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Bayview Community News



Mountain Goat Memories

by Susan Meyer, as told by Bob Rickel

Bob Rickel recalls hearing that mountain goats were a common site in Bayview until the 1910 devastating fire where they were either killed by the fire or left the area. It wasn't until 50 years later, 1960, Fish & Game decided to reintroduced the mountain goats in our area. Fish & Game may not necessarily acknowledge goats prior to 1910 but along with Mr. Rickel a similar observation was found in a Sandpoint publication, "The goats were planted there in the 1960s from Snow Peak in the North Fork of the Clearwater, although old-timers have claimed they made their home on the cliffs before the 1910 fire swept through the area."



Photo by Mike Lee

Headed by Don Lindholm, Fish & Game transported 18 mountain goats, 12 females and 6 males, from central Idaho to Farragut State Park. With the help of two veterinarians the goats were crated, tranquilized, blindfolded and rubber hoses placed on the horns before being ready to travel North.

Upon arriving in Farragut volunteers were needed to transport the goats to the other side of the lake. Who were these volunteers? Five Bayview residents answered the call for help, volunteering their time, boats and manpower to get the job done. One of these volunteers was our own Bob Rickel.

According to Bob, "When I got the call to help with the relocation I said I would be there". Bob took his 21 foot Crestliner and was responsible for four goats. "The tricky part was when we got to the slide area to let the goats free, it was a challenge to get the goats out of the crates, hoses off the horns and blindfolds lifted before the drugs wore off."

All 18 goats made it to the slide area however one billy goat became disabled and his rear legs could not support himself. For two weeks Bob Rickel and Don Lindholm cut vine maple leaves and every day took them to the hurt billy goat in hopes he would recover, but in the end the decision was made to put him down.

Bob remembers when family and friends were watching the slide area one day from their boat when a large amount of dust was coming from the slide.

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They looked up and saw two or three goats running across the slide area and behind them was a 250 pound black bear chasing them.

When the bear came to the slippery slide area he came to an abrupt stop, trying to regain his footing as to not fall over the cliff.

Bob believes those goats intentionally led the bear to the cliff area therefore making them pretty smart animals

Another story Bob recounted was about 25 years ago he was out on the boat at the slide and saw approximately 75 goats coming down the hill two or three together at a time. Around 10 mountain goats made it all the way down to the water for a drink. A once in a lifetime event that he'll never forget.

Bob recommends the best time to catch a sighting of the goats is in late afternoon. For more information take a day trip to Coeur d'Alene to the Museum of North Idaho History.



Photos Courtesy of Museum of North Idaho

Cell Tower Verification Test

A Verizon contractor from a civil engineering and land surveying company visited the proposed cell tower site on Ray Puckett's property on October 25 to perform a line of sight test for the cell tower signal. To perform this test, he tied a bunch of multi colored helium filled balloons to the end of a fishing pole and released the line to 140 feet. Next he drove downtown to see if he could see the balloons. Test results will be reported to Kootenai County Planning division. Fortunately the contractor saw the balloons from downtown Bayview substantiating the reliability of the proposed site is indeed good.

Such a low tech solution is most comical since it looked like a bunch of party balloons.

According to Kootenai County Planner Vlad Finkel, the next step for the Bayview cell tower will be holding a public hearing. in Coeur d'Alene. Finkel says this **could** happen sometime in December.

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**Much Appreciation goes to
Connie Hammel for her hard work
in soliciting for these donations.**

We Love You Connie!!

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BWS Happenings

by Sheryl Puckett

Changes are occurring at Bayview Water & Sewer and depending upon your viewpoint some are unwarranted or long overdue. One positive change is the creation of the Bayview Water & Sewer website. The website will allow you to read the monthly Board minutes online (although they are one month behind), leave a public comment, view Audits, learn the history of BWS, find remedies for low water pressure and a lot more information at <http://bayviewwaterandsewer.com>.

At the October 18 Public Hearing the five member Board unanimously approved a \$3.00 monthly water increase which goes into effect on November 1st.

Richard Doney, Chairman, drew up a resolution for shutting off water for delinquent accounts. Most, if not all, other Districts do this, even the smaller Districts in Idaho. The Board agreed to a \$50 shut off fee and re-connect fee. The resolution was sent to an attorney for approval and is effective December 1.

At the September meeting a motion passed to have electronic billing for those folks who prefer to opt out of receiving the blue billing cards. BWS is still in the process of transitioning software to offer this service but it shouldn't take too long. This should save the District some money on mailing the blue cards.

Lastly, Board member Steve May, spearheaded a committee made up of five local Bayview residents who volunteered to review existing policy information currently in use by similar agencies. Their task was to take the information, discuss and improve operating policies and procedures for BWS. The Board reviewed the committees work, made any changes they deem fit. At the November 15 public meeting this could be voted on and approved.

2016 Lake Pend Oreille Idaho Club Fall Derby

November 19 to 23 & November 25 to 27

OVER \$10,000 IN CASH & PRIZES

And photo contest, \$100, for best photo taken during derby, sponsored by Ralph's Cafe



December Council Event

A Christmas Play



Where: Modern Theater, 1320 E. Garden Ave

When: December 18, Sunday

Time: 2 pm (arrive by 1:30)

Cost: \$27.00

Optional Dinner: location to be determined

Car Pooling: 1:15 pm at the Community Center

Deadline: sign up by Dec. 2, Friday

Contact Info: 683-3590 or ray.n@frontier.com

Community Council Meeting

November 15, 7 pm, Community Center

Speaker: Lakeland School District Superintendent

Dr. Meyer

Public Invited!

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The Gift of Giving

by Sally Newcombe

Tree of Sharing Gift Tags now available. This community service benefits the children whose families utilize the services of the ABC Food Bank in Athol. There are 30 children this year who need their holiday "wish lists" fulfilled. Anyone wishing to help one or more children, buy and wrap the gifts on the wish list, please contact Sally 683-3590, ssnewc@gmail.com, or attend the Bayview Council Meeting on Tuesday November 15 to choose your gift tag(s). All gifts will be due back to me NO LATER than Monday December 12th. Thank You!

Christmas Party

A Holiday Party will be held on December 15 at 6 p.m. at Log Spirit B & B. A \$2 donation is appreciated. The Council will buy and prepare the ham and potatoes. There will be a gift exchange **without** the "trading" of gifts to save on time. Council members are asked to bring appetizers, sides and desserts.