



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

July 3, 2009

4th of July – Fireman’s Fireworks Again, this year the Fireworks will be set off at the Tailings Pond, east of Cooke City. Viewing is possible from Cooke City Main Street, Daisy Pass Road or Hwy 212.

Fireman’s Picnic on the 4th of July. The picnic starts at 11 a.m. until the food is gone. Donations of food are needed for this year’s events. We need baked beans, potato salad or any other side dish. Come and enjoy a great lunch outside the Fire Hall on Saturday the 4th.

Park Road Projects Public Meeting - Thursday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Park staff will provide details and answer questions about road projects.

Highway Construction Update: Work will continue next week with up to 30 minute delays. The majority of the work will be form 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 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.

Mountain Belles will be having lunch at the Buns N Beds and the **Men** will be meeting at Log Cabin on Wed., July 8 at 12:30. Everyone is welcome.

BEAD 2009, JULY 25 - For the past several years, the Beartooth Alliance has been concerned about the survival of pure strain Yellowstone cutthroat populations in streams flowing into Yellowstone National Park because of competition from brook trout, hybridization with rainbow trout, pollution, and whirling disease. This year's BEAD will feature a workshop of fisheries experts to discuss how to maintain healthy populations of Yellowstone cutthroats. Two of the eight panelists are Todd Koel and Robert Behnke. Todd is the head fisheries biologist for Yellowstone National Park and has been conducting studies of hybridization in Slough and Soda Butte creeks. Dr. Behnke is a retired fisheries professor from Colorado State University, the author of “Trout and Salmon of North America”, and is considered by some to be the leading authority on trout in the United States. BEAD will begin at 1:00pm and again be held at the Range Rider and feature its famous pie auction.

Please call 911 FIRST!! In case of an accident, illness or a lost person – Go to the closest phone and dial 911. They will assist you and page the Cooke City E.M.T.’s.

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.)

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.

Citizen of the Year Award – Start thinking of whom you would like to elect as Citizen of the Year! Please send your nominations & the reason why to 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.

Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate Communities - 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.

Precision Concrete Cutting & Core Drilling is coming to Cooke City to do work on July 24th. If you need concrete or core drilling work to be done please contact Pete at Concrete Precision to schedule an appointment at 800-429-7733 or contact Rich at Richardatgrafix@yahoo.com for further information.

Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July!!!!!!

Businesses

Trail Rides at Skyline Guest Ranch take 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.

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

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.

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. Assisting our clients with technology decisions”.

SILVERTIP MOUNTAIN CENTER: Open year-round in Silver Gate. Local outdoor shop with Yellowstone's best selection of climbing gear, maps, clothing, tents, packs, plus gifts. Car drops. Twenty-five years of area knowledge! Wed.-Sun. 10-4:00 and by appointment: (406) 838-2125. www.silvertipmountaincenter.com.

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

LOG CABIN CAFE B&B: Join us in Silver Gate for a delightful homemade meal in our unforgettable 1937 log dining room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, 7 days a week. International dinner specials every Saturday night. Cabins include free breakfast off the menu. 460 838 2367.

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.

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!!

Miners Saloon - Summer hours 12pm - 2am. Sammies Cafe 12pm-10pm (starting in July-Labor day 12pm-11pm) Also, Back by popular demand Happy Hour. Monday -Thursday 3pm-5pm. Also, Come join us at night for our evening Happy hour 11pm -Midnight Monday – Thursday

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

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 July 12th to 18th and all of September. Weekly only for \$1200+tax. Call 540-253-5545 or 406-838-2481.

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

For Sale / For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost

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 7/4 & 7/5. Email: gedmonds@bresnan.net. 406-656-8863. Offered at \$178,500.

NEW LISTING !! THREE COMMERCIAL LOTS ON MAIN STREET, LOG HOME AND LARGE WORK SHOP. For more information go to: www.cookecitymontanafsbo.com

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.**

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Water System Class: Public Community
County: Park

Monitoring Period: June 2009
Violation Date: 6/17/2009