

Here's What's Happening

Kendrick-Juliaetta & 7 Ridges Community News

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Senior Projects Underway at Kendrick High School

Senior Projects challenge seniors to demonstrate their knowledge in an experimental way as they prepare for graduation and future careers. The State of Idaho Board of Education requires every senior to complete a project to meet graduation requirements. The Senior Project includes a series of culminating steps. After students decide on a topic, they must choose a mentor to help guide them. Students then begin to research topics and compile information into a 10+ page research paper. During the project phase, the students work to bring ideas to life by producing a tangible product, activity, or event. Next, they create portfolios, poster boards, or some visual guide to illustrate the project from start to finish. Finally, students prepare speeches and present their projects to a group of advisors and peers. Below is a summary of each project:

Taylor Boyer: Mentored by Rose Norris and Mr. Ross. Researching the effect that infrastructure has on equality in rural areas and its impact on future generations. Project phase included adding and renovating a women's bathroom in the Ag building at KHS.

Danyel Brown: Mentored by Sarah Stanton. Researching how poverty has a major effect on youth in third world countries. The Project phase involved organizing a drive for toys, hygiene items, and school supplies for Operation Christmas Child.

Lane Clemenhausen: Mentored by Tim Silflow. Researching the importance and benefits of youth sports, especially in a small community. Project phase included hosting a youth football camp with fellow senior Ty Koepp and assisting the coaching staff of the JK Thunder in a youth game.

Savannah Feldman: Mentored by Kim Johnson. Researching the nursing field and its importance on a healthy and successful society. Project phase included a job shadow in a local emergency room.

Wyatt Fitzmorris: Mentored by Justin Luther. Researching the benefits of learning the welding trade. Project phase included welding a 3-D tiger paw for display on the new football locker room.

Harley Heimgartner: Mentored by Brooke Kirk. Researching the importance of colorectal cancer awareness and how it can affect younger adults. Project phase included a colorectal cancer awareness night during a volleyball match between the Kendrick Tigers and the Deary Mustangs, including a fundraiser for the Leah Swanson Open Arms Memorial Fund.

Mason Kimberling: Mentored by Robert Anselmo. Researching the importance of physical education and health. Project phase included the creation of a workout and demonstration for the junior high weightlifting class.

Natalie Kimbley: Mentored by Lleia Roberts. Researching the ways stroke survivors can live a relatively normal life after a stroke, as well as how to identify and prevent strokes by learning risk factors. Project phase was a mini basketball camp, "Hoop2Help," encouraging children to stay active through cardio exercise. All money raised was donated to the American Stroke Association for stroke-victim rehabilitation.

Ty Koepp: Mentored by Jessica Clemenhausen. Researching the importance and benefits of youth sports, especially in a small community. Project phase included hosting a youth football camp for our local youth with fellow senior Lane Clemenhausen.

Noah Littlefield: Mentored by Lachelle Rosenbaum. Researching the usefulness of continuing education through learning a trade and/or attending college. The project phase included a survey that aims to help high school students decide on a path after high school.

Dallas Morgan: Mentored by Matt Ross. Researching the importance of 4-H and FFA and how participation contributes to future success. Project phase included building a new-and-improved clipping shoot for steer for the KHS 4-H and FFA programs.

Kaitlynn Needham: Mentored by Alison Thomas. Researching how to improve rural area physical therapy clinics through telehealth. Project phase included interning over the summer at the Orofino Riverside Physical Therapy office.

Morgan Silflow: Mentored by Amy Kimberling. Researching obesity in America and the health risks it imposes on the future of our youth, focusing on tips to improve nutrition across the world. Project phase involved the organization of a youth nutrition class.

Ruby Stewart: Mentored by Molly Olson. Researching the importance of physical activity on mental health, especially in young children. Project phase involved a camp for 3rd--6th graders at the JES. Camp activities included an introduction to aerobic, bone-strengthening, and muscle-strengthening exercises and a basic assessment for students.

Hailey Taylor: Mentored by Brenda Walker and Polly Taylor-Dennler. Researching how rural cancer patients are at a significant disadvantage compared to their urban counterparts. Project phase included re-landscaping the Pink Garden of Juliaetta to raise awareness for cancer patients and survivors, and to provide a peaceful place for people to enjoy.

Hunter Taylor: Mentored by Cody Taylor. Researching personality traits, styles of entrepreneurs, and the traits that are best for running your own business. The project phase included interviewing local business owners, focusing on the business and how personality influences success.

Bailey Worthey: Mentored by Mike Domaskin. Researching the controversial sides of Wreaths Across America, focusing on times in America where support for veterans declined. The project phase included coordinating a wreath laying ceremony at the Juliaetta Cemetery to promote the support of veterans within the community. *Andrea and Taylor Boyer*

News from the City of Juliaetta

Happy New Year! Wishing you and your families health and happiness in the coming year!

Recycling Bin Area

A brush collection bin was mistakenly placed at the recycle bin area in Juliaetta. This will soon be removed. The two smaller recycling bins will remain. These are for co-mingled recycling; cardboard, paper, and metal can be deposited in both bins, and they will be emptied weekly. We have been in contact with Sunshine Disposal and are hopeful that soon the bins can be modified so it is easier to deposit aluminum cans. Please be aware that although you no longer need to sort your recyclables, ONLY METAL, CARDBOARD, AND PAPER are allowed to be deposited. NO STYROFOAM, GARBAGE, OR PLASTIC OF ANY KIND is ever allowed in the recycling bins, including the plastic bags people may be using to carry their recyclables. Please take a few minutes, understand the rules, and make sure the recycling bins remain contaminant-free.

City Council Changes

The city election was held on November 7. Two council seats and the position of Mayor were up for election. Richard Groseclose won in his reelection bid and will be sworn in as Mayor at the January meeting. As no others ran for council, Wendi Dodge will retain her seat, and Judi Fuller will take over for Vickie Witt, who will retire after 16 years of service. We would all like to thank Vickie for her dedication to the City of Juliaetta!

City Council Meetings and Closures

Upcoming regular City Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, and Tuesday, February 13. These meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Agendas are posted in the window at City Hall the week before each meeting, as well as at cityofjuliaetta.com. The public is always welcome to attend. If you have an issue you would like to have added to the agenda, you must contact City Hall by noon the Wednesday before the meeting.

City Hall will be closed Monday, January 1 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 15 to observe Martin Luther King, Jr.- Idaho Human Rights Day. In February, City Hall will close Monday, February 19 for Presidents Day. *Wendy Sandino*

City of Kendrick News

Christmas Business Decoration Contest Winners for 2023:

Nez Perce Farmers County Mutual Insurance, Humm Salon, Hardware Brewery, Kendrick AG, and Kendrick Garage. Thank you for your participation and spirit this year. The town looked very festive this year with houses participating as well.

A very special thank you to the following fantastic volunteers in decorating the town this year: Jake Lustig, Val Norris, Jesse Wegner, Jan Patterson, Rose Norris, Matt Ross, Courtney and Luke Hajda, Ken Gonzales, Eric McDowell, and Dave Klatt.

Office Hours for January at City Hall

Closed in observance:

*January 15th Martin Luther King

*February 19th President's Day

Please remove your garbage cans from the street after they have been picked up. Snow season is here, and it helps us a lot to have no obstructions in the roadway. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder: Railroad Street speed limit is 15 mph and this will be enforced; please obey the speed limit on Railroad Street as it is very narrow. Behind the Grange building please be aware of pedestrian traffic and proceed slowly through the alley. The speed limit is also 15 mph and is an emergency access alley so please do not stop in the alley. Pull off and give access to the traffic going around. Emergency response access is gained through that alley, and it is greatly appreciated if you would not stop or block the alley. *Rose Norris*

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meeting

Fridays at 7 pm

Juliaetta Community Church

Idaho has five federally recognized tribes.

Indigenous tribes that have traditionally lived in the Idaho area: Shoshone-Bannock, Shoshone-Paiute, Nez Perce, Coeur d'Alene, and Kootenai.

Each of these five tribes in Idaho have their own unique culture, traditions, and government.



New at the Museum

We have received two new donations at the museum. Tia Pomponio donated a cobbler set including a shoe with many sizes of shoe forms and the tools of the cobbler.

Wayne Sprouse of Paradise Lodge #17 in Moscow has returned relics belonging to the Kendrick Masons for display at the museum. The Masonic Lodge of Kendrick #26 operated from 1892 to 1987, when it merged with Bovill #72 Lodge. Later, Bovill merged with Deary, and Deary merged with Genesee. Ultimately, all merged with Paradise Lodge in Moscow, which is the only lodge operating in Latah County.

The items include 5 aprons and 3 jeweled collars. Most lodges had a matching set of 12 aprons and jeweled collars for the elected and appointed officers of the lodge. You may view the three ornate blue and white aprons which belonged to the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden. The jeweled collars have the symbols of the builders' square, level, and plumb to represent their offices.

Two white aprons were donated which once belonged to Andrew C. Cox and Judd Lee. You may view these items at the museum.

We have installed a new outdoor sign. We are open by appointment anytime. *Sharon Harris*



JK Good Samaritan Food Bank

We would like to thank the following organizations for their support in helping our food bank provide 60+ Thanksgiving and 60+ Christmas dinners to families and individuals in our area:

Phil's Food City, Latah Credit Union, Idaho Central Credit Union, Cameron Church, Latah County Democrats, City of Kendrick, Juliaetta Community Improvement Association and several generous individuals. A special thanks to the individual who donated 60+ turkeys. *Jerry Galloway*

Senior Center

During the Christmas season we pause to remember the people who are no longer with us, let us keep them in our thoughts and near our hearts.

The Senior Meals Staff -

-Chris, Margarite, Bud, Carolyn, Billy, Sharon, Jerry



Lions Club Happenings

The Kendrick Lions Club celebrated its 70th birthday in fine fashion November 8th. The decorations were outstanding, and the food was too. The menu copied the meal served seventy years ago to a brand-new Lions Club sponsored by the Lewiston Lions. Members and their guests gathered to dine and have fun. The guest speaker was John Mentor from Troy. Dave Klatt presented the history of the chapter and Eric McDowell reported on community service projects over the years. The club had one living Charter Member on this occasion, George Brocke.

We want to thank Jenny Gonzales, our president for her donation of prizes as well as Hardware Brewing, Teresa Cortese, and Furry Tales. Teresa oversaw decorations and planning.

Tail-twister Shari Pea was busy selling tickets for prizes that brought in a nice sum of money to donate to White Cane Days for sight.

The Lions Club helped with decorating the park. Matt Ross was this year's Santa at the Lighting of the Park ceremony. He gave out treats to kids at the Grange. Santa is a Lions Club-sponsored event.

The community calendars have been mailed. We hope we have better luck than last year. The Postal Service lost all of the out-of-town calendars that we mailed. They have never been recovered.

Happy New Years to each and every one of you from your local Lions Club members. *Sharon Harris*

Deb Klatt, John Mentor, Dave Klatt, Nikki Lettenmaier and Bill Warren enjoying the evening.





JK Fire News



SIRENS & LIGHTS

To protect the safety of our volunteers please give us the right of way when we are approaching your vehicle on the highway or a street. Follow these helpful tips to protect the lives of the people who serve our community. Please move over every time they may be on the way to save the life or property of someone you love.

o **Stay Alert** - Pay attention, keep the noise level low in your car and look for more than 1 emergency vehicle approaching when you hear a siren.

o **Investigate** - Check your rear-view mirror and both sides of your vehicle to estimate the speed of the emergency vehicle and plan your next move. Pull off the highway safely and gradually brake to avoid losing control.

Enter - Before re-entering the road, look in all directions, turn on your signal and gradually merge back into traffic looking for any other emergency vehicles.

Winter Safety tips

Please give the right of way to emergency response vehicles. When we are responding to an emergency in the JK area, we appreciate those that do give us the right of way. It cuts down on our response time and getting to the scene safely.

Keep anything that can burn **at least 3 feet** from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters. Chimney Fire season: Please make sure your chimneys are cleaned and inspected. **Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.** *Rose Norris*

What A Year!

The Nez Perce - Latah Counties Women's Business Network had quite a year and we are now in the process of scheduling events for the New Year.

Our Year-end event was held at Furry Tale Inn in Kendrick. It was a culmination of over 20 members celebrating the successes of 2023.

We will NOT have a meeting in January to allow members to spend time gearing up for 2024. The new schedule for 2024 will be posted on the Women's Business Network Facebook page, as well as other social media outlets.

We welcome women who have a desire to learn new skills, build supportive relationships, or share their experience with others.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact sherillcalhoun@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!!
Sherill Calhoun



Grange News

These little boys, Rhett and Thayne Zenner, were happy to see Santa at the Kendrick Grange and receive their candy after the Light the Park Ceremony. They are the grandchildren of Jim and Lori Brocke.

Many children lined up to see Santa (Matt Ross) and receive treats sponsored by the Lions Club.

Mark your calendar for our annual Sweetheart Breakfast which will be held February 10th. Serving will begin at 8 am.
Sharon Harris



JK Heritage Doings

The crew at JKHF has appreciation overflowing for the kind donations you have sent in during the year to support our work in historical preservation.

The building's new roof is now within reach and will be installed when weather conditions improve. *Sharon Harris*



The members of JKHF pose in front of the historical pictures of Kendrick they donated to the Grange Community Center. Back: Tina Carlstrom, Virginia McConnell, Toni Greer, Jan Patterson, Kay Roberts, Patty Kechter, Soni Main, Jerry Galloway. Front: Loeda Reil, Theo Dygert, Mark Mustoe, and Sharon Harris.

Juliaetta Elementary Painting Series

Scene #6—"The Castle" Once a Home, Now a Museum

Abram A. Adams came to the area in 1902. He constructed this home in 1905. It was called "The Castle" because of its likeness to a Scottish castle.

Abram Adams had served in the Civil War and was captured and imprisoned at Andersonville. He survived the camp and came west to settle and bring his family. Abram was a successful civil engineer, surveyor, contractor, builder, geologist, and horticulturist. He was one of Juliaetta's most colorful residents. The home he built was in the likeness of a Scottish Castle. The whole house was made of cement blocks that he formed to look like stones. He shipped in pressed metal ceilings for the nine rooms and installed central heating in the basement with heat ducts to each room. With the addition of an indoor bathroom, it was dubbed the most luxurious home in Juliaetta. Unfortunately, his wife fell ill in Minnesota and never saw the beautiful home. He lived in it with his surviving five children. Today, the home still stands and houses the museum for Juliaetta. *Angie Cannon*



Read, Talk, Play Launch and Pajama Party: A Night of Family Fun and Literacy Celebration!

KJ7 Families,
The KJ7 Early Learning Collaborative is thrilled to invite you to an exciting event that combines bedtime comfort with the fun of family time - the Read, Talk, Play Launch and Pajama Party! This fantastic initiative aims to foster stronger bonds between parents and children by encouraging the simple yet impactful habits of reading, talking, and playing together every day.

What's the Read, Talk, Play Initiative?

Read, Talk, Play is a community-driven initiative designed to empower parents in nurturing their children's success in school and beyond. We believe that the key to a child's development lies in the daily activities that promote learning, communication, and imaginative play. To kick-start this initiative, we've partnered with local businesses who have generously agreed to wear Read, Talk, Play logo pins every Thursday, demonstrating their commitment to the cause.

Join the Launch Party in Your Pajamas!

To celebrate the official launch of Read, Talk, Play, we're hosting a Pajama Party that promises an evening of family-friendly fun! This event is aimed at families with children ages 0-8yrs. On January 10, 2024 come to the Kendrick Grange (614 Main St. Kendrick) dressed in your coziest pajamas and be ready for a night packed with laughter, games, snacks, and a free book!

Event Highlights:

Games Galore: Engage in a variety of interactive games that promote teamwork, creativity, and, most importantly, lots of smiles!

Snack Station: Recharge with snacks that will satisfy both young and adult taste buds.

Free Book Bonanza: Every attending child will receive a free book, ensuring that the joy of reading extends beyond the event.

Pajama Parade: Join us for a delightful pajama parade, showcasing the comfort and style of bedtime attire.

How Can You Participate?

Wear your favorite pajamas, bring your enthusiasm, and encourage friends and neighbors to join the festivities. Let's build a community that values the importance of reading, talking, and playing in the lives of our children.

Spread the Word:

Share your excitement on social media, tag us in your posts, and let's create a wave of positivity and encouragement for families everywhere. Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/kj7elc>

Erin Davis



Leland Church News

The children did a wonderful job of decorating the tree this year. It is special to have children in the congregation who are actively involved.

We blew much-needed insulation into the ceiling of our church building this month. We are thankful to Early Bird Supply for their prompt service.

Folks at the Leland Congregation wish you and yours a Happy New Year. We hope you had a blessed Christmas.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

Sharon Harris



Ethan and Jed Wincentsen along with Bailey, Lindy, and Ryder Smith.



Cameron Lutheran News

Change is one of the great certainties of this life, and we can either face change with resolution and strength ... or with such wishes that things could go back to the good old days! Cameron is facing 2024 with huge changes coming January 1. For ten-plus years we have been strengthened and spiritually led by Pastor Craig Groseclose, but he has decided to apply for disability leave at the end of 2023. His health is fragile, and it is getting difficult for him to keep up with the church activities and the expectations he has for himself. We will begin January with pulpit-supply pastors, then have an interim pastor as soon as it can be arranged by our Synod office in Spokane. Meanwhile, we will be seeking a new permanent pastor.

We will absolutely face all these changes with God's strength and leadership and with lots of prayer. We wish Pastor Craig and Lorelee God's blessings as they enter this time of change in their lives, and many thanks to them both for the tremendous amount of work they've done for us over the last ten years!

The worship schedule will continue as usual. Sunday worship will be at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School meeting at 9:00 a.m. For any questions call the church: 289-3471.

May God's blessings be with all of you in this new year of 2024! *Ann Taylor*

Missionary in the Middle East

A beautiful local girl, Alyssa Olson, who was raised in Peck, Idaho, had dedicated her life to spreading the gospel in the Middle East. She has been living there for the past two years. It is her dream to serve there long-term.

She teaches English in a professional development center, where she has been able to establish relationships with the locals. She is studying Arabic, which will enable her to reach many more to share her faith.

Alyssa visited Leland Church in November. She wants to be instrumental in establishing Arabic-speaking churches in the Middle East.

She serves with Christar, Box 851377, Richardson, Texas 75085-1377 (www.christar.org). Her direct contact is alysaerin96@gmail.com. *Sharon Harris*

Visiting Writers

Death stalks the streets. Looting and rioting decimate the cities. Store shelves sit empty as citizens hoard supplies and water. Nations seethe in unrest.

The year? Pick a recent date. World events have rocked our planet, created palpable anxiety, and fueled a new hunger to understand the chaos in this tense hour of history. Pam Thorson's novel *Blood Falls* weaves Revelation prophecies and rich settings into a fast-paced novel of the Tribulation after the Rapture.

It offers a real-world and Bible-based scenario of last days events presented through the lens of an engaging fictional thriller. There are no zombies, time-travelers, or aliens between its pages. Instead, woven between the lines of murder, mystery, and end-times intrigue, Pam offers inspiration and courage to live for Jesus in these last crucial moments before the Lord's return. Spanning the Frozen Continent to the Lost City, *Blood Falls* will entertain, inspire, and challenge today's reader.

It earned top honors in its genre in the Oregon Christian Writers 2021 Cascade contest and a semi-finalist spot in the American Christian Fiction Writers 2022 Genesis contest.

A native of Arrow, Idaho, Grace Thorson recently experienced a time of deep darkness. She recalls that her struggles began after she asked God to test her faith. Soon she began to experience a bewildering chain of events nearly driving her to the edge of life itself.

She learned through her trials that in every difficulty we face, we can be sure of two things: We're loved, and our stories matter. Her journey out of darkness inspired her to write *Butterfly Wings*, a collection of thirty poems and devotionals spanning a period of innocence, pain, and growth. Her writing helped her appreciate life more and to find joy in her struggles. Having lived through the pain, she shares *Butterfly Wings* to encourage others who are suffering and to make their souls fall in love with Christ. Her ultimate goal is to show how remarkable we really are. God made our wings, and each of us is perfect just the way we are.

On January 31st, 2024, the Juliaetta Library will host both local authors from 4 to 6 p.m. Pam will present a reading from *Blood Falls*, and her daughter Grace will be available to answer questions and sign copies of *Butterfly Wings*.



Library News

As we step into a new year, we invite you to embark on a literary journey filled with warmth, coziness, and endless possibilities right here at the Juliaetta Library! Our comfy haven awaits you, offering not just books, but also movies, magazines, computers, printers and so much more!

Picture this: You enter our library, greeted by the scent of aged books and the soft rustling of pages turning. Sink into our comfy armchairs, nestled in a corner with a cup of steaming tea, and lose yourself in the pages of a captivating story. Our library is more than just a repository of books; it's a sanctuary where you can unwind and let the magic of literature transport you to different worlds.

Did you know that your library card is the key to an infinite literary universe? With your library card, you can order books (and other materials!) from 43 other libraries in our area, expanding your reading options exponentially. From bestsellers to hidden gems, the possibilities are endless. Whether you're a mystery enthusiast, a romance aficionado, or a history buff, we've got something for everyone (even video games!).

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars

To kick off the new year, we have a series of exciting events planned for our community:

Cozy Reading Night: Join us for an evening of quiet reading, hot cocoa, and shared stories on Jan.9 at 4pm

Valentine's Day Quilt Raffle: come in before Feb. 14 to get a chance to win a very pretty quilt made by local artisan, Grace Konen.

Snow Flake Make: come to the library during open hours all through January to make snowflakes! We have materials to make any kind of snowflake you want, leave it to decorate the library or take it home.

Author Spotlight: We'll be hosting two local authors for book signings and discussions on Jan. 31 at 4pm. Come meet mother daughter authors Pam and Grace Thorson! Stay tuned for updates on these exclusive events.

Winter Reading: Jan. 2.- Feb. 29. Read books, win cozy prizes!

At the Juliaetta Library we believe in the transformative power of books and the joy of shared reading experiences. Make it a resolution to spend more time in our cozy, hometown library this year. Whether you're a frequent visitor or it's been a while since you've stepped through our doors, we can't wait to welcome you to your home away from home.

Here's to a year filled with literary adventures, cozy moments, and the joy of discovering new worlds between the pages of a book. *Erin Davis*

VFW News

Fred Hadley was presented Quilt of Valor for his Service to our Country.



Alaura Hawley, 12th grade Troy High School Senior receives a \$100.00 cash award from VFW Post 3913, Kendrick, and an Honorable mention from District 2 Idaho VFW for her VFW Voices of Democracy Essay entry.



Zoey Surber, 7th Grade Kendrick Junior High School Placed 2nd place and received a \$75.00 cash award from District 2 Idaho VFW for her VFW Patriots Pen Essay entry. She will be receiving an additional \$75.00 from Kendrick VFW Post 3913.



Thank you all for supporting our little shop, and the occasional events we put on. We just love this community!!



Furry Tale Mercantile
Old, New and Everything in between!

Now that the holidays are over, Bunco is back! Mark your calendars for January 8th and February 5th. The cost is \$10 and food is separate. Contact us for all the details: 208-289-3156.

We'll be doing our Annual Valentine's Day dinner again this year. We're still fine tuning all

the details and will have all the information out to you shortly. A little hint...Danny & Sandy!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook @furrytalemercantile or our website furry-tale-farm.com to Keep in touch with all the activities we'll have going on this year!
Sharlene Mitchell

Who can write articles for the newsletter?

Any community member with information of interest is welcome to write and submit articles for editorial review. If you are interested in writing for the newsletter but would like some advice and guidance, please contact us to discuss your ideas.

The Publishing Team urges elected officials to use the newsletter as a forum for sharing information with constituents and encourages students to write and submit articles about school news and events.

A dedicated business section is included, which local business owners and entrepreneurs can use to communicate with customers and partners.

Our team of volunteers will edit and format as needed. The less formatting you do, the easier it is for us, so don't worry about those details!

Written contributions may be sent to:
KJ7 Community Development,
PO Box 204, Kendrick, ID 83537
Kj7newsletter3@gmail.com (Please create a new message; do not reply to the request for submissions.)

Submission Deadline Schedule:
January/ February issue: December 15th
March/April issue: February 15th
May/June issue: April 15th
July/August issue: June 15th
September/October issue: August 15th
November/December issue: October 15th

Thanks for Supporting the HVGC Annual Wreath Sale!

The Hill and Valley Annual Wreath Sale is in the books and our communities again showed unrivaled support for the event. With over 250 wreaths, swags, and table arrangements to choose from, the communities should be well-decorated for the holiday season. There were some real stars during our 2-weeks of work getting ready for the sale. New member **Janell Chilberg**, along with husband **Skip**, gathered greens when we needed them....a monumental job. Another new member, **Sonja Moss**, jumped right in with wreath making as well as making arrangements and decorating wreaths. **Germaine McCutcheon** spent all her time decorating wreaths. Long-time members **Patti Silflow** and **Mary Lou Taylor** spent many hours at the wreath-making tables turning out beautiful items. **Sharon Harris** and **Judy Cuddy** were faithfully there every day decorating wreaths and turning out beautiful arrangements. And **Jayne Weber** organized all of us and headed up the entire operation. Many other members contributed to the success of the sale, but **YOU**, our supportive communities, are the real stars for your continued support of our only fundraiser. A heartfelt thank you from the Hill and Valley Garden Club!

The next few months will be spent preparing for our flower show at Locust Blossom as well as making decisions about how we can best give back to our communities with the funds from the wreath sale. Again this year we will be awarding scholarships to high school seniors planning on further education in agriculture or horticulture-related areas. Some much needed funds will go to the Grange to help with the roofing project and completing the work on the water and bug problem. We will be putting new mulch and plantings at the Wallace Park welcome sign as well as the sign on the north end of town, in the Main Street planters, and at the pool.

We invite you to **join us at 1:00 at the Kendrick Grange on February 27** for a presentation on **Landscaping for Birds and Butterflies**. Both of these creatures, as well as bees, are such an important element in pollinating that we need to be aware of how we can plant and care for our yards to support them. Please consider joining the fun and being a part of an important group in the community! *Raina Weyen*



The Book Nook



Dear Readers, the past two months I deviated from my love of historical fiction and bought a few NY Times best sellers to see what they had to offer. They were all well-written and very interesting. The first book was a novel by Evie Woods entitled ***The Lost Bookshop***. It has a good story line and an unusual plot. A very enjoyable feel-good book.

The second was a poignant story of what happens when mom is a soldier and gets deployed to the Middle East in wartime. ***Home Front*** by Kristin Hannah is a story of duty, love, strength, despair, and hope.

The third "best seller" was a book entitled ***The Silent Patient*** by Alex Michaelides. It was a page-turner and had an Alfred Hitchcock feel to it. It was very suspenseful and interesting as the plot followed the life of a criminal psychotherapist, Theo Faber. *Sharon Harris*

Other Suggestions:

Broadway Butterfly, by Sara Divello, is a murder mystery. One of the few female "crime beat" reporters refuses to let this case go, and eventually unearths the killer.

If the Creek Don't Rise by Leah Weiss, shows the reader that life in 1970 Appalachia was undeniably hard and harsh. However, between the hopeful country Preacher and a new school teacher in town, there is new hope for the residents where once there was none....

None of This Is True, by Lisa Jewell, who has been on the #1 New York Times bestselling author list, has returned with a scintillating psychological thriller about a woman who finds herself the subject of her own popular true crime podcast. *Cheryl Rumbolz*

I recommend ***Sycamore Row*** by John Grisham. Published in 2014, it gives interesting insight into greed and the legal system.

I also read Grisham's newest book, ***The Exchange***. It's a page turner! This book keeps the reader hooked, from the creepy first chapters, and throughout the book. An ingenious man-in-the-middle thriller! *Sherill Calhoun*

Women's Business Network News

Local Women Doing What They Love!!!

Christine Ann Prokay - 7 Ridges Holistic Health

Massage Therapy, Corrective Exercise, Exercise Physiology related services, yoga, Pilates, personal training, nutrition counseling, birth doula, consultation in herbal and aromatherapy medicine, Ayurveda medicine services, kinesiotape treatments, CPR & First Aid Training I love helping others in their healing process and empowering people for self-care. 253-241-3183
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Nicole Seegmiller -The Sticky Kitchen

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From the sweet to the savory, The Sticky Kitchen crew, with mama Nicole at the helm, is eager to help satisfy that sweet tooth, fill your breadbasket for the daily sandwich, and more! In our family, many of our favorite memories were built around food - special meals. We have been so very blessed with the support of our local communities in 2023 and look forward to serving you in the new year and all the memory-making moments it holds!

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Red-Tailed Hawks

Of the large hawks, the Red-tailed hawk presents an identification challenge, because markings may vary from hawk to hawk. Consistent features are shape and size. Red-tailed hawks belong to the hawk group known as *buteos*. These are big (only one North American hawk is larger) with broad rounded wings and a short tail. When seen from above, they typically are mostly brown with brick red tails. Size, from head to tail, is about 1.5' long. Wing-span is usually between 3 and 4 feet.



To complicate identification, female hawks are noticeably larger than their male counterparts. Also, Red-tailed hawk coloration and markings vary from region to region.

Knowing enough generalities may be the best way to determine that a large hawk is a Red-tail. These hawks are birds of open country and are probably the most common raptors to be seen on a road trip. They may be soaring in large circles above open fields or perched on a telephone poles. From these vantage points, they watch for prey, usually small mammals such as rabbits, voles, rats, squirrels or even snakes. Red-tailed hawks have superb eyesight: A hawk on the top of a 10-story building can spot a mouse on the ground. When a target is located, the hawk dives with feet outstretched and snatches its prey with 1.3" talons.

One of the easiest methods to identify this hawk is by its cry – a hoarse "SCREEE" lasting 2 or 3 seconds. Hollywood seems to think that this is the perfect cry for a predatory bird. Movie footage of all sorts of hawks and even eagles may be paired the sound of a Red-tailed hawk.

Courting Red-tailed hawks soar in wide circles at a great height. The male then dives straight down and then turns and shoots straight up at nearly as steep an angle. After several repetitions, he will swoop down on the female from above, extends his feet and touch her back very gently. Sometimes the pair will clasp feet and plummet in spirals before parting.

The pairs share parenting duties. They cooperate in nest building – in a tree, on a cliff ledge, or on the top of a city building. They share incubation. When the young hatch, the male delivers food to the female who tears it into small pieces and feeds the little ones.

There are many prettier birds but few more magnificent than these hawks. *Nora Abbott*

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