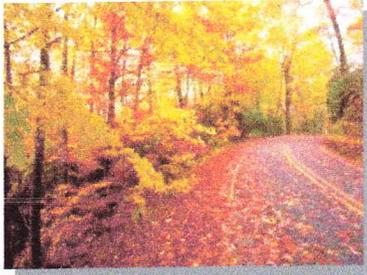


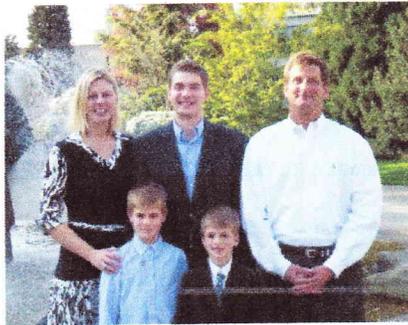
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Welcome to the Fall issue of the Finley Point Breeze!! Well, it was quite the summer. Another cool and wet spring and right on schedule, about July 1, summer arrived. It's been hot and sunny ever since.

As always, one of our favorite days is the 4th of July. We had a great day on the water and at nightfall boated into the bottom of Skidoo Bay to watch the greatest fireworks show in the world. This year was more spectacular than ever with some sort of wall of flames halfway through the show. It was truly amazing. The moon was full or nearly full and came up over the mountains during the show, providing an incredible special effect. The boat ride home was made even more special as the moon lit up the entire lake.

The Point seemed busy all summer. The State Park was full many times. The road was patched again and they even paved a few short sections... see stories to follow.

**Please note that our fall Finley Point Clean Up Day is Saturday, September 29th. See article below.**

Our boys are very excited about the upcoming ski season. We are looking forward to a nice long, sunny fall.

Thanks for reading. If we can do anything for you, please let us know.

## Finley Point Clean Up Day

By: Claudia Barry

If you haven't been able to come to the Finley point Clean Ups in the past, here is your big chance! **Saturday, September 29th** is scheduled for an end of season clean up. We'll gather at the Montecahto Clubhouse @ **10 am** for coffee and pastries then head out in groups to pick up trash along all main Finely Point roads. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided. Hope to see you there.

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## "Frankie"

By: Jesse Barry

The other day, someone asked me if we had ever gotten another dog after we lost Rusty a year or so back. Well, the short answer is yes, but....when have you ever known me to give a short answer?

We found a couple south of Polson who had too many dogs and young Shay had to find a new home. His Momma was Goldie, a sweet and innocent young golden retriever. His Daddy was a slick barking Mexican hairless who breezed into town one fatal Saturday night during the cherry harvest 4 years earlier. Rumor has it he spiked her toilet water with tequila before running off and leaving poor Goldie pregnant and panting and with an insatiable appetite for Kibbles 'N Refried Beans! Luckily for Shay, he looked like his Momma, but he did have those wild, dark eyes. Apparently young Shay was bringing up some bad memories for Goldie, so he had to go! I, being the biggest skeptic in Montana, wondered why they had chosen this particular dog out of their herd to adopt out. After all, he was by far the best looking dog in their yard! Surely, he must have some major flaw that resulted in him being the only one that was expendable! Maybe his cholesterol was high or he ran with a bad crowd. Maybe he was a philanderer or he couldn't control his drinking. And I was also quite sure such a pint sized canine would offer very little protection against the major influx of bears we'd been seeing on the Point. I suggested to my wife that we spend a bit more time looking at other dogs before we selected one to run our lives for the next 10 or 15 years. My wife, seeing nothing but major cute, offered to compromise. If I allowed her to get the dog, she would allow me continue living in our house. Well, since I am a big proponent of compromise in a marriage, I agreed. Shay the dog was loaded into our car and relocated to The Barry Patch.

My wife has the rather unusual habit of naming her pets after deceased relatives. Rusty, for example, was named after her Dad. Unfortunately for Shay, there were no leaves on Claudia's family tree that contained the name Shay. "Uh oh", thought I, the only relative's name we haven't used was Mildred, Claudia's Mom. Now Mildred would be a fine name for a dog, if the dog were a female. Shay was all male, that is until we had him "repaired". I could just envision him telling all his new dog friends on the Point about his new owners. "Yeah! It was bad enough that they had me fixed! Now they've gone and named me Millie! I think I heard them planning a trip to Sweden for a special sex change operation! Maybe it was for Jesse, but I'm so nervous I'm starting to wet the bed!" I was quite sure he would run away looking for some proper owners who would give him a name more fitting his gender....as soon as his stitches healed. You know, something like Killer or Bosco. Heck! Sweetie Pie would be more masculine than Millie! I'm pretty sure they wouldn't even do that to a boy dog in San Francisco, much less Montana! Luckily, at least for the dog, Claudia remembered a relative named Frankie, so Frankie he became.

Frankie had only been at the Patch for two days when we were invited to a party at one of our neighbor's homes. This left Frankie with the run of the house by himself. He was a big boy! Surely, he could handle a few hours alone. When we returned home at 11 pm, no Frankie! How was that possible? All of the doors were closed and locked! After searching the house for about 30 minutes, we discovered a screen out of one of the windows. Just like Elvis, Frankie had left the building! We searched the yard, the neighborhood, and all around the Point. No Frankie! I was ready for bed. Claudia was ready for an asylum. When we got back to the house after our trip around Finley Point, the answering machine was blinking. Claudia had put her phone number on Frankie's collar and someone had found our dog on the other side of the Point. So, at midnight, I drove over to a stranger's house and retrieved our happy new dog. We had discovered Frankie's quirk that, I'm sure, made him the odd dog out at his old home!

After a week or so, we decided to play a round of golf. It was Spring! Time to enjoy life in Montana again! What do we do with Frankie? I have the bright idea to put him in the laundry room. That will keep him from escaping and we can enjoy the day, right? Nay, nay! When we return from golfing, we discover Frankie had escaped the laundry room by eating his way through the door frame and had gone back to the window with the now loose screen and torn up that window frame getting out! Houdini would have been proud! I was mad as a wet hen! I knew this "free" dog now had an expensive price tag and his old owners were enjoying their first peaceful night out in the 4 years he had been alive.

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## "Frankie"

By: Jesse Barry  
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Okay! So I now have to replace half the woodwork at the Patch and we can never leave the house together again without the dog. At least we have a watchdog to guard the place in our sleep right?

Nay, Nay! The dog doesn't bark! That's not to say he CAN'T bark! He just won't bark! We had a party at our house about a month after the golfing incident and the first people to arrive rang the doorbell. Frankie didn't even raise his head! He just lay on the floor and slept through the whole thing! If I hadn't nudged him, he wouldn't have known we had 30 new people in the house! I can't tell you how much safer I fell with a dog around!

This summer, we traveled to Alaska and I saw an ad for a Karelian bear dog that someone was "giving" away. That's what we need at the Patch, a dog that can take on a bear and protect us! So, we drove out in the country around Fairbanks to look at this magnificent beast that could supplement little Frankie. When we arrived at the owner's home, I knocked on the door and there arose such a racket as I have ever heard! It sounded as if half the dogs in North America were behind that door and every one of them was miffed! When the door opened a crack, a woman hollered, "Come in quickly!" I dove through the door and was immediately attacked by all manner of canine. The lady, spraying all of the dogs furiously with water in a vain attempt to control the situation, screamed, "Sit down!" I, foolishly assuming she was yelling at the dogs, stood braced against the inside of the front door while the Karelian bear dog I was so enamored with grabbed me by the thigh and tried to drag me into the center of the room where his pack of barking and growling cohorts could have their way with me. They were not sitting. They were jumping and nipping and scratching and barking, but no one was sitting! I'd seen this behavior on the Animal Channel. This was a pack in a feeding frenzy! And I was the prey!

"Sit down!" she again screamed and grabbed my arm and dragged me toward the dining room table. She couldn't get them to sit, so she was trying to train me! I sat quickly at the table and managed to pry the bear dogs jaws from my now torn trousers. Now, others of the pack were leaping in my lap and on my shoulders and even on my head! About 5 more minutes of yelling and spraying and praying managed to calm the situation to the point where I began to believe I might survive, so I took a moment to look around. There appeared to be 50 dogs of every size and breed in this 10 X 15 foot living room. There was a great Dane and a Chihuahua and everything in between. I wanted out of that house! I'm not a germaphobe, but I was afraid to touch anything! I was just about to tell the woman that I didn't think this was going to work out when my wife and niece knocked on the door and the whole scene started again! Now there were 5 adults and 50 barking, jumping, and biting dogs in the same room and the lady was running out of water in her spray bottle! It was total pandemonium! I just looked at my wife and said, "I love you, dear, but this is every man for himself!" and ran out the door! Luckily, Claudia and Natalie followed my lead and were right on my heels! We had managed to escape that den of wolves with only minor scratches and with enough of our clothing still intact to avoid indecent exposure charges! As soon as we reached the car, I threw my arms around little Frankie who was waiting patiently in the back seat and said, "You are the best dog EVER!"



Smugglers Cove lakefront! Private, protected cove off of Skidoo Bay is a lovely setting for your new lake home. Property is comprised of 4 separate lots totaling 4.86 acres. Plenty of foliage to assure privacy. Gravel beach. Many beautiful building sites add to the appeal of this offering. Quiet road, fantastic location. **MLS 313277 \$595,000**

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## Action Starts With Conversation

By: Claudia Barry

A meeting was held on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Montecahto Clubhouse to discuss the road conditions on Finley Point and what could be done to improve them. Over 40 Finley Point residents attended with Bill Barron, County Commissioner and Larry Eils, Road Dept. Manager, moderating.

### Issues

Potholes and repair methods

The dangers caused by speeding vehicles

Road wear and tear caused by heavy vehicles such as RV's and construction trucks

Proper drainage and runoff to prevent road flooding

Environmental concerns for the Lake and surrounding Marsh

Pedestrian walking path

Yellow lines repainted to demarcate lanes better

Easement/Right of way

### Cost of Repairs

Consideration of a 2 cent per gallon gas tax that would go to the Road Dept.

County, State, Federal and Tribal Funding availability

Short term Fixes – Constructive repairs of the 6-8 most hazardous areas

Resurface the Roads at a cost of \$400,000 to Residents with matching funds from the County

A long term fix estimated at \$1 million dollars a mile and could take 8-10 years to implement.

Creation of a special district

The conversation was congenial with complaints and compliments freely given by many residents in attendance. Bill Barron agreed to talk with the different factions involved and will get back to us to discuss the options. He suggested meeting again in January 2013. Stay tuned for more information regarding this subject. If you'd like to get involved, please try to attend the January meeting.



Owner will carry a contract, trade or whatever. Ready to move this one! Prime Skidoo Bay frontage! This .89 acre lot offers 135' of level, lush frontage with attractive retaining wall. Property offers inspiring views of scenic Skidoo Bay, sunrises and moonrises over the Mission Mountains, shared well, underground utilities and easy access off of quiet road. **MLS 310485 \$674,500**

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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE

By: Ric Smith

We are pleased to report that real estate sales on Finley Point are up. Here is what the Smith Team has sold on the Point over the past 15 months or so:

- Amazing new lakefront house on the south side offered @ \$2,195,000 (summer 2011).
- Completely remodeled lake house on the south side offered @ \$849,000 (summer 2012)
- Spectacular lake home on Skidoo Bay offered @ \$3.9 million (summer 2012)
- Unique lakefront lot offered at \$995,000 (summer 2012)
- Home on Tarr's Lane with shared private lake access offered @ 330,000 (winter 2012)
- 4+ acre interior lot on S. Finley Point offered @ \$99,000 (winter 2012)
- Two interior Mellett Point lots totaling approx 1.5 acres offered @ \$134K (summer 2012)

There are confident buyers back into the market. These individuals are smart, successful and very savvy. They know the market and they are looking for values. We are very pleased to see this level of confidence return.

Bottom Line on Real Estate:

**Buyers** - This is a great time to buy. Sarah and I just closed a sale with a 30 year fixed rate loan at 3.6%. Rates are low. Really low. It seems to me that 3.6% for 30 years is free money. Sellers who want to sell are priced aggressively and are willing to work with qualified buyers to make the sale. These two facts combined mean that housing affordability is at an all time low.

**Sellers** - Buyers have returned to the lake and all segments of the market. Sellers must price to the market, and be prepared to work with buyers who know everything about the market and current values.

When asked to provide an analysis, Ric and Sarah will provide you with a detailed analysis based on the current market, including but not limited to using comparable closed/sold data, and current inventory. We believe it is more important than ever to work as a team with our sellers.



Lake living with so many possibilities for entertaining, guests, retreats. Finley Point home offers two separate living areas with studio on lower level and main living on upper levels. Office and loft adjoin detached garage. 121' beautiful Finley Point lake frontage, w/sunny southern exposure and foliage offering privacy, awaits. Privacy, peace, tranquility. **MLS 311471 \$725,000**

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The following is an article out of the Missoulian from October 27, 1986

### Finley Point's Beauty Yields Superlatives

By: Wilma Maxwell

The Missoulian asked readers to tell why they love where they live. Here's a response from Wilma J. Maxwell, who lives on Finley Point Route in Polson:

The setting sun casts an orange glow on the beautiful Mission Range across Flathead Lake from where I live on Finley Point. It is but one of many reasons why I chose to live here, but at day's end, it never ceases to gain my full attention and remind me again of the good choice I made. Here, in the woods, there is a solitude that nourishes the soul, but it is a deceiving solitude. The silence that one first perceives and relishes harbors a host of lively creatures. Squirrels and chipmunks entertain us daily, and mink fish along the shoreline. Raccoons and skunks are nighttime callers, and an occasional bear causes much excitement.

Many varieties of birds inhabit our domain, and great numbers of other species visit in the winter. Fascinated, I feed them and enjoy their short stay.

The changing seasons create such vast transformations in the woods that I scarcely recognize my back yard. Just as I become accustomed to this new look, another season arrives. No time for boredom here!

The beautiful lake itself changes its appearance many times a day. It is nature's kaleidoscope—ranging from glassy to ripply, then raging; all occurring in a matter of minutes. Watching the lake freeze into strange patterns in mid-winter is fascinating, and observing the spring breakup of ice is equally enthralling.

Having lived in Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., I find the little town of Polson delightful. The merchants remember my name and I don't have to wait in line for anything. The drive to Polson from my hideaway is scenic and there are no stoplights getting there. The contrast causes me to smile!

Our summer visitors are astonished by the view of the lake and mountains, and take home scenic memories. During the year, they write and recall their relaxed activities here, usually after encountering some hectic experience involving crowds or traffic. I'm afraid some showing off and gloating occurs on my part!

Most of the neighbors are "summer" people, but a few hardy individuals stay all year. We all share similar reasons for being here, a love of our special place, and determination to keep it from changing.

"Wilma Maxwell has a crush on Flathead Lake, especially Finley Point."

**Thank you Wilma, for sharing this wonderful article. We share your love for Finley Point! Wilma & Lowell Maxwell's beautiful lake home on Finley Point is currently for sale. Please ask Ric and Sarah for details!**



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150 feet of shoreline and approximately 2.7 acres on Finley Point. Beautiful gravel beach. Lots of sunshine and a great SW exposure. This offering includes a nearly new barn. Perfect for cars, lawn equipment and lake toys. A new Finley Point offering. **MLS 314454 \$595,000**

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### Why Ric and Sarah

By: Ric Smith

As you can see, we deliver results, which is the bottom line. Here are some other important reasons:

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- A large part of our business model is focused on Finley Point. We live and play here, and feel it is our responsibility to know this market inside and out. We foster personal relationships with our clients, and pride ourselves on our communication skills. We will keep you informed...we also want to know what is on your mind. Ric, Sarah, and Liz will keep you up to date.
- Because we are local, we can meet the demands of buyers wanting to look at a property on short notice, which happens frequently in this market. Also, if there is something that needs to be addressed (light left on after showing, overgrown weeds blocking a sign, limbs blown down on property, etc), we can address it immediately. We know who to contact for help. We know the specialists. We are well connected. We get the Point!

If you are looking for results, a team effort, and effective communication, give us a call.

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## The Coffee Klatch Offers Tidbits of Local History

By: Linda Hewitt

You've been reading about the guys of the Coffee Klatch who meet Tues, Thurs, and Sat. mornings at the Finley Point Grill. They're also the guys who know how to get action—thanks go to them for spearheading the meetings with the sheriff's department concerning thefts on the Point.

Now here are some local history stories they shared.

Back in the 1920's, the road to Big Fork was called Whiskey Trail, and the main road on the Point was called Moonshiners Lane. Among the moonshiners was Olan Bustler, who had a still on MacDonald Creek, below what is now Gilman Lane. He ended up doing some jail time in Deer Lodge. Some of his moonshine got left behind, and George Herzel found a full jug of it in a stump on his place in the early 1950's.

Also during prohibition, the Klondike, a paddlewheel boat, carried moonshine out of Canada along with its passengers from Somers to Polson. As the boat approached the Narrows, a signal would be given from the top of Polson hill whenever revenuers were present at the city dock. The moonshine would then be dropped off at Smuggler's Cove at the end of the Point. Today there's a road called Smuggler's Point Road on Mellet Point off of Finley Point Lane.

Tugboats used to pull logs down the lake to Dewey Lumber Mill, where the KwaTaqNuk is now. During a big storm in the mid 1940's, lumber was blown from the mill to the South Shore of Finley Pt. Since the lumber was no longer of use to the mill, residents salvaged it for their own use, stacking the lumber on the bank with their name on their stack. Jerry Roat's dad built a shop and Olan Bustler built a barn on what is now McCrumb's property with the salvaged lumber.

When Stan Thurston Jr, and Jerry Roat were growing up, Finley Point was still open range. You had to fence your place in to keep the cattle out. .they don't remember many bears while growing up, because people would shoot them. Deer were also scarce—they were shot for the meat. Stan Jr. remembers killing an elk on Finley Point when he was a teenager. Skidoo Bay was red with salmon, which was caught and canned for winter food.



Immaculate home designed for entertaining and lake fun! 3 bed/3 bath open, airy floor plan offers vaulted ceilings, two comfortable living areas, picture windows to bring the lake & mountains inside. Amenities include granite in kitchen, commercial range, 2 fireplaces, landscaping, decking, guest accommodations above garage, underground sprinklers, 107' lake frontage with decking at beach. **MLS 305349 \$949,500**

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Extraordinary offering on South Finley Point. Enjoy complete privacy on this 4+ acre offering with approx 220' of sunny, gravel beach frontage. Parcel offers beautiful lake and mountain views, abundant gentle wildlife, and lush vegetation. Truly a peaceful, enchanting Finley Point retreat. Southern exposure for endless summer evenings. Many building sites, endless possibilities and enjoyment. **MLS 307391 \$990,000**

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## What's Cooking

By: Claudia Barry

After the heat of summer you may be in need of a refreshing easy to make drink to cool you off.

### Sangria Punch

- 1 large bottle Burgundy Wine (I sue Livingstons Burgundy available at the grocery store)
- 1 cup apricot brandy
- 1 cup Triple Sec
- 1 cup orange juice
- 5 cups lemonade (fresh or powdered)

Mix together in a large bowl. Add 4 tablespoons sugar and two generous taps from the cinnamon bottle. Stir to dissolve sugar. Add slices of whatever fruit makes you happy... lemons, limes, oranges, apples, peaches, cherries. Citrus fruit keeps the longest. If possible, make the punch the day before serving, giving it time to blend together. This punch keeps well in the refrigerator for several days.



Enjoy over 200' of walk-out Flathead Lake frontage on S. Finley Point. Complete exterior remodel in 2011 includes copper roof, rock & wood siding, underground sprinklers. Main cabin features 2 bedrooms plus loft & 1 bath, guest cabin offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath & kitchenette. Rent out your 14 boat slips or reconfigure shoreline for privacy. Many possibilities for this beautiful setting. **MLS 310563 \$995,000**

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3+ acre lot in the Finley Point Estates, a tasteful, well-planned community in the heart of Finley Point. Enjoy quiet privacy along with easy access, community water, septic approved, paved roads, streetlamps, lighted entryway. Lovely building sites for your dream home nestled in the trees. Community lake access just a few minutes away for boating and swimming.

**MLS 307122 \$127,000**

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### Calendar of Events

By: Claudia Barry

**Sept.** Farmers Market every Friday, 9-1 pm., downtown Polson on 3rd Ave W  
 8th Polson Fly in @ Polson Airport starts @ 8 am with \$5 pancake breakfast  
 8th Doggy Dash @ Linderman Elementary Track, 8:30-11:30 am  
 Benefit for Mission Valley Animal Shelter. For more info call 883-5312  
 20th SPLASH @ Mission Valley Aquatic Center, 5-7 pm  
 29th Fall Fling Dance @ The Montecahto Club with KC and the Valley Kats, 7 pm  
 29th Finley Point Clean Up, meet at the Montecahto Club @ 10 am

**Oct** 18th SPLASH @ Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, 6 13th Ave E, 5-7 pm

**Nov.** 15th SPLASH @ Polson High School—Vocational Building, 5-7 pm  
 17th Elks Turkey Shoot, 7pm @ Mission Valley Elks Club  
 22nd Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 5k Fun Run/Walk, 8:30 am Fee \$5. Corner Hwy 93 & Hwy 35  
 22nd Free Thanksgiving Dinner @ Polson Senior Center, 504 Third Ave. E, 11-2 pm



4.68 acres on Finley Point! Peaceful interior lot with mountain views; see the lake and sun shimmer through the trees. Easy access off quiet, paved county road, walking distance to Finley Point State Park. Lake access/beach. W/Plenty of gentle sights and sounds of nature, this is the perfect spot for your Montana retreat.

**MLS281922 \$89,000**

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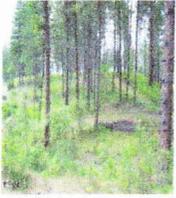
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Large parcel offered w/lake-through the trees views in the beautifully planned Finley Point Estates community. Many desirable building sites. Paved roads, streetlamps, community water, septic approved, lovely rock entryway just a few of the amazing features of this neighborhood. Large lots ensure privacy and quiet. Finley Point State Park just a short drive for lake recreation, boat launch, etc.

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### Greeting from the Montecahto Club

By: Claudia Barry

Summer has sure been a busy time for members of the MC. Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale fundraiser at the Finley Point Firehouse in June was a big success. Thank you community members for coming out and supporting us. In July, we baked over 120 cherry pies for the Cherry Festival. Seems our reputation for pie baking has gotten around as we sold out of pies long before the festival ended. Next year we plan to offer some additional cherry treats for sale. We've already picked, pitted and put up over 260 pounds of cherries for that event. Acknowledgment and appreciation goes to the Sheridans, Nelsons, and Gleasons for donating cherries from their orchards.

Please welcome new club members Sydney Pierce and Rose Marie Mandryck.

Meetings for the MC resumed August 22nd at the Clubhouse on MT Hwy 35 @ mile marker 6, and will continue every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. The Montecahto Club is a social and service organization for women of all ages. We welcome new members and hope you will "Join the Club." for more information, contact Claudia Barry at 407-6009.



Grab a lot in Finley Point Estates! 3.36 acres sit on quiet cul de sac and offers shimmery views of Flathead Lake through the trees. Lot offers a beautiful building site with community water and septic approval. Paved roads, streetlamps, attractive rock entryway, and lovely surrounding homes add to the appeal of this secluded community, just minutes from Finley Point State Park.

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## I Love Finley Point

By: Linda Hewitt

There are so many reasons people love living in this area. Here are some shared by fellow readers of the *Breeze*.

I love Finley Point because it feels like summer camp every time I turn off the highway.

I love the friendly neighbors, the deer, the turkeys, and the awesome lake and mountain views.  
Marlene Mims

I love all the wild life except the skunks and raccoons.

I love kayaking and biking around the Point—and especially the impromptu get togethers with other people who are also biking or walking.

Sheila McClintock

I love biking in the wilderness.

Dima, The McClintock's grandson from California

All the people on the Point are so warm and friendly and caring. I love the feeling of community.

I love Finley Point for many reasons. First and foremost, it is a wildlife mecca. Where else can you see black bear, coyote, fox, wild turkeys and whole families of deer all in one day in your own backyard? Then, of course, there are the people. Polson has many special people but Finley Point (Pointers as we call them) are a special breed all their own. Some have lived here since the 40's and 50's and are quick to regale you with stories from "the good ole days." More recent transplants, like myself, are simply in awe of this slice of paradise we find ourselves in. Surrounded by crystal clear waters, healthy pine forests and bountiful cherry orchards, what's not to love about Finley Point?

Claudia Barry



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By: Linda Hewitt

We have been visiting family on the Point for close to 20 years. Each time, we felt a sense of peace and tranquility and it got harder and harder when the time came to leave. We never dreamed we would one day call Finley Pt. Home (away from home). To us it is a haven where we can get away from the hectic California lifestyle. The beauty speaks for itself. The most beautiful sight is coming up over the hill and viewing the lake ahead. Every person we have come in contact with has been so friendly and welcoming. There is nothing better than waking up with a day ahead full of possibilities...exploring new roads, antiquing, trying new restaurants, exploring new towns, going on beautiful walks, spending time on and around the lake, working on projects around the house, spending time with family, or snuggled up inside watching the snow fall. Even though we don't live here full time, when we are here, we are home. I, Kathy, am a native Montanan, but now no one could ever convince Doug that he isn't either! Finley Point, in our opinion, is truly The Last Best Place under the Big Sky.

Kathy Fry

I thought I would pass along a recent experience which exemplifies why I appreciate living in the Polson area. A few months ago at the start of the golfing season a good friend and I had decided to ignore the definite chill in the air and hit the links for a quick round of golf. Due to the rather chilly conditions I was unwilling to wear my usual cargo pant shorts with their multitude of pockets for all necessary items to play a quick round (extra balls, tees, glove, ball marker, and of course your hanky to wipe your constantly running nose at that temperature). I managed to make my limited number of pockets do by transferring all my personal items such as keys, wallet, etc. to a pocket in my golf bag. We finished our game, returned to the car and proceeded to transfer all items back to their rightful locations. Being in somewhat of a hurry, I transferred my wallet into a rather shallow pocket of my hooded, zip-up sweat jacket, put my bag in the back of the pick-up and climbed into the passenger side for the ride home. Upon reaching home I collected my clubs and to my dismay discovered my wallet was no longer in that shallow pocket. I immediately called the golf course and explained that I had just played a round of golf and thought I had dropped my wallet in the parking lot. The person on the phone immediately said we have your wallet here at the front desk and will hold it for you until you can pick it up. I quickly drove back to the course and retrieved my wallet and discovered that absolutely everything was intact and undisturbed. I was told that another golfer had found the wallet in the parking lot and had turned it in at the front desk. I was completely amazed at this complete stranger's kindness and honesty. I could not help but think to myself what a wonderful place to live. Therefore I would like to say that the primary reason I love living here is wonderful people who live here with me.

Larry Lawin



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### **Finley Point Homeowners Association**

Please check the local papers for upcoming meetings. If you are interested in joining, please fill out the form below and return to Barry Hansaen, FPHA President.

Finley Point Property Owners Association Membership for Annual Dues, \$10.00

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