



# SLEHA GAZETTE

A Newsletter of the Spirit Lake East Homeowners Association  
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## Message From The Board

By Jess Blocker

First, I want to again say "thanks" to Willi Hanson and the rest of the newsletter committee for the enthusiasm, effort, and time they put into making our newsletter something to look forward to.

#### **By-laws**

Our prolonged attempt to gather enough votes to accept or reject the proposed By-laws was a dismal failure. We received only 117 ballots of the 220 needed for an official vote. The overwhelming majority of those (114) voted to accept the proposed changes.

For those of you who took the time to return your ballots, Thank You!

Due to our need for a coherent set of operating guidelines (By-laws), I have recommended to the Board of Directors that the Association operate under the proposed By-laws until such time as new or changed By-laws are proposed and adopted.

The Board would like to establish an "Activities Committee." This would include a coordinator or two who would organize volunteers to do one-time tasks within our community. Anyone having the time and who is willing to take on this responsibility, please contact any board member. Anyone who has time to volunteer even a little of their skills and time, please contact us.

**NOTICE: Our next semi-annual membership meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 1999. It will be held at Timberlake Jr./Sr. High School, Hwys 54 and 41 at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!**



## Meet Your Neighbor

by Cathy Richardson

We have added a new section to our quarterly newsletter to help introduce everyone to members in Spirit Lake East. Our first article is about our President of 2 years and his wife, Jess and Cathy Blocker. They have lived here for 5 1/2 years in a beautiful house at the end of St. Joe that Cathy designed and they built with their son. Originally from Florida and Texas, they both wanted to live in a place with mountains and enjoy the hunting and fishing that goes along with it. Jess, retired from the Marine Corps, is currently working at Advanced Input Devices.

Like all of the Board members, he is appointed and hopes that this coming Spring more people will volunteer. He views the roads in the neighborhood to be most important but has worked very hard with the county and the town of Spirit Lake to establish good relations.

Surprisingly enough, they have had a lot of excitement at their property this summer. They are never short on moose or deer. When I arrived, the animals had just eaten all of their petunias and still were munching on what remained of their newly planted trees. In addition, there had been a head-on collision in front of their house - 2 vehicles, no animals. Lastly, the lightning storm we had this summer started a fire across the street that was discovered by a neighbor in time for the fire department to put it out.

I enjoyed visiting with Jess and Cathy. We all owe them a large vote of thanks for the effort they have put into supporting our

**Editor's note:** Starting with this issue we will be doing an article on one of our neighbors. If you know of someone with an interesting story, please call Cathy (623-3205).

## Recipe Magic

By Dawn Napier



### Mississippi Mud

2 sticks margarine

1 1/2 cups flour

2 cups sugar

4 eggs

1/3 cup cocoa

1 tsp vanilla

1 cup chopped pecans

Dash Salt

1 jar marshmallow cream

1 stick melted margarine

1/2 cup evaporated milk

1 box powdered sugar

1/2 cup cocoa

1 tsp vanilla

Chopped pecans, optional

Cream margarine, sugar, and cocoa. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix. Add flour, nuts, and salt. Beat 2 minutes. Bake in greased 9x13 in. pan at 350 for 35 minutes.

Spread marshmallow cream on hot cake and cool. Melt one stick of margarine and add milk and vanilla. Stir in powdered sugar and cocoa until smooth. Spread on top of marshmallow cream. Sprinkle with more chopped pecans, if desired.

**Do you have a special family recipe you would share with us? Nothing tastes better than a tried and true recipe!**

**Yum!**

**Computer Teaser:** What does the term "clobber" mean?

**Answer:** To write new data over the top of good data in a file or otherwise damage a file so that it becomes useless. Or, wipe out a file. So. . . .Be gentle with your files!

## Message From The Editor

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, the SLEHA Gazette will be published every three (3) months, and we hope to issue it the first week of each calendar quarter.

The new newsletter nommittee met August 25 and September 14 to develop guidelines for expanded content and review suggested items and articles. There were a lot of great ideas, some of which have been incorporated into this issue. We would like to see more news about current and new residents and are soliciting input for the January issue.

With the Board's approval, we are going forward with our idea of making this newsletter self-supporting and not requiring Association funds to publish. We are not there yet, but hope to be by the next issue. As you will notice toward the back of this issue, we have solicited and acquired advertising from local businesses. If you have a home-based or other business you would like to advertise, please contact Willi Hanson at 623-3313 for prices.

### ***Family Disaster Supply Kit***

None of us who love this beautiful rural area want to believe something could disrupt our idyllic life. However, common sense tells us we should, in some way, be prepared for the possibility. Are you ready should something happen? Below are some suggestions .

- Check your house for supplies you have on hand.
- Decide where you will store surplus supplies and emergency equipment.

*Meet with family to:*

- ◇ Discuss the types of situations that could occur.
- ◇ Explain how to prepare; when and how to respond.
- ◇ Discuss what to do if you need to evacuate.
- ◇ Practice your plan.

In case of evacuation, your "Go-Pack" should:

- \* Be in a back pack or similar container that is easily carried.
- \* Contain your most important items such as a change of clothes, quarters for pay phones, out-of-state contact info., medications, important papers, etc.

For more information, contact the SLEHA Newsletter Editor for a "Family Disaster Supplies Calendar" and food items to store as suggested by Kootenai County Family Emer-

## Community Comments

### Around Our Town

The town of Spirit Lake has many services and retail stores available to our community. The following is a partial list of businesses on and near Maine Street.

C's Train & Antique Shop *	Sondhall's Ceramics
Old West Hardware	Shows To Go *
The Apple Crate *	The Hair Saloon
US Post Office	Spirit Lake Pawn
Hog & Jog Restaurant	Matt's Auto
Panhandle Tire	Fireside Lodge
Frontier Marine	E. Hoffman RV Park
North Idaho Accounting & Tax Services *	

(\* See ad in this issue)

There are many more businesses in the greater Spirit Lake area, including those home based businesses here in Spirit Lake East. It would be nice (not to mention mutually profitable) if we made it a point to get to know our colleagues. There are some extremely talented people around us. Surprising benefits could result in a simple tour around the

### Reminder

Trespassing and the removal of private property is a prosecutable offense. We have had four-wheelers and cyclists literally rip signs from trees and fences, tear them up, and move "downed" trees on private property to allow them access for their personal gratification. Please help us discourage this type of behavior and promote respect for the rights of **all** homeowners.

There are more reasons than just the private property issue involved. As we should all know, during the summer trees, brush, and underbrush are like kindling. A spark from an off-road vehicle (dirt bike, 4-wheeler, etc.) can set off a fire that would spread rapidly throughout SLEHA and beyond. We care about our families, our pets, and our homes. All it takes is one spark to destroy the hopes and dreams of every one in the area. Please - allow us all to be happy and healthy.

### Annual Picnic

Our Second Annual Picnic on August 7 was a great success! We had 65 people in attendance and lots of food, fun and visiting was had by all!

We especially liked meeting all the new homeowners and soon to be homeowners.

Thanks for coming and being a part of your community. It's a great way to meet new people and see our area grow.

We hope to see all of you next year. It should be a "millennium" picnic! Don't miss it!

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### Kids Korner

Hi! My name is Dawn Napier. I am the new editor of the "Kids Korner" for the SLEHA newsletter. I am looking for SLEHA children under the age of 18 to submit stories. If you don't have a story and you just want to brag or praise someone, this is the column for you! This is a way for our adults to get to know the kids in our association and see how talented you all are. So, with your submission, please include your age, grade, school you attend, and parents name. I will help you edit and get your article approved by the newsletter committee.

It is that time of year again when the streets are filled with big yellow buses carrying our most precious cargo. I want to use this first article to ask everyone in SLEHA and surrounding areas to please watch for our kids at bus stops and walking to and from school.

#### Guest Writer

*This month's guest writer is Wilhelm Napier. He is 16 and in 11th grade at Timberlake High School. His parents are Wilhelm and Dawn Napier.*

I would like to just talk about Timberlake Jr/Sr High School. We have a lot of great athletes in our small school. But there is one thing we don't have, and that is a lot of fans in our stands. I would like to see more people come out and support our teams during their reach for a championship. We had a great Jr. Varsity basketball team last year, but hardly anyone came to watch. This year I would like to see a lot more fans at the Jr. Varsity games as well as Varsity.

One last thing - Would someone else please submit an article so mom doesn't make me and my three sisters do it all the time?



## This 'N That by Deb Burton

### Helpful Hints

*Did you know all the marvelous things vinegar can do?*

- Marinate meat overnight (add whatever herbs you prefer to the vinegar).
- Dissolve warts: mix one part apple cider vinegar to one part glycerin to make a lotion and apply daily.
- Remove stubborn stains from clothes: apply white vinegar to spots before laundering.
- Kill unwanted grass by pouring white vinegar into crevices and between bricks.
- Remove soap scum from bathtub fixtures, tile, and shower curtains: wipe the surface with white vinegar and rise with water.
- Relieve itching by applying white vinegar-soaked cotton ball to insect bite.
- Prevent ice from forming on car windshield overnight: coat the window with a solution of 3 parts white or cider vinegar to one part water.

*More to follow in future issues.....*

### Thoughts To Make You Smile

- ◆ Some folks wear their halos too tight!
- ◆ You will notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
- ◆ It's all right to sit on your potty pot every now and again; just be sure to flush when you are finished...
- ◆ A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- ◆ Always put off until tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all.

### About the Birds & Bees (and other critters who share our world)

Does anyone out there have a fool proof hint for getting rid of those pesky yellow jackets? We have found that a two liter soda bottle is a great trap. Just cut off the top portion and invert it into the bottle. This funnel effect makes it difficult for the bees to leave once they get in the bottle. We have found that in early spring they are attracted to meat and dry dog food. At the end of summer, they seem to search out fluids, so sweetened water seems to draw them.

A friend just told me to suspend a skewered piece of meat over a bowl of soapy water. The meat draws them and once they eat, they sink and get trapped in the water. Someone else suggested putting a fabric softener sheet in your pocket when you work outdoors to keep the yellow jackets away; but, I tried this and they still seem to come around. Any other ideas that have worked for you? Call me at 623-2214, and I'll be sure to share them in the next newsletter.

## Committee Reports

### Architectural Review

1999 shows the largest building growth for Spirit Lake East since 1996. ARC building statistics for 1/99 through 9/99 are as follows:

- 1 Garage
- 1 Porch
- 6 Pole Barns
- 8 Houses

Three of the families building pole barns hope to begin home construction in the Spring of 2000. The current number of homes in Spirit Lake East is 154.

Please remember to contact a member of the architectural review committee if you are planning any construction or you are cutting in a driveway or clearing a building site.

### Timber Management

Three permits were issued in the last couple of months. A new Association logging permit is being designed and will be issued to all members who request a permit. This will eliminate the "guess work" when loggers are in the area.

### Road Committee

#### **FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY - STOP STOP STOP**

To help improve the safety of all community members and others, your road committee will install stop signs at all roads that cross CDA, LIBERTY, and ST. JOE Drs. When you see these signs please obey them as you would if driving in town. Yield signs will be installed in other places.

#### **SAVINGS SAVINGS SAVINGS**

Would you like to help save money for the Road Maintenance Fund? If so, this is what you can do.

From time to time we need to rent equipment to improve or repair the roads (backhoe, bulldozer, front loader). If you own one of these and would like to either volunteer your services or allow our experienced equipment operator to operate your equipment, please let us know. The money saved on rentals can be used to help improve the roads elsewhere.

Call your road committee chairman if you would like to help (623-5906). Thanks from your road committee.

### Did You Know. . .

*THIS WILL BE FUNNIER IF YOU READ IT AFTER MIDNIGHT:* A hot topic in nutrition research these days is figuring out why some people can't seem to lose weight. Psychologist Timothy Osberg of Niagara University in New York has part of the answer: some people have "irrational beliefs" about nutrition, he finds. For instance, his surveys find that some people actually believe that foods like ice cream have no calories when eaten standing up, that not eating desserts can be dangerous to health, or that anything eaten with your eyes shut "doesn't count".

Osberg says his studies show the more such strange beliefs people hold, the more likely that they are obese or have failed to lose weight on diets they have tried. (UPI) ... The question isn't so much are they fooling themselves as are they fooling the researchers?

