

### NORTHTREE OPENS

by Sheryl Puckett



You can date your time in Bayview by its past names. It was once the M&M Burger Bar, then Terry's, next Mario's, then Brunches and now in 2021 it's called **NORTHTREE**. Clint Beebe, for the last year, has been remodeling the building and

opened in time for Bayview Daze. The location is currently owned by Chan Karupiah.

According to Clint, "A fun story to note about acquiring the building from Chan was we had been hanging out talking for a couple of months leading up to Christmas 2019. After the New Year, I was down at his office talking with him and he finally says point blank, 'what do you want from me?' I laughed and said, I wouldn't mind revamping one of the business spaces like the place across from JD's."

Chan said, "OK! Get Clint the keys to the building across from JD's!" As he hands me the keys he said, "Now you have life purpose again, get to work." Clint acknowledges his relationship with Chan started as a friendship and he is grateful to him for the opportunity most people wouldn't get.

Over the past year, Clint has worked countless days into the night cleaning and brightening up NORTHTREE. He built every table by hand from reclaimed deck wood. Clint truly feels honored to be a new business owner in beautiful Bayview.

Clint envisions lots of community events and would like NORTHTREE to be the space functioning as a community hub. Currently he has created an area to showcase historical Bayview photos.

There are no plans for food inside NORTHTREE but Clint plans for rotating food trailers outside. His dream is to have the outside grass area be a year round food court. "Winter will be a challenge, but the winter economy will only grow and grow. I have a hot dog cart and I'll be your start up guy or I'll provide an opportunity for someone to create their own thing. You can buy me out, or I'll help you make it work," says Clint.

During Bayview Daze Clint had ice cream, hamburger and brat vendors. This gave him lots of exposure. He met a lot of people and he encouraged folks to come and hang around at NORTHTREE. He wants to create a fun atmosphere for families by offering a kids art event. CONT.

Inside you'll find T-shirts and hats. Everything is Northwest brands. For example, his Women's Tee shirts are from 208 Tees, which are made by young kids running their business out of a garage in Spirit Lake. Clint definitely wants to support local entrepreneurs. He plans to acquire more inventory, perhaps winter goods such as snow boards or skis.

Clint grew up in the inner city of Phoenix. He also resided eight years in Breckenridge, Colorado. He had a good friend from Sandpoint and would see her childhood photos on Facebook of growing up on a lake. In Arizona, no one lives on a lake, so the seed was planted. He took a trip up here and had an aha moment. There were mountains and lakes and it was everything he wanted in a place to raise his family.

Clint has been in Northern Idaho three years, with the first year living in Sandpoint. He discovered Bayview through managing a vacation rental. He recalls it being quiet, beautiful and with great potential. He saw Breckenridge, a small mountain town, go from 4,000 to a million visitors.

Clint is a one man band. At 38 years old, he is full of ideas, lots and lots of ideas. Before acquiring NORTHTREE, Clint sent Chan a powerpoint presentation with examples of everything he thought would be neat features for the area. Some of his community initiatives are: Bayview Movie Night Out, Fall Festival, Cycling Festival, and the list goes on. This is Clint's vision.



Photos of Clint's PDF presentation



While interviewing Clint, two sweet girls played around happily. His wife, Britney, might be his greatest asset. They are expecting another child.

Clint wants to do something positive now, push forward, work hard, and get folks involved. Clint added, "I can sympathize with not wanting a whole lot of crazy growth."

"It's been a labor of love and I'm happy to finally have the doors open for everyone to enjoy the NORTHTREE year round, here in amazing Bayview, Idaho."

NORTHTREE is open Thursday thru Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call: 208-561-5022 or email: [NORTHTREEventures@gmail.com](mailto:NORTHTREEventures@gmail.com)

# Day Is Done

by Sheryl Puckett

They call him "Houseboat Dave." Dave Braunberger, plays TAPS at sunset every time he is in Bayview, typically on weekends, for the past twelve years.

Taps trumpet playing at the end of the day, is played to honor our servicemen and women who paid the ultimate price.

I'm sorry to dispel the illusion; Dave is not playing a trumpet. He is projecting TAPS from a 3,000 watt stereo on his houseboat on "A" dock in Scenic Bay Marina.



"A bunch of years ago, I inherited a burial flag from a soldier in Iraq and then started doing a cannon salute and TAPS for him. I flew his flag until it frayed. When it was no longer serviceable, I retired the flag, folded it up and put it in a display cabinet and

returned it to the people who gave it to me," recalls Dave.

The next flag was from another nearby boat owner named Lou. Lou's Dad was a B52 pilot, so Dave flew his flag until it too frayed and now Dave flies his own father's flag.

Dave says, "The big reason I do it is this: I want people to stop and reflect on why we're able to live this way, is because of the servicemen in harms way and especially those whom have fallen." Perhaps the eight years Dave spent in the air force working on nuclear weapons is a reason for his healthy pride in our country.

A sheriff recently pulled up and asked Dave how many complaints he gets and Dave told him "none." The boom sound is not from the speakers. How Dave creates the cannon sound, however, remains his secret.

So, if you're one of the lucky ones to hear Dave's TAPS, you now know who to thank for this. Many folks have commented that they enjoy listening to it and can never pinpoint where it's coming from. Now you know that too.

## Some Summer Happenings

- **Fridays, Athol Farmer's Market, starts 2 p.m.**
- **Monday & Thursday Yoga, 9 a.m., Center**
- **Monday. & Thursday. Pickleball 5- 7 p.m., Center**
- **Tuesday Mah Jong, 4 p.m., Center**
- **August 25 BWSO Hearing: Sewer Ordinance, 6 p.m.**
- **August 31 Council Picnic, Farragut State Park**
- **September 4, Door to Door Food Drive, 10**

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# There's No Place Like Local

by Ali Spahn

It has been said, "Sometimes the road of life takes an unexpected turn and you have no choice but to follow it to end up in the place you are supposed to be." This certainly seems true of Tim and Deb Zabawa. Tim, was living in Eastern Iowa and traveling all over the country with his job. In 1991, Tim met Deb and knew her for only two weeks when Tim decided to move to Idaho. He asked Deb to go with him. Four months after they arrived in CDA, Tim and Deb got married and started to raise their family.

Over the years, Tim enjoyed fishing in Lake Pend Oreille. When Tim discovered the **Bayview Mercantile** was available, he took a leap of faith and purchased the store. Deb said, "We decided to "jump in with both feet." Since they had no experience



running a storefront business, Marie Streeter, who had worked for the previous owner, helped Tim learn the ropes. "We knew the building needed to be renovated. We had to bring everything up to fire code, drywalled most of the walls, added a new roof, tiled the floor and added lights to brighten up the interior," Deb said. Opening day was on June 30, 2014, right before Bayview Daze.

When Super 1 was built, Deb was not concerned. "Foot traffic did slowdown for about a couple of weeks, but after that we've been fine. Most people don't want to drive the 16 miles roundtrip for just a gallon of milk," Deb explained. In addition, Tim tries to keep their prices reasonable. Ice, beer, and cigarettes are the top three products purchased in the store. "People are surprised when they ask for a particular item such as a plunger and we have it!" laughed Deb.

The Merc is open all winter except for Christmas Day. Winter months aren't terrible, but they watch what they're spending, and pray that they have a great summer. "During Bayview Daze 2021, we were steady all day, but the foot traffic was slower than previous years," Deb explained. Still, they are glad things are finally getting back to normal.

The Merc provides a few special services in the store such as a cardiac defibrillator in case of emergencies. Deb believes in giving back to the community, so at times she will deliver groceries to the elderly residents in the community.

Deb would like visitors to slow down when driving through town. "People blow by the store, and I'm surprised no one has been hit. If the county would install speed bumps, that might help with the speeding," believes Deb.

"I'm grateful for the community. I love Bayview. There are great people here. Without the community support, we would struggle through the winter months," said Deb.

Bayview wouldn't be Bayview without the Merc. Go get yourself a cold one.