

Throw To Win *By Sheryl Puckett*



Cornhole is here in Bayview. Last February, Justin Doty brought the game to **JD's Pub & Grill**, which turns out to be an ideal place because of its large backroom with high ceilings.

Cornhole is a game in which small bags filled with resin are tossed at a target consisting of an inclined wooden platform with a hole at one end, as described by a Google search. It has become very popular since airing on ESPN and is officially proclaimed a Professional Sport.

Justin got the bug playing in the backyard with his father in law who beat him. He didn't want to repeat this so he started practicing which ultimately led to a desire to bring the sport to the area. Justin loves playing the game and started playing in tournaments 3 to 4 days a week.

A month ago he had 25 players at JD's. "There are people who haven't been up to Bayview in twenty years that are coming now to play. I have people traveling as far as Lewiston, Montana, and North Spokane, just to play in our tournaments. It's also bringing people out here who would never have come."

So how does one begin playing? According to Justin, "The best way to learn how to play is to find a friend with a set of boards, set boards at 27 feet apart in the backyard and toss until you feel comfortable. Then come to one of the tournaments where everyone is very welcoming and we'll make sure you're in the right division and having fun."

Justin is working on getting a set of boards and bags to leave at JD's permanently, so people can come play anytime. This way you can get used to throwing the bags. Kids are welcomed and allowed at JD's as long as they don't sit at the bar. "Kids as young as 7 years old come and play," says Justin.

Tournaments have an entrance fee based on the level: novice, competitive and advanced. Advanced get the highest pay out, since they have the highest entrance fee. Download a free APP called **Scoreholio** that tracks the tournaments, registers players, tells you how far away the nearest tournament is, when it is, how many are signed up and the entrance fee.

Justin hopes to hold a major tournament in Bayview next summer 2022 just before Bayview Daze.

Down On The Farm Family Fun

Ever dream of farm life? Got the homestead bug? Come experience the real deal. **The Farm at Winter Station** provides a wholesome family farm experience. They have a petting barnyard where families can interact, pet and feed a variety of typical farm animals, collect chicken eggs, and play with goats! Can't wait to take my granddaughters here.



Miniature horses and ponies, cows, pigs, chickens, turkeys, and sheep are some of the other animals you'll see. There's also Bunnyville where you can sit down and pet and feed little miniature Holland Lop bunnies.

Owners, Laura and her husband, Monty, wanted to offer families a wholesome place to go and spend a day experiencing farm life and farm animals. "We wanted to be a resource for teaching homesteading skills. So many folks are moving into this area that are looking for these opportunities. Both my husband and I bring a lifetime of experience having grown up on farms," says Laura.

"We have a family fun area with activities such as tug of war, gunny sack races, rock painting, a scavenger hunt with prizes and a corn box. Also there's a horse shoe pit, corn toss and a giant checkers board. We also have Goat Yoga, Birthday Party packages, pony rides, and weekend workshops where we teach various farm skills for the typical homesteader."



Last year they had a blacksmith demonstration and currently have a lady who provides a spinning workshop as part of our weekend workshops. There's a small gift shop where we sell a few things too.

Monty is from Wyoming and Laura from South Texas. They lived in Athol since 2013 when they visited here and fell in love with it, but it wasn't until 2020, that they opened The Farm at Winter Station.

Laura hopes to get more involved with 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) groups. They also have Homeschool Fridays and offer a \$2 discount and have learning activities for kids.

Their season goes from May 1 to October 31. Customers include families, homeschoolers, Silverwood patrons, Silverwood RV Park and Ravenwood RV Park campers, which are all close neighbors.

Hours of operation are 10 to 6 p.m. open every day now through the summer. The Farm at Winter Station is located at 6803 E. Son Shine Way, Athol. Their phone number is (208) 561-9771.

June Highway Litter Pick Up

The Bayview Community Council intends to clean Highway 54 trash June 23 in time for upcoming Bayview Daze. You can choose to meet at Country Boy for breakfast, 7:30 a.m. or skip breakfast and meet 9 a.m. at park headquarters where we'll pass out vests, trash pickers and assign mileage numbers. Be sure to wear good shoes. **The more folks participating, the faster we get 'er done.**



Kuch

Bob Kuchenski, Bayview Water & Sewer District System Operator, has been selected as **Water Operations Specialist of the Year** by the **Idaho Rural Water Association**. He will be recognized at an Awards Banquet in Boise. Ali Spahn, BWSD chairperson, nominated him for his outstanding skill in the field, leadership qualities, and generosity sharing information. Congratulations and enjoy the limelight, Bob.

One Call Cleans It All

Markayla Rose Vig has started a new housecleaning business called **New Shine Cleaning Company**.



Markayla, born and raised in Bayview, worked at Ralph's Cafe, where she was a hard worker and a self starter. You didn't have to tell MarKayla what needed to be done; she was always on top of things and had a natural ability to do things well. You can reach Markayla at 208-217-7824.

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Admittedly It Went Sideways

"Admittedly it went sideways" is a quote from Idaho Parks Natural Resource Program Manager at the May 11 Chamber meeting referring to the Ponderosa Pine Restoration project at the Eagle Boat Launch.

Dave Leptich, F&G Regional Habitat Biologist, also stated the first attempt at White Pine replanting at the North end of the park was a 99% failure and the second planting looks promising. However, we'll need to wait 120 years to see the final results of their tree farming efforts.

Fish & Game began logging Farragut State Park over twenty years ago. Sadly the park service followed suit and began commercial scale forestry of their own property as well.

In 2011 citizen's committee implored the state to protect the high value recreation areas along the shore line and leave the area undisturbed. This went up in smoke, literally, beginning at the view point and now proceeding all the way to Beaver Bay leading to a catastrophic loss of old growth douglas fir, ponderosa pine and wildlife habitat.

When the Chamber President made an inquiry about a new committee having input he was summarily denied. This itself is a violation of park policy.

The present state of the forest in Farragut State Park foretells a bleak future dominated by commercial logging in this vital remnant of low land forest, an island amongst ever expanding development in Kootenai County.

Road Trip With Friends

The Council's Fun Committee is planning a trip to the **Blue Zoo** in Spokane on June 22. "Blue Zoo is an inspiring interactive aquarium for families to come and enjoy a hands-on experience with our 200+ species of animals!"

Twelve or more, the group rate is \$9.95 each. Otherwise it's 15.95 per person. Optional lunch at the mall following the tour.

If you'd like to make new memories and friends, contact Judi: njontheroad@hotmail.com

F.A.C.T. *By Rosemary Brennon*

Photo of the first meeting of the Fire Awareness Committee Team (FACT) group May 20.



We meet weekly Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. lower level of the Community Center. Please join us.

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