



# Cooper Landing Gem

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*Emerald in the Summer*

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Greetings from your Chamber of Commerce!

I hope this last issue of 2017 finds you all doing well. We are thrilled to announce that our Upper Kenai Visitors Guide will be in print for 2018 distribution! We could not keep putting out this wonderful publication without the support of our members, advertisers and our distributors. So, thank you all for the support in promoting our favorite Alaska town as a tourist destination! We hope this helps to bring lots of business and many visitors to your door in the upcoming season.

Our website is up and going, driving some good visits to many of our member's websites. We hope to keep expanding the site and are looking to our members to submit photos and verbiage to supplement your listings. Also, if you check it out and have some suggestions for improvements, we are open to hearing all of them. It is a work in progress!

Stay safe and warm! I hope you all get to go out and enjoy the splendor and snow this winter. Have a joyous holiday season with your friends and families.

Best wishes!

*Stephanie Lesmeister*, President

The Cooper Landing  
Chamber of Commerce Board  
would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!

*Stephanie Angel Rose Cheryle  
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# Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce

## Community Events Happening in the Landing



Cooper Landing Historical Museum Society  
Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017 at 10 am to 4 pm  
Cooper Landing Historical Society Museum

Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce Board & Membership Meeting  
Monday, December 4th, 2017  
Board Members 10:30 am and General Meeting 12:00 noon  
Sunrise Inn & Café

Cooper Landing Emergency Services Board Meeting  
Monday, December 4th, 2017 at 6pm  
Cooper Landing Emergency Services Building

Cooper Landing Seniors Citizens Corporation Inc. Board Meeting  
Tuesday, December 5 at 1:30 pm  
Helen Gwin Commons

Cooper Landing School Christmas Program and Potluck  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 5 pm  
Cooper Landing School

Book Signing with author Meagan Macvie  
Sunday, December 17 at 2 pm



# Cooper Landing Community School Update

Chess Club: most Mondays, when school is in session, Cooper Landing School, 3:15pm. Available to school-aged children, who are interested in playing chess and sharpening their skills. Adults are welcome to attend and play a match against a learning student. For questions, call Gary at 595-3055.

Lap Walking & Independent Workout: Monday through Friday, when school is in session, Cooper Landing School, 7:30am-8:45am. Utilize the gym for walking laps or using the school's workout equipment. Please wipe down equipment/mats after use with provided supplies. Adults only, please.

Tot Time: Tuesdays, when school is in session, at Cooper Landing School, 11am-12pm. Bring the toddlers out to run in the gym and work off some energy.

Volleyball: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm, Cooper Landing School. Please wear clean, non-markable shoes. Adults only.

A completed registration/liability form is required for participation in all events above. Printed copies available at the school.

Interested in teaching/hosting a class or event in the community, or have a recommendation? Contact Virginia at [tommyginny@arctic.net](mailto:tommyginny@arctic.net) with your ideas.



## Cooper Landing Library

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Library Sweepstakes fundraiser was another rousing success. It was great to see some new faces and new winners. The top three winners were Jan and Gary Mitchell, Jerry and Cheryle James, and first place to Deb Carlson. Congratulations to all 23 winners. A big thank you to Arden and the Sunrise Inn crew for putting on a delicious Mexican feed.

The Library took part in the Holiday Market this year to sell some of the many McNaughton books that we pulled to return. We sold enough to be able to keep a few more – We have to purchase what we keep from McNaughton since we have ended our subscription with them in favor of another vendor from whom we can buy our books outright instead of leasing them.

Thank you to Laurie Radzinski and daughter Alex for helping with the book sale and for donating half of their own books sales to the library.

We are excited to be able to host Alaskan author, Meagan Macvie, on December 17 at 2pm, for a reading, Q/A, and signing of her recently published young adult novel. “What makes Meagan Macvie’s *The Ocean in My Ears* so compelling is the way it lands us in the sweet spot between the unique and the universal. Meri’s uneasy coming of age mirrors that of girls all over America, but it’s also richly and beautifully hers alone. As she wrestles with sex and death, love and bigotry, faith and doubt on Alaska’s rugged and isolated Kenai Peninsula, we witness her passage from messy adolescence into complex young adulthood, at once transcending the limitations of home and family and embracing them despite their many flaws. This is a gorgeous, funny, and moving novel about the bittersweet end of childhood.” —Scott Nadelson, author of *Between You and Me*

Meagan grew up in the Kenai/Soldotna area, writing poems about injustice and hot boys. She left Alaska to study poetry and literature at the University of Idaho, then spent fifteen years in government communications before breaking up with her career to pursue creative writing. In 2014, she earned her MFA in fiction at Pacific Lutheran University’s Rainier Writing Workshop. She lives and plays in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, daughter, dog, cat, two stinky goats, and many chickens.

With the Christmas holiday coming on soon, we want you to know that we’ll be closed December 25 and January 1.

We are going to be desperate for subs during January and February – those months seem to be vacation time for many of our volunteers. Brenda Shelley, boat launch host, has volunteered to help out but we are going to need a couple more people to step up if we are going to remain open according to our schedule. If you can fill in one day (2-3 hours) every couple of weeks, we can make it through this dry spell.

Library Hours for December:

Monday and Tuesday 1-3; Wednesday 1-5:30; Thursday 12:30-3; Friday 11-5; and Saturday 11-2. Closed for Christmas and New Year’s Day.



*Katie Thomas*, Director



"In Macvie's sensitive and utterly authentic prose, landscape becomes language."

—Mary Clearman Blew,  
author of *This Is Not the Ivy*

**Book Signing with author Meagan Macvie**  
*Cooper Landing Community Library*  
*Sunday, December 17 at 2pm*

Join us for a reading, Q/A, and book signing with author Meagan Macvie. Ms. Macvie is originally from the Kenai/Soldotna area and recently published a young adult novel entitled "The Ocean in My Ears." Ms. Macvie's Alaska book tour is sponsored by 49 Writers, an Alaskan non-profit organization whose mission is to support the artistic development of writers throughout Alaska, foster a writing community, and build an audience for literature.



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Writers



## Cooper Landing Senior Citizen Corp. Inc. Senior Links

Cooper Landing Senior Citizen Corp. Inc. Board of Directors meets Dec. 5 at 1:30 in Helen Gwin Commons. Copies of the meeting agenda are available in the Commons since Nov, 30.

Nana's Santa's Store is back! Thursday, Dec. 14 from 1:30 to 3 at Helen Gwin Commons in Eagles View the store will be open for kids shopping for their families for Christmas. Nana has a surprise treat for the shoppers. Pictures are from the Dec. 9, 2011 Santa's Store.



## Cooper Landing Historical Society Museum

Museum Christmas Open House

Everyone is invited to the annual Christmas Open House in Jack Lean's old store/Post Office museum building at Milepost 48.7 on Saturday, December 2 from 10 to 4. The wood stove will be blazing and the Towle's table will be full of good things to eat.

Mayme's 2018 calendar for Cooper Landing Senior Citizen, Corp. Inc. will be on sale for \$15 as a CLSCCI fundraiser. (Note the email address on the calendar cover should be [clscci@arctic.net](mailto:clscci@arctic.net)) Mayme included many senior birthdays and pictures highlighting the 20th anniversary of the Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners (SSDC). The weekly efforts of the SSDC have brought a LOT of money into the community through the Community Club and CLSCCI.

Nana's neat pincushions and Ladonna's beautiful scarves will be for sale as well as Dead Bear Walking tee shirts and sweat shirts and lots of other interesting items. Look for sweet breads and more edibles on the sales table.



Mile 48.7 Sterling Highway

*Cooper Landing, Alaska*



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Homepage: <http://cooperlandingschool.blogs.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/wpmu/>



## Birthdays

- 12/2 Joel Norris
- 12/3 Travis Gephardt
- 12/3 Gladys Nichols
- 12/3 Hunter Harrison
- 12/7 Michelle Smith
- 12/9 Libby Smith
- 12/9 Shannon Meredith
- 12/12 Jack Harris
- 12/14 Rebecca Green
- 12/18 Cindy Smith
- 12/18 Fay Corbey
- 12/18 Ken Green
- 12/20 Teagan Borchers
- 12/20 Jon James
- 12/20 Cassilyn Dreifuerst
- 12/27 Julie Seramur
- 12/27 James Berry
- 12/30 Matthew Smith

The annual Cooper Landing School Holiday Swag Fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks to all who volunteered to help make 95 swags in 4 hours, and thanks to all who support this fundraiser every year by purchasing a little bit of Holiday Swag to hang on their doors. The students and staff of Cooper Landing School are so grateful to be a part of a community that is so supportive of the local school. Happy Holidays to all!



## Anniversaries

- 12/3 Dave & May Quinn
- 12/22 Tom & Barb Atkinson
- 12/26 Glen & Cheryl Flothe
- 12/31 Virginia Morgan & Tommy Gossard

## Upcoming Events

- 12/13 Christmas Program and Community Potluck 5pm
- 12/14 Santa's Store at Nana's
- 12/22 In-service/End of Quarter
- 12/22-
- 1/5 Winter Break
- 1/8 Back to School

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The Cooper Landing School Holiday Market was a successful fundraiser and a whole lot of fun! The staff and students at Cooper Landing School as well as the Parent Advisory Committee are so thankful to everyone who donated soups and baked goods for the sale and cake walk, to all of the vendors who came out to sell their wonderful goods, and to all of the shoppers who came in and supported this event. You all put the Fun in Fundraiser. The student's downhill skiing program and other extra curricular events will be funded for another year, and we couldn't have done it without all of you!!

Just in time for the holidays, the students at Cooper Landing School have written instructions for making their favorite dishes. Try at your own risk!

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy by Axel LaRock Grade 3

1. Buy mashed potato packet at the store while your family isn't there.
2. Cook your packet in a pot.
3. When it is done, put it on a plate and sprinkle some rosemary on it to make it look home cooked.
4. Hide the packet at the bottom of the trash can so no one will know you bought a packet of mashed potatoes.
5. Go to store again; buy gravy packet.
6. Cook the gravy and put it on the mashed potatoes.
7. Hide the gravy packet with the mashed potato packet.
- 8 Call your family from upstairs.
9. Enjoy! And make sure your family doesn't ask how you made them.

Making Pie by Athena Harrison Grade 2

1. Get apples.
2. Get cinnamon.
3. Get butter.
4. Mix together.
5. Mix crust.
6. Get a pan.
7. Put the crust in the pan.
8. Put apples in the pan.
9. Make strips of dough.
10. Weave the strips of dough.
11. Cook.

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Art by Molly Grade K

Pancakes by Rhys Grade 2

I get the mix, put water in the bowl of mix and put the pan on the stove. Then I stir the mix and put the mix on the pan and get the flipper. Then I wait; once there are lots of bubbles, flip the pancakes. Then put syrup on it and eat it. Gulp!!!

Turkey by Dylan Bond Grade 2

1. Buy a turkey.
2. Cook the turkey.
3. Take it out carefully.
4. Baste the turkey.
5. Serve in 3 inch pieces.



Art by Kaia Grade K



# 2017 Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce & CVB

Please support our local businesses!

5 Dogs Fishing	907/598-3525	Hotel Seward/A Cabin on the Cliff	907/224-8001
Alaska Heavenly Lodge	907/599-0022	Inn at Tern Lake (MP)	907/288-3667
Alaska Horsemen Lodge	907/595-1806	<b>Jason's Guide Service</b>	907/351-3036
Alaska Kenai Fishing for Fun	888/495-2194	Kahtnu Spirit Lodging	907/299-2855
Alaska Marketing Consultants	907/230-3055	Kenai Cache	907/595-1401
Alaska Outdoor Woodstoves	907/598-1633	Kenai Fjords Tours (Seward)	888/478-3346
Alaska River Adventures	907/595-2000	Kenai Kayak Company	907/521-0244
Alaska Rivers Company	907/595-1226	KPB Mayor – Mike Navarre (Sold.)	800/478-4441
Alaska Streamers	907/205-0000	KPBSD Superintendent Sean Dusek	907/714-8836
Alaska Troutfitters	907/595-1212	Kenai Peninsula Econ. Dev. Dist.	907/283-3335
Alaskan Angling Adventures LLC	907/595-3336	Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge	907/595-1425
Alpine Inn Motel	907/595-1557	Kenai River Drifters Lodge	907/595-5555
Angle 45 Adventures (Hope)	907/782-3175	Kenai River Float-n-Fish, LLC	907/595-3505
Bean Creek Gallery	907/595-3488	Kenai River Fly Fishing	907/598-1400
Best Route Productions	303/570-2081	Kenai River Day Trips &	
Blue Yeti Food Truck	907/231-6089	Kenai Riverside Lodge	800/334-8730
<b>Boatman's</b>	<b>907/202-1004</b>	Kenai River Trout Anglers	907/599-0085
Camp K on Kenai Lake	907/279-3551	Kenai Riverside Campgrnd/RV Park/B&B	
Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc. (Anch)	907/276-1215		907/595-1406
Cooper Landing Community Club	907/595-2169	<b>Kim's Essential Oils &amp; Gifts</b>	815/751-7959
Cooper Landing Community Library		Major Marine Tours (Seward)	907/274-7300
	907/595-1241	Natalia with Century 21 Realty	
Cooper Landing Community School		Solutions @ Freedom Realty	907/830-1069
	907/595-1244	Professional Testing-Carrie Williams	
Cooper Landing Emergency Services			907/598-1633
	907/595-1800	<b>Prospector John's Pan for Gold</b>	<b>907/598-1808</b>
Cooper Landing Fish Camp	907/595-3474	Seramur Home Services	907/599-0019
Cooper Landing Gun Club	907/599-0004	Spruce Moose Chalets	907/677-7543
Cooper Landing Historical Society	907/598-1042	Stevenson Retreat	907/595-3489
Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corp.		Sunrise Inn & Café	907/595-1222
	907/595-3000	Talon Air Service, Inc. (Sold.)	907/262-8899
Eagle Landing Resort	907/595-1213	The Hutch Bed & Breakfast	907/595-1270
First National Bank Alaska (Sold.)	907/260-6000	Wells Fargo (Sold.)	907/262-4435
Fish & Sons Kenai Charters	907/598-1065	Wildman TR Inc.	907/595-1456
Gwin's Lodge	907/595-1266		



## The Hutch Bed & Breakfast

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## Wildman's Hours



Open 7 Days a Week  
7:00 am to 10:00 pm

Come in and eat lunch  
with us or take it to go!

Enjoy Wildman's awesome  
chicken fingers, fries and ice cream!





# December 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Cooper Landing Museum Open House 2-4 pm CLHSM
3	4 Chamber Meeting Board at 10:30 am General at 12:00 noon @ Sunrise CLES Board Meeting 6 pm @ CLFH	5 CLSCCI Board Mtg. 1:30 pm @ Helen Gwin Commons	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 CL Fire Training 6 pm @ CLFH Cooper Landing School Program & Potluck 5pm @ CLS	14	15	16
17 Author Meagan Macvie 2 pm @ CLL	18	19	20	21	22 School In-Service Day Christmas Break!	23
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28 Newsletter Submissions Due	29	30
31	1 2018 New Year's Day	2	3 CL Fire Training 6 pm @ CLFH CLAPC Meeting 6 pm @ CLCH	4	5	6

## Community Activities

Sew & Sew Quilters  
Mondays 10 am  
Community Hall

Tot Time  
Tuesdays 11 am - 12pm  
CL School

Soldotna Shuttle Bus  
Wednesdays 8:30 am

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

Volleyball  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
6 pm  
CL School

Game Night  
Fridays 7pm  
Helen Gwin Commons

Trap at Gun Club  
Sat at 12pm

## Church Services

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

Jan Gem  
Submissions Due  
Dec 28th

## CLCAD

(Cooper Landing Calendar Acronym Definitions!)

CLAPC—Cooper Landing Advisory Planning Commission  
CLC—Cooper Landing Chamber  
CLCC—Cooper Landing Community Club  
CLCH—Cooper Landing Community Hall  
CLCS—Cooper Landing Community School  
CLES—Cooper Landing Emergency Services  
CLFH—Cooper Landing Fire Hall  
CLGC—Cooper Landing Gun Club  
CLHSM—Cooper Landing Historical Society Museum  
CLL—Cooper Landing Library  
CLNSC—Cooper Landing Nordic Ski Club  
CLPAC—Cooper Landing Parent Action Committee  
CLS—Cooper Landing School  
CLSCCI—Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corporation Inc.  
CLWCP—Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project

## Cooper Landing Library December Hours

Monday & Tuesday 1 - 3 pm  
Wednesday 12:30 - 5:30 pm  
Thursday 12:30 - 3 pm  
Friday 11 am - 5 pm  
Saturday 11 am - 2 pm



## Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce And Visitors Bureau, Inc.

- ♣ Chamber Newsletter
- ♣ Member Meetings
- ♣ Referral Service
- ♣ Brochure Display
- ♣ Web Listings
- ♣ Visitor Center Displays
- ♣ Events Management
- ♣ Visitor Inquiry Mailing List
- ♣ Membership Directory
- ♣ Bulk Mail Stamp
- ♣ Joint Advertising
- ♣ Networking
- ♣ Teamwork
- ♣ A Voice In The Community
- ♣ Insert in Chamber Newsletter
- ♣ & Much, much more!!

For more information on becoming a member, contact:

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