

Bayview Community Council News

Renaissance Woman

By Marlys Blagden

Lakeland School District has a new teacher and Athol Elementary is lucky to have her! **Elizabeth Baker** (Liz) and her husband moved to Bayview full-time last August. Here's a person who fits our town like a glove.



Liz says the best thing about living in Bayview is the quiet and living near the lake, as she is a water girl at heart. Her husband, Andrew, is in construction and has done an amazing remodel on a local lake

house, among other projects. Liz loves being part of the community and has already realized that even going to Super 1, she is bound to run into someone who knows her.

Liz grew up and went to school in Coeur d'Alene where she graduated from Lake City High school. She then obtained her bachelor's degree in psychology and worked with developmentally delayed adults and children. She briefly had a job as a special education parapro for high school students in the East Valley District. Teaching appealed to her so she sought her teaching degree. After graduating, she was hired to teach in Mead School District at Colbert Elementary, working in the elementary grades. Liz soon discovered her new calling was working with the younger children.

Moving to Bayview in the summer of 2020, was an "oof-what a year to move!" Liz soon realized that the commute to teach in Washington would just not work, so she obtained her Idaho teaching certificate and began looking for a local position. Covid-19 was hampering the effort, so she signed up to substitute teach in both Lakeland & Cd'A School Districts. Several weeks into the school year, a position opened up at Athol Elementary and the rest is history. Elizabeth teaches 21 second graders and loves the challenge, opportunity and joy of it all.

There's much more to this story than Elizabeth's teaching journey. It's her tie to Bayview's history. Her Great Aunt Myrtle and Uncle Norman Cameron lived in Coeur d'Alene where they operated Merrill's Cafe. In 1965, they bought a home in Bayview and then leased and operated the Buttonhook until 1978. Myrtle continued to live in Bayview until she passed in 1994. She had no children of her own, so her property was divided amongst family members.

Elizabeth's parents were part of the family inheritance. The other inheritance members did not live close and had little interest in an out of the way "small town" in North Idaho.

In 1994, Liz's parents, Larry and Gail Adams, bought out the other members and started coming regularly to our little berg for summer vacations and weekend get-aways. They too decided Bayview was where they wanted to spend their retirement years and in 2002 moved here to live permanently on 4th Street. "Mom was famous for her garden and would even give advice to new would-be gardeners when they called her 'help line,'" says Liz. Local artist Bev Gallegos painted "Gail's Garden" and the original painting still hangs in Liz's house today. Connie Hammell, a longtime Bayview resident recalls Gail's garden with all kinds of huge beautiful flowers. When her mom passed in 2016, it was only a few years later they convinced Dad it might be best for him to move to a Senior Living facility in Coeur d'Alene, leaving the house and property empty.



Now, Liz and her brother, who lived in California, became part of the Bayview inheritance. Her brother had no plans to leave California and agreed to sell out to Liz and her husband, Andrew.

Liz has already joined the Bayview singing group, Noteables, and says the caroling they did before Christmas really brought a warmth to her heart. To see the joy it brought to many local seniors who couldn't get out much was a real spirit lifter and gift of love. Liz added, "Thank you for all of the donations towards the sound system for the Noteables. We got so many generous contributions."

Along with holding a tune, it seems Liz is a one woman band of the creative arts. She plays many instruments including the clarinet, oboe and saxophone. Being an artist, she also loves to paint, draw and sculpt. Wait until Liz finds out that there's a Bayview artist group.

What better place to live for inspiration than beautiful Bayview. Liz loves small town life with Andrew and their faithful pup, Daisy. They wouldn't change it for anything.

Welcome back, Bayview extends a heartfelt embrace. We all look forward to your contributions to our community.

Scholarship Opportunity

Bayview Community Council is offering a \$500 scholarship to anyone living within a six mile radius of Bayview. There is no age limit. Applicants should be enrolling in an accredited educational institution for the coming year.

You can get the application from our website: <http://bayviewcommunitycouncil.org/bayview-community-council-scholarship.html> Please submit your application by March 1. For questions contact Marlyns Blagden 208-683-3295 or Ski 208-683-3625.

The Ruination of Farragut State Park

by the Grumpy Old Man

I have watched in horror for 20 years as the state of Idaho has used every excuse possible to justify defiling Farragut State Park. Logging, paving and commercializing this little piece of paradise, turning scenic forest trails into skid roads and destroying wildlife habitat. The latest insult has been the destruction of the crown jewel, the shoreline forest and trail system now a burned and blacked stump field.

Farragut should be honored for its exquisite Park Values: scenic, natural, wildlife, recreation and solitude, rather than being subjected to crass profiteering supporting the myth of forest management that is little more than tree farming. I've had the opportunity to visit parks across the U.S. places where one can sense they are getting away from it all. Soon enough there will be no areas of Farragut left uncut.

I wish I could take you on a walk back in time to show you what has been lost to this flagrant mismanagement in service to the timber industry mindset of Boise. This "no forest left unlogged" philosophy forces the Fish & Game and Parks departments to sign off on the use of extreme commercial forest management practices resulting in the debauchery we all now witness. It would take public outrage to stop them. It's not happening in today's Idaho.

March 9, Lakeland School Levy

This is a 9.52 million dollar **Instructional Levy** which replaces the previous 8.99 million 2019 Instructional Levy that expires this year. Levies are required to be renewed every two years. Supplemental levies require a 50 percent plus one vote to be approved or a 50 percent minus one to be rejected by the voters.

The Levy will continue to help fund small neighborhood schools & reasonable class sizes, all athletics and extracurricular activities, maintain current staffing, school safety and security (armed guards), technology integration & education, full day kindergarten, advanced learning program, curricular materials, and additional nurse time. Early voting is available at the County Elections Office starting February 22 through March 5. To request an absentee ballot: [Absentee Request Form](#) Call the District Office: 208-687-0431 for more info.

Community Devotion

by Sheryl Puckett and Mike Lee

Some champions have a habit of stepping up in times of challenge, like our own Ted Bare. Without his due diligence and commitment we might have never sought an alternative route for our water lines that can solve water pressure and fire flows problems. Ted's dogged pursuit of finding an option was overlooked by the past engineer, but it's finally coming to fruition.



This is actually being referred to as "Plan F". (You could say we are evolving.)

The third bond passed, Plan E, but Ted still insisted there was a better solution. However, it wasn't until a new engineer was hired, with new eyes on our water system, would we know if Ted was onto something. Turns out he was.

The board has been responsive to Ted's proposal and took the steps to direct the new engineer to proceed with the water modeling.

In Ted Bare, BWS found someone befitting the adage "with age comes wisdom," combined with the ability to think outside the box. Ted saw through the justifications provided by our previous engineering firm. He had an intuitive sense that there was a better way of re-routing our transmission line to better serve water users and rate payers, without constructing a new 12" transmission line on the West end of town.

Fast forward, the new BWSD engineer from Keller Associates, Kyle Meschko, looked into Ted's idea and concluded "We did come up with a solution to eliminate the westerly transmission line around town." There is a potential for more than \$250,000 in capital cost savings while improving the system. Kyle has opened up discussions with DEQ and says, "I think this option provides great value and with a booster system we'll be increasing system pressure." DEQ said, "Foregoing the West end line doesn't stop you from doing it in the future." Keller Associates updated the model to reflect future demands reported in the Facility Plan.

Ted is an example of community service at its best. Someone who gets involved in local issues in an attempt to do the right thing, not personal pride or a set agenda. He's here to serve us and for that we all need to give him a pat on the back and a hearty thank you.

This article isn't about the alternative route. For one thing, the Facility Plan will need to be amended and a public hearing held. That is for another article.

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