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Three Ninja Magic *by Sheryl Puckett*

There is a growing trend of home based businesses and cottage bakeries that have come to our area. Many families are turning their kitchens into entrepreneurial spaces. Among them is one local venture called **Three Ninjas Baking**, based in the Athol area.

Janet Pegg and her husband, Steve, relocated to North Idaho in 2012, just before of welcoming their fourth child. While there are actually “four Ninjas” the name “Three Ninjas Baking”, dates back to when the youngest was still a baby. At the time, the three older siblings took the lead in baking and selling their goods, inspired by their father, who affectionately called them his “Ninjas” during playtime. The name stuck.

Baking has long been a part of family life. Janet recalls some of her earliest memories standing on a step stool, helping her own mother in the kitchen. Today, that tradition continues with her children, who began baking at a young age and gradually developed their own skills even creating their own cookie recipes as early as age four. (After a few adjustments, including reducing sugar from eight cups to something more reasonable, those recipes are still in use today.)

What started as a hobby eventually grew into a small business. About 12 years ago, the “Ninjas” sold cookies



at a garage sale, sparking an ongoing venture that has included farmers markets, local events, and custom orders. While the three oldest children now hold part time jobs and the youngest explores projects like refurbishing lawn

mowers and woodworking, the baking business remains a shared family effort. Janet manages the home, homeschools the children, and supports the operation. Steve works full time outside the home.

Among their baked goods, one item stands above the rest: their “World Famous” Dutch Boterkoek. Translated as “butter cake.” This rich, moist dessert defies simple description, somewhere between a cookie, shortbread, brownie, and dense cake, with a melt in your mouth texture. The recipe has been passed down from Janet’s Oma, who emigrated from Holland in the 1960s, and adapted it over the years, making this version truly unique.

In addition to their signature boterkoek, Three Ninjas

Baking offers a variety of flavors and seasonal specialties. Traditional almond remains a staple, while creative variations like pistachio, lemon, coconut, and chocolate-espresso have developed a loyal following. Seasonal favorites include strawberry and orange creamsicle in the warmer months, and eggnog, peppermint mocha, maple pecan, orange cranberry, and pumpkin spice in the fall and winter.

In addition to baked goods, their garlic scape salt, made with sea salt and garlic scapes grown in their own garden, has also become a popular item often selling out quickly.

Customers can find Three Ninjas Baking at Kootenai County Farmers Market youth vendor days, Athol Days, and select times at the Bunco Collective Cottage.



Custom orders are also available for special occasions.

Their reputation continues to grow through word of mouth and community support.

For those interested in placing an order or learning more, Three Ninjas Baking can be reached via Facebook or by phone/text at 208-946-7395.

COMMUNITY WIDE YARD SALE

May 23, Saturday, stop at the lower lot of the Bayview Community Center for the Council’s yearly yard sale or to pick up your map of all the Bayview locations participating in this event.



To be on the town map, pick up a Sign Up Form at the Bayview Post office or text 208-659-5244 to have one sent to you. If you don’t want to have a yard sale but want to donate to the Council’s sale, drop off your donations on the Friday before the sale 4 to 8 p.m.

In past years, this has been a highly successful event.

We Scream Ice Cream

Colby Clement is returning to Bayview this summer, bringing ice cream and plenty of fun with him. He shared, “Yes, we’re planning to return and have some exciting things in the works, including a world record attempt and, of course, our second annual scavenger hunt! We’re still finalizing dates, but it’s shaping up to be a great summer.”

Who Do You Think You Are?



The Bayview Community Council invites you to a free speaker event June 16, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. at the Bayview Community Center.

Join Pam Barnhouse, Vice President of the Kootenai County Genealogical Society (KCGS), for an engaging presentation: "Who Do You Think You Are? An Introduction to Genealogy."

Curious about your family history? This informative presentation will include the basics of genealogy, how to begin researching and compiling your family story.

If you're just starting out or looking to expand your knowledge, don't miss this opportunity.

All welcome to attend.

To learn more about the Kootenai County Genealogical Society, visit: <http://www.kcgs.org/>

8.3 Acres Off Perimeter Road

Lots of inquiring minds are wondering what is going on with the 8.3 acre parcel across from the Bayview Post Office that has plans for 17 homes and was logged this past winter.

According to the owner, Gary Schmidt, "Considering the current real estate market, I'm thinking of possibly waiting until next Spring to move forward."

Update From Nick Snyder

On April 13, Nick Snyder, from Parks & Waterways, reported that he anticipates the agencies will reach a conclusion in the next 3 to 4 weeks concerning the public restrooms at the boat launch.

According to Nick, "If the restroom building is removed in the future, it will likely be our agency since the highway district does not work with restroom buildings.

As we do at other boat launch facilities, we will provide portable restrooms to service boaters during peak season use, typically April through November. Parks and Waterways will continue to maintain the facility until the highway district and county commissioners agree on the details.

It is important to keep in mind that regardless of which agency ultimately maintains the facility, the launch and docks will remain open to the public. The highway district and the county have made this very clear on numerous occasions, so any rumors of closure of the launch by the district or removal of the docks by the county are simply untrue."



A Response on Farragut Range Shooting Concerns

Editorial By Russ Wright

Disclaimer – The author is not affiliated with Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) or the Farragut Shooting Range.

The Farragut Public Shooting Range has faced criticism and legal challenges since 2005, which continue today even though courts have found that IDFG complied with safety requirements issued in a 2007 court order.

The article in last month's Shoreline newsletter raised unfounded concerns about the range's safety procedures. Former range safety officer (RSO) Brad St. John claimed the range is unsafe because chamber flags are not required when the range goes "cold." However, Range Master Mark Murphy said the range follows widely accepted National Rifle Association safety standards, and those standards do not require chamber flags.

Murphy pointed to rules that require shooters to unload firearms and leave them on the bench with actions open when the range goes "cold". Shooters must then remain behind a safety line and may not approach their firearm until the range is cleared hot. Violations are addressed immediately by RSOs.

Critically, there have been no documented serious injuries to shooters or staff at the Farragut range, despite hosting thousands of shooters every year.

Noise was also raised as a concern; however, measurements taken by this author just 475 yards from the range registered a peak level of just 65 decibels – about the level of normal conversation from three feet away. IDFG also completed a sound study just last fall, and the results were within noise level requirements.

Most importantly, consider what would happen if the range were to close. There are no viable alternatives other than the National Forest surrounding Bayview – where it's perfectly legal to shoot any time day or night. Perhaps this should be considered before suing to put the range out of business.

Operated by IDFG, the range is open from 9 am – 4 pm Friday–Monday from May to October and on weekends during the winter. It offers rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery facilities; a \$10 fee pays for full day at the range (\$5 for youth).

BWSD has begun on-site property inspections.

The district is checking for illegal hookups in outbuildings such as sheds and garages. They do not need to enter your home. Residents are encouraged to cooperate to ensure compliance.

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