## Life on Cape Horn Road Pre 1950

The Bockstruck family lived off the grid before the Cape Horn Road was built in the early 50's. They were the only family there all winter and the only way in and out was by boat or trail.

In 1936, when Ron Bockstruck was just 2 years old, the Bockstruck family moved in with his Dad's brother, Troy, on Cape Horn. The two families lived in a one room cabin (it is still there, just east across the fence from Bob Rickel's place). With a draw curtain across the middle of the cabin for privacy, there were 4 adults and 4 or 5 kids. Later the men hauled an old floating home up from the lake with horses and attached it to the cabin for sleeping quarters for the kids. It had cracks that let the snow drift inside in the winter. These were bad winters (1936-1937).

Ron's dad, Bill, later built two log homes that are on North Star Road just N of Cape Horn Rd. These were built between 1938 and 1940. The family moved to the small log home when his brother James turned one year old in 1939. Ron's mom carried water from the spring about a quarter mile NE of the house. The family shared a double bunk bed, with my brother, Larry, and I on the upper and mom and dad on the lower

The second larger cabin did have running water piped from the spring. The family scrounged the pipe from the now closed cement plant across the lake for the materials to get the water to the kitchen but no indoor plumbing. His mother eventually got a gas powered washing machine but since there was no electricity, phone or road we were pretty much on our own. Ron remembers his dad connecting a light bulb to a car battery and we were amazed! We also had a battery powered electric fence. We ordered a battery radio for Christmas 1941 and mom was listening to it when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Ron (1940) and his older brother Larry (1938) started school at the Bayview School. They walked the trail together. This was quite an adventure in the winter.

The family raised a large garden, had chickens, a pig, a cow and a horse. They had a smoke house for smoking meats mainly venison and pork. The family fished for whitefish in the winter (open boat with stove on board for heat) and Kokanee in the spring and summer with no limit!

After their father died suddenly in 1943 from a blood clot resulting from a skill saw cut received while working at

Farragut. The three boys went to live with their maternal grandmother in Finley, WA. Ron says that he truly loved growing up on the Cape. Ron (1997) and Larry (1958) returned to live in Bayview later on in their lives. Many thanks to Ron for sharing his history.

Your Bayview Community Council Presents

## **Special Speaker** Bill Brooks Consumer Expert from the Coeur d'Alene Press



Monday - November 13th **Bayview Community Center** Meet & Greet at 6:30p.m. Light refreshments will be served Presentation starts at 7p.m.

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The Spirit Lake Historical Society is calling for the restoration of the old St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Hwy 41 in Spirit Lake. The church was built in 1911 and according to the Historical Society "they want to turn the building into an events and



cultural center so that Spirit Lake can continue to benefit from its rich history and beautiful architecture well into the future."

The Spirit Lake Historical Society needs funds to purchase the building and complete restorations. There are many Bayview residents who attend Church weekly in Spirit Lake and want to help this worthy cause. It would be a shame to see this building torn down and not saved. It might not be our town but who hasn't noticed this grand old building while driving through Spirit Lake and wondered about its fate.

There's a user friendly website that makes donating easy. Go to: http://spiritlakehistory.org/donate.html For more information you can call 208-818-7193.

## ARE YOU A RPO? by Ali Spahn

How many times are you told by dog owners "Don't worry. My dog is friendly. He/she won't

worry. My dog is friendly. He/she won't bite". I enjoyed walking around our Bayview neighborhood with my dogs; that is, until more often then not, I was approached by a neighborhood dog. It can be unsettling; even when the owner ensures their dog is "friendly". Fearing that a I or my dogs could possibly be attacked, to my chagrin, I stopped taking walks



Last week one of our Bayview neighbors, while taking her walk, was attacked and bitten by a neighborhood dog. Since the dog did not have tags nor was current with the required vaccinations, our neighbor had to receive a tetanus shot and the dog had to be impounded. That was not only unfortunate for our neighbor but, also for the dog. My reservations were spot-on: Bayview is not a walk-friendly neighborhood. So, a brief article on being a being a **Responsible Pet Owner** could be helpful.

The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office Animal Control Section operates under the Field Operations Division. Officer A. Marlow of the Kootenai County Animal Control Division states, "Dogs are allowed to roam in your front yard, however, they must be able to respond to your commands. If not, the dog MUST be on a leash. If you find a dog wandering the streets, contact animal control (208.446.1300). If the owner cannot be found, the dog will be taken to the shelter for 7 days. After 7 days, if the owner cannot be located, the dog will be placed for adoption. In the event the dog bites a person and breaks the skin and is not current with the required vaccinations, that dog will be guarantined for evaluation for 10 days at the owner's expense. The fee for impounding a dog is \$35 for the first day and \$15 per day after that."

According to The Spruce website ( www.thespruce.com/ responsible-dog-ownership-1117471) here are a few tips on being a Responsible Pet Owner.

- 1. Keep your dog on a leash in a fenced-in yard when outdoors. Even if you live where it is legal to allow your dog off-leash, you should supervise him at all times. Do not let him wander the neighborhood or get out of your sight.
- 2. Do not leave a barking dog outdoors. Continuous barking is not only unfair to your dog; it is rude and annoying to neighbors.
- 3. Pick up after your dog. No one wants to step in or smell that "gift" your dog left behind. Please pick it up right away and dispose of it properly.

We all love our pets. However, being a responsible pet owner is just as important. Please be mindful of your pet so we all can enjoy taking a walk around our beautiful Bayview neighborhood: with or without our canine friends.



Above Jan Almeida, Charlene Soppit, Raquel Kellicut, Jenny Prince, Kaye Black, Judy Gullidge (ab.Kathy Armstrong & Emelyn Hopkins)

## "The Singing Group"

by Sheryl Puckett

Forming a singing group isn't as easy as one would think. Not only do you need a group of enthusiastic singers but you also need a group leader, a group name, a rehearsal place, songs to sing, unison singers, performance venues, a small budget, and lastly confidence.

Luckily **The Singing Group** has almost all of the above. Judy Gullidge is the group leader and she wants you to know that she welcomes new singers to join the group, including men.

On the evening I listened to the group practice they were singing a *Jingle Bells* melody, *Love Can Build a Bridge*, *All God's Critters Got A Place in the Choir* and having a very fun time too.

**The Singing Group** will be performing at Betty Kiefer Elem. school's Veterans Day assembly, the Bayview Santa Visit Christmas Party, Frogmore Stew fundraiser, and at a Spring Recital, date to be determined.

Singing is for everyone. But if you're one of those who sound like a wounded animal when trying to carry a tune, there's a place for us as well: in the audience.

