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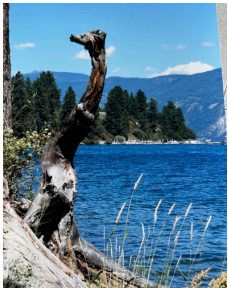
## The Driftwood With A Story

by Sheryl Puckett

Born and raised in Bonners Ferry, Lisa Cook moved to Bayview three years ago after feeling adrift from a personal tragedy. She needed a fresh start and found it when she bought a place at MacDonald's Resort. Lisa shares, "It was the best thing I ever did, and for the first time in 54 years, I feel like I'm home."

Lisa now takes care of the cabins at MacDonald's Resort and does anything else that is needed, including taking care of all the beautiful flowers you see there. She works year round. "My life is 100% dedicated to the MacDonald family. MacDonald's are the greatest people in the world to work for," she says.

Lisa Cook discovered an unique piece of driftwood that is more than just a quirky find, it's now one of her treasures that has become a talking point to many who walk by her home. While walking the beaches of Bayview, Lisa stumbled upon the striking piece of driftwood that resembles a dragon head. She calls it the Bayview Dragon. People often stop to ask about it, drawn to its natural beauty.



Remarkably, one day a woman, Shelly Espinoza, walked by and knew she recognized the driftwood from years ago. She went home and found a photo, taken 19 years ago, and returned to Lisa to show her. Back then it was still attached to a log. Lisa believes floated for years, smoothing out its bark until it landed on the beach that Lisa was walking on. Someone once offered Lisa \$500 for it.



Lisa says, "He's got the most beautiful bark on him." An anonymous Bayview resident said, "Anyone who is lucky enough to come across a dragon like object such as a twisted tree limb on the forest floor or a special rock on the shoreline of a stream or lake should count themselves fortunate."

Lisa Cook's journey to Bayview is one of personal transformation and finding peace. Her life in Bayview has given her stability.

You can find the Bayview Dragon along Hudson Bay Road after the entrance to MacDonald's Resort.

## 2024 Communitarian

by Sheryl Puckett

The Bayview Community Council is pleased to announce Jackie Lloyd for the 2024 Communitarian Award. Jackie exemplifies the qualities this award seeks to honor, as demonstrated by her extensive and dedicated service to the Bayview community.



To name a few of Jackie's contributions to our community:

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**Center:** Jackie managed the Bayview Community Center for many years, overseeing all scheduling and ensuring the Center's biweekly cleaning needs were met. She was the point of contact for anyone using the Center.

**Memorial Garden:** For many years, Jackie has dedicated her time to maintaining the Center's Memorial Garden. She continues to volunteer countless hours to weed and care for the garden, ensuring it remains a place of reflection and beauty.

**Board Service:** Jackie has served on various boards, including the Bayview Chamber, the Bayview Community Center, and the Bayview Community Council. Her commitment to these organizations is a testament to her dedication to the community.

**Lunch on Us Program:** Jackie initiated the "Lunch on Us" program, which has become a beloved tradition, especially during the long winter months. This program provides residents with a free meal and a weekly opportunity to connect with their neighbors during the winter months.

**Life Flight Program:** Jackie has also taken charge of organizing and advertising the Life Flight program in Bayview, which is crucial for our elderly population. Through her efforts, payments for this life saving service are managed efficiently.

These are just a few of the many ways Jackie has contributed to our community. Her long-standing service and unwavering commitment to Bayview make her an outstanding choice for the 2024 Communitarian Award.



# A Match Made In Heaven

By Ali Spahn

As you go through life, you meet all sorts of interesting



people and it's a wonderful experience when you meet a couple as lovely as **Max and Sandy Blanchard**. They met in Gallatin Gateway, Montana during church at bible camp when they were teens and they have been together ever since.

They have been married for 51 years and raised two daughters.

Since their daughter and grandchildren lived in Rathdrum, the couple decided to move to the Athol area nine years ago, after Max retired.



Sandy and Max set up a shop on their property called **Cottage in the Woods**. "This is a piece of heaven for us. There's a lot of good people around here and we have a good time visiting while they shop," said Max.

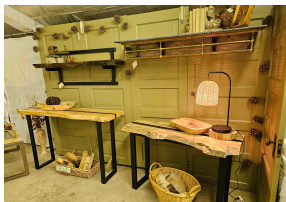
All their marketing is achieved by word of mouth or contacting the current list of 150 existing customers. "We hold what I refer to as 'pop-up sales' periodically during the year," states Sandy.

In October, they held a Vintage Autumn Sale – Beauty for Your Home & Garden. The sale included all styles of home décor, Christmas gifts, children's toys, vintage treasures, homemade furniture and reclaimed furniture.

"Everything we sell at the Cottage is affordable," said Sandy. Snow in the winter jeopardizes scheduling a pop-up sale, so the couple will open their shop anytime through scheduled appointments.



Their most popular item is their handmade cutting boards. Max also accepts custom orders making furniture out of wood and steel.



"I always loved beautifying a home and felt sorry for women that did not have much money to decorate their home. You don't have to have a lot of money to make a home charming and enjoyable. Your

home should be a place that you love to be in," explained Sandy.

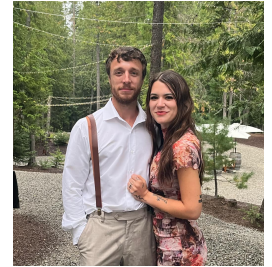
If you're interested in touring their beautifully staged retail shop, you can call Sandy or Max at 208-683-1017 or email at [maxandsandyblanchard@yahoo.com](mailto:maxandsandyblanchard@yahoo.com)

# Quint Burkhart Ready to Serve Your Plumbing Needs

By Sheryl Puckett

Quint's phone is always on and he's ready to help with any plumbing needs in the community. The residents of Athol and Bayview are fortunate to have someone so dedicated and available to serve the area. With his wealth of experience and commitment to quality, Quint Burkhart is a valuable addition to our local community.

Originally from a small town west of Chicago called Oregon, Illinois, Quint and his wife, Kennedy, moved to Bayview in December 2023. After searching for a place to settle near Athol, they instantly fell in love with Bayview's natural beauty and welcoming atmosphere. "We're happy we made the move and hope to stay here for a long time," Quint shares.



Growing up around his father's successful plumbing business in Illinois, Quint has been in the trade for most of his life. He joined the union in 2015 and completed a five year apprenticeship program, becoming a journeyman plumber and pipefitter. Now licensed, bonded and insured, Quint's expertise spans both commercial and residential projects, from new construction to remodels.

Burkhart Plumbing offers a wide range of services, including snow melt systems, radiant heat, water heaters, water filtration, repairs, maintenance, and drain cleaning. Quint covers Kootenai and Bonner counties, ensuring that Bayview and its surrounding areas have reliable, professional plumbing services at their fingertips.

Currently Quint is plumbing a brand new home going in at Baywatch Estates.

Outside of work, Quint enjoys all the outdoor activities that the area has to offer, from snowmobiling and dirt biking to hunting and hiking. It's clear he has truly embraced the Bayview lifestyle.

For those needing plumbing assistance, you can always count on Quint's availability and expertise. To schedule a service, you can reach him at:

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