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Farewell Don & Donna

Long time resident, Donna Pablos and her husband Don have moved from Cougar Gulch after 18 years.

Donna wanted to say goodbye to all her friends and neighbors in the community. She leaves with lots of memories as she and Don look forward to their new life in Hope, Idaho. We will miss them and wish them all the best!

The Cougar KITTEN



Miscellaneous Market Revisited

Cougar Gulch held a Miscellaneous Market on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st at the SMRPA Hall located at the corner of Meadowbrook Loop and Cougar Gulch Road. This event, much like a fun flea market, is where community members come together to sell their gently used items, wonderful crafts, and handmade wares and goodies. The Spring Market boasted over a dozen vendors of all ages. Captured below are some picture-memories of that sunny weekend. The market offered items such as used bicycles, generators, furniture, clothing, ironwork décor, vintage jewelry, hand-painted items and knick-knacks, as well as delectable edibles including breads, jams, cakes, rolls, cookies and more.



Woven jewelry and more!



Exquisite handmade jewelry.



Lots of wonderful Red Hat items.



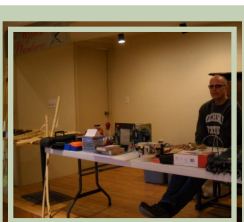
Cleverly painted rocks.



Jelly, apple butter & fruit filled cakes.



Warm cinnamon rolls, cookies & juice.



Beautiful handmade walking sticks . ➡



➡ Garage-sale items extraordinaire!

CrimeReports™ Website—Set up your own Crime Alert

If you are interested to track crime activity in the Cougar Gulch area and have internet access, there is an informative website, *CrimeReports™*.

Here, users can get local crime information that is sponsored by the Kootenai County Sheriff's department. Visit: www.crimereports.com and enter a location.

Users can also create a Crime Alert Report that can be sent to you electronically on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. These crime reports allow you to choose the type of crimes you are interested in by customizing them to your interests. The report lists the type of crimes for the time period chosen and lists the number of incidences in the categories you select at the loca-



tion you specified. You can view a local map showing the parameters you have set and see where the crimes occurred.

The map portion of a crime alert report shows the actual locations of incidents based on the parameters you set. The information is a good way to stay informed and up to date with crime activity in our neighborhoods. Take a look! Be informed!

Litter Pick-Up in the Gulch

On Saturday, 20 July 2013, fourteen residents of the Gulch met at the Hall to get signs and bags for the volunteer litter pick up event. **Mike and Suzy Cooley-Denny** worked from Greensferry Rd. to Miller Rd. and then helped **John and Lorri Erickson** on Greensferry Rd. to Bunn Rd. **Jason and Jennifer Shanley** worked with **Robin and Carly Glessner**, and **Ken and Jennifer Hoskins**, to cleanup Meadowbrook Lp. from the Hall on the west end to Cougar Gulch Rd. on the east end. **Jim Mangan and Tom Wambolt** worked from Greensferry Rd. to Stach Rd. **Ben and Nikki Theard** worked from Stach Rd. to the Hall on Cougar Gulch Rd. and continued on to Cougar Farms. After the community BBQ, **Mike, Suzy and Ben** finished from Hiway 95 to Cougar Farms. In all, some eleven miles of community roadways were cleaned up. Thank you to all who participated, and a special thank you to Jason Shanley who secured the clean-up signs from the Worley Road District and organized the litter pick-up party.

Applause, applause, applause.

Cougar KITTEN Classifieds



Lost Pet Notice: A young, border collie with a black collar (no tags) was found running in the middle of Cougar Gulch road on Sunday, July 14th at approximately 10:15AM. Inquiries can be made to the Post Falls pound.

Consider placing your classified ad in the Cougar KITTEN. Do you have something to trade or barter? Something to sell or market? **Paid member ads are FREE.** Non-member ad prices:

- ◆ 15-20 words: \$5/issue.
- ◆ Business Card Info: \$25/year.

Contact Julie Schmidt at: julielinez1951@gmail.com

Keeping Cougar Gulch Litter-Free

As a fun way to promote litter awareness, the SRMPA Board is asking residents (and kids too!) of the Gulch to write and submit a short story or poem on the subject. Here's an example:

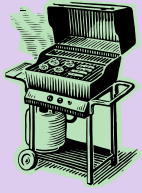
Recycle your bottles, plastic too,
Old newspapers are of no use to you.
Try to reuse your shopping bags,
Littering should raise some red flags.
Recycle! Reuse! Reduce!
Put an end to the litter abuse.
Throw that wrapper in the right place,
Don't pollute in any space.

Submissions will be printed in the September/October edition of the KITTEN. Please remember to:

- ◆ Dispose of trash appropriately.
- ◆ Secure loads on the way to disposal.
- ◆ Get out and PICK IT UP!

Submit your article to julielinez1951@gmail.com.

Eat-up and Clean-up



The Cougar Gulch Annual Summertime BBQ was held at the Hall on Saturday, July 20th. Approximately thirty residents attended the community event. Thanks go out to **Phil Cooper** for providing his “monster grill” and **Karen Wambolt** for organizing the potluck.

Prior to the potluck, **Jason Shanley** and **Tom Wambolt** organized a Cougar Gulch neighborhood trash pick-up event. Our hats go off to all of the folks who policed road shoulders and ditches. Several bags of trash were accumulated and the roadsides are now looking better as a result! See full article on page 2.



Worley Highway District Notes

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Contributed by Jim Mangan, Commissioner, Sub District 1, WHD 660-7956.

The folks at the Worley Highway District are well into a summer maintenance schedule. Gravel roads have been graded and re-graded and new gravel has been spread on many of our roads. Magnesium-Chloride applications throughout the district has also been completed. Centerline stripes have been repainted, and resurfacing of paved roads is occurring in the southern part of the district. We keep to a six or seven year interval for repaving roads by spending one month each summer repaving (chip sealing) roads that require the application.

Roads in the Cougar Gulch and Meadowbrook areas are scheduled for repaving in 2015 and 2016; however, some patching was done this year on rough sections. It's a big job and requires a lot of equipment, planning, and personnel. The four

highway districts in the county share resources in order to accomplish this work in an expeditious manner.



New culverts were installed under Cougar Gulch and Heine roads, and a bad curve on Thompson Road was improved. Additionally, some of our employees attended classes on traffic sign reflectivity, speed zones and maintenance. For more information about the Worley Highway District, its meeting agenda and minutes, please visit our website at www.worleyhwy.com.

As a reminder, walkers, joggers, bike riders, and horse riders have a right to be on the roads. Drivers — thanks for starting your trip early, slowing down, and enjoying the ride. Enjoy our roads in safety!

E V E N T S

August—Basket weaving class at the Hall. Date at end of The month (TBD). All supplies provided. Weave a completed Basket! Allow three hours.

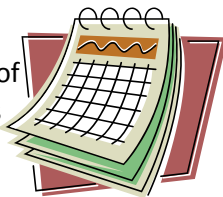
Contact Julie at 425-319-0915. This is a fun and easy craft to learn and make.

September 5, 6:30 pm—SRMPA Board meeting at the Hall. Guests may attend.

September 21, 9 am—4pm—Fall Miscellaneous Market at the Hall. .

October—Fall gathering of the Ladies Lunch Bunch. Details and date will be forthcoming.

October—Fall Bingo and dessert extravaganza! Details to follow.



Coeur d'Alene History

Paleo-Indian tribes first settled the region around Coeur d'Alene some 10,000 years ago, but the first European settlers didn't actually arrive until much later.

This area was part of the Louisiana Purchase called “New France”, and was quite remote at the time. Trappers ventured into the area during the 18th century, and French-speaking fur traders named Coeur d'Alene Lake and established trade with the local, indigenous population.

Coeur d'Alene means “heart of an awl”, and in 1878 the US military built Fort Sherman, and the small settlement expanded quickly.

The town was incorporated in 1887 and was a center of mining, logging, fur trading and also saw the beginning of the tourist trade with lake steamers and summer cottages. The timber boom of the early 20th century caused a population growth. Since that time it has been transformed into a year round tourist destination with festivals, concerts and plenty to do in all seasons.



Your Cougar Gulch Neighborhood 2013 Board of Trustees

Tom Wambolt, President	208-664-7705
Phil Cooper, Vice President	208-818-1844
Karen Wambolt, Treasurer	208-664-7705
Julie Schmidt, Secretary	425-319-0915

Julia Mangan	Board Position 1
David Foster	Board Position 2
Mavis Tysdal	Board Position 3
Jason Shanley	Board Position 4



This is a new section that we hope to feature going forward in each issue. The purpose of the spotlight is to help us learn more about the interesting people that live in the Gulch. Our first spotlight falls on Judi Horton!

Nestled on a quiet stretch of Meadowbrook Loop is the quaint, picturesque home of **Tom Bacon** and **Judi Horton**. Out front, next to the road, hangs a charming sign touting fresh baked bread every Saturday. Judi Horton is the force behind **Judi's Pantry**, as the home business is called, and she provides fresh breads, jams and gift baskets on Saturdays and by special order. Tom & Judi have lived in North Idaho for 17 years, 7 of those in their current location. Originally from the Dallas and Houston areas, Judi practiced law and Tom was an award winning newscaster for an ABC radio affiliate. But as time moved on, they felt ready for a change that just happened to coincide with the graduation of the youngest child from high school.

The natural beauty of North Idaho was one of the driving forces that brought

them to the Northwest. That, and as Judi puts it, "Coeur d'Alene seemed to have the most to offer for what we were looking for, and when I requested information on the area, the city did the best job of enticing us". She went on to say that they were most interested in finding quality, small-city living that offered seasons, mountains, and pristine areas. They found their little piece of heaven in the Cougar Gulch area.

Judi has been baking bread since 1969. Back then she lived in Puerto Rico and could not get the type of bread that was common in the US. Hungry for a taste of home, she learned to bake it herself, and just never stopped. In 2012, looking for a creative outlet to share with her family, her neighbors, and her church, **Judi's Pantry** was born. "I thought about it for a long time – perennial trepidation I guess—and decided it was a great way to meet neighbors" says Judi. A visit to her home is a thoroughly enchanting experience. Judi incorporates many items into her products from her large, lovely garden, and bakes all of her breads and rolls right in her very busy, cozy kitchen. Her home is located at 6863 W. Meadowbrook Loop.

Judi's Pantry typically offers three items each week. A weekly assortment can include a sweet breakfast roll or coffee cake, a slicing toast or sandwich loaf, and a dinner bread such as rolls or a round, mounded loaf. Judi emails

friends & neighbors on her email list every Wednesday with what's in the oven for that week, and takes orders, if customers would like something held for them through Friday. That helps her know how much to prepare and bake. Her favorite breads to create are the braided ones because she says "they're fun to make, and a bit unusual." She makes three scrumptious braids – garden herb, mashed potato and orange zest/cinnamon twist – YUM! When asked what she wanted people to know most about her products she said "They're honest. Home tested recipes, plain and fresh ingredients, and hand formed. I'm proud to put it on *our* table." Judi provides a personal touch and her products are made with love and attention to detail. If you would like to be added to her weekly mailing list, please email Judi at Thebreadlady@imaxmail.net, or call her at 208-665-0871. There is no obligation to purchase and the weekly emails have lots of information and delectable pictures.

Do you have a "Super Scout", or a family member with great talent? Know anyone with a unique hobby? Are you interested in "spotlighting" someone you know? How about a neighbor, a close friend, or YOURSELF? Does someone you know volunteer or have an interesting story that can be shared? Let's work on getting our next neighbor in the SPOTLIGHT! Please email Julie at julielinez1951@gmail.com or call!



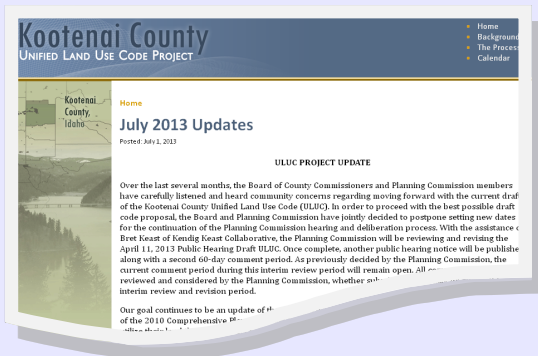
Above: Judi at Miscellaneous Market with her wonderful wares.

Left to right: The Bread Sign at home; brewers rye loaves; braided coffee cake; cinnamon rolls.



This is a follow-up article from the May-June KITTEN. In that edition we wrote about the County's efforts to develop new land-use regulations for all unincorporated areas of Kootenai County. Readers can review information and land use code updates at:

www.kccode.com. This site provides information to the process being undertaken and a variety of key documents about the code that you can review.



Part of the code's purpose reads as follows:

- Establish zoning districts within Kootenai County in accord with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.
- Provide standards for the orderly growth and development of Kootenai County and to avoid undue concentration of population and overcrowding of land.
- Carry out the policies of the Comprehensive Plan

by classifying and regulating the uses of property and structures within the unincorporated areas of Kootenai County;

- Establish zoning districts within Kootenai County in accord with the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

The planning commission public hearings scheduled for June have been postponed. Information on what to expect next can be found on the website. A copy of the comprehensive plan can also be accessed from this site under Key Documents.

The KITTEN is again providing the link to the Northwest Property Owners Alliance. This website can be accessed at **www.nwpoa.org/ourmissionandpurpose.html**

The website group was established in June, 2012 to help provide a collective voice for rural, unincorporated property owners.



Fall, 2013 Miscellaneous Market Event

Do you have some great stuff that you aren't using anymore and can use some cash instead? How about a business to promote that would benefit your neighbors? Maybe you have produce, baked goods, yummy treats or pretty plants. Do you have crafts that people would love to buy, lessons to advertise, or activities people would be interested in? Well get ready!

FALL MISCELLANEOUS MARKET

Saturday, September 21st, from 9 am till 3 pm.

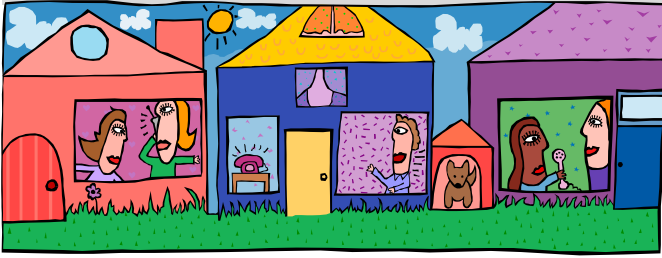
Vendor set-up will begin on Friday, September 20th at noon.

Please contact **Karen Wambolt** at 208-664-7705 or email her at **valleygirl.1965@gmail.com** to reserve your place now! Members are provided space and tables rent free. All others are welcome, and spaces are \$10 for the day. Tables are also available to rent for non-members, or you may bring your own.

COMMUNITY SHOPPERS—SAVE THIS DATE NOW!



Speak up! Get Involved! Join in on Community Events!



Are you new to the Gulch? Do you know someone who is? Take a few moments and read the KITTEN, or provide a copy to a neighbor or new resident.

Your community Board of Trustees cordially invites you to attend a scheduled board meeting, come to a future potluck or scheduled event, or consider volunteering your time and talents! The Hall is always in need of maintenance or minor repairs and we could certainly use all the help we can get! Please contact

Tom Wambolt or any of the board members with your questions, suggestions and ideas. If you are not getting the KITTEN at your personal email address, please contact Julie at julielinez1951@gmail.com and we will get you on the distribution. Or, you can read the KITTEN online at cougar-gulchneighbors.com (thank you Ed Gray).

A limited number of Kitten Newsletters are printed off and placed in the paper box at the community Hall at the corner of Meadowbrook Loop and Cougar Gulch Road.

Consider your next party at the community Hall, suggest a neighbor to spotlight in the next KITTEN, or send us story suggestions. Please don't hesitate to provide feedback. The board is here for you and works to support your community. We will be glad to have new ideas about how we can do it even better!



MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S PRIVLIGES!

Membership Application

It is never too late to become a member of the community association. Your dollars help our community maintain the Meadowbrook Hall. The Hall acts as Precinct #65 polling location and also hosts many community functions throughout the year. As a member you can rent the Hall for a significantly reduced rate, and there are other member perks. Clip, complete and mail your membership today. **It's TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!**

Meadowbrook Hall Rental

If you re interested in renting Meadowbrook hall, please contact Gail Carlson at 208-699-5055 or by email at gcarlson@mormfg.com. Member rentals are \$50 (plus a refundable \$50 damage fee). Non members are also welcome to rent the hall for a \$100 fee.

Thanks for leaving the Hall neat and clean for the next function as we do not have a cleaning service!



2013 Cougar Gulch Community Membership Application

Tax Deductible Registration Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Current Email: _____

Home Address: _____

Annual Dues: \$25. Please make check payable to SRMPA.

Additional Donation: \$ _____ TOTAL donation: \$ _____

I would like to have the Cougar KITTEN sent to my personal email.

____ YES ____ NO

Please mail this registration and your dues to:

SRMPA Treasurer

10988 W. Thompson Road, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814