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Ongoing Range Concerns

by Sheryl Puckett

Farragut Outdoor Sport Shooting Range is adjacent on three sides by Farragut State Park. The park has over one half million visitors annually (507,362). The range had 7,795 total shooters in 2025 (6,124 firearms and 1,668 archery). Despite the park drawing far more visitors than the range sees shooters, the two facilities operate side by side within the same area.

In December 2025, the Shore Lines newsletter published an article on safety issues raised at the Farragut Shooting Range. Questions about safety practices, range policies and noise still persist.

On March 1, a Sunday, Brad St. John and his wife signed in as observers at the Farragut Shooting Range. They wore eye and hearing protection and did not bring firearms. A Range Safety Officer approved their visit. Signing in as an observer is consistent with information provided by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, which states that observers sign in at the range office and are not required to pay a fee. When they entered the pistol range area, no shooters were present.

Some improvements were noted. "Dud" receptacles and an emergency phone number had been added. However, chamber flags were still not available on shooting benches. Chamber flags are used to show that a firearm's chamber is open and unloaded. Brad explained, "Shooters sometimes forget to open the chamber before walking downrange during a cold range. "Closed rifle chambers allow shooters to move in front of loaded weapons and risk death," says Brad.

Following the range visit, a letter was sent on March 2, 2026 to several state officials outlining the safety concerns and possible violations of Idaho law. Recipients included IDFG Director Jim Fredericks, Deputy Attorney General Owen Maroney, IDFG Commission Chairman Dave Bobbitt and Idaho Attorney General Raúl Labrador.

The letter also describes an interaction that occurred later that day with a Range Master, who said they could not remain on the range unless they paid a range fee. Brad was told that observers must pay the range fee and was asked to leave the range or face possible trespassing charges.

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Reclaiming Reverence

By Pastor Joel Carlson



If I may make a vast understatement, I believe basic respect and reverence have been severely neglected in recent American culture. I am, admittedly, painting with a broad brush. When children are not taught to respect their parents at home, there is no reason to think they will respect any other authority in life.

One of the best things you can do for future generations is to teach basic reverence and respect to children. It starts with listening to parents but broadens from there. Uncles, grandmothers, sheriffs, governors, store managers, landowners - all of them hold positional authority that is meant to be acknowledged and honored.

Let's relearn what was important to our grandparents, then teach it to others, starting with the youngsters in our lives.

Teach them to stand for our National Anthem.

Teach them what to do when a funeral procession passes by.

Teach them how to talk to police during a traffic stop.

Teach them how to shake a hand and look an adult in the eye.

Teach them to say, "Yes, sir," and "No, Ma'am" until given permission to do otherwise.

Teach them how to address their pastor, their grandparents, the mailman, etc.

Teach them to work their hardest for their employer.

Teach them to treat their Bibles like a real treasure and not a comic book.

Teach them to live life in a way that reinforces this humbling truth: the universe does not revolve around me. There are many people and institutions worthy of my reverence and respect.

Do you want the next generation to change the world? Have them tuck their shirts in and learn to say, "Excuse me."

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This explanation appears to conflict with the observer sign in process described by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Heidi Knapp, Volunteer Services and Hunter Education Coordinator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, explained the process in a written response: "Yes, you'll go to the range office. If you haven't been to the range before or it's been a while, you'll need to read the range rules before you sign in. You'll sign in as an observer and will not have to pay."

In a recent email, a Perimeter Road resident wrote, "The range is extremely bad today (referring to noise). As a result, I cannot be outside on my own property."

Some residents are asking what options remain if the problem continues. The decision made in 1955 to locate a shooting range adjacent to Farragut State Park is being questioned, pointing to past and current concerns regarding safety and sound measurements.

Could litigation be next?

Council Organization News

The Bayview Community Council will once again sponsor a **Community Wide Yard Sale** on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Residents are encouraged to start setting aside items now, either to donate to the Council's sale or to host a yard sale of their own.

With spring cleaning around the corner, it's a perfect opportunity to clear out some clutter and make a little extra cash at the same time. More details will be shared in next month's newsletter.

The recipient of this year's \$1,000 **Bayview Community Council Scholarship** will be announced in May. The funds will be sent directly to the student's school for the fall term. The scholarship committee is exploring fundraising opportunities to increase the number of recipients in a given year.

The Council's board approved a \$100 donation to a fund to support the **Timberlake Fire Protection District** number of portable defibrillators .

For two months, two board members delivered a **Lunch on Us** meal to a Bayview neighbor recovering from surgery, along with a get well card and a plant. Just one small way the Council continues to support members of the community.

Plans are in the works for a June event with a very interesting speaker .

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Jams & More by Sheryl Puckett



Monica Forkes is a busy lady. She works full time in Rathdrum for an elementary school library. Outside of school hours Monica is back in her kitchen where her passion lies.

In August 2025, after Monica obtained her cottage industry license through Panhandle Health, Monica launched her home based business. Her goal is to provide high quality jams, jellies, fruit butters and vanilla made with ingredients customers can trust.



Monica named her business **G & G Jams Jelly & Butters** after her grandparents. According to her, "A cousin and I always called them G & G. My love of what I do and the know how comes from them."

Striving to source her fruit locally, Monica purchases from local farms and Green Bluff growers in Spokane whenever possible. While not all ingredients are certified organic, she has plans to expand her own garden and greenhouse and plant fruit trees.

One of the biggest challenges, Monica says, is finding produce at reasonable costs and predicting which flavors customers will love most. Introducing unique or mixed flavors can be a gamble.

Currently, Monica sells her products through **Facebook at G & G Jams Jelly & Butters** and on **Instagram @ggjamsjelly**. Her jams and homemade vanilla are also available at the **Bunco Collective Cottage**, where she participated in the fall crawl and was happy by the response.

In March Monica will be participating in the **John Brown Elementary Craft Fair** and plans to join the **Athol Farmers Market** regularly when school ends.

Monica already has two exciting local partnerships. **Bite-Size Bliss Charcuterie** features her jams on select specialty boards and **Mama Hill Bakery** uses her homemade vanilla exclusively in its sugar cookies.

Since 2020 Monica and her husband bought property in Athol and made the full time move here in March of 2023. Monica has been married 34 years, raised three children and now enjoys nearly six grandchildren. Throughout those years, the kitchen was always her happy place. Friends have called her the modern "Betty Crocker." Her children grew up without store bought jam in the house and even now, they regularly request shipments of their mom's homemade creations.

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