## JD's Dream Team

by Ali Spahn

"In a five-minute meeting in Chan's office parking lot, we shook hands and had a deal," said Tom Clary, JD's Pub and Grill's new owner. Tom had been eyeing JDs for years and waited until just the right time to approach Chan Karupiah to lease the location. They were off and running and never closed the pub during the transition.

Tom Clary is a self-proclaimed "bit of a character" and no stranger to the surrounding area. He's a six generation Idahoan born and raised in Sandpoint. Tom was a logging contractor his whole life, so operating a bar is not his forte, but that didn't stop him from jumping in with both feet. Tom explained, "Having a good team is your recipe for success and I have the best. If you don't have a good team you really don't have anything." So, before committing to the endeavor, Tom checked with his long-time friends Marie and Tammy to join him. He knew he wouldn't be able to manage the pub without their expertise. Fortunately, both were excited about the opportunity. Tom Clary, Marie Streeter and Tammy Sandoval are the "dream team".

Why? Well, Marie Streeter has lived in Bayview since 1996 and has worked at most of the businesses in town which gives her a great advantage in knowing what the local customers want and enjoy. As the Bar Manager, she trains all the new employees on the weekends after working a full-time job during the week as a Pediatric Dental Assistant in CDA. Marie has a great sense of humor and a calm, smooth style which is a plus in a busy pub environment. Marie said, "You know what they drink when they walk in, and people love that. We just want people to come in and have a good time."

Tammy Sandoval is considered JD's talented Office Manager. She is the Facebook administrator and designs and posts all the exceptional marketing posters and communications. Tammy handles everything from booking the talent to scheduling parties to overseeing all the business financials. She redesigned the POS (point of sale) system to be able to track sales. Marie said, "We were surprised we sold over 2,600 hamburgers in the first six months we were open."

JD's has upped their game on local fundraising events. They host memorial potlucks and events for domestic violence awareness, just to name a few. Also, JD's hosts the auction and dinner for Ralph's Derby and Oktoberfish.

Tom considers the pub his retirement (imagine that) and has no problem working a 70-hour week.



Loving food and people were a big part of his motivation in acquiring the bar and he prepares all the smoked meat on the bar's menu. The rest of the food is prepared by cooks, Logan and Val. "Between Bayview and Spirit Lake there is nowhere where you could get prime rib or steak. I knew the demographics

Tom Clary

were there. So, as an experiment, I started serving prime rib on Friday nights and it exploded," Tom said. The idea was so successful, customers now can order a prime rib plate every Friday and Saturday and Tom plans to offer three different cuts of steak too.

Tom explained, "The dynamics of the pub have changed

to a more dining place.
We've "cleaned up" the
place too. I don't hold back.
If there's someone that is
going to be a problem, they
are out the door and told
not to come back. We have
clientele, especially single
women, that feel safe now.
And the staff is finding that



Marie Streeter

the 'new locals' are a vast part of our business. They love it here. I walk around and meet everybody, and they become friends."

The large back room is the perfect venue to plan your Christmas, graduations, birthday parties and more. Currently, there is no charge for the room especially for local community groups such as 4- H Clubs and fishing derby meetings. The only charge is for food and drinks. "We leave most of the pricing with Tammy regarding groups. We're still working that out," explained Marie.

During the summer, they have outside bars and a kitchen, and they may decide to add a platform for the bands. Tom books all genres from jazz to country to rock n' roll. From Memorial to Labor Day there will be music every weekend. Most of the artists are Tom's friends including Nashville stars Tom and Coley. Tom said, "Music artists are knocking on our doors to come play here. I can hardly sleep at night. Bayview has never seen anything like this. It's exceptional entertainment and, of course, the greatest view. Not just anybody can step into this. You gotta have vision and think outside the box and gamble! My goal is to be the best music venue on the lake." I have no doubt this dream team will succeed. It's not just a pub. It's Bayview's community pub.

Open Mon-Sat at 11:00 am and Sunday at 10:00 am For more info go to: https://www.facebook.com/jdsbayview

# **Litter(ally) Disgusting!**

editorial by Bayview's Resident Earth Mother



Ask anyone who lives in North Idaho what they most love about this place and you're likely going hear something about the natural beauty of our area. As Spring arrives, most of us look forward to things greening up and the upcoming season of abundance.

Sadly, another kind of abundance is revealed as the snow recedes, and it's something we should be righteously embarrassed by and angry about. There are piles of trash, tossed out car windows by thoughtless jerks all along the roads in our park and in even more profusion along highways in every direction.

Beer cans and bottles lay every few feet along the road, while larger piles of bagged garbage are mere yards apart. These aren't just caused by people with unsecured loads, although I see plenty of examples out there. This trash has been purposefully tossed by people who clearly think someone's going to pick up after them. C'mon people, the Bonner County dump is free! For the price of that half rack of cans, you can have garbage service at your house.

Simultaneously, the snow melts on the trails in Farragut. The piles of dog feces present another disgusting affront. These are the trails where our families and grandkids go to walk and ride bikes. Imagine the impression your dog's poo piles leave on park visitors who are important to our Bayview businesses.

Is it so difficult to carry a bag and pick up after your pet? Even simpler, teach your dogs to poop off the trail. At minimum, you could surely pick up a stick and flick that shit out of the path of your fellow humans!

The lack of consideration for both our environment, and the people who live and visit here is astounding and frankly, offensive. It's damned time some of you clean up your act.

**Editor's Note:** May 25, Bayview Community Council plans on highway cleanup in time for the Memorial Weekend. We cover the area from the "Welcome to Bayview" sign to Farragut Park Headquarters. We'll meet in their parking lot 9 a.m. The more helping hands, the faster it goes.

## Stolen

On March 26 Kevin Huff, owner of Ralph's Coffee House & Cafe, reported his 4 wheeler with plow stolen from the business. If anyone knows anything please come forward. Let's all keep an eye out and spread the word.



# How to Think About the Ukraine Crisis Biblically

By Stephen Angliss

Americans now begin their day by waking up, making breakfast, and checking the latest news on the war in Ukraine. As a pastor, I often get asked what one should think about this critical global event. Here are three reminders:

#### Evil Still Exists in the World

Our modern lives typically consist of nothing worse than mundane work, tedious chores, and broken appliances. We forget that there is still evil in the world. Putin's treacherous actions in Ukraine remind us that the world is still broken. No amount of new technology or humanitarian legislation can solve the problem of evil.

#### 2. We Need a Better King

Politicians promise a better world yet fail to deliver. Wars and rumors of wars show that national leaders cannot fix what only God can repair: a world plagued with the disease of sin. Let's trust in a greater King.

#### 3. Love All People

It is tempting to respond to gross injustices with hatred towards those of the same ethnicity as those who commit them. Putin's war crimes do not warrant a hatred for Russians. Evil is a matter of the heart, not the skin. Pray for those suffering on all sides of the border, and trust not in the ways of man but in the Way of Jesus, who came first to die for sinners and who will come again to set right what men like Putin have done wrong. (Rev. 21:4)

## **April Upcoming Events:**

Walk with a Doc, Tuesday, April 5, noon. Meet at the East end of Hudson Bay Road. The topic is going to be Rocky Mountain Spotted fever.

**FOTG:** Wednesday, **April 13,** 10:30 a.m. first garden clean up after winter and in time for Easter.

The Bayview Community Council meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. We're celebrating our return to public meetings with free pizza! The actual meeting begins 6:30 p.m. New neighbors, we look forward to meeting you.

