

SHORE LINES

Bayview Community News
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Events &
Activities

What Winning A Scholarship Meant To Me

When I received the 2015 Bayview Community Council Scholarship, it meant everything to me. As a WUE (*Western Undergraduate Exchange*) student my tuition is \$269 a credit. This is quite a bit for a single parent and full time student to pay, even with financial aid, student loans, and my full time job. Textbooks can be outrageously expensive. My most expensive textbook, which I bought used, cost \$226. There are books even more expensive as you get further into a higher education. The \$500 scholarship doesn't seem like much with numbers like this, but every penny helped me. Not only was I able to buy the textbooks I needed, I was able to buy pens and notebooks. The selflessness of the Bayview Community Council committee that awarded me the 2015 scholarship has helped me continue my education, and for that I couldn't be more thankful. Knowledge is power, and it will get you far in life.

Cyreen Patton
2015 Bayview Community Council
Scholarship Recipient

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Bayview Community Council is offering
a scholarship in the amount of \$500.00

If you:

- Live in within a 6 mile radius of Bayview
- Are currently enrolled or plan to enroll in an educational institution for the coming year
- Are looking for a means to help fund your education

You can obtain an application from our website at:
www.bayviewcommunitycouncil.org,
contact Sheryl Puckett at sherylpp@gmail.com
or call Sharon at 683-2857
or Marlys at 683-3295

Season Celebration

On December 10 the Bayview Spirit was once again alive and well. Approximately 40 people gathered at the Log Spirit B&B for fun, games and food. The B&B put you in the Holiday spirit as soon as you walked in. Robin did a beautiful job decorating her home. A lively exchange of gifts with the fun of stealing the one of your dreams kept us all on point. It never ceases to amaze me the caring nature of our little town. To say a good time was had by all was an understatement!

Susan Meyer, Council Chair

Thank You

Thank you for all your help in serving our community and your help with the Sharing Tree. Thank you to all the individuals who brought a smile to a child. Your generosity helped make this a special Christmas.

Charlotte Hooper, Athol Food Bank

Can You Hear Me Now?

Verizon has given our contractor the go a head to proceed with the design of a cell tower for Bayview. Your cell tower committee is preparing to work collaboratively with our contractor who will survey the proposed property and create a design for application to Kootenai County. Your committee has been gathering support and talking with officials who might be instrumental in this process.

The design will be presented in a pre-application meeting which should occur in late spring. Committee members will be present at this meeting and report back to you. Letters of support and a petition will be presented at this pre-application meeting. The application, once received by Kootenai County, will go through its own process including a public hearing sometime in late Summer 2016.

When we get closer to the time of this meeting, the committee will be seeking a show of support and testimonials from the Bayview community. Stay tuned for more details. The Bayview Council and Cell Tower committee would like to thank Bob Moore for his tireless efforts in obtaining this much-needed cell tower in Bayview.



How to stay safe on the road and ahead of Old Man Winter

By Steve May

Winter is a challenging time for drivers and vehicles. Here are 5 time-proven tips to help make winter driving easier and safer.

#1 Prep your vehicle for winter success: Winterize your car: snow tires, working jack, anti-freeze, windshield washer fluid and new wiper blades. Check your headlights, hoses and battery for top efficiency.

#2 Full gas tank at all times with "non ethanol" fuel: (ethanol gas attracts water which freezes-then your engine stops) Replace your fuel filter (it collects water and can freeze solid).

#3 Vehicle Emergency Snow Kit: Keep the following equipment handy for necessary use: Aluminum collapse able snow shovel, Long handled ice scraper with brush, Blanket, small ground tarp, work gloves, extra jacket and hat, HD Tow strap or tow chain and tire chains, Long HD jumper cables, Hot Hands instant warmer packs, Car cell phone and charger plus list of emergency friends numbers

#4 Key Winter Driving Tips: Practice your smooth winter driving/sliding skills in a big empty snowy parking lot. Remember to:

Slow down! Leave a BIG space in front of you, at least two times bigger than normal. Keep your distance far from other vehicles at all times.

"Brake on the straight" far before corners. When stopping..."slow down early". Watch your rear view mirror, too.

If roads are super slippery, drive just to the side of the roads "icy tire grooves", where traction is better.

#5 If it's too bad outside to drive...Don't drive! Stay Home..Stay Safe!

Steve May is a 35 year Nationally Certified Street and Off Road Professional driving instructor.

Skiing Anyone?

2015/2016 Schweitzer Full Day Lift Tickets

Adult (ages 18-64) - \$73.00

Junior (ages 7-17) - \$50.00

Child Full Day (6 & under with adult) - Free

Seniors (ages 65-79) - 10% discount

Super Senior (ages 80+) - Free

Military (active duty - military ID required) - 10% discount

Beginner's Chair Only - \$25.00

Musical Carpet Only - Free

"Snow conditions are great with few patches of ice."

There are two seasonal diversions that ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw. The other is the seed catalogues". by Hal Borland

Become Debt Free Workshop

Free financial workshop presented by Spokane Teachers Credit Union experts.

February 2nd, 9th, and 10th

Some are in Hayden, CDA, or Post Falls

To Register Call 619-4040

STCU offers many types of financial workshops and all are open to the public.

"Financial freedom is available to those who learn about it and work for it"

Robert Kiyosaki

MARDI GRAS

THE BUTTONHOOK INN - Fat Tuesday Party at 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 9, 2016

- ★ Potluck Dinner & No-Host Beer & Wine Bar Available
- ★ Bring your favorite Cajun or creole dish to share at our potluck party
- ★ Wear your flashiest Mardi Gras costume
- ★ Come and join us for a fun and festive evening

Sponsored by Bayview Community Council

Call Sharon at 683-2857 for Info

Music by Judy Gullidge & Mike Anderson



Good Neighbors and Guardian Angels by Rob B Vogel

On July 5, 2015, a fire started out on Cape Horn near Bayview, Idaho. No one was sure of the fire's origin, but it advanced steadily through the dry brush and pines on the cape headed in a northwesterly direction. The smell of smoke filled the air over the ridge and even though they could not yet see the flames, home owners and guests began piling valuable belongings, and insurance papers into cars and trucks, anticipating a quick getaway if need be. Lake Pend Oreille was crowded that weekend with Fourth of July vacationers and Bayview Daze partiers. The Pacific Northwest was in the middle of a prolonged heat spell and Idahoans and Washingtonians were only too glad to get out to a lake to cool down. But the long weekend ended abruptly with sheriff's deputies, after assessing the spreading wildfire, advising evacuation now.

Folks from out of town headed home but the refugees from the cape mustered in downtown Bayview, many in Chan's parking lot across from the Bayview Mercantile to monitor progress of the fire and the efforts to control, manage, and extinguish. No one knew what to expect but everyone could see the fire creeping toward town, first noticing billows of smoke rising over the summit then seeing flames devouring tall pines and hill sides. The residents, sick at heart, watched helplessly as forest department tankers dropped clouds of red-orange retardant and helicopters scooping big buckets of water out of the lake and pouring their thousand gallon loads on trees and slopes. Still, the fire kept slowly making its way north and west and toward town.

What they didn't know about were 13 homeowners who didn't evacuate despite the recommendations of deputies and emergency responders. These brave community members stayed to fight the fire advancing on their houses as well as their neighbors' houses. Using a small trailer filled with firehoses and equipment stashed for such a circumstance, they managed to keep the fire at bay for nearly 48 hours until fire crews arrived to help on Tuesday. By that time, the head/front of the fire had moved a few miles north and west but left much of the cape smoldering, smoking, and overrun with burning embers that were still a grave threat to many of the houses and vacation homes built on hills and cliffs overlooking Idaho's largest lake.

This volunteer neighborhood fire fighting brigade had no training for fire fighting nor any plans when the fire began burning. But the fortunate presence of Cape Horn residents Rich Powell, a retired fire chief from Flint, Michigan and Rich Doney, a retired police detective from Monrovia, California gave them the direction needed in harnessing their efforts and coordinating the necessary tasks. According to Doney, "Rich Powell was 110% in his element." Powell began directing efforts with Doney using his police emergency preparedness training to help coordinate actions.

The fire fighters were fortunate to have help from a small trailer constructed some 16 years ago by Powell and Larry Janusch, another Cape Horn resident. These two men had the foresight to realize that emergency help from Kootenai County would be, at the minimum, over 10 miles and at least 30 minutes away. Adding to the difficulty of such an issue was the fact that Cape Horn Road is the only access in or out of the cape. (It turned out that the official fire crews who continued the battle and finally extinguished the blaze were not even on the scene until Tuesday, over 48 hours later.) Powell and Janusch acquired donated fire equipment, including about 3,000 feet of fire hoses and nozzles to stock the trailer for just such a circumstance. Using these fire hoses along with garden hoses, the 13 ad hoc fire fighters (dubbed the "Dirty Baker's Dozen" by another local resident, Jim Wilkuski) worked around the clock digging fire breaks, watering down hot spots, and keeping the fire from destroying the hundreds of homes, garages, sheds and assorted structures on Cape Horn.

"We worked around the clock," said Doney "and grabbed sleep breaks and food breaks when we could." During these respites, they would talk about what they were doing and what they were going to do to maintain a hold on the wild fire progress. Neighbors who weren't there and other Bayview citizens were calling and asking what they could do to help. Some of them snuck in on boats to bring food and water and other supplies. According to Doney "there was a strong sense of esprit de corps."

When official fire crews finally arrived to take over, they complimented the Cape Horn 13 for their work. Because of their brave efforts, only six houses were lost to a fire that eventually burned nearly 1,400 acres, engaged fire fighting crews from nine western states, and took over a week to contain. The residents continued to help by providing support for the professionals.

What motivated them to take such dangerous actions was that basic “good neighbor philosophy.” The family is the basic unit of a society, and it follows that the community is an extension of the family. A community is made up of residents and neighbors who, hopefully, feel a connection to the group, a sense created through concern and compassion, and built with respect, consideration and trust. If you want that feeling of having good neighbors, you have to be a good neighbor.

Three weeks after the fire, the Cape Horn Estates Homeowners Association held a testimonial barbecue to thank the 13 individuals for their efforts in fighting the fire and saving dozens of homes. Feelings of pride and gratitude were palpable at this memorial for those who fought the fire for nearly two days straight, keeping hillsides and roofs wet, and dousing embers to keep them from reignited the tinder dry ridge.

The Cape Horn 13: Rich Doney, Vince Smith, Richard & Lee-Ann Powell, Tim & Linda Sigler, Doug Peterson, Tom Bumgarner, Dan Hanenburg, Richard Heinzen, George Ream, Andy Cleveland (Dan Hanenburg’s son-in-law and a non-resident), John Olsson (another visiting non-resident).



Proudly wearing blue shirts identifying their ad hoc fire fighting team, they were able to explain how they performed their community service. Doney, who is also the Cape Horn Estates Homeowners Association President presided over the meeting, telling the story of the ones who stayed to fight as well as the official update on the status of the fire. He also talked about what they could learn from the fire and some steps to consider to improve their fire readiness in the future. The association now has a fire fund

with over \$8,000 to purchase more equipment and continue preparedness for future emergencies.

Hosts Eric and Rita Forsythe provided a feast for the celebration, with steaks, rotisserie chicken, salads, desserts, and drinks. Initially expecting a celebration on the lawn overlooking the beautiful alpine lake, festivities were moved into the garage because of an unexpected and rare July thunderstorm that dropped an inch of rain on the cape and the lake in a few hours’ time.

Many people took the chance to speak up and express their thanks but when Jim Wilkuski took the floor, he borrowed from Winston Churchill’s famous speech: “Never have so many owed so much to so few.” Though they showed a slight swagger while telling the story, laughing at some of the experiences and shaking their heads at others, the 13 were still humbled enough to nod to the many thanks and expressions of gratitude they received from those neighbors they knew, and those they did not. Feelings of not just gratitude and pride, but belonging and selflessness, relief and control, kindness and affinity. It was a powerful sense of community on that afternoon, this sense of involvement and connection with others.

We see the evidence of community on occasion whenever catastrophes occur. People coming to help their families and friends, neighbors, and sometimes even strangers, when homes and lives are torn apart. It seems to be part of the human condition but Americans can be particularly good at this behavior: concern for those in your community, from local to global.

Because it’s the relationships that matter: our families, our friends, our neighbors. The connections with other people. They’re part of our social and cultural identity. They are the way we measure the quality of our lives, not by what we have, but what we have given, and what we have shared with others. They give us hope for the future.

As a new year begins, we can expect many changes, from new ideas and technologies to new political directions that occur in an election year. But many things we will hope to keep: Our health and prosperity, our hopes and dreams for a brighter future, and for those who are lucky enough to have it, that sense of community that is still part of the American dream.