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Dear Chamber Members,

I hope this month finds you all thawing out and starting to see the light at the end of this icy, windy tunnel we have all been traveling through this winter!

Our Visitor's Guide is in the works and we should have a final copy ready to pass out around the beginning of April.

We are in the process of planning for our big event, our **12th Annual Drift Boat Regatta**. This year it will be held on May 28.

We will be providing the concessions that night at the softball game in conjunction with our awards ceremony. As always, we are in need of volunteers; timers, food servers, set up, clean up, prize donators, etc. Please contact any of the board members with questions or to let us know we can count on your help to make our event a success again! We will be offering pre-registration, so please keep an eye out for that in the next few weeks. As always, we are really looking forward to this event!

Our next meeting is on March 1 at the Helen Gwin Commons at 12 noon. Please join us with any questions or suggestions, we would love to see you there!

Stephanie

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Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce



Community Events Happening in the Landing

Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 1st, 2016 at Helen Gwin Commons

10:30 am — Board Meeting

11:30 am — Membership Meeting

Cooper Landing Community Club Meeting

Thursday, March 24th, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Cooper Landing Community Hall

Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Cooper Landing Chamber

Saturday, March 26th

Cooper Landing Community Hall

Watch the Crier for the break down of events and schedule!



Cooper Landing Emergency Services

An Important Notice to the Community of Cooper Landing



As many in the community are well aware, Cooper Landing Emergency Services (CLEES) is running short of volunteers for our ambulance crew. We are now down to 2 active EMTs who live in town, with some additional volunteers coming in from Anchorage, Soldotna, and Kenai on the weekends. Some issues the CLES Board would like to make sure everyone in town is aware of:

- Our ambulance service now responds from Mile 75 Seward Highway (Ingram Creek) to Mile 62 Sterling Highway (Jean Lake Hill). If our ambulance is out of service due to staffing or mechanical issues, there is in all likelihood, no other service out there to respond. Moose Pass has EMTs (3) but no ambulance to transport. CES will not respond to this area when we are not responding. Who will respond? There is no good answer.
- The CLES Board will vote during our May 2 meeting on the option to reduce our response area to the area in and around Cooper Landing. This would leave the highway areas outside of Cooper Landing with no emergency services. Our belief is that by reducing our area, we will greatly reduce the burnout of our volunteers, and may entice more people to volunteer. The average number of runs for the last three years has been 85 with 50% of those coming from the Cooper Landing area. Highway runs also take up the most of our volunteer's time.
- Emergency Trauma Technician (ETT) training will be starting March 18th with a bridge EMT class soon to follow. If interested please contact Sue Sloan at 599-0201 or fullmoonakems@gmail.com.

Dan Michels

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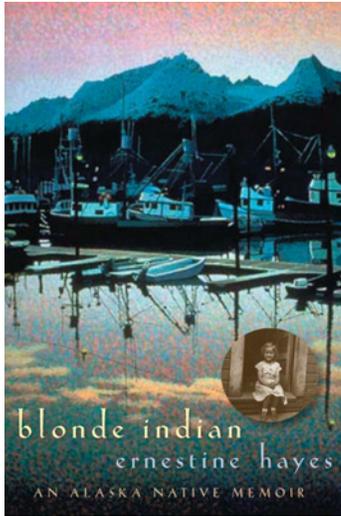
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Tyler & Kimmi, Kenai (20th Jan 2016)

Cooper Landing Library News



Video Conference with Alaskan Author: Ernestine Hayes

Tuesday, March 8, 2016
7 PM to 8 PM
Cooper Landing Library

The Cooper Landing Community Library will be joining five other libraries across the state to enjoy a presentation by the Tlingit Alaskan author Ernestine Hayes as she shares her book, *Blonde Indian: An Alaska Native Memoir*. Please join us and learn of her life, stories from her grandmother, Tlingit history and more. The presentation begins promptly at 7 so please arrive at least 15 minutes early.



The weeding of outdated, unread, or broken books is just about at the end. This has been a long hard process but our shelves are looking cleaner and more organized and we now have room to put all those books that we received donations to buy at Christmas. The Alaska Section (non-fiction) has been moved to the shelves to the right of the television monitor and the Alaska fiction is now inter-filed with general fiction. Coming soon, bookcase rearrangement. Date and time to be determined but you big, strong men with strong backs may be called upon to lend a hand.

The Cooper Landing Community School program has generously offered to purchase a movie license for the library. Much like the Family Movie nights they have sponsored at the school, we will now be able to offer movie nights at the library, showing movies that will be of interest to adults. These will be kid-free events. Watch the Crier for information about our first Movie Night coming up in March. (Subscribe to the Crier at cooperlandingcrier.com)

DASH for the STASH

The DASH for the STASH is a contest designed to disseminate investor education on investment choices, fraud, fees, and advisors. The 2016 DASH for the STASH program runs from March 15, 2016 through May 15, 2016, covering the entire length of April's Financial Literacy Month. The primary goal for the DASH program is to arm investors with the unbiased and non-commercial information they need to make crucial investing decisions. DASH features a series of informational posters posted in designated spots in participating locations in participating States. Each poster focuses on one investor education and protection topic, and each poster topic features an associated quiz **question to answer**. The four poster topics are 1) Financial Advisers; 2) Investment Fees; 3) Investor Fraud and 4) Building a Nest Egg. To play, participants visit a participating location, read the content on each poster, scan the unique QR code to access that topic's quiz question, and submit their answer via smartphone, tablet, or laptop computer. Participants can also play via public computer at most participating locations. One winner in each participating State will be chosen in a random drawing of eligible participants who logged the correct answer for all four posters. The winner will receive the prize as \$1,000 to open or add to an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and sent directly to the winner's bank or brokerage firm for the purpose of opening or making a 2016 contribution to an IRA.

Library hours: Monday through Wednesday 1-3 PM; Thursday 12-4 PM; Friday 11 AM - 7 PM; Saturday 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM. Children's preschool reading is Wednesday morning from 10 - 11 AM. This time is limited to parents, children, and the readers.

Katie Thomas, Director

Cooper Landing Community School Update



Cooper Landing Community School program

Do you know what a Community Schools program is? Community Schools is a partnership between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities.

Classes and events such as Family Movie Night, Booty Camp, Tot Time, Harvest Fest, and Volleyball have been provided through the CLCS program. Do you enjoy the events and activities it provides? Perhaps you have some new ideas to share and help improve the existing offerings!

CLCS is looking for volunteers to serve on the board. Please contact Virginia Morgan (tommyginny@arctic.net) or Deb Carlson (carlsons@arctic.net) if you are interested.

Walk the Camino de Santiago de Compostela with the Swansons: Cooper Landing School, Friday, March 4, 2 pm. In the summer of 2015, my family walked 300 miles of the Camino de Santiago, one of the great pilgrimages of the Christian world. It leads to the Cathedral where, allegedly, lay the remains of the apostle St James. Although our reason for walking the Camino was not religious, we ended up having the most amazing experience full of laughter and more laughter. There are many routes that lead to Santiago, and we chose the one less traveled. I'll be sharing our travels in a series of stories, photos, and film clips. The Way to St. James....Swanson Style.

Tot Time: Mondays, 11am, Cooper Landing School gym. Bring those little ones in to run around and burn off some energy. You might buy yourself some nap time later!

Booty Camp: Lace up your non-marking gym shoes and join Melissa Fish and friends for an hour long sweat session that will start and end your week with a bang every Monday and Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 at the school gym. Suitable for adults and teens with at least basic to intermediate levels of fitness, these classes are high impact at times, and decidedly fast paced. Warm up and a long stretch are included. Cost is \$5 for drop-ins or you can purchase a punch card with 10 classes for \$35--WHAT A DEAL! Got questions? Call Melissa at (907) 598-2065 or better yet, TEXT! :)

Volleyball: Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6pm to 8pm, at the Cooper Landing School gymnasium. Please wear clean, non-marking shoes and be prepared to help with cleanup.

Preschool: Wednesdays, 10am, Story Hour at the library, followed by music, dance, and play at the Community Hall. Fridays, 9am-11am, learning at the Cooper Landing School portable building. Contact Kira Kangas at kirakangas5@gmail.com for more information.

Friday Night Book Club: 7pm at Cooper Landing Community

March 18 - *The Enchanted* by Rene Denfeld

April 15 - *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

May 20 - *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

For more information, contact Virginia Morgan at tommyginny@arctic.net or 595-3094.

Cooper Landing Community Directory: 2015-2016 directories are available. \$10 each. Available at Cooper Landing School during school hours. If you need to pick one up on a weekend, contact Virginia at 595-3094 or tommyginny@arctic.net.

Interested in teaching/hosting a class or event in the community, or have a recommendation? Contact Deb at carlsons@arctic.net with your ideas.

Cooper Landing Senior Citizen Corp. Inc.

Senior Links



CLSCCI General Meeting

May 10, 2016 at 1:30 pm

Helen Gwin Commons

CLSCCI is looking forward to the next general meeting on May 10 that will include board elections. And a program. We are looking for suggestions for, or offers of, program subjects and speakers. Call 595-3000 or email clscci@arctic.net.

A bid received for the demo-ing and construction of the Dean Birmley Memorial Entrance to Eagles View Helen Gwin Commons is on the March 1 CLSCCI Board Agenda. All interested are welcome to attend board meetings at 1:30 pm in Helen Gwin Commons on the first Tuesday of every month.

Jerry and Cheryle James recent trip to China took them from The Great Wall to Tian'anmen Square to the Terracotta Soldiers and more. Those who were present at the Feb. 9 CLSCCI General Meeting were very impressed by Cheryle's program about that trip and by their photos. Many thanks to Cheryle!



Cooper Landing Historical Society

Two pictures from the University of Alaska Fairbanks Archives from the 1950s show the school (now museum) building when it was recently completed and the community hall when it was used for the school--notice the playground equipment. And the little building with the window was not the outhouse; it housed the generator. Or, as we used to call it, the "light plant."

Vice-President Bob Baldwin completed a draft of updated CLHS bylaws that will be on the April 19 meeting agenda. Members, and CLCC officers, will receive a copy of this draft not less than four weeks before April 19. Others who are interested should call or email me for a copy.

Jean Parsons sent her resignation from the CLHS board as she will be moving to Nevada. Jean was an excellent treasurer for CLHS for many years. She was diligent and thorough and a good, strong teacher. We are really going to miss her!

Thanks to Bob who asked emailed for volunteers, and to Jan Mitchell, Ladonna Herbert, and Ron Gravenhorst for checking on, and in, the museum buildings after the Jan. 24 earthquake. I was still in rehab with new knees at that time and very glad to hear the museum and contents were not seriously damaged.

Mona Painter, 598-1042
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Jim and Deb Carlson at the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser in 1999. This was a fun community event for many years. Cooper Landing School has many old photos to remember the good times.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Upcoming Events

- 3/1, 3/22 Ski Day
- 3/4 Mark Swanson Presentation
- 3/8 Debbie Harris Art Day
- 3/9 PAC Meeting
- 3/11 End Of Quarter No School
- 3/14-3/18 Spring Break
- 3/21 Dino Light Show AKJT
- 3/26 Easter Egg Hunt
- 3/29-3/31 Testing

Anniversaries

- 3/3 Mike and Linda Gephardt
- 3/7 Janice and Bryan Cooper
- 3/14 Bobby and Roxanne Defoe
- 3/16 Dan Michels and Kristen Helgren
- 3/24 Jen Belisle and Mike Harpe
- 3/26 Ed and JoAnn Hartig

Birthdays

- 3/3 Stephen Lipscomb
- 3/7 Linnaea Morgan Gossard
- 3/8 Elly Bauer
- 3/14 Molly Patricia Sullivan
- 3/22 Cathy Leaders
- 3/23 Corey Route
- 3/27 Brad Hanson
- 3/27 Kelemen Smith
- 3/29 Dave Quinn
- 3/28 Jack Swain
- 3/28 Jacob Bellinger

Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.



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The Battle of the Books



By Linnaea Gossard

The idea for the Battle of the Books started in the 1940's as a radio program in Chicago. A student participant recreated the program in a school library that she later worked in. Years later, a school librarian from Chicago found her way to Kodiak, Alaska, bringing the idea of the Battle of the Books with her.

Word spread of the program when she used it in 1981-1982. Librarians from five different places met via audio-conference on May 19, 1983 to make plans for Alaska's first statewide audio-conference competition. Fourteen school districts around Alaska participated in the program in April 1984. As many as fifty-one school districts in Alaska have participated some years.

Each year new books are chosen for multiple age groups. A school librarian who is in charge of the Battle of the Books picks dozens of good book titles. Librarians from all over Alaska go to the Alaska Library Association conference each year. Some of the librarians at the conference discuss and vote to narrow the book list down to about fifteen books for each age group. My mom works at the Cooper Landing Library and has been to this conference some years and helped to choose the books. She really enjoys doing that.

For the competition, your teacher will get a list of schools who are participating to call on the phone. If you are in a big school, there will be a lot of people who are not really doing anything expect maybe being the thinker, but if you are in a small school you will usually have three people or less on your team. You will read the books that are for your grade level and then memorize the titles and authors of all the books. You will get a sheet of paper that has columns to answer on, then one teacher will ask a question and the other teacher will time both teams. You only get 30 seconds to answer each question. The teacher who is asking the question will say it twice. All the teams who place fourth place or higher get a plaque with their name and their coach's name on it.

Our 3rd/4th grade team won first place in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Battle of the Books competition. They went on to compete with 33 other schools in the state competition and got third place in the state!!

The Battle of the Books

By Cooper Gossard

This year I'm on the 3rd/4th grade Battle of the Books team. My other team members are Monica and Leihla. There are 15 books that we have been reading. One of my favorite books is *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman. We barely won the finals. Our score was about 109 and another team got about 104! I think we did well. We won the district battle and now we are competing in the state battle.



By Leihla Harrison

My favorite part of the Battle of the Books was the books; they were so cool. My favorite books were: *The One and Only Ivan*, *Escape from Mr. Lomencello's Library*, *Vanishing Coin*, *El Deafo*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and *Travels of Thelionious*. I also love the shirts they gave us; they have all the book titles and authors. Also, they have the Battle of the Books logo on them. I can't wait to do it again next year.

Congratulations to our 3rd/4th grade team for taking third place in the state Battle of the Books!!



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	907/595-1800	Seramur Home Services	907/599-0019
Cooper Landing Fish Camp	907/595-3474	Stevenson Retreat	907/595-3489
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Are you interested in joining the Cooper Landing Chamber?

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March 2016

Community Activities

Soldotna Shuttle Bus
Wednesdays 8:30 am

Game Night
Fridays 7pm
Helen Gwin
Commons

Story Time
Friday 11 am
Library

After School Group
Wed 3:30-5:30 pm
CL Comm. Center

Sew & Sew Quilters
Mondays 10 am
Community Hall

Trap at Gun Club
Sat at 12pm

Tot Time
Mondays 11-12 pm
CL School Gym

Gym/Volley Ball
Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Chamber Board Mtg @ 10:30 am Members @ 12 pm Helen Gwin Commons CLSSCCI Board Meeting @ 1:30 pm Helen Gwin Commons	2 CL Fire Training @ 6 pm CL Fire Hall	3	4	5
6	7 CLES Meeting @ 6pm CL Fire Hall	8 Library Video Conference 7 pm CLL	9 CLS PAC Meeting 12:30 pm CLS	10	11 Spring Break Starts! No School!	12
13	14	15	16 CL Fire Training @ 6 pm CL Fire Hall	17	18 ETT Training Starts CL Fire Hall Spring Break Ends! Book Club 7 pm @ CL Library	19
20	21	22	23	24 Cooper Landing Community Club Meeting 7 pm CLCH	25 Gem January Newsletter Submissions Due	26 Easter Egg Hunt CLCH
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31	1	2

Church Services

CL Baptist - 11:00 am
Catholic - 12:30 pm
CL Community
Lutheran Church - 9:00 am

Cooper Landing Library Winter Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 1 - 3 pm
Thursday 12 - 4 pm
Children's Story Time - Wednesday 10 am - 11 am
Friday 11:00 am - 7 pm
Saturday 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce

The **Cooper Landing Gem** is a great way to get your business or community event information out to our friends and neighbors! Submissions for the April 2016 newsletter need to be in by **March 25th** Remember that chamber members are entitled to one insert per year! Please submit all newsletter and calendar items to info@cooperlandingchamber.com.



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