



FERNAN LAKE VILLAGE

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**Crew Boats on
Lake Fernan**



**MAYOR :
HEIDI ACUFF**

A big thank you to all our residents for having patience while we had our streets resurfaced. If you can continue to keep parked cars off the streets it would be greatly appreciated. We

From the Mayor

have children playing, street cleaners sweeping and upcoming will be snow plows. Fall is a great time to clean out your garage to park your car / cars inside!

Our picnic was fun and if you did not make it this year we would love to see you next year. This is a time that we can eat, drink and mingle as a community. We still have a few Fernan City T-Shirts available for \$15.00 ea. Call me to see if we have your size and I will deliver to your house:) With the Fall/Winter approaching we

will have increased deer populations through the Village so please refrain from feeding them. and pay attention when driving. Enjoy the change of Season and hope to see you out and about!



**PLEASE DON'T
FEED THE
WILDLIFE.**



**CITY COUNCIL:
PETE JOB, MARY
ANN TIERNEY,
DORIS HOFFMAN &
PAULA BUECHS**

From the City Council

Thank you to residents for bringing concerns to our attention. It helps us be aware of issues and problem solve if necessary and/or possible. This kind of attention makes the Village a better home for all of us. The rumor has it that the winter should produce some good amount of snowfall so please KEEP YOUR CARS PARKED OFF THE STREETS for our snow plows and safety for residents and animals. Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and beautiful Fall season.



**Wipes clog pipes!
Never flush them.**



Trash them!



EVEN IF THEY SAY FLUSHABLE. THEY ARE NOT FLUSHABLE IN OUR SEPTIC SYSTEM!

PLEASE EDUCATE GUESTS AND USERS. THE CITY OF FERNAN IS BILLED HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS EACH MONTH DUE TO WIPES AND OTHER DEBRIS THAT CANNOT PROCESS PROPERLY

IMPORTANT!

Grease will weigh down floats causing error in system. Wipes of any type will clog pump!

IF THE ALARM IS ON AT THE SEWAGE PUMP CONTROL PANEL, DO NOT OPEN THE ELECTRICAL PANEL AND PLEASE CALL IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. BOB KUCHENSKI – Phone **683-0500** immediately. LEAVE MESSAGE if you get recording.
2. If unable to contact Mr. Kuchenski, call BOB CHANDLER, Environmental Systems Operations at **691-3428**.
3. If unable to contact Kuchenski or Chandler, please call R.C. WORST phone **664-2133**.

Again, do not open the electrical panel. One of the sewer repair representatives or the City maintenance person will turn off the alarm. We have provided you an instruction sheet that will be posted on the electrical panel and you may post on your refrigerator for convenience.

IF SEWER ALARM GOES OFF CALL:

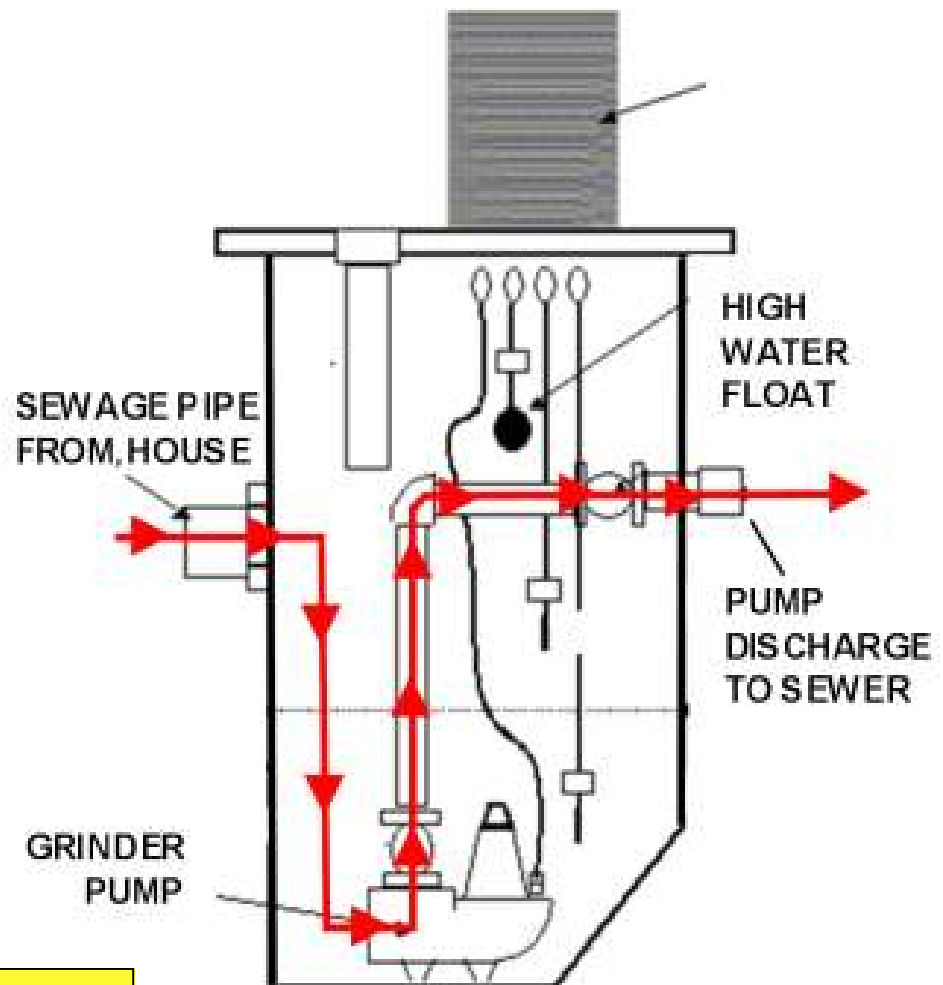
- 1st) Bob Kuchenski- (208) 683-0500**
2nd) Bob Chandler (208) 691-3428
3rd) Worst Plumbing (208) 661-2433

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

We thought a diagram of how our sewer system works would be helpful. **Grease** discarded down the kitchen sink weighs down the floats making it impossible for proper function causing the system to over flow.

Sanitary wipes, cloth, dental floss, string and plastics of any type other than regular toilet paper **will not process properly** through pump causing pump failure and system to over flow. **(ALL DEBRIS GOES THROUGH PUMP PRIOR TO DISCHARGE.)**

The home owner is responsible for repair costs in the event it is a misuse of the system that causes failure. Repairs are **EXPENSIVE** so please pay attention and **EDUCATE HOUSEHOLD GUESTS AND USERS.**



PACKAGE GRINDER PUMP STATION

NOTE: IN CASE OF POWER OUTAGE OUR SYSTEMS WILL NOT WORK. USE SPARINGLY or NOT AT ALL!!

FERNAN CITY PICNIC 2016



Lois Bening— Fernan Charm and Historian

By Doris Hoffman and Mary Ann Tierney



**Lois Bening
has lived in
Fernan Lake
Village since
1958**

MEET THE VILLAGE PEOPLE

This is a section of our newsletter where we will be featuring our City residents. If you would like to suggest someone to be featured we would appreciate a quick email or call to Doris Hoffman or Mary Ann Tierney .

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Lois Bening is not the oldest village resident in age but she may be in number of years living here. Jim and Lois bought their lovely brick home on the lake in 1958 when both were working at Bunker in Kellogg. The house was built by Frank Freuchtle who also built another brick house down the street (the Douglas home) for his sister. Mr. Freuchtle was a brick-layer who was one of the main builders of St Thomas Church and other brick buildings around town.

At the time the Benings moved in there were only about seven homes on the lake and seven in the rest of the village. There were gravel streets and horses down the block from them in the John-

son's back yard. There weren't any children in the village at that time, but that changed over the years as the original residents sold to younger families. Jim and Lois have 2 children, Frank and Brenda. By the time Frank started school there were about 15 kids in the neighborhood. These families became a community and they lived what sounds like idyllic lives. As Lois said, "It was a fantastic place to raise a family". The kids went to school together, swam in the lake and in the Bening's pool, had sleepovers, camped out across the lake and ice skated when the lake was frozen. The village could be characterized by its friendliness, togetherness and safety.

Being next to I-90 made the village a natural for Silver Valley residents who wanted to live on this side of the mountains.

Our early residents in the Village worked together to make necessary improvements and also had fun together with community activities. Septic tanks were replaced by our sewer system. Jim Bening along with other residents was instrumental in making this change. He also took

Lois Bening (Cont.)

charge of building the dam which is still functioning. Lois remembered that one year they even got Jim to be one of the Santas who handed out candy to children at the entrance of the village during the Christmas season. Then, as now, residents decorated their homes and people from town drove through to look at the lights. As they came into the village they stopped to get candy from Santa! Lois was a cub scout Den Mother and a Girl Scout leader. Jim built on a large family/party room overlooking the lake with a raised platform at one end which could serve as a stage. This room served as a great place for meetings and gatherings of many kinds over the years including the perfect rehearsal place for the Sweet Adelines of which Lois was a very active member.



Jim & Lois Bening

A highlight of summer village activities during the early years were the canoe races. Children and adults drew numbers for a partner and lined up at their dock. Lois didn't remember ever needing to give out prizes to winners because they all capsized. This annual race/dunking was followed by a picnic on the lawn. She also remembers her daughter, Brenda when she was quite small wanting to swim down the lake by herself. Lois let her, but said she had to stop at each dock and wave to her to let her know she was okay. So Lois stood in the yard and watched as Brenda climbed up and yelled and waved to her all the way up the lake and back. The interruptions to her swim didn't seem to hinder her swimming ability as she won 3rd place in the Masters swim meet when she was only thirteen.

Listening to Lois tell about the many family activities and the sharing of goods and services makes it seem like the saying "It takes a village to raise a child" could have been the motto that was truly practiced here. She spoke of the Johnsons, who lived in the Acuff house, having a huge garden and keeping the whole village supplied with fresh vegetables. They also had a couple of horses which they let the children ride. The kids went from one house to another to play and joined up on front lawns in the evening for "run sheep run". The Benings pool was unfenced and open to anyone who wanted to swim. Lois said she didn't have trouble with the kids, but sometimes did have to break up a dog fight when the dogs came with the kids. In order to ice skate in the winter they'd all get their brooms out and clear the ice. Not only did the kids all play together, but as teenagers they also worked together. The Chadderons put the boys to work at Carpet Center and the Millers gave the girls jobs at their movie theater. Obviously the work ethic of these early residents was passed on to their children.

Lois Bening (Cont.)

A particularly happy memory for Lois was when Amy Pollard got married. The wedding was in the Pollard's lakefront yard, but Amy and the bridesmaids got ready at the Benings and arrived at the wedding site by boat for their grand entrance! Needless to say this "boat parade" was enjoyed by the other residents along the shoreline!

As Lois told her stories she also noted that it never gets boring on the lake. She doesn't have the pool or the children in her backyard now, but she does have the eagles and osprey. Watching them in their nests or seeing them fly over with their just caught fish hanging out their mouths could never be tiresome. Plus she does still drive to Kellogg two days a week to work in her brother's saw shop as she's done for the past 28 years. Obviously Jim and Lois made the right choice for them in their Village home.

Sweet & Spicy Pumpkin Seeds

INGREDIENTS

1 medium pumpkin
5 tablespoons sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
Pinch of cayenne pepper, to taste
1 1/2 tablespoons peanut oil

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Remove seeds separating flesh from seeds.

Pumpkin should yield 1 cup seeds. Spread seeds on parchment in an even layer. Bake until dry, stirring occasionally, about 1 hour. Let cool.

In a medium bowl combine 3 tablespoons sugar, salt, cumin, cinnamon, ginger, and cayenne. Heat peanut oil in a large non-stick skillet over high heat. Add pumpkin seeds and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar. Cook until sugar melts and pumpkin seeds begin to caramelize, about 45 to 60 seconds. Transfer to bowl with spices, and stir well to coat. Let cool. These may be stored in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

PET GEESSE LANDED IN THE VILLAGE



Mid July we noticed a peculiar acting goose. It preferred peoples front door steps and driveways versus the safety of the lake. It appears there were 3 geese that had been hand raised by people and returned to the wild in Fernan Lake Village. With some persistent coaxing and walking this goose back to the lake it finally took flight with the other wild geese. Thanks to the kindness of the residents who put up with this goose on their front porch and even in their house until they figured out they were wild and free.

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IMPORTANT!
We are still in need
of your contact
information for
emergency and
informational
purposes!
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Cindy Espe at
email below your:

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Address:
Phone:
Email:

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