

# SHORE LINES

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## CHRISTMAS ELVES SPOTTED IN ATHOL

By Jan Jones

A special group of volunteer elves are helping to make our community better every week at the ABC Food Bank in Athol. About 10 wonderful volunteers regularly help unload incoming donations, stack food items on shelves and put together the boxes that clients pick up on Tuesdays. The volunteers come from all walks of life, some working at other jobs and some retired.

The Food Bank Director, Charlotte Hooper, says each person enjoys that special feeling of helping people and making a contribution to their community.



The ABC (Athol, Bayview, Careywood) Food Bank serves about 200 families. Charlotte hastens to add it takes many heroes in the community to make the Food Bank function. The staff is unpaid and every bit of food and donated dollars goes to serving the clients.

The Food Bank has many important partners who donate food and dollars. These include: Little Town Market and other local businesses, CDA Food Bank, Union Gospel Mission, 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest, gleaning groups and the City of Athol. In addition, local individuals, various agencies, clubs and schools pitch in to help keep the Food Bank stocked.

At Thanksgiving, volunteers at the Food Bank boxed and handed out 202 boxes of food. During December, not only will there be boxes for holiday dinners, but about 200 local children will receive wrapped gifts as a result of the Tree of Sharing tags collected by the Food Bank. Each year, individuals and groups take tags describing several gifts each child wants and then try to fulfill those wishes.

This year about 100 tags have been reserved, with more help needed. Tags are available at Little Town Market. If you would like to volunteer or find out more, just call Charlotte at 683-3244.

Our community is so fortunate to have these wonderful volunteers and community partners throughout the year. We want to give them a big Thank You for helping to make this a better place to live.

## Off Road Vehicle Plans

Editorial by John Strobel (views may not reflect the Council)

Kootenai County is considering a massive off-road vehicle park on Twete Road that would bring blaring noise, glaring lights and choking traffic. The plan calls for riding trails for ATVs, dirt bikes, endurocross, snowcross and four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Nick Snyder, the county's parks and waterways director, told commissioners the facility would have bleachers. That means racing and racing crowds. Have you ever listened to an endurocross race? Noise. LOUD noise. Think of a screaming dirt bike as its engine's RPMs soar. Then think of several of these din makers simultaneously clawing for the lead. And of course racing would be held on weekend nights, and that means stadium lighting.

Snyder says he'll notify neighboring landowners of his plan. And he "senses" that their initial reaction will be "Not in my backyard."

Well, Mr. Snyder, there are hundreds of NIMBYs who would be affected by that idiocy, so when you come up here to educate us, bring an environmental impact statement and noise pollution study with you. The county will need both because your scheme would expose it to legal liability for a slew of problems such as plunging real estate values, health risks and alienation of serenity. And judges around the country have sided with plaintiffs suing over such noise.

Noted Bayview attorney Harvey Richman makes two critical points:

- "Mr. Snyder should carefully review the 10 years of litigation that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game was forced to suffer when similar noise issues were raised that drew the righteous indignation of the Bayview community in relation to Farragut State Park."
- "There is little doubt that a 'noise park' as contemplated by the County Parks and Waterways Department is violative of the longstanding county noise ordinance."

We want to know how this is going to be paid for. It's always prudent to follow the money, and in this case Mr. Snyder says it will have to come from grants and donations. Okay, please name the people who have expressed interest in furthering this project so we can assess their motivation.

And speaking of money, have you done a financial feasibility study?

Finally, Mr. Snyder, don't you dare call us NIMBYs again until we hear a proposal from you to put the facility in your backyard.

# Happening Tonight

**55+/- Party**

**When: Thursday  
December 15 - 6 p.m.**

**Where: Log Spirit B&B  
Howard Rd., Athol**

**\$2 donation at the door.  
The Council will provide the  
ham & potatoes.  
Please bring an appetizer,  
side or dessert to share.**

**There will be a  
gift exchange with a  
price limit of \$10 or less.  
Come & Enjoy our  
annual 55+/-  
celebration.**

Please call Sharon (683-2857)  
for more details or instructions. Thank You!

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Chris Remington, the grandson of Charlene Soppit (Bayview Liquor Store manager) has started a new business called **Bulletproof Shrink Wraps**. The web page is [bulletproofshrinkwraps.com](http://bulletproofshrinkwraps.com) or call Chris at [208-446-9327](tel:208-446-9327).

The **Panida Theatre** in Sandpoint presents Dickens' age old story, **Christmas Carole**, with a twist and a kick! Musical theater performances at 8 p.m. December 16-17, 22-23; For more information go to: [www.panida.org](http://www.panida.org)

**No Council Meeting in December & January**

## Charitable Donation Thank You

The **ABC Food Bank** and the **Bayview Community Council** thank Chan Karupiah for his generous \$500 donation to help with the purchase of Thanksgiving holiday turkeys.

The Food Bank helped feed several hundred families this Thanksgiving and up to 400 families at Christmas. Mr. Karupiah's donation will help with these endeavors to provide for those in need in our community. Thanks to all others who donated as well.

Sincerely,  
Sally Newcombe  
Health and Outreach Director, Bayview Community Council

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# Athol Restaurant Opens

Athol has a new restaurant, **The White Pine Grill**. Carl and Kelly Dodson have renovated and recently opened what used to be Moe's Roadhouse BBQ and before that the White Pine Cafe.

The Dodson's are not new to Athol having run The Rib Ranch from 2002 to 2013.

The White Pine Grill is located just one block north of the Conoco on Old Hwy 95. Its hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9 am to 8pm, Sunday 9am to 2pm, closed Monday. Dinner starts at 4pm.

Prime Rib is served every Friday night and includes a salad bar. Baby back ribs, Rib Eye (10 & 16 oz.) and Chicken Caesar Salad are some of the daily dinner items.

The White Pine Grill has a full bar and several televisions. According to Bayview resident, Margaret Nelson, servings are huge and the waitress made it a welcoming, friendly place to dine. Margaret had the beef stir fry served in a large bowl with chopsticks. Another Bayview resident, Janet Beebe, had dinner there too and gave the White Pine Grill a thumbs up.

## The Joys of Vision

*By Raquel Kellicut*

PLEASE don't skip those routine eye exams! It wasn't long ago I went in for mine with no symptoms, and was diagnosed with a detached retina in the right eye and numerous tears in the left eye. I ended up in emergency surgery for both eyes potentially saving my sight from being lost due to some random injury from one of my many activities. The recovery is long, slow, and highly sedentary but I'm feeling grateful for my continued ability to see.

Eye exams are an important part of preserving your health so please don't procrastinate. Schedule an appointment soon. Persons with a long history of nearsightedness have a higher risk of retinal detachment or tears.



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