



2025 Scholarship Awardee



Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, the Bayview Community Council is proud to award a \$700 scholarship this year to support a local student pursuing higher education.

We're excited to announce that the 2025 scholarship recipient is **Laura Green**.

Laura is currently enrolled in online courses through North Idaho College, where she maintains a 4.0 GPA. In her application, she wrote,

“My goal is to graduate with an associate degree in Bookkeeping and Accounting Assistant, and to use my skills to support myself and eventually help others with their businesses. In everything I do, I strive to live with purpose, serve others and stay true to my values.”

This year's award drew two applicants. Each submission was carefully reviewed by the Bayview Community Council's Scholarship Committee: Marlys Blagden, Ski Wilkoski, Sheryl Puckett, and our newest member, John Charyk.

We wish Laura continued success in her academic and professional journey.

Still Stumped

If you've driven between Athol and Farragut State Park lately, you've likely noticed the tree stumps still lining both sides of Highway 54 from last year's roadside tree cutting by the Idaho Department of Transportation (ITD).



Many in the community have wondered when or if, these stumps will be removed.

After contacting them this May 2025, I received a reply from Ryan Hawkins, District 1 Operations & Traffic Manager stating the following: “We are waiting for a purchase agreement to happen so we can get the equipment necessary to properly care for the stumpage on 54. Expect progress this summer.”

2025 Esta Perpetua Award

In June, **Laurie Harris Mauser** was honored with the prestigious **2025** Esta Perpetua Award from the Idaho State Historical Society, recognizing **CONT.**

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A Pretzel Baking Homesteader

By *Sheryl Puckett*

When **Constance Kaltenbach** arrived in Athol nearly two years ago, she found her perfect match: a charming old farmhouse with a garden, a greenhouse, and a fully equipped commercial kitchen. “I knew this was it,” she says, with a smile, and she hit the ground running.



Constance's business, **7 Healthy Days Homestead LLC**, reflects her dedication to healthy living. From her stand at the **Athol Farmers Market**, Constance offers organic, German style whole wheat breads, pretzels, and pastries, as well as farm fresh eggs and produce from her garden as the season progresses.



The market, she says, is more than just a place to sell, it's a hub for connection. “Farmers markets keep food systems local and build community,” she explains. “As a health enthusiast and former physical therapist, I believe deeply in healthy habits, shopping local, eating real food and connecting with your neighbors.”

Her friendship with local farmer Julie McKerracher blossomed after Constance spent time interning on her farm in Careywood. Now, the two women have market stands next to each other and continue to share knowledge, support, and plenty of laughs.

When she's not baking or tending her garden, Constance teaches online fitness classes, offers health coaching and shares seasonal wellness tips in her quarterly newsletter.

Constance also offers a small campground for camper vans and a glamping tent for visitors wanting a rustic getaway. With her first full season underway at the market and friends already planning visits, Constance says “It's going to be a fabulous year. I look forward to growing more, sharing more and getting to know even more members of this wonderful community.”

To connect with Constance or receive her newsletter: 7 Healthy Days Homestead LLC or email constance.kaltenbach@gmail.com

On a personal note, at the opening day of the Athol Farmers Market, I had one of Constance's homemade pretzels and it was delicious.

CONT. her lifelong dedication to preserving Idaho's rich history. A lifelong Idaho resident and graduate of both the University of Idaho and Idaho State University, Laurie brings over 30 years of professional experience as an archaeologist and preservationist. Her work has had a lasting impact on Kootenai County and beyond. The Bayview Community Council is proud to have you as a team member.

Need an Electrician?

by Sheryl Puckett



When it comes to finding a dependable electrician the search can sometimes feel overwhelming. We all want someone who won't overcharge us too. That's exactly what inspired Kathryn, Logan, and their son Noah to start **Honest Electric**. Honest Electric is a family owned business built on the values of trust, transparency, and quality work.

Now relocating from Post Falls to Athol, just off Howard Road, this trio brings something special to the local community: a genuine desire to do things better.

Kathryn, Logan, and Noah didn't set out to start just another electrical company, they set out to create a business they could be proud of. Kathryn explains, "We had some disappointing experiences with contractors while working on our own home. Poor communication, unfair pricing, and a lack of care that left us feeling like we were just another number. We knew it could be done differently and better."

Logan has worked in the electrical field since he was 18, learning from some of the best journeyman electricians in the industry. Over the years, he's also developed expertise in solar installation, contributing to thousands of solar projects. Their son, Noah, inspired by his father's path, is now a third year apprentice and just as passionate about the trade. Kathryn herself got her start in the electrical field at 20, and after returning to the industry as a solar project manager, she now keeps Honest Electric running smoothly with a focus on clear communication, detailed organization, and top notch customer care.

Honest Electric offers a wide range of residential and commercial electrical services: from panel upgrades and service changes to generators, solar installations, rewires, troubleshooting, remodels and new construction.

All three are on a mission to make sure people feel safe, confident and cared for. "We always recommend having your electrical system inspected every five years," Kathryn notes. "It's a simple way to catch problems early and keep everything

running efficiently."

The company name says it all: Honest Electric.

"We've seen too many companies charge outrageous prices simply because they can," says Logan. "That's not who we are." Honest Electric, takes pride in delivering fair pricing, clear explanations, and reliable work, every time.



They truly want to treat every customer like family. "We want people to feel like they matter, not just like another job," Kathryn adds. "It's the small things, showing up on time, following through, being kind that make the biggest difference."

Kathryn adds, "I bring a strong skill set when it comes to organization and problem solving." But what I really care about is communication. I make it my priority to keep our customers informed and confident throughout the entire process. No one should ever feel like they're being left in the dark, literally or figuratively."

Right now, Honest Electric is a tight knit three person operation. As their business grows, they're excited about the possibility of expanding.

Honest Electric operates Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and offers 24/7 emergency services for those times when help just can't wait. They do take a few days off throughout the year to recharge and celebrate important moments as a family including the Fourth of July (which also happens to be Logan's birthday), Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's Day.

Whether you're in need of a simple service call or a complete system overhaul, you can trust this family to treat your project as if it were their own. At Honest Electric, you're not just hiring electricians. You're hiring a team that genuinely cares.

You can reach Honest Electric at 208-292-2498. For those that prefer email: admin@honestelectric208.com Their website is <https://www.honestelectric208.com/>

Congratulations

Bayview resident, **Vicky Richardson**, set the record for 60 rides on the Panic Plunge at Silverwood Theme Park last month. According to a CDA Press article, "Panic Plunge takes 12 riders about 140 feet up before dropping rapidly at a speed of nearly 50 mph, suddenly stopping with about 20 feet to spare."



This feat took Vicky five hours.

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