

SHORE LINES

Bayview Community Council

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Events & Activities

BESTOWING GOODNESS

By Ali Spahn



Every town would be lucky to have a Corilynne Smith who donates her time and skills to help others in her community. In January 2022, Corilynne Smith, founder and Executive Director of **"Bestowing the Basics"** assembled a dynamic

team with Katina Glidden, Alexia Royce, Travis Smith, Cory Royce and Summer Bushnell.

According to Corilynne, "We provide more than just food and personal care items. We provide additional support through various means." When they find out a family is displaced and requires temporary housing, the team will put the plea out to the community and the folks rally and offer to provide the funds to pay for a temporary hotel or shelter.

Seeking a way to involve the area's youth to become volunteers, the team is looking into creating a Youth Scholarship Program for young teenagers to help local organizations. For example, Corilynne's three boys help her with food runs and other tasks.

Recently Bestowing the Basics gifted twenty tickets donated by Silverwood Theme Park to families in need who otherwise couldn't afford to attend the park. On September 20, Corilynne posted that "Bestowing the Basic is mailing 100 toothbrushes to @project_beauty_share; a nonprofit out of Spokane that provides hygiene and beauty products to nonprofits who serve women overcoming hardships by resorting hope and dignity."

Corilynne's group takes philanthropy to a whole new level. They rented a storage unit to hold all their donations. "Eagle Peak Containers in Athol generously donated five 50 gallon containers!" During a discussion with local students, they discovered there was a need for feminine hygiene products in schools. The team brainstormed on what would be the most discrete way to provide those products and they created the Period Pouches which provides all 11 schools within the Lakeland 272 School District an assortment of feminine hygiene products.



The group organizes and produces events related to the need and keeps the community informed via their website and social media. To help those that do not qualify for assistance, Bestowing the Basics placed a collection bin at our local Dollar General Store. It was

so full that they had more stuff in their back room waiting for us.

Corilynne was born in Oahu and while on the Big Island she met her husband who is a native Idahoan. Corilynne explains, "When I first moved here I was newly married and a new mom with a 3-month-old baby boy. I had no family or friends, so I had to build a community for myself. Not only was the wintry environment a culture shock but as a minority, there was a lot of fear and anxiety. However, the people in north Idaho were incredible."



During the last 12 years, Corilynne volunteered with various organizations primarily throughout

Kootenai County gaining experience and finding her passion. "After praying about it, I felt the Lord pressing upon me that it's time to take my experience and do something for Athol and other rural communities". As Corilynne was reading her bible she came across the word "bestow" which means to give. Since she wanted to distribute the "basic" needs we all deserve, the name "Bestowing the Basics" was conceived.

All in all, it's been a busy and exciting year for this team. As for visiting the Big Island anytime soon, "I'm a terrible traveler now because all I want to do is to come home to Idaho. This is my heart now. This is my home," Corilynne said with a warm smile.

For more information and donations, go to: <https://www.bestowingthebasics.org/>

5 Member Board Again

On September 15, Bayview resident, **Jeff Frensdorf**, was sworn in making the BWSD board complete.



"Jeff, you've had positions where you have dealt with government regulations and I was quite impressed by it," said BWSD chairman, Ted Bare.

According to Jeff, "I'm interested in learning the operational and system dynamics to aid in better decision making. My intention is to be an asset to the board, and to the community. I took the position because I felt compelled, ok curious, to know the dynamics of our most valuable water and distribution systems that make it work for us."

Jeff grew up in CDA. Thirteen years ago he started sailing with a friend that had a boat here. "That's all it took. I love it here."

Transform Your Outdoors

By Sheryl Puckett

Luke Vernon honed his landscaping skills in 1998 when he worked for a business out of Rathdrum. In 2005, when his wife told him they were expecting their first child, he decided to start his own landscape company.



Luke has lived in Idaho his whole life and now has three daughters. One birth made the front page of the CDA Press in 2011 for the first New Year's baby born that year.

According to Luke, "**Perfection Landscape and Sprinklers** provides our customers with lawn care, installation of sprinklers, landscaping pavers, retaining walls, synthetic turf, driveways. We design and install water features and landscaping, and perform residential and commercial snow removal."

Luke employs on an average 18 people of which four are family members. His mother does all the office work and books and there's two siblings, a brother-in-law, and six good buddies that have all been with him since 2008.

His first business venture is located in Post falls at 2591 North Highway 41. August 8, Luke opened in Athol with two employees."This has been a year in the making slowly, but I'm inspired with all the people moving in around the area." Luke figured a landscape material company should do pretty good.

Luke's 7-yard dump truck has been very busy delivering sand, bark, rock and soil along with loading customer's trucks in the yard. Plans are to have a little nursery greenhouse going in next year which we will sell shrubs, trees and flowers along with some edging, flagstone, weed fabric and planter boxes.

"I'm excited for next year," says Luke. **Perfection Landscape Supply** material is located at 30420 Meadow Street, Athol and the phone number is: 208 216-9063. For **Perfection Landscape & Sprinklers** call 208-704-1781.



You Ring, Bill Springs

Local resident and veteran, Bill Gregg, is now open for business with **7B Bailbonds**. According to Bill, "10 % on most bonds, 5% down on approved credit with up to 6 months to pay." Bill services the five counties: Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai, Benewah and Shoshone. If you or a loved one finds yourself in need of a bail bondsman, contact Bill, 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week to answer all your questions: 208-755-1289.

Pastor's Corner: The History of Halloween

by Stephen Angliss

Besides Christmas, Americans spend more money on Halloween than any other holiday. According to the National Retail Federation, consumers spent \$10.14



billion in 2021 alone. But how should we feel about Halloween? Is it a demonic day? Or a harmless holiday? The history of Halloween may help us answer that question.

"Halloween" is Old English shorthand for "All Hallows' Eve." Centuries ago, Christians honored specific saints with a day of remembrance (e.g., Saint Valentine's Day). November 1st is considered "All Saints Day." Another word for "saint" is "hallowed." Thus, All Hallows' Eve, Halloween.

In the nineteenth century, Scot-Irish immigrants came to America with All Hallows' Eve customs, including Celtic rituals like lighting candles in turnips, leaving gifts on thresholds, and folktales of revisiting the dead. These customs became Americanized in the twentieth century into what we know today.

But for Christians, October 31st holds deeper meaning. In 1517, Martin Luther nailed his "95 Theses" on the door of Wittenberg Church. The document pointed back to the truths of Scripture and declared that people are justified, not based on wealth, or works, but by faith (Rom. 1:17).

For followers of Christ, Halloween is "Reformation Day." The dark decorations and creepy costumes are reminders that we live in a fallen world stained with sin and decay. Instead of celebrating the decay, let's celebrate the Savior, who overcame sin and death on Cross for all those who follow Him by faith alone.

Food Drive Results

Bayview residents rose to the occasion donating a final count of cash and checks totaling \$2,029.00 plus 800 pounds of food. Thank you all so much for supporting the ABC Food Bank.

Let Dean Help You Fix It

Dean Jordan has returned to Bayview full time after a long sprint working in North Dakota.

If you're in need of a heating, air conditioning or an appliance repair guy, then Dean is your man. He's owned a home here for many years, raised his son here and is ready to serve our community again.

"You will find Dean Jordan to be knowledgeable, professional, dependable and reasonable. We found him to be all that and more," says satisfied customers Martin and Terry Abell.

Dean can be reached at: 208-7714659