



## Nature's Concoctions

by Sheryl Puckett

Bayview resident, Liz Baker, started making lip balms and soap a few years ago as a hobby. She started with lip balm and enjoyed the process a lot. Soap came next which she found was much more involved. Liz experimented with different natural flavors and other fun ingredients. She gave her concoctions as gifts and sold some to friends and co-workers and got a great response.



It took Liz a while to come up with the business name, **Bayview Botanicals**, but it's very fitting since most of the products have some botanical connection to the area. Liz explains, "Whether it's herbs, roses or other plants from my own garden, vegetables and fruits from my neighbor's vegetable garden, or locally sourced honey, I try to keep my ingredients as local as possible."

Nothing Liz makes is going to have any fake dyes or chemical smells. Everything is as close to nature as she can get it. Liz says, "I love making all natural, organic products at home."

"Now that I have the knowhow, I'm excited to move my 'side hustle' to the next level and start selling my products to the general public. I'm happy to say my products will be in MacDonald's Resort store this summer. I'm making one variety, Lemongrass Soap, exclusively for them."

All Bayview Botanicals product ingredients will be listed on the label so people can identify them, just in case they may trigger allergic reactions. But Liz's recipes are "confidential".

What's in store for Bayview Botanicals? "I hope to offer various apothecary products like pain salves and other herbal remedies soon. I'm going to be adding lotion bars to my product line too and I'm thinking about beginning soap making classes at the Community Center. I'm working on getting Airbnb contracts to have my soaps in every vacation rental in Bayview soon."

One local resident, Joy Shantz, remarked on Facebook that she "loved the lip balm and it's perfect." Other residents have echoed the same sentiments.

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## 2023 Scholarship Recipient

**Haileyann Johnson** is a fourth generation Athol/Bayview resident with wonderful memories of spending time at her Great Grandfather, Larry Bockstruck's, house watching the Bayview Daze fireworks. She grew up on the same property where her mother grew up, living with her parents and Grandmother, Roxzene Twete-Bockstruck. One of Haileyann's fondest memories is working on the docks at MacDonald's Hudson Bay Resort. With a history such as this, what better candidate for our local scholarship could we have?



Haileyann attended kindergarten - 6th at Athol Elementary and went on to graduate from Timberlake High School in 2022. She is currently enrolled at Lewis & Clark State College studying History as well as Secondary Education. She plans to one day to become a history teacher.

During her time at Timberlake, Haileyann ran Cross Country for four years, with two years as a Team Leader. She continues doing Cross Country at Lewis Clark, along with being a member of the Track team.

2020 Idaho Teacher of the Year, Staci Lawler, wrote of Haileyann, "She is one of those student-athletes who have had an impact on my life. In 17 years teaching and coaching, Haileyann was the only student that asked to take a photo with me on team picture day." Haileyann's perseverance, personality, and character will be a benefit to her life endeavors."

Bayview resident, Molly Bond, wrote that Haileyann possesses so many qualities that we all embrace in Bayview. Molly added that Hailey has an incredible work ethic, she is flexible, and willing to tackle any task.

Did Farragut State Park influence Haileyann wanting to become a history major? With Farragut her "backyard" and her time spent volunteering to clean trails, perhaps this inspired her interest in WWII history.

Haileyann's other special interests include paddle boarding, hiking, and swimming.

**Bayview Community Council Scholarship Committee members:** Marlys Blagden, Alyssa McWilliams, Sheryl Puckett and Ski Wilkuski all agree that Haileyann is a most worthy recipient we all can be proud of.

Congratulations, Haileyann Johnson

# The ‘Eyes’ Have It

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“I entered the women’s cosmetic world to help others embrace beauty as we get older. My Italian mother and grandmother always appreciated the changes in their beauty as they matured. I watched these women be proud of their smile and laughter lines but not afraid to add a little makeup to enhance their natural beauty.” says Athol resident, **Selina Gray-Trask**, owner of **Brows by Selina, LLC**.



Selina explains, “When you have just the right shape and color to your brows, your eyes are able to become the main attraction. Brows restore that natural youthful appearance.

Cosmetic permanent makeup requires an extensive apprenticeship in order to learn the process or application, specific techniques and healing phases. Selina adds, “There are a number of techniques such as micro blading, machine shading, soft tapping method, all of which I am trained. All include the placement of a specially designed type of ink pigment for the face, into the skin. It’s like a tattoo, just not in the same layer as skin tattoos.

Selina has been studying and shaping eyebrows for fifteen plus years. The type of brows she does is dependent on what her client’s want and would look most natural. Everyone is very different with their pain tolerance. There can be a slight amount of discomfort, but Selina applies a numbing solution to help reduce the pain. Some clients have taken a nap during the procedure while others find it just a bit uncomfortable.

“My goal is always a beautifully natural outcome. This is accomplished by a series of measurements that are based on the clients face with their bone structure, creating a youthful appearance. It is usually a two part process with 5-8 weeks time between the two appointments. The procedure typically lasts 1-4 years.”

“I work out of a mini studio I have created in my home. This allows me to keep my costs low and assures me my own sterile environment. I have also had a long career as a Registered Dental Hygienist, therefore, I am well trained in prevention of cross contamination and a sterile/clean environment is crucial for this. I have the ability to go to a client but only after a phone consultation to go over what the location would need to include for my setup. I also work out of a studio in downtown CDA if a client would prefer to schedule there. I am usually booked out 6-8 weeks in advance and can provide plenty of photos of my work to check out.”

Feel free to contact Selina with any questions or to schedule with her: **Brows by Selina, LLC** 208-714-1177. You can also email her at: [graytraskselina@gmail.com](mailto:graytraskselina@gmail.com)

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# Natasha Returns

**The Lake House Bar & Grill** is opening May 26 for Memorial weekend. Owner, Natasha Meidinger is in the process of hiring all positions for her team. According to Natasha, “We are so excited to open up our doors to all of our friends to come join us for a great place to eat on the water, enjoy an amazing cocktail, relax and be “On Lake Time”. This will be their 7th season!

There will be a drive up boat window to get food and cocktails To Go. You can also drive through on your kayak or paddle board which makes it fun.

Expect music outside on their floating patio once the weather warms up on Saturday evenings. You can sit outside on the patio and be entertained at the boat launch all day long.

Closed Mondays. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Sunday 11 to 8 p.m., Friday & Saturday 11 to 9 p.m.

## Trending *editorial by Ali Spahn*

When we bought our home eight years ago, we chose Bayview because we found we were buying a refuge, a place where you could relax, recharge, and live our best life. We became part of a close-knit retirement community of 1100+ residents with a median age of 60.7 and, because we all live that small town life, everyone tries to remain respectful.

In the last few years, the quiet Bayview community has been invaded by many properties being transformed into weekend rentals or unregulated mini hotels. Living next door to a short-term vacation rental can range from mildly concerning to completely life altering. Visitors usually rent the accommodation only for a couple of days, thus neighbors see new people coming and going every few days. Currently, according to [data.rabu.com](http://data.rabu.com), the number of active Airbnb listings in Bayview is roughly 51. The occupancy rate of Airbnb’s is 39%, with 50-60% during the summer months and 40% during December and January.

It’s important to know how short-term vacation rentals are impacting our community. The problem is the guests aren’t part of our neighborhood, and some don’t feel bound by the normal rules of polite co-existence. Having a short-term rental in our neighborhoods can result in a long list of misery: noisy parties, clogged parking, and property damage. During the July 4th week, aerial fireworks which are illegal in Kootenai County are being set off late into the evening possibly creating a fire hazard which is concerning to the residents.



What can hosts do? Prominently posting vacation rental House Rules and encouraging guests to be good neighbors can help hosts to keep control of their vacation rentals. Also, Airbnb has an online feature where neighbors can now report annoyances such as safety, noise, cleanliness, parking and even suspicious criminal activity. Go to: <https://www.airbnb.com/help/article/3290>