

Bayview Community Council News

New Farragut Park Steward

by Ali Spahn

Farragut State Park, a 4,000 acre park offers fun for all. Alone or in groups Farragut has room for everyone. Farragut ranks really high as a state park with future potential," declared the new Farragut Park Manager.

Liz Palfini came a long way from Texas and is settling into her position. "Funding is episodic in state parks, so big changes in Farragut will not happen for a few years," said Liz.

But for now, Liz is concentrating on the short-term goals which she calls "quick fixes" with a customer-focused and safety approach. "Sometimes it's the small things that make a huge impact. Even if people do not notice the small changes, we want them to visit and feel that they are welcomed and that we have thought about them and their comfort and what they might need while they are visiting," said Liz.

Some of the changes at Beaver Bay in the first year will be small but comfortable such as changing rooms, shower stalls, soap in the bathrooms, diaper changing stations in both the men and woman bathrooms and kiosks that are more directive to help people find their way around Farragut.

When asked about the shoreline logging near Beaver Bay, Liz says that our children will benefit from the work that is done today. "Losing trees and feeling that loss is a very human thing. It's a process of grieving. So, the State Park is committed to stay on top of the Fish and Game regarding the restoration of the trail.

Liz affirms Farragut Park has the space to add a dog park, however, currently there is no funding for that type of potential project. The fencing, benches and dog waste station would need to be fully funded, a plan in place and then the project would be presented to the board for approval.

Liz will be the guest speaker at the April 27, Tuesday, Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Don't miss out!

You can reach Liz via email: liz.palfini@idpr.idaho.gov



Into the forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul. - John Muir

You Can't Buy Happiness But You Can Buy Pizza

by Sheryl Puckett

At some point living in Bayview we've found ourselves looking for a restaurant to challenge our taste buds. Many times this results in putting us on a road trip to Sandpoint or Coeur d'Alene to satisfy our appetites. Not saying you can't enjoy a great meal in Bayview but now we can add **Beacon Pizza Tap House** to our list of places to patronize.

While I often focus on the person behind a local business, in this case the owner of Athol's Beacon Pizza Tap House wants you to know "the food speaks for itself."

I did manage to find out that the new owner, Vince, has twelve years of restaurant experience. I get the sense that we're dealing with a straight shooter who knows the ins and outs and challenges of serving the public, not only good food at a good price, while promising great service and atmosphere that will leave you with more than just your appetite satisfied.

Vince lives in Athol. He says, "It's a family, down home, no thrills, good food restaurant." Pizza is their primary food but there's also sandwiches, spaghetti, lasagna, salads to name a few. Both take-and-bake pizza and cooked can be delivered to your home.

A web page is being uploaded where all you do is choose what you want, pay with a credit card and it will be delivered to you.

Vince is hoping for an April 15 opening, but don't hold him to it. He says, "This is an Athol family owned business and we want to cater to families. I'm not trying to do fancy pizzas, just trying to be open for the folks in the area. There will be twenty different craft beers and wine. We want people to know they can come here and have a beer or glass of wine and hang out. You don't have to order food. We want to make it a comfortable place to be."

Beacon Pizza Tap House will be open year round from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and in the summer opened on weekends to midnight. "It's impossible to eat out if you have a busy schedule and get off from work at 7 or 8 p.m. and there's no place to eat around here". That won't be an issue anymore.

You can contact Vince at: beaconpizza@protonmail.com or calling: 208-561-5333. The restaurant is located on the corner of Hwy 95 and Hwy 54 (previously Jimmy C's).

Life is Short, Make it Sweet

By Sheryl Puckett

A little girl's dream becomes a big girl's reality. Ever since Jennifer Siekawitch was a little girl she has always craved candy, lots of candy. "I never thought I could have enough but had no way of buying more, until I came up with a plan: eat half, sell half, a win, win." Any spare change burned a hole in her pockets until she could head back to the store.

"Every fair I always talked my parents into cotton candy but since we were poor, the one big bag had to be shared. Of course that was not enough for me. I would save up money for my own bag and totally ate way too much, but I didn't care. My eight year old self loved candy more than life itself."

As far back as Jennifer can remember she has always had a job. "I am currently blessed with a retail job however since I didn't think that I was busy enough between my other jobs, family and farm life, I decided to add my first love of selling candy to the crazy mix. Why not?" Jennifer's passion for candy makes her believe there are people out there that also enjoy candy as much as she does.

"Cotton candy seems to put a smile on people's faces when they're eating it". Jennifer didn't want it to be the same old two flavors that we all remember. She researched and realized she could offer more. So she went for it and bought her first cotton candy machine and six different flavors to start with. After she handed out 500 samples, It took off from there with orders coming in.

When starting a new business one has to figure out a name and prices need to be reasonable. Coming up with a name was easy since Jennifer loves being an Atholite. "**Little Athol's Cotton Candy**, is a name that I am proud of."

Little Athol's Cotton Candy offers more than 20 flavors with the top five favorites being: skittles, fireball, butterscotch, lemon heads, and root beer. Jennifer is trying out new flavors every week so the list keeps growing.

"Prices were the hard part because I am a giver and if I could I would offer my goods up for free." But Jennifer's not a rich enough to do that and bills need to be paid so she shopped around and came up with a fair price for the large bag, \$5 and a small bag, \$3.

Jennifer also offers a special order of skittles: large bag, \$7 and the small, \$5. They are the only ones priced this high, because there is a lot more work into separating all the colors of skittles and it costs \$3 to \$4 dollars worth to make each bag. "Yet people say it's their favorite."

If by now you might be wondering what is Little Athol's Cotton Candy sales target? Parties, any type of party, not to mention that Easter is just around the corner.

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Jennifer can have all the cotton candy made the day before and still be able to spin it live.

Base rate for party's are \$150.00 which includes 20 bags of your choice, Jennifer stand is decorated in lights and giant fake candies for boys or girls, with 5 pounds of candy bagged up, plus decorated water bottles, all included as party favors for a party of 10 kids.

In addition, Jennifer started offering cotton candy in waffle cones. Ten pack of your choice bagged up with a bow for \$30.00 which you can display however you like at your party. Best part is, add ice cream and scoop the perfect amount in the middle of the cotton candy, add your sprinkles, makes a beautiful treat! (Ice cream not included) "This is just a few different ways I offer up my super fun Little Athol's Cotton Candy"

Jennifer wants you to know that she is covered under Panhandle Health Cottage Food law to do this out of her house. Large orders can be dropped off within 20 miles or less or the best meeting place is Super 1 in Athol.

When you see someone with a big smile and munching on cotton candy, the circus is not in town, it's just another fan of Little Athol's Cotton Candy.

Historical Bayview Archive

There is no doubt change is inevitable and Bayview is changing like never before. Old timers are passing away, some have moved away and memories are fading away.

The Bayview Community Council is sending out a call for history. Please share any pictures you have of Bayview's past. We'll scan your photos and share them with the community. The Council's Facebook page will be posting the old photos they have so be sure to check out our page:

Send your old photos to: sherylpp@gmail.com Thanks

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE MEMORIAL WEEKEND

Start Preparing Now

**There will be many yard sales throughout
the community.**

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