Monthly Newsletter ■ **March 2021**

Cooper Landing GEM

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Dear Chamber Members,

With the amount of snow we have been getting lately we will need the luck of the Irish to be ready for the 1st day of spring on the 20th . In the meantime, let's get out there and
cross-country ski, snowmachine, build a snowman, icefish and enjoy the fresh powder Mother Nature has given us to play in.

We would love to have our members join us at our meetings, typically held the 1st Wednesday of the month. Check out the website for exact details.

Have a great March! Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
Your Cooper Landing Board

Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce & Visitors

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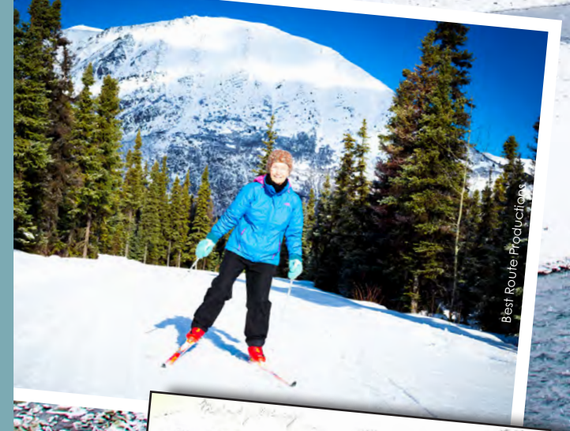
Spotlight on the:

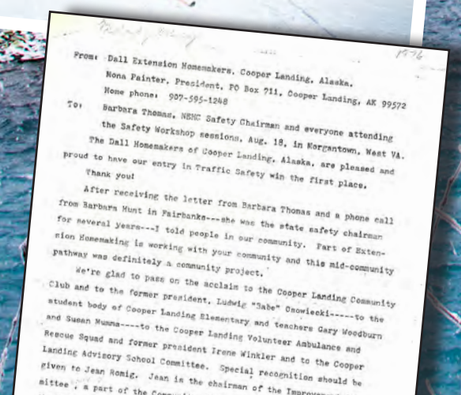
COOPER LANDING TRAILS COMMITEE

By: David Story

Cooper Landing Trails came to be the same way most of what binds our community together came to be. Individuals recognized a need that was not being met and joined efforts to figure out a way to address the need.

The mission to provide safe pathways for cyclists and pedestrians through Cooper Landing extends back, at least, to 1975 when the Improvement Committee of the Cooper Landing Community Club was working with the Legislature and Department of Highways. They sought to build a separated pathway between Mileposts 45 and 50 that would provide a safe place for Cooper Landing kids to walk and bike. Over the years, the committee name has occasionally changed and the energies of its volunteers have been focused more at specific objectives but the broader goal of providing safe travel space for pedestrians and cyclists through our community remains the core mission, connecting our community to the lands and trails around us.





From: Dall Extension Homemakers, Cooper Landing, Alaska.
Nona Painter, President, PO Box 711, Cooper Landing, AK 99572
Home phone: 907-595-1248

To: Barbara Thomas, WSHC Safety Chairman and everyone attending the Safety Workshop sessions, Aug. 18, in Morgantown, West VA.

The Dall Homemakers of Cooper Landing, Alaska, are pleased and proud to have our entry in Traffic Safety win the first place.

Thank you!

After receiving the letter from Barbara Thomas and a phone call from Barbara Hunt in Fairbanks---she was the state safety chairman for several years---I told people in our community. Part of Extension Homemaking is working with your community and this mid-community pathway was definitely a community project.

We're glad to pass on the acclaim to the Cooper Landing Community Club and to the former president, Ludwig "Jake" Onowiecki-----to the student body of Cooper Landing Elementary and teachers Gary Woodburn and Susan Munna----to the Cooper Landing Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Squad and former president Irene Winkler and to the Cooper Landing Advisory School Committee. Special recognition should be given to Jean Romig. Jean is the chairman of the Improvement sittee , a part of the

Cooper Landing Trails, the current committee of the Cooper Landing Community Club, has three primary focal points.

The first follows the path of the original mission - to provide safe travel space for pedestrians and cyclists through the community from MP 45-60 as a practical means of active transportation in addition to recreation. Cooper Landing Trails' Walkable Community Project, adopted as a part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Comprehensive and Transportation Plans is the roadmap for improvements to the original Safety Path and for the active transportation network of our community.

The second focus is to improve recreational opportunities for the community. Our snow grooming program, also known as the Cooper Landing Nordic Ski Club, was initiated in 2009 with an AK DNR grant for equipment and a partnership with the US Forest Service to groom snow trails for all non-motorized over-snow recreation at the Russian River Campground and Quartz Creek area. The program expanded this year to include snow trails near the Devil's Creek Trailhead.

The third focus is to improve the conditions of other area trails through stewardship efforts. This has often been in the form of volunteer brushing and light maintenance of trails that have long histories of local use but that are not formally managed or funded for trail maintenance by state or federal agencies. As these trails have grown in popularity we hope to coordinate efforts with the land managers and advocacy groups to ensure the community and its visitors can continue to enjoy them without loving them to death.

As we plan for trail maintenance and continue grooming into spring, we are also turning our attention to longer range plans. With the approval of the Community Club we are pursuing grants to assist with planning and improvements that bring us closer to the goals identified in our Walkable Community Project and to safe travel spaces for active transportation through our community. We know our community is happier, healthier, stronger, and more economically viable when we are able to connect to and through its lands. We hope to see you on the trails!

Click to learn more

Tanisha Walters, L.Ac. Acupuncturist

Holistic Healing Scholarship

The Holistic Healing Scholarship Includes:

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- 2 Private Ashtanga Yoga sessions
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  - > Fly fishing with www.alaskaclearwater.com and
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- In your own words, tell us who you are and why you would like this experience. (300 word max).
- Email essay in PDF format as an attachment to: info@tanishawalters.com
- Deadline April 30, 2021
- Holistic Healing Experience occurs September 25-26, 2021

Please share with anyone who may benefit from this experience. For more information visit my website at: www.tanishawalters.com

Health and Healing,

Tanisha Walters, L. Ac.

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Cooper Landing Community Club

Join us for our spring meeting on March 25th at 6pm on Zoom. Please email us to submit any agenda items. Directories are in the final stages of production and will be sent off to the printer soon.

Contact Us:
cooperlandingcommunityclub@gmail.com
www. cooperlandingcommunityclub.com
Cooper Landing Community Club

Community Club Meeting
March 25th at 6pm
Zoom Meeing ID: 899 8280 4081
Passcode: 5952169

Cooper Landing Senior Earns Student of the Year Award

Last month, Cooper Landing Student, Linnaea Gossard was named the 2021 Student of the Year for the Alaska Society for Technology in Education. She was selected for her ambition, dedication, and perseverance with technology as an educational resource and tool.

Over the past six years, Linnaea has used technology as a virtual means to attend a variety of classes in other schools throughout the Kenai Peninsula while physically attending the K-12 Cooper Landing School. Her personalized learning experience allowed Linnaea to experience 24 live/synchronous classes of her choosing. Having this opportunity led her to becoming a certified Video Tele Communications (VTC) facilitator and coordinator as well as the co-creator of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District VTC Coordinating Program, designed to create opportunities for other students throughout the district to take live/synchronous courses that would not be available to them otherwise. Linnaea is paving the way in communication not only for Alaskans, but on a global level as well.

The Alaska Society for Technology in Education is a non-profit organization, established in 1981, who works to promote access to technology and information for all Alaskan learners.

Click to read more

Congratulations, Linnaea!

Cooper Landing Library News

Our doors may still be closed to in-house browsing but we are actively providing materials through curbside pickup three times a week (Monday 1-3, Wednesday 9-11, and Friday 1-3). Just go to the library catalog to choose your materials and either call, email, or request through the catalog. There are new books and movies coming in on a regular basis so check out what we have added.

Alaska Digital Library is now available!

There are other ways to get titles that you want. One is through interlibrary loan and the other is Overdrive.

Cooper Landing Community Library patrons now have access to OverDrive ebooks, audiobooks, and magazines. You can search for items either from our library catalog or directly within the OverDrive Alaska Digital Library.

You will need your new Cooper Landing Community Library card number and password to check items out.

Click Below for Library Links
Library Catalog
Alaska Digital Library
How to Use OverDrive

Contact Us:
907-595-1241
cooperlandinglibrary@gmail.com
www. cooperlandinglibrary.com
Cooper Landing Community Library

Thank You Cooper Landing Emergency Services

A special shout out to Cooper Landing Emergency Services, Soldotna Pharmacy, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency Management for their hard work and dedication towards vaccinating eligible Cooper Landing residents. Thank you to the volunteer crews for hosting two vaccine clinics with a third one in the works.

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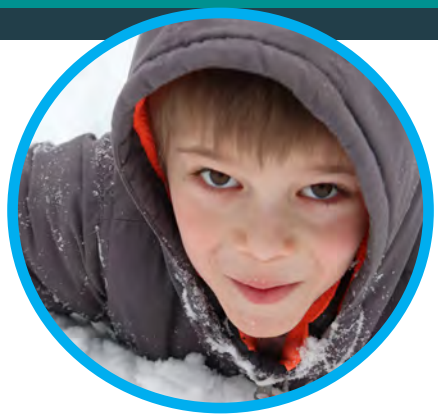
Battle of the Books

The Battle of the Books (BOB) is a highly competitive academic competition that takes place throughout the state. The District competition was held in the beginning of February. Cooper Landing had three teams who competed: a high school team, a fifth-grade team, and a third-grade team.

Being a member of a BOB team takes hard work, commitment, and dedication. We are immensely proud of the Cooper Landing students who participated in the BOB competition this year. Congratulations to the third-grade team, who took second place in the district!!

The next time you enter the school gym you might not recognize it. The baby blue walls have been transformed into an energetic blue, making the space look bigger and brighter.



Winter Haiku

In winter snow falls
Each different, yet the same
Beautiful and small.

By: Syndey Loomis

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Cooper Landing Gem News

Do you have business or organization updates you would like to share with the community? All Chamber Members are invited to submit updates and informtion to the monthly newsletter. Contact us for more information.

Contact Us

Happy Birthday

3/1	Molly Sullivan
3/3	Stephen Lipscomb
3/7	Linnaea Gossard
3/8	Elly Bauer
3/22	Cathy Leaders
3/23	Cory Route
3/27	Brad Hanson
3/27	Kelemen Smith
3/29	Dave Quinn
3/28	Jack Swain

Happy Anniversary

3/3	Mike & Linda Gephardt
3/7	Janice & Bryan Cooper
3/14	Bobby & Roxanne Defoe
3/16	Dan Michels & Kristen Helgren
3/24	Jen & Mike Harpe

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2021 ANNUAL GRANT CYCLE

KENAI MOUNTAINS-TURNAGAIN ARM NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

KMTA awards grants to community projects that recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, and natural recreational resources and cultural landscapes of the Kenai Mountains - Turnagain Arm historic transportation corridor. Projects promote and facilitate public enjoyment of these resources.

APPLICATIONS DUE ON MARCH 12th, 2021

FOR MORE INFO:

Visit www.kmtacorridor.org/grant-guidelines/

Or email amandasassi@kmtacorridor.org

KMTA National Heritage Area | PO Box 1934 | GIrdwood, Alaska | 99587

BLOOD DRIVE

You make the difference; they count on it.

Friday & Saturday, March 5th & 6th 8:30am-4pm

Across from Cooper Landing post office

Receive a reusable bag for donating!

COOPER CLES EMS VFD ALASKA LANDING

Receive a LifeMed t-shirt for donating!

At CLES

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To schedule your appointment

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2021 Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce & CVB

Please support our local businesses!

5 Dogs Fishing	(907) 598-3525	Grizzly Ridge	(907) 595-1260
Alaskan Angling Adventures LLC	(907) 595-3336	Gwin's Lodge	(907) 595-1266
Alaska Heavenly Lodge	(907) 599-0022	Inn at Tern Lake (Moose Pass)	(907) 288-3667
Alaska Horsemen Lodge	(907) 595-1806	Jason's Guide Service	(907) 351-3036
Alaska Home Grown		Kahtnu Spirit Lodging	(907) 299-2855
Alaska Outdoor Woodstoves	(907) 598-1633	Kenai Cache Outfitters	(907) 595-1401
Alaska River Adventures	(907) 595-2000	Kenai Kayak Company	(907) 441-6753
Alaska Rivers Company	(907) 595-1226	Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area	(206) 920-9051
Alaska Troutfitters	(907) 595-1212	KPB Mayor –Charlie Pierce (Soldotna)	(800) 478-4441
Alaska Wildland Adventures	(800) 334-8730	KPBSD Superintendent	(907) 714-8836
Angle 45 Adventures (Hope)	(907) 782-3175	Kenai Peninsula Econ. Dev. Dist.	(907) 283-3335
Bean Creek Gallery	(907) 595-3488	Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge	(907) 595-1425
Bearfoot Publications	(907)320-1145	Kenai River Drifters Lodge	(907) 595-5555
Best Route Productions	(303) 570-2081	Kenai River Float-n-Fish	(907) 519-0048
Bike Cooper Landing, LLC	(907) 231-6793	Kenai River Fly Fishing	(907) 598-1400
Boatman's	(907) 202-1004	Kenai River Trout Anglers	(907) 599-0085
Camp K on Kenai Lake	(907) 279-3551	Kenai Watershed Forum	(907) 265-5412
Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc. (Anchorage)	(907) 276-1215	Mystic Waters Fly Fishing	(509) 715-9697
Cooper Landing Brewery	(907) 276-5044	Professional Testing	(907)598-1633
Cooper Landing Community Club	(907) 595-2169	Prospector John's Pan for Gold	(907) 598-1808
Cooper Landing Community Library	(907) 595-1241	Round Mountain Retreat	(907) 598-1333
Cooper Landing Community School	(907) 595-1244	Salmon Run Lodge	(907) 595-2197
Cooper Landing Emergency Services	(907) 595-1800	Seramur Home Services	(907) 599-0019
Cooper Landing Fish Camp	(907) 595-3474	Sharon Saunders, GRI, Realtor	(928) 706-8901
Cooper Landing Fishing Guide	(907) 599-0126	Sunrise Inn & Café	(907) 595-1222
Cooper Landing Rifle & Sportsman's Club	(907) 599-0004	Tanisha Walters, L.Ac. Acupuncturist	(303) 482-7176
Cooper Landing Historical Society	(907) 598-1042	Talon Air Service, Inc. (Soldotna)	(907) 262-8899
Cooper Landing Senior Citizens Corp.	(907) 595-3000	The Hutch Bed & Breakfast	(907) 595-1270
Eagle Landing Resort	(907) 595-1213	Upper Kenai Cabins	(907) 595-3055
First National Bank Alaska (Soldotna)	(907) 260-6000	Wildman TR Inc.	(907) 595-1456
Fish & Sons Kenai Charters	(907) 598-1065		

March 2021

Cooper Landing GEM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COOPER LANDING Chamber of Commerce & CVB	1	2	3 CL Chamber Board Mtg. 10:30 am Wildmans	4	5 Blood Bank of Alaska Cooper Landing Emergency Services 8:30 am to 4:30 pm	6
7	8	9 CLSCCI Board Mtg. (via conf.call) 1:30 pm	10 CL Advisory Planning Commission Meeting (via Zoom) 6 pm	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	16	17 St. Patricks Day	18	19	20 Spring Begins
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Cooper Landing Brewery
Company Hours:
Friday - Sunday 1-7 pm
Beer available to go!

Cooper Landing Library
Curbside Pick-up Hours
- Monday: 1-3 pm
- Wednesday: 9-11 am
- Friday: 1-3 pm

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