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Farm Stand Delights

by Sheryl Puckett

Along the scenic Bunco Road at **Son Mountain**



Ranch in Athol stands a quaint cottage that serves as a farm stand, bringing an array of quality products to the community.

Bunco Collective Cottage is owned by Nancy Alcalá, Lynnae Rhoades, and Allison Schober. According to Nancy, “Our farmstead is a collaboration of

local farm-based businesses and artisans.”

The idea for Bunco Collective Cottage was born out of the collective passion of Lynnae, Allison, and Nancy, each having sold their farm products at farmers' markets and events for years. Inspired to create a year round avenue for local businesses, the cottage showcases an array of artisanal foods and crafts, encouraging the community to support local talents rather than relying solely on big-box stores.

What sets Bunco Collective Cottage's bakery items apart is the commitment to local and homegrown ingredients. Whenever possible, the bakery items incorporate ingredients sourced from the farms, ensuring a simple, holistic, and organic approach. The focus is on letting the natural flavors shine, avoiding an overload of sugary sweetness.

Nancy says, “We specialize in breads, rolls, english muffins, bagels, roll cakes, sweet muffins and whatever extra goodies top our thinking for the week.”

Lynne adds, “We bake simply and love for people to taste the actual ingredients, such as fruit or garlic, in our products that are not overloaded with just sugary sweetness.”

Son Mountain Ranch and **Country Rhoades Farms** contribute to the cottage's diverse offerings. With Nancy's Son Mountain Ranch known for its delicious raw local honey, eggs, and other farm products and Lynnae's Country Rhoades Farms celebrated for its fantastic baked goods, eggs, and goat milk products, the cottage truly sums up the essence of farm to table freshness.

Unlike an unstaffed honor system, Bunco Collective Cottage operates with set open hours. This allows for a more personal connection with

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customers, who often linger, chat about local happenings and enjoy the warmth of freshly baked bread. The cottage's inviting ambiance, complete with a bonfire and picnic tables, fosters a sense of community and encourages patrons to stay a while.

Open year-round, with Saturday hours from 12 to 3 p.m., Bunco Collective Cottage is a gem for those seeking fresh, local products.

During winter, there might be occasional closures due to extreme weather conditions, but visitors can stay updated on their Facebook page or through text alerts. The cottage welcomes pre-orders, allowing customers to secure specific items for Saturday pick-up.



Beyond their farm products, Bunco Collective Cottage features a variety of products from other community artisans and bakers. Visitors can find a rotating selection of items, making each visit a unique and delightful experience.

Son Mountain Ranch was one of the founding farms of Athol Farmers Market. Country Rhoades Farms has been a full time vendor for the last several years. They plan on having some vendor time at Athol Farmers Market, although not full time, this next season. There are a lot of plans for Bunco Collective Cottage and the trio will be working those plans out over the spring through the fall.

According to Nancy, “We will be having additional products of all types, and featured artisans. We whole heartily support the Athol Farmers Market and encourage people to support all local vendors. There are several farm stands opening in the area as well from crafts and cooking classes, to those with emphasis on dairy, and all kinds of baked goods. There is a lot going on in our rural area.”

Bunco Collective Cottage is not just a farm stand; it's a testament to the vibrant community spirit, a place where local businesses thrive, and neighbors connect over the shared love of quality, locally sourced products. It's truly a business 'baked' with love: love of local artisans, love of food, and love of community spirit.



You can contact Bunco Collective Cottage at countryrhoadesfarms@gmail.com They're located at 8317 E Bunco Rd.

Fix-it Handyman Services



Transitioning from the bustling city of Las Vegas to the quiet of Bayview, new resident Tom Barrett expresses his delight: "I visited Bayview many times over the years. With my sister living in the Spokane Valley for the past 25 years, I always felt drawn to this area. Now that I'm here, I couldn't be happier. I absolutely love it here!"

With over 15 years of experience as a handyman, Tom lists the type of work he's most suited to do: "painting, drywall repair and installation, flooring repair and installation, tile repair and installation, deck, ramp, stair repair and building, minor carpentry, furniture and cabinet assembly, shed assembly, minor construction, window and door repair."

Tom is insured for liability and offers competitive rates, charging \$25.00 per hour for small jobs and providing estimates for larger projects.

On a personal note, Tom's journey has taken him from his childhood in San Diego, California, to a career as a deputy sheriff in Texas, where he retired after 35 years of service. In 2014, he made the move to Las Vegas before finally settling in Bayview with his loyal dog companion, Roscoe, in February this year.

For all your handyman needs, reach out to FIX-IT HANDYMAN SERVICES, operated by Tom Barrett, at (702) 249-4757. Tom is available Monday through Friday, with weekend availability for emergencies.

Join us in welcoming Tom to the community and wishing him success with his new business venture.

Support for Bat *editorial by Sheryl Puckett* *The views expressed here are mine alone*

Bat Masterson is currently one of five candidates all seeking former Bill Brooks' Kootenai County Commissioner District 1 seat. Bat is not self serving but dedicated to us and future generations. Check out his website: <https://bat4commissioner.com/?fbclid=IwAR3CQj2wzYfgSkSZwDFX6j2rBI5RG3dFPZDCLmmezPwAFY5wXIRRxLzuALo>

Also, on February 23 the CDA Press wrote an informative article about him: <https://cdapress.com/news/2024/feb/23/bat-masterson-running-for-kootenai-county-commissioner/>

Vote May 21 for Bat Masterson

March 21 BWSM Meeting

At the monthly meeting, there were mixed developments. On a positive note, the Delinquent List has significantly decreased from its onetime high of over \$5,000 to \$847 in outstanding funds. However, while the board adopted procedures for public meetings

Death and Life

By Joel Carlson, Pastor

As the saying goes, death and taxes are the only certain things in life. Hopefully, you have completed



your taxes for this year by now! If you are reading this, however, you have not yet completed the other certainty of this life – death. Having officiated three funerals since December, death is on my mind a lot these days.

What can we do about death? The answer is not satisfying: we can't do much. Any attempt to fend off this foe is only delaying the inevitable, since death comes to all (Romans 5:12). This is what we call, "the bad news."

Even with death on all of our horizons, there is also good news! It is true that we can't do anything about death, but it is also true that somebody has already dealt with death in a way we never could. This is the wonderful message of Easter: that God himself endured a horrible human death, was buried, but was raised again, solidifying his victory over the grave. "How does that help me," you wonder? This is good news for us because where Jesus goes, all who trust in him will follow.

In John's Gospel, found in the New Testament, Jesus said this:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Folks, death creeps closer each day, but death doesn't get the final word. The question for us is the same question Jesus asked in the passage above. "Do you believe this?"

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and hearings, it overlooked the crucial need for procedures regarding Zoom participants, who were previously excluded from public comments at the last rate increase hearing. Chairman Shon Luma acknowledged this oversight and pledged to address it promptly.

Additionally, the Board approved a budget of up to \$15,000 for Bigfoot wiring at the land application treatment site. This follows last month's approval of up to \$35,000 to replace the triplex sewer pump.

Looking ahead, the secretary reminded the board of the need for a discussion next month on the rate increase for the SRF loan. Notably, there was no discussion this month regarding office repairs such as new carpet and outside skirting. However board member, Paul Franz stated, "the building needs a paint job."

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