



The Cooke City Newsletter is published once each week on Wednesday. The deadline for advertisements is Tuesday at noon. 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

March 2, 2011

Around Town: It seems that the talk of sewer and cell phones has ceased for now, this little Valley is getting back to normal. The temps have been chilly with quite the wind chill. In addition, the snotel site (Fisher Creek) has reached the 100 inch mark and it is still snowing.

Upcoming Events: **Spring Fling Hog Roast & Auction** will be held at Miners Saloon on March 18th Auction & March 19th Music by everyone's favorite, The Bannock Trailers.

Sweet Corn Festival will be held April 15th & 16th.

Snowshoe Softball on Sunday April 17th at the Cooke City Recreational Field, time TBA.

UYSC would like to thank everyone who helped sell raffle tickets and with the wiener roast on President's Day weekend! Next meeting is on Tuesday March 8th.

Cooke City School Board: The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled on Thursday March 10th at 7 pm.

Commissioner Meeting Highlights: Discussed at the regular monthly meeting held on 2/28 was:

The current snowplowing contract

An upcoming Interagency meeting is being planned to discuss the possibility of plowing US 212 over Colter Pass. Tentative date is set for May 20th in Cooke City.

Repair on the VC roof still needs to be completed by the contractor, DPS.

The Shoshone National Forest has scheduled a series of public meetings related to its forest plan revision process. All public meetings will run from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM:

February 28: Cody at Big Horn Federal

March 1: Dubois at the Headwaters Center

March 2: Lander at the Pronghorn Lodge Monarch Hall

March 3: Thermopolis at Big Horn Federal

There will also be a meeting with the Government Cooperators Work Group from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Thermopolis at Big Horn Federal. This meeting is also open to the public. For more information about any of these meetings, contact planning staff Carrie Christman at 307-578-5118. The meeting agenda and specific discussion topics should be available by late February. It is important that snowmobilers be represented and participate in these meetings

Mountain Belles Ladies Luncheon: The luncheons will be on Wednesdays and all are welcome, please meet at 12:30. The schedule will be : 3/2

Bistro.....3/9 Loving Cup Café...3/16 Buns N Beds Deli

The Community Building Restrooms are always open. The Chamber Visitor Center is open all year around. Winter hours are variable. If the chamber office is closed there is information in the bathroom hallway for all visitors.

Ski Club: Meet at the Loving Cup Café on Tuesdays at 10:30 for a pre-ski coffee. Ski at 11:00 a.m.

AVALANCHE: In the event of an avalanche: Please report to the Cooke City Exxon, after hours: dial 911. **Be sure and try out the new beacon checker as you leave town headed east on the snowmobile trail. Do not be one with a red "X"**

Mt. Republic Chapel Of Peace : Services at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Visitors are welcome. If you have questions, please call our Pastor Haley Goranson at 838-2397. Bible Study on Tuesday nights. Potluck starts at 5:00 with discussion starting at 6:00. Everyone is welcome.

WINTER PICTURES ONLINE Check the website (mtrepublicchapel.org) frequently to see updated pictures from winter 2010-2011, as well as sermon and bible study notes.

IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT, ILLNESS OR 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

Compactor: Winter Hours 2:00p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 838-2003 Closed on Wednesdays.

CCCC Board Highlights from Feb. 17th meeting:

Established & revised CCCC Clerk positions were final. The Clerk position will be advertised in the newsletter and Suzy will continue until new Clerk is hired. Dee Smith has worked on a summer campfire program that will happen weekly starting July 9th thru August 6th, All Sat. evenings except 7/22nd. There will be a 30 minute presentation with varying topics from wonders of wildlife to geology, just to mention a few. Presentations will be by locals, YNP, GNF and interested persons. There will also be music around the campfire provided by locals & others interested! The CCCC will be involved with a gold panning event and local children's skit for the 75th Beartooth All American Road Event, June 11th, 12th. We welcome new Board members, Laurie/Jay Shiffendecker! Museum design, fabrication continues to be in the works! Donna provided financial updates in regards to the final mortgage amount of the building which estimates to be about 150,000. CCCC will research amounts financed and length of remaining term (with and without extra principal payments) to share with the community on advantages of paying extra principal payments from resort tax to pay off the building versus "just making the payments", paying off the building as quick as possible has always been the goal! Phase 2 Building was discussed and CCCC's continued involvement. The original plan established by the CCCC, Fire Dept., EMS, S&R and Community were to replace the old S&R/EMS building and old Fire Hall with one new building; 5 bays (3 Fire Dept., 2 EMS/S&R and the top floor was a large reception type hall/community hall. Recently other plan options had been discussed due to the County stating there was \$139,000 Homeland Security money (through EMS/S&R, Fire Dept. at a local level) that could be spend on this local project, however this money is now on hold. Design options through EMS, S&R, Fire Dept. were discussed that were questionable. It was suggested that a outside facilitator (possible RC&D) could conduct a meeting of all the entities and Community to further discuss and understand the process of Phase 2!

Next meeting is scheduled 3/17th.

From the President, Bev Chatelain

Businesses:

Stop the Car Trading Post in Silver Gate is open year-round, everyday (except Mon.) from 9am-5pm. Fresh coffee, hot soup, WIFI, gifts, snacks, book corner and more! Stop in and say hello. 838-2130.

Bearclaw Bakery! Coffee's on at 5:00 a.m., with breakfast being served from 6:00 - 11:00 a.m. and beyond (if you're a late riser). Stop in and enjoy our 'made from scratch' rolls and breads, and check out our new breakfast menu. We also have both your Montana and Wyoming trail permits and beacon rental. Look forward to seeing you soon.

(406) 838-2040

Miners Saloon: Sammie's Café will be serving Prime Rib every Saturday. This Saturday March 5th KARAOKE and bye-bye Gripper Party. Come in and "get a grip".

Upcoming Events: **Spring Fling Hog Roast & Auction, Sweet Corn Festival & Snowshoe Softball.**

Antlers Lodge Restaurant: Will Be Open Daily For Breakfast and Dinner for the Season. We are happy to announce that we will have Dave Menuey cooking for us this Winter, so stop in and enjoy his awesome cooking and our great pizza. (406) 838-2432

Wilson & Wilson The Real Estate Firm – We are your Cooke City area Real Estate company. I have many properties listed for sale: cabins, motel, vacant building lots, and even acreage tracts.

Call Troy Wilson for more info (406)698-8353. www.cookecitystore.com

Silvertip Mountain Center in Silver Gate: Discover a REAL Mountain Shop. Equipment rentals including "go anywhere skis," snowshoes & climbing gear. We offer local trail maps, clothing, Smartwool, down jackets and gifts. Open all winter on Sat.&Sun. 10:00 - 4:00 or call anytime: (406) 838-2125 / 800 863 0807. www.silvertipmountaincenter.com / jay@silvertipmountaincenter.com

Loving Cup Café: Put down your shovels and come to the Loving Cup for a warm-up latte or a delightful meal. We will be open 7:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m. seven days/week beginning February 1st. We look forward to serving you. We are proud sponsors of the local ski club.

Big Moose Resort – Deluxe Cabin lodging, WIFI, Kitchenettes, Direct TV, Hot Tub, Snow Pole Web Cam, Massage by appointment only. 406-838-2393. Located 3 miles East of Cooke City on Hwy 212. www.bigmooseresort.com; E-Mail: info@bigmooseresort.com.

Check us out!

Spacious Log Home: Summer Weekly Rental, located 1/2 mile from Yellowstone National Park's Northeast Entrance in quiet Silver Gate. This cozy, two story log home has a great room with fireplace, modern kitchen, new bath, two large bedrooms, laundry with ½ bath, deck & grill. The home comfortably sleeps 5 adults or a family of six. Woolmans Log Cabin is fully furnished down to the wine glasses. \$1300/week. Call 540-253-5545 or mwoolman@crosslink.net;

info at www.VRBO.com - #201318. We are currently taking reservations for 2011.

For Rent / Help Wanted / Lost /For Sale

LOST: One pair of yellow mohair ski skins on the Soda Butte Campground Trail. If found, please call Suzy 838-2443. Thanks.

Cooke City Community Council Clerk Position Opening

25 hours/month at \$11/hr.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES of Cooke City Community Council Clerk:

The Clerk will serve as the first point of contact with the Council and must, therefore, have a complete understanding of the activities and services provided by the Council, and be well informed about the community of Colter Pass, Cooke City, Silver Gate and the surrounding areas. The position is responsible for the community newsletter, bookkeeping of donations, correspondence with ongoing donation campaign, Minutes, Emails, Fundraising, assist with grant activities, organize & maintain files and assist with various council functions as needed. The position will work with the other clerk position whose primary role is Accounting & Building Staff Management.

Please stop by the Community Building or phone (406 838 2203) for an application/further information. Or Contact Bev Chatelain, CCCC President, 406 838 2393 or chatebev@aol.com.

GARAGE SPACE FOR RENT. One bay of the garage at 203 N.River Street is available for rent.

Keeps your belongings dry and secure. \$125/month rent. Stop by Cooke City Exxon to make arrangements.

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.

Restaurants Open for the month of March, 2011

Antler's Lodge Restaurant - Serving Breakfast and Dinner, 7 days/week. 838-2432

Bearclaw Bakery – Open Tues thru Sunday, 5:00 a.m. for coffee, 6:00 for breakfast till 11:00 a.m. 838-2040

Bistro – Open 7 days/week 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch & dinner. 838-2160

Buns N Beds Deli & BBQ – Open 7 days a week - B,L,D 7:30 – 6:00 p.m. Open later on the weekends.838-2030

Loving Cup - Open 7 days a week 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch 838-2412

Miner's Saloon – Open 7 days/week. 838-2214

Soda Butte – Open 7 days a week B,L,D 838-2251

Stop the Car - Coffee and Soups available - Tuesday through Sunday 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. 838-2130

Restaurant schedules may change, please call ahead

Just for Fun (Thanks Dean & Fat Man)

"I was married three times" explained the man to a newly discovered drinking partner, "and I will never marry again". My first 2 wives dies of eating poisonous mushrooms and my third wife died of a fractured skull"..... "That's a shame" said his drinking buddy, "How did it happen?"

"She wouldn't eat the mushrooms!"

