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New Neighbors

by Sheryl Puckett

Lots of folks have moved to Bayview in the past months, but not many can say, "Our little dream house popped up on the internet. Since we had just done two back to back trips to Idaho, we did what some crazy people do. We bought a house by video. The first day we actually entered the house was when we were given the keys."

James Applegate and his lovely wife, Kelly, love Bayview. "We love our neighbors, we love Ralphs, we love the marina, and our time on the water, kayaking or cruising with Great Western Nautical. For right now, Bayview is our part time home, until we can make it our full time home."

In 2020 James published a book called **Cabin at Unforgiven**. It took him eleven years to complete. "Three kids, three businesses, and a little thing called life, seemed to get in the way. Most of the book was written after midnight and on vacations." If you ask James if the book is autobiographical, he will tell you it has "some hidden truths within."

The story takes place mainly in the mountains of Oregon. A prison guard, a prisoner, a mother, father, and three young girls get stranded during a severe winter storm on a mountain top, called "Unforgiven." They all seek refuge in a remote cabin owned by a mentally unstable recluse. During their stay, their lives are threatened by the storm, and one by one, they unwillingly reveal their personal demons, from abuse, to addictions, abandonment and adoption. Both the storm and the story, are unpredictable so expect the unexpected.

Cabin at Unforgiven has earned two awards: the Readers Choice Award and United Kingdom's Author Of The Year. James has received letters from readers who have been touched by the book. He cherishes each of these and reads these letters when he needs motivation on writing his next book.

According to Stephen King, "The scariest moment is always just before you start." James' style is to pray before he writes. Most writers would agree that to be a good writer you need to read a lot and write a lot.



James second book is getting close to being done. Most of it will be written in Bayview and Bayview will be mentioned in the book!

"*Cabin at Unforgiven* is really for ages 12 on up. My new book will be for 18 on up. It is a loose sequel, dealing with some really big issues facing our country today." This month, James held a book signing at Ralph's Coffee House and the turnout was good.

If you read his book, feel free to contact James and share your thoughts with him at cabinatunforgiven@gmail.com

Welcome, James and Kelly, to Bayview. Hopefully the sunsets, lake, mountains and Bayview characters help you find the right words for your next book.

Tax Time Relief

By Sheryl Puckett

Cheryl Stenberg has been a CPA for 33 years. She offers all business and personal tax returns, IRS notices and liens, back taxes, installment agreements, bookkeeping, and consulting but no longer does payroll taxes.



"I make house calls because tax season is in the snowy winter months and many people do not want to drive over Cape Horn Road or into Hayden," says Bayview resident, Cheryl.

Originally from Missoula, Montana, Cheryl always wanted a "little cabin in the woods" She basically grew up on the Bob Marshall Wilderness, so mountains have always been home to her.

Cheryl's ex husband was a jet pilot in the military so they moved around a lot. "I looked around and found and fell in love with the Bayview area. I love the view from the Cape Horn Road and the wildlife in the area. It makes me feel like I'm home again. Missoula has grown way too big."

Cheryl graduated from the University of Montana with a Bachelor of Arts in accounting in 1988. She passed the CPA exam that same year and has been a tax CPA ever since. "Since we moved so much, I have had experience with many different firms and clients. I've had my own CPA firm for the last 13 years." CONT.

(CONT.) You can find Cheryl and Gryz at her two offices: Cheryl L Stenberg, CPA, Tax Solution Advisor 35095 Terrace Drive Bayview ID 83803 and 13403 North Government Way Suite 301 Hayden ID 83835. Her phone number is 208-651-4112 and cell 303-717-3560.



Lastly, Cheryl says, "My German Shepherd, Gryz, is my partner." If you chose to visit Cheryl in Bayview, you'll be greeted and loved by him.

New BWSD Director?

by Sheryl Puckett

By all appearances it seems Bayview Water & Sewer will be getting a new board member. A letter of interest has been received from Bayview resident, Pat Johnson.

According to chairperson, Colleen Dahlseid, "Pat is anxious to participate, has been here a long time and will be a wonderful addition." Pat will be filling either Calvin Nolan or Ali Spahn's open position. At this point it is undetermined which. It was said the position will go to 2023 until it is up for an election.

According to the Johnson & Zager PLLC Attorneys at Law

website: Pat's practice centers on commercial law... Pat handles a full range of real estate financing and contract matters... In addition to her wide experience in the private practice of law representing lenders and creditor's and handling general business matters, Pat served 11 years as District Counsel for the U.S.



Small Business Administration in eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

"In her free time Pat enjoys sculling and open water rowing races, cycling, running, cross country skiing and snowshoeing." Pat volunteered with Big Sisters too.

Bayview walkers might run into Pat and her husband, Art, walking their many greyhound dogs. On another note, the Johnsons, for the past two years, generously donated items to the Community Wide Yard Sale. Pat obviously embodies the spirit of community service too.



Don't miss BAB's Holiday Event, November 13, 11 - 3 p.m. at the Community Center. Bake sale, Gift Basket Raffle, Homemade Soups, local crafts and more.

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Still Standing

Editorial By Mike Lee (his views are his alone)

Some call it an eyesore, others a hazard. But in the old boat lift beside the Captain's Wheel I see an enduring icon of Bayview's past and have found hope for our future.

Many fought to have it torn down. But it still stands defying winter snow and rotting timbers. It was built to withstand the weight of boats and has so far bested time itself. A monument to Bayview's working class history like the old lime kilns behind it.

Recent local sentiment on Facebook included: "I think it's sad nothing has been done there." "I've been coming here for 60 years and have watched it steadily deteriorate." "Hazardous site, lots of lead paint on the shiplap siding plus 100 years of sediment on the bottom of the lake." "As a photo op, it has great appeal."



photo by Kerry Kelly

I have a soft spot in my heart for the building and I'm thrilled that it's current owner, Chan Karupiah, has fought to save it.

People love Bayview because, like this old boat lift, the insane trend of growth that is swallowing North Idaho hasn't completely remade us yet. I've personally cursed the specter of development for fear of losing our quaint, quiet throwback to Idaho's past.

But in all my years of complaining, I have never actually talked to Chan until recently. And despite what they say about lawyers, politicians and developers, I came away from our conversation with hope for Bayview's small town future.

Chan has been here for almost as long as the rest of us who claim "old timer" status. He bought JDs resort when it was no more than a dive bar with some broken down docks and a bad reputation, not that there is anything wrong with that. And who can blame him for being in the right place at the right time to scoop up the left overs of Bob Holland's dream of Bayview as a destination resort town.

Over time it seems that Bayview's distinct working class charm has infected Chan as much as the rest of us. According to him, Bayview can rest assured that he has no grand plans to make us into some hoity toity Coeur d' Alene redux. Besides, he has Stoneridge in Blanchard to fulfill all the development dreams that suit him.

Back to the old boat lift, yes it may be showing its age as much as the rest of us. And who knows when Chan will get around to fixing it up. Maybe not a bad thing.

So next time you look down your nose at this "eye sore" remember your last trip to Coeur d' Alene and count your blessing to live in what quite literally has become the last best place in Kootenai County, our beloved Bayview.