863 0807/ [www.silvertipmountaincenter.com](http://www.silvertipmountaincenter.com).

**Sun Dog Trading Co. Silver Gate, MT** Unique local art, gift store, book store and fly-fishing shop in Silver Gate. Also home of Scrounge Hound Hot Dogs, featuring Buffalo Bratwurst. Huge *smoked* pulled pork sandwiches daily and more. Come and see our “slumped” or flattened bottle collection for sale. Help Wanted – call or stop by. 838-2130

**Rent Log Home in Silver Gate,** furnished down to the wine glasses. Perfect condition. Sleeps 5 or 6. Available most of September. Weekly only for \$1200+tax. Call 540-253-5545 or 406-838-2481.

**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

**Skyline Guest Ranch Bed and Breakfast** now has free **wireless internet!** Large comfortable rooms in a handcrafted log lodge, each room has a private bath. We also have a Hot tub, ping pong, foosball, satellite TV and horseback riding. Located 3 miles east of Cooke City. 838-2380 Old Time Photo Business for sale call 838-2380.

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

**Reiman Corporation** - Hiring immediately for laborers to work on construction on the Beartooth Hwy bridge. Contact Supertinent Don Olson at the Top of the World.

**Local year-round small vacation rental cabin seeking house cleaner** beginning in September. VERY competitive pay. Must be detail oriented. Call 406-838-2337 or cell 307-413-1990.

**Cooke City Cabin For Sale** – Large sunlit pine living room – small kitchen, sleeps 6 – all services – located at 402 S Harris St. Open for viewing. Email: [gedmonds@bresnan.net](mailto:gedmonds@bresnan.net). 406-656-8863. Offered at \$178,500.

**For Sale:** One 47 gal. Richmond Electric HW heater. 5 year tank, 240-v, 4500 watt, 26" diameter, 31" high. Used just a few months. \$50 Call (406) 670-4468 or see at brown metal cabin by Skyline Guest Ranch at #7 Kersey Lake Road between July 26 and August 3rd.

**Wanted to Buy:** Rem Model 600 or 660 any caliber and/or Rem Model 760 35 Rem Calaber – Contact Ray, Soda Butte Campground Host.

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

**Cooke City Water District Trustees (2) two Vacancies.**

Section 7-13-2241 provides for candidates for the Office of Trustee of Cooke City Water District to be filled by Election. Information and Petitions for nomination can be obtained from Patti Smith, Clerk for the Water District, 539-7149, any board member (Kay Whittle, Deb Myers, Ken Hufford, Bill Blackford), or from the Deputy Election Administrator, in the Clerk & Records office in Livingston 222-4110. Close of filing for the Office of Trustee will be August 21, 2009, with the election being held on November 3, 2009. You must have your "Oath of Candidacy" and "Petition for Nomination" filed with the Election Administrator in the Clerk & Records Office in Livingston Montana by 5:00 PM on August 21, 2009 to have your name on the ballot for the November 3, 2009 election.

June 22, 2009

**DRINKING WATER WARNING**

**Cooke City Water District** water is contaminated with *E. coli*  
**BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

*E. coli* bacteria (a fecal indicator) were found in the water supply on June 15, 2009. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process.

**What should I do? What does this mean?**

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation until further notice. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

**What is being done?**

Our system is under construction, we are chlorinating and flushing the water system as we switch to the temporary water lines. We are increasing sampling for coliform bacteria to determine the source of the contamination. We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within 30 days.

For more information, please contact PATTI A SMITH at 406-539-7149 or PO BOX 798 LIVINGSTON, MT 59047. Or Gary Brown at 406-838-2305.

General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

*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 Water District.**

State Water System ID#: **MT0000187.**

Date and Method Distributed: June 22, 2009 delivered in person to each residence and business.

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| Water System Class: Public<br>Community<br>County: Park | Monitoring Period: June 2009<br>Violation Date: 6/17/2009 |
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**QUILT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER FOR THE COMMUNITY**

**CENTER:** Raffle tickets on sale at the Chamber \$5 each or 6 for \$25 and the quilt is on display at the Chamber. This quilt was handmade by Marsha White of Cooke City/Atlanta GA. She used jeans and flannel shirts left over from the last few Mt. Republic Chapel of Peace's Church Bazaar. This raggy quilt was made to raise money for the new Community Center. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!!

**Other News**

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

**A.A meeting** (open) at Sun Dog Trading Co., Silver Gate, each Wednesday at 8PM-ph-838-2130-Christopher. (Please enter through the back entrance if the front door is locked.)

**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.

**What's happening on the Construction in Cooke City Next Week.**

Milling of the road in Cooke City will begin **next week.**

**Wednesday** – From Elkhorn Lodge going east milling will be done. The North side of the street will be done first.

**Thursday** – From Elkhorn Lodge going west milling will be done.

- Please be sure the front of your establishment is clear of vehicles.
- Parking areas will be closed on each section.
- One lane will be done at a time in sections.
- There will be no access to Main Street from the side streets.
- Extra flaggers will be on site to help pedestrians get to businesses.
- Pilot Car will be in use all the way to the North East Gate.
- Road condition will be compacted milled asphalt.

Paving will tentatively begin August 10.

**Highway Construction Update:** Work will continue next week with up to 30 minute delays. The majority of the work will be from Wildlife Along the Rockies, through Silver Gate, to the YNP Boundary. For specific construction information like "**When are they going to pave in Cooke City?**", see the updated information at [www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/beartooth](http://www.wfl.fhwa.dot.gov/projects/beartooth) or visit the bulletin boards posted at the Post Office, Chamber of Commerce, or Sun Dog Trading. The website and bulletin board are updated as progress is made and the schedule changes on the project. As it has been with the road construction for the last 3 seasons, there will not be delays on the weekends or holidays. For information on traffic delays on this project and others on the **Beartooth Highway dial 1-888-285-INFO.** For information on traffic delays due to **road construction in Yellowstone National Park call 307-344-2117.**