



AUGUST, 2016 COMMUNITY UPDATE

August 28th Safety Meeting Notes

The following notes are a reprint from information posted to Nextdoor.com by Mike and Suzy Denney. They are included in this August Community Update for residents who may not be using the Social Media Network to gain community information:

It was a very informative meeting with lots of information shared. Gary Shults the community services officer and Zack Sifford, our patrol deputy presented the information.

The main program presented was "Neighborhood Watch". A leader would be elected along with several block captains. The Kootenai County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) will come meet with the group to help us set this up. Recruiting, phone trees, etc. will be established. This "Nextdoor" program is already a big step!

Once established, we will start folding some of these other programs into our meetings. You are also welcome to contact them to sign up for other planned meeting and opportunities outside the Cougar Gulch. Some of these are:

COPS- Citizens On Patrol: A 70 hour course is required. About 10 weeks. This is an off site program. Once completed, a car is provided, a uniform, radio, and pepper spray. Two person teams patrol and report. You can determine where you wish to patrol.

Active Shooters Class: How to increase your chances of surviving an active shooters event. (Avoid, deny, defend). This will be one class we will be able to schedule at one of the Neighborhood Watch meetings. (2 hrs.)

Many other programs are available upon request. We just have to provide a topic and KCSO will come address it.

Home security checks (how secure is my home and family) can be requested individually at any time by contacting Gary Shults at. 208-446-2121. He will check your exterior, doors, windows, etc., and provide tips. (approx. 1 hr.)

Emergency Notification System: Free voice mail and text alert system. It will notify you of emergency incidents such as road closures, crime alerts, weather issues, school threats, etc. To receive these notifications, go to kcsheriff.com. and find "Emergency Notification System" in the lower right corner. Click and follow instructions.

National Night Out: Tuesday August 2, 2016 from 4:00 to 8:00 at Hayden City Park. The whole event is dedicated to crime prevention this year. ID- A- Kid fingerprinting is a big one. We are planning on holding this program in the Gulch at some point after the kids are back in school. This is a very hard program to find!!

Neighborhood Watch newsletters are also published and available upon request. again call Gary Shults at 208-446-2121.

Telephone and internet scams can be reported to Gary Shults or kcgov.com.

Non-emergency situations can be called into 208-446-1300.

Don't forget to spread the word to those not signed up on Nextdoor to do so!!!

A tip from KCSO are kick proof door strikers. Very effective and cost about \$20 each. and 3m window film helps prevent window enter. about \$6 a sq. ft.

Stats of crimes in the Cougar Gulch area in the last 3 months- 4 burglaries, 3 malicious injuries, and 1 unlawful entry.

Progress has been made in identifying the individual(s) involved in recent break ins!!!!

Suzy and I will set up the first Neighborhood Watch meeting sometime in September to get an organization in place and get things rolling. Until then there are some things you can do as listed above.

Thanks to all who attended the meeting and those who will become involved in the future. If we want to control crime in our area, we all need to be involved!

Mike and Suzy



Cougar Gulch Hilander 4-H Summer News

Important 4H Summer 2016 Dates



The Cougar 4H Hilanders have been busy all summer. In July they wrapped up Good Citizen Dog Test July 9th, Camp Cloverbud on July 27th and a Dog Show on July 29th and 30th,

The following activities are planned for August:

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| August 5—7 | Horse Show |
| August 14 | Petting Zoo @ Community Ice Cream Social |
| August 14 | Club meeting at the Hall (4 pm) |
| August 18 | Style Show Sewing |
| August 24—28 | FAIR WEEK |



The Cougar Gulch Hilanders are recognizable in their new bright green logo T-shirts. Look for members in their 4H wear in the Gulch in community service, fundraising and social events. Please consider showing your support for them as well by purchasing Hilanders wear.

You can support the Hilanders 4H group by purchasing apparel with our new logo.

Contact Kayla or Dawn Myers at:

dawnmyersid@gmail.com

August Community Event



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August 14th 1—3 pm at the Hall** to participate in the Annual Community Appreciation Day Ice Cream Social. Ice cream, toppings, sauces, whipped cream, cones and soda will be offered during this event, put on by your community board of trustees to thank everyone for their support during the year. This event is FREE so bring the entire family! We will also have a 50-50 raffle to support our building fund and one lucky winner will net half of the proceeds. And finally, the 4H Hilanders will provide a petting zoo (upper parking lot) and face painting for the kids (\$5) so bring your cameras too!

Interested in our local area history?

If you are interested in Cougar Gulch History, we have captured some very interesting information and housed it at our website at: cougargulchcommunity.com. Click on the “More” tab at our community site and then click on “Our History”.



There you can find written history about the Farmers Union and the creation of the Sam Rodius Community Center.

You can find information on the Rodius Family and a riveting account, written by daughter Lucia, circa, 1980 when she was approximately 89 years old.

Lucia lived to be an amazing 99 years old before her passing in 1997. Her story is a fascinating account of the struggles, challenges and adventures they encountered while creating their home and life here in Cougar Gulch and shows how much of their work paved the way for the community we know and love today.

The story of the Rodius Family



Nicholas Rodius
1860-1923

Nellie Benson Rodius
1884-1932

Area Pioneer Dies In Crash

Sampson (Sam) Alfred Rodius, 68, pioneer resident of Cougar Gulch and long active in the Farmer's Union, died when his pickup collided with a logging truck on highway 80, four miles south of Tensed Thursday afternoon.

The Idaho State Police said Mr. Rodius, driving a pickup was attempting to pass another pickup when he ran head-on into a logging truck. They also said Mr. Rodius died instantly and was pinned in his vehicle for several hours before the vehicle could be removed. It was necessary to use two tractors to pull the pickup apart to retrieve the victim's body.

Driver of the logging truck was identified by officers as William F. Nelson, 24, Idaho. Katherine Clowen, Calgary, Alta., was the driver of the pickup Mr. Rodius was coming.

SAMPSON A. RODIUS

Mr. Rodius son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Rodius, was born on the Rodius homestead at Cougar Gulch, March 15, 1900. He lived there until retiring four years ago and moving to 501 Hattie Ave. here.

He was a member of Kiokee Lodge No. 24, A.F. and A.M., Coeur d'Alene, Starke Calum Temple, Lewiston, Scottish Rite, the Eagles wife and Chapl in the Garden here, as well as the Farmer's Union.

~~~~~The Thompson Family History~~~~~



**Elsie Thompson**

Service for Elsie Thompson, 84, will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Eastern Funeral Chapel, 1000 E. 2nd, where she died Tuesday at Sunset Terrace Nursing Home in Coeur d'Alene.

Born in Minnesota, she came to Coeur d'Alene in 1910 from Missoula.

Mrs. Thompson was a member of the auxiliary to the Coeur d'Alene Eagles Aerie more than 20 years. She was former secretary/treasurer of the Farmers Credit Union and a member of Meadbrook, Farmers Union, the Retired Eagles Activity Club and Coeur Family Club.

Mrs. Thompson and her husband celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on June 1.

Survivors include her husband, H.H. "Harry" Thompson, at the home in Coeur d'Alene; one son, William "Harry" Thompson of Spokane; three daughters, Faye Nell and Patricia Dorey, both of Coeur d'Alene; and Allen Richard of Spokane; four brothers, one sister, also grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

**BENJAMIN "HARRY" THOMPSON WITH WIFE ELSIE THOMPSON**

This photo was taken in 1905. Elsie passed away 2 years later, in 1907. Her obituary is printed here. Her husband Harry died just one year later on Nov. 20th, 1908.

At the site you can also read some information about the Thompson family.

And additionally, you can read about the Bittleston Family who came to the Gulch and settled in approximately 1896.

The information available on our History link of our community website was generously donated by **Mrs. Louise Oliver** and **Mrs. Jodi Mundt**. The Bittleston family history was secured from internet searches.

If you have any historical photos or written documents of our local area, please contact Julie Schmidt at [julielinez1951@gmail.com](mailto:julielinez1951@gmail.com). We would love to add copies of your information to our site for everyone to learn about and enjoy.

### The Bittleston Family History



The Charles Bittleston homestead.

The family settled here in approx. 1896.

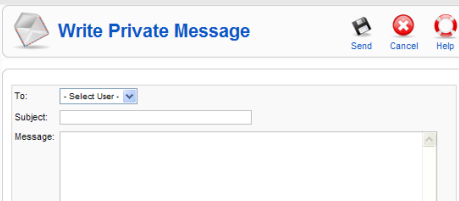
First summer here they lived in a tent. They built the log house in the fall.



Charles Bittleston - Born in London, England, in 1841. Came to the U.S. with his family at the age of 4 years. He lived in Illinois, and married Martha Emma Richetts in Missouri in 1883. They moved to Rasalia, Washington, in 1891. Then moved to Pine City, Washington. About 1896 they moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and homesteaded in the Meadow Brook area. The first summer they were there they lived in a tent, then in the fall they built a log house.

Photos - SRMF Archives

## Using PRIVATE MESSAGING for Nextdoor.com

A screenshot of the 'Write Private Message' interface on Nextdoor.com. It includes a 'To:' dropdown menu with 'Select User' as the placeholder, a 'Subject:' text input field, and a larger 'Message:' text area. At the top right of the form are three icons: a paper plane for 'Send', a red 'X' for 'Cancel', and a question mark for 'Help'.

Nextdoor.com is a huge hit in our community. There is lots of great information, queries, and items for sale posted on our site. We want to encourage this medium for general information, sale items and urgent posts to all community neighbors.

However, to keep email traffic down when an individual wants to connect directly with another individual, **PLEASE USE PRIVATE MESSAGES.**

Private messages allow you to connect directly with an individual Nextdoor neighbor. Unlike regular posts, private messages remain solely between you and the neighbor you've messaged. To send a private message on a web browser:

1. Locate your neighbor in the directory.
2. Click MESSAGE to the right of their name.
3. Enter a subject and message
4. Click SUBMIT.

This process allows you to order items posted for sale on the site, ask personal questions or carry on a private conversation without including everyone in the neighborhood. THANK YOU, for using Private Messaging when it is appropriate.



*A new beginning...*



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