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A STAR RISES IN BAYVIEW

By Sheryl Puckett



Photo by Jeremiah Phillipe

There are plenty of talented people in the world, but to be a working musician takes a special personality, equal parts talent, passion and hustle. All three are found in abundance in Bayview resident, Pamela Jean.

"Entertainment and music chose me and I wouldn't have life any other way," she says.

"One day I came to bring someone lunch on a job site in Bayview. The minute I pulled into this town and saw the lake, mountains and floating houses, which I'd never seen anywhere else in the country, the view took my breath away. I said, I want to live here. Three years later, here I am," says Pamela.

Pamela knew what she wanted to do in life as a little girl. As a child she had six years of piano lessons. Junior high years were filled with choir lessons and learning to read music. In her late 20's she taught herself guitar.

"My Grandparents inspired me. My whole family is very musical but both my Grandparents loved to hear my sister and I play piano. My Grandma had an organ that we loved to play when we went to her house. My Grandma had a voice that didn't quit. She was amazing. Grandpa always had records on with inspiring artists such as Patsy Cline. He was always dying to hear us play piano too, no matter how many mistakes we made," recalls Pamela.

The early years performing were marked by a terrible fear of singing in front of anyone. Having conquered that hurdle, Pamela performed as a singer for ten years. "I taught myself guitar and was writing my own songs. Then I had to get over the fear of playing my guitar in front of everyone and singing the words from my diary."

Pamela classifies herself as a Country/Rock singer. "I'm country but with an old school 80's female type voice. My voice gets very raspy like Stevie Nicks and people love the rock side of me as well," she says.

Performing is not new to Pamela. She has twenty-five years singing, twelve with her guitar and five years as a touring artist. She books most of her own shows. Great Northwest Entertainment & Promotion, IN-CMA and Nightlife Network Northwest are three agents she works with.

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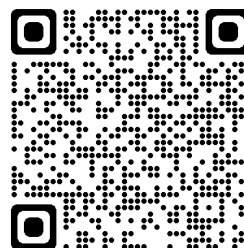
"When I book tours, I usually get lucky to find a booking agent that will toss me some much needed shows on the road."

Being a musician is not always dazzling and can have challenges. "Hair in my face, crazy weather conditions like extreme heat or cold, outdoor shows in people's backyards, bugs, smokey and unhealthy air quality, a guitar string breaking mid-show, people trying to give you a high five on stage when I'm playing guitar, folks not understanding that we aren't human jukeboxes and can't just play any song they request," are some of the occupational hazards.

There are many reasons why a person has a desire to give to a charity. For some it's a personal experience that inspired them to give. "When I moved here, I fled an abusive relationship. My dad paid for the entire move and wouldn't take a dime back. The only thing I could think of that was a fair way to show my gratitude, was to start donating ten percent of everything I made to a women's shelter. The main charity I work closely with is *Priest River Ministries Advocates for Women*. I have performed at a *Stop the Silence* event and have become good friends with the ladies that started this organization."

According to Pamela, "I've personally donated and raised over \$5,000 for women's shelters." Last year JD's Bar & Grill hosted a fundraiser for *Priest River Ministries Advocates for Women* where Pamela performed. That fundraiser raised \$4,210! Pamela has played at The Captain's Wheel and Iron Pizza many times. "People love live music up here and these audiences are very gracious," says Pamela.

Pamela is a multifaceted artist who expresses herself in a wide range of mediums, jewelry making being another. She has a Facebook page showcasing her beautiful merchandise at: <https://www.facebook.com/pjunlimitedmerch>. Also go to: www.cwhateyecphotography.com to view Pamela's 24 years as a photographer.



Scan here to hear Pamela Jean's music. Swing by her website to see music videos and hear the tunes:

www.pamelajeانunlimited.com

Grab Pamela's new single "Slip Away" at:

www.pamelajeان.bandcamp.com

To book Pamela, email: pamelajeانunlimited@gmail.com

Beware! Scammers Are After Your Money

Editorial by Ali Spahn

Scammers are constantly finding new ways to steal your money. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), consumers reported losing more than \$5.8 billion to fraud in 2021, an increase of more than 70 percent over the previous year. The FBI estimates that senior citizens lose more than \$3 billion each year to financial scams including romance scams and lottery and sweepstakes scams. In addition, seniors are less likely to report fraud.

Anyone can be a victim of a scam. The FTC reported that the phone was the top fraud contact method reported by the elderly. I know first-hand of this type of scam.

My 82-year-old mother, who by the way, has a Master's degree, received a call from someone who she thought was her grandson. The caller was very clever by asking, "Do you know who this is?" She replied, "Is this Philip?" (Now the caller has a name.) The caller explained he was driving in NYC and was arrested for drinking and driving and needed \$4000 to get out of jail. (First red flag: Philip doesn't drink) The caller told her not tell his mother (Second red flag) and can she please send him the money. She said yes and the caller proceeded to give her instructions to transfer the money. My mom was adamant that my sister drive her to Western Union to send him the money. Fortunately, Western Union was not comfortable with the transaction due to her age. They sent her home and told her to come back the next day.

I told my family never send any money to Philip unless they talk to me first. Philip gave my mom a code phrase and told her if she ever receives a call again to ask for that phrase. If the caller doesn't know it, it's a scam. My mother was very fortunate and very embarrassed that she was so easily deceived. If someone is calling for money, hang up!

Online shopping fraud is the most common way senior citizens lose money. There are many sites that explain the best way to stay safe. Scam Detector is the largest fraud prevention resource in the world and is operated by a full team of professionals providing the best safety measures. Scam Detector is a FREE platform that exposes 1,200 of the most notorious scams in the world. If you are unsure about a site, Scam Detector provides a FREE Website Validator. <https://www.scam-detector.com/validator/> Simply enter the URL to verify the site is legit.

In addition, social media is a gold mine for scammers. Don't fall victim to a scammer this year. If the deal seems too good to be true, then most likely it is. Be sure you check out the site before you buy.

You can view the top 5 website scams at https://youtu.be/6_QX12szXTM

Pastor's Corner: Farewell Message from Pastor Stephen

Jeremiah said, "I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23).

In this season, my wife and I feel the Lord directing our steps to Graham Emmanuel Baptist Church in Graham, Washington. Kimmie grew up at this church and I have previously served there.

My time at Bayview Bible Church has been wonderful and I am thankful to leave on a positive note. I am also grateful for the cherished relationships made in this wonderful town.

As I depart, I lovingly leave you with this. Nothing lasts. Boats decay, lakes dry up, people pass, but our souls last forever. Because of our sin we all deserve an eternity in separation from God, but God became a man in His Son Jesus Christ and died for the penalty of our sin on the Cross to offer forgiveness, eternal life, and a relationship with Him (Rom. 5:8; 1 Pet. 3:18; Jn. 14:6). If you repent from your life of sin and choose to trust Christ as forgiver of your sin and lord of your life you will be saved (Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:19).

Update: Luxury Garage Condos of Athol

At the December 6, Athol City Council Meeting the four council members approved a motion for the conditional use permit for the storage units. "They did initially hope to have some of the units have their own water or restroom, but after working with Panhandle Health District understands that they will only be allowed the 3 restrooms for the whole project." said the project engineer. Looks like it's a go.

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There's a new Internet site, OpenAI.com, where you can ask artificial intelligence any question. I asked it to write a poem about Bayview and, in literally a second, this is what it wrote:

Nestled in the heart of the Panhandle,
Bayview sits by the lake,
A peaceful town with mountains in view,
Where the air is fresh and the water is blue
From the marina to the beach,
There's plenty to do and see,
You can fish or boat, or just sit and relax,
As the sun sets on the lake and the trees.
The community is close and friendly,
Everyone knows everyone's name,
There's a sense of belonging,
In this small town with so much to claim.
So if you're looking for a place to escape,
A place to breathe in the fresh air,
Come visit Bayview, Idaho,
You'll find a home that's truly fair.

