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Kendrick-Juliaetta & 7 Ridges Community News

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KJ7CDA's Star of the Community Award Recipient Revealed

As the KJ7 Community Development Association, we are delighted to announce our latest Star of the Community selection! Through your heartfelt nominations, we have identified an individual whose exceptional contributions have shone brightly in our community. We proudly reveal that Sharon Harris has been chosen as the Community Star—a recognition she deeply deserves for her lifelong dedication to the KJ7 Community.

Sharon has been a vibrant force, contributing her talents and passions in countless ways that have profoundly impacted those around her. Her involvement with the JK Heritage Foundation and the local museum and her authorship of history books about our area have enriched our community's cultural tapestry. She engages with many, sharing invaluable information about the KJ7 community and fostering a deeper connection to our shared history.

In addition to her literary contributions, Sharon actively participates in various community organizations, including Kendrick Grange #413, J-K Senior Meals, J-K Ambulance Service, Kendrick Booster Club, and Hill and Valley Garden Club. She also lends her writing skills to the KJ7 Community Newsletter, ensuring our community remains connected and informed. Her unwavering commitment and enthusiasm serve as an inspiration to us all.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sharon Harris for being selected as the Community Star, and we thank each one of you who took the time to nominate individuals who make a difference in our community. Your participation and support are truly appreciated as we continue to foster a culture of appreciation and recognition for those who embody the spirit of unity, selflessness, and service.



Lions Club At Your Service

Some people just do not get the message that Idaho is too beautiful to litter. The Lions Club maintains the highway and walking trail between Kendrick and Juliaetta. A litter drive, headed up by Shari Pea, picked up 33 bags of litter in November. They were grateful for the help of the Distinguished Young Women and the Sixth Grade Students from Juliaetta.

Lion Dave Klatt puts up the manger scene in the park each year and various other members helped with the lighting.

At the Light the Park ceremony on November 30th, the Lions kicked off their first fund-raiser for the George Brocke Memorial Clock shown here. Thanks to Lions Jenny Gonzales and her husband Ken, Shari Pea, and Bobbi Evans for preparing and serving chili and cornbread. Thanks goes out to Lion Teresa Cortese and her friend Christine Prokay for serving hot chocolate and s'mores to help raise funds for this project. You can donate to this project by sending your check to Lions, Box 111, Kendrick, Idaho or by leaving it at the drop box at Latah Credit Union. The Lions Club also sponsored Santa and his candy treats this year.



You will have received your community calendar by now. If you were somehow missed, there are extra copies for sale at Latah Credit Union. Be sure and check the back page this year. There is a form to order next year's calendar for a family member or friend. We thank Darold Hazeltine for his wonderful picture featured on the front this year. If you have changes to submit, send them with your check. *Sharon Harris*

News From the City of Juliaetta

The secret of change is to focus your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

—Dan Millman

Did you notice the STAR on the hill above Juliaetta? Thank you, Mayor Groseclose, for continuing this tradition for the community to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Christmas lighting contest and congratulations to the winners. The city really embraced the Christmas Spirit and the town looked beautiful!!!

The City of Juliaetta has started the bid process on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. December 19, 2024, was the bid opening date. We are excited for this project to get started. Thank you, Keller Associates, Inc., for your hard work on this important project.

Congratulations to Mayor Groseclose for earning \$1000 in the Mayor's Walking Challenge. These funds can be used for any project or program that promotes the importance of physical activity. Funds can be used for park improvements, repainting crosswalks, purchasing playground equipment, maintenance and more. Great job!!!

City Council Meetings & Office Closures

Upcoming City Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, and Tuesday, February 11. These meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Agendas are posted in the window at City Hall the week before each meeting, as well as the Post Office. The public is always welcome to attend. If you have an issue you would like to have added to the agenda, you will need to fill out an Agenda Request form at City Hall by noon on the first Monday of the month.

City Hall will be closed, Wednesday, January 1, 2025, to observe New Year's Day, and Monday, January 20th for Martin Luther King, Jr./Idaho Human Rights Day. In February, City Hall will close on Monday the 17th, to observe President's Day.

Happy New Year from Mayor Groseclose, City Council, and everyone at the City of Juliaetta! We are all wishing you and yours a happy, healthy, and abundant 2025. Here's to new beginnings and friendship.
Melva Eichner, Clerk

City of Kendrick News



The city Light the Park event was a huge success this year with Santa arriving to turn on the lights in the park. Santa received his guests in the Mayors Garden and passed out treat sacks from the Lion's Club. The Lion's Club served chili and cornbread. Hot chocolate, coffee and cider were also provided along with s'more fixings. All donations benefited the George Brocke Memorial Clock Fundraiser. The Wayne Harris Memorial Bench was christened that evening with Wayne's family in attendance. The Fire department and the city passed out gift bags to the children. It was a fun filled evening.

The Contest Winners for 2024!

Kendrick Ag- Tad & Kayce Brown Jim & Cindy Breckenridge

Deobald's Garage Autumn & Nick Mc Pherson
Futurity First Dawn Eden

A big thank you to everyone for participating in bringing the Christmas spirit to Kendrick!

Rose Norris

1st Bank of Pizza Open

The doors should be open before this issue is released.

New owners Cindy and Jimmie Breckenridge were issued their permit the day we met with them. At that time the last hurdle for opening was the point -of-sale equipment, and they were hopefully optimistic that it would be switched over in a few days.

The couple has lived in the area for six years. Cindy grew up in Kamiah. They lived in the Boise area from 1990 until Jimmie got a transfer to the Clarkston Costco store where he worked in the bakery until he retired. Cindy currently works for the City of Juliaetta, and Jimmie works at Kendrick AG which the couple is partnering with their daughter and son-in-law.

Readers will be happy to know that the 1st Bank of Pizza will be open 4:00 – 8:00 PM Thursday thru Monday. They will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. The menu will be basically the same (pizza and breadsticks). There is a gluten-free crust option. They will keep the Ice Cream counter for dessert options. Watch for a Facebook page to follow for notifications of changes as they are announced. *Teresa Cortese & Jennifer Wood*



Cameron Lutheran Church

Leland Pioneer Community Church

Our Christmas program was held on Sunday, December 22nd at the regular worship time. We enjoyed a program with special music from the Wincentsen Family, Jim Green, and our wonderful group of children. There was group singing and candlelight along with Boaz's message on Christmas.

Two members at Leland, Willa Wincensen and Josiah Widmayer wedded on the 14th of December. We had a bridal shower after church for them in early December. There was a lot of interest from the youngsters.



The church received a precious gift from Randy and Lisa Schiemer. It is a Thomas Kincaid Nativity Set. It is adorning the altar at the church.

We are rejoicing over receiving a \$15,000.00 grant for the stained glass window restoration from Idaho Heritage Foundation (with the help of JK Heritage Foundation.) That will make a dent in the \$58,000.00 bill.

You are always welcome at Leland Pioneer Community Church for services at 10 am. (You do not have to be a pioneer to attend.) *Sharon Harris*

Although Christmas is still several days away as this is written, we are looking forward to the special services welcoming our Savior once again, and also looking forward to having Him in our lives in 2025!

2025 is going to be a busy year at Cameron Lutheran. Pastor Craig retired a year ago, and we are well into the process of finding a new pastor. For the last 8 months we have been fortunate to have Pastor 'Nick' Nicolai from Pullman acting as a half-time interim pastor for us. For years he was the campus pastor at WSU....but Idaho boosters in the congregation have forgiven him for that! He has been a great guide as we go through the rather complicated process of finding the right person to lead the church. Part of his assignment is visiting home-bound members or those in care facilities, and they have really enjoyed his visits and receiving Holy Communion from him. He loves both music and sports and often attends the local ball games and musical events. One of his great talents is meeting and visiting with people, and he usually knows everyone in the room by the time an event is over!

Cameron's worship services remain at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, with the adult Bible class at 9:00. Pastor Nick leads the services 3 Sundays a month, and the congregation fills in on the other Sundays. To contact the church, call (208) 289-3471 and leave a message. If you need to talk to someone quickly, call Ann or Don Parks at (208) 289-3607.

The women meet on Wednesday mornings in the church basement to quilt and work on relief projects. You do NOT have to be a church member to join us - bring your own project to work on or help us with ours. ALL are welcome at our services and events.

We wish you a blessed and happy 2025!
Anne Taylor

Senior Companion Program

Are you 55 or older, still active and driving? Could you give five hours a week to befriend lonely seniors who need companionship? Could you use extra cash in your wallet?

If you answered yes to these questions, you would be a perfect candidate for our program. It is as simple as how it sounds. Studies show that senior citizens who have someone to visit are healthier and happier than those who rarely or never see another person. Your companionship could make a significant difference in their lives. You will be matched with one or more clients you would visit on scheduled weekly visits. You would be required to spend five hours a week with your clients doing fun things, like playing cards, providing transportation to the grocery store, doctor's visits, or simply having friendly conversations.

The Senior Companion Program pays an hourly stipend for the time you spend with clients and reimburses you for mileage for trips to the store, etc. This program is not home health care or housekeeping but strictly companionship. You and your clients will agree on a schedule for the day and times you will visit.

The requirements are also quite simple. You will need to pass a background check, attend one-day orientation training, attend monthly In-Service Training, and fall within the income guidelines set by AmeriCorps Seniors. We've designed these steps to be straightforward and manageable, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for both you and your clients.

You might be reading this and thinking, "I need a senior companion!" Great! We are looking for people who need companionship and have a simple form for you to complete. To qualify as a client, you must live alone or with family and provide your senior companion with a safe environment. Rest assured, we prioritize the safety and well-being of both our volunteers and clients, and we have measures in place to ensure a secure and comfortable experience for everyone involved.

For more information, contact Linda Wells, Senior Companion Program Manager, Tuesday through Thursday at 208-746-7787 or e-mail scpmanager@wivc.org. For an online application to become a Senior Companion or to request a Senior Companion, visit our website at www.waidvolunteercenter.org. *Linda Wells*



Annual Sweetheart Breakfast will Be held at the Grange

Save the date. We will be serving our annual fundraising breakfast on **February 15th** from 8 am until 10:30. You will not want to miss this good event. It enables us to keep the Grange available for rent and pay the monthly bills.

Thank you to those of you who rent the Grange for your events.

We wish you a Happy Valentines Day.

Sharon Harris



Plant Corner

Houseplant winter care. If you received houseplants as gifts or bought them to liven up your homes, here are a few tips to help maximize their enjoyment. If you purchased or were given a poinsettia this holiday season, you can definitely keep these plants alive with some TLC. Try keeping them in a draft-free bright location without big temperature swings. Figuring out watering for these can be tricky. They don't like wet feet, so try to let them dry slightly in between waterings. Any holiday cactus you end up acquiring will benefit from similar treatment. As with any other houseplants, remember our homes are either cool or warm which can make watering tricky. Try to adjust the watering needs to fit the individual varieties. Keep all houseplants in as bright of location as you can. Near a window or with grow lights. Also remember to dust their leaves as that helps them absorb more sun and light. Hope you find these tricks helpful. *Rich Tackett*



Library News

There is some exciting news to share regarding the future of the Juliaetta Community Library. After many years of service in our historic location at 205 Main Street in Juliaetta, we are preparing to move to a new space! In the fall of 2025, we will be opening a new branch at 501 Main Street in Kendrick, just a short distance away, where we'll continue to serve the community with even more resources and services.

Our current location holds a special place in the hearts of many. The building, originally the top floor of a two-story structure built in the 1890s, has been a landmark in Juliaetta. In the 1930s, the top floor was lowered onto a new foundation after the bottom half of the building was demolished. For decades, the space was used by the Order of the Rebekahs until the 1970s when the Rebekahs disbanded. The city acquired the building and offered it to the library to serve as a home for the growing community library.

This building has served the communities of Juliaetta and Kendrick continuously ever since, providing a gathering place for learning, reading, and community connection. However, over time, the age and condition of the building, along with its limited space, have made it increasingly difficult to accommodate the needs of our visitors and meet modern building standards.

While the move is bittersweet, we're excited about the new chapter ahead! The new library in Kendrick will be larger, safer, and more accessible. It will be fully compliant with up-to-date building codes, making it a more comfortable and inviting place for all members of the community to enjoy. We hope to create a space that continues the library's mission of serving the people of both Kendrick and Juliaetta for years to come.

We want to thank everyone for your continued support and understanding during this transition. The Juliaetta Library will remain open at 205 Main Street, Juliaetta until the Kendrick location is ready in the fall of 2025. During this time, we encourage you to continue visiting us for your library needs; and we appreciate your patience as we navigate the process of moving to our new home.

As a branch of the Latah County Library District, the Juliaetta Library is one of seven branches that offer vital library services throughout Latah County. Whether you are a regular visitor or a first-time guest, we are grateful for your ongoing interest and commitment to making our library a vibrant part of this community.

Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to our opening in Kendrick. We look forward to welcoming you to our new space and continuing to provide a place for learning, creativity, and community connection!

Erin Davis

Furr-Ever Valentine Portraits

What: 10 minute valentine themed photo session with your family pet, 5 digital images. Can accommodate up to 3 pets and 4 family members. Additional pets or family members can be accommodated for a fee.

Proceeds from the sessions will help fund the KJ7 Newsletter!

When: February 8th 2025 9am-7pm

Where: The private studio of Brooke Young Photography, located within the city limits of Juliaetta(address provided upon booking)

Cost: \$40

The KJ7 Community Development Association and Brooke Young Photography are excited to offer this fun event as a fundraiser for the KJ7CDA. We are raising funds to help with the KJ7 newsletters, honoring the community star, and providing other services to the JK7ridges area. Bring any of your Furr-Ever Valentine's that fit through a doorway for a few fun valentine themed portraits! Portraits can be of pets alone, pets with family, or just the family. You need to reserve your time slot ahead of portrait day. To book your session please email, text, or call Brooke.

Email: brookeyoungphotography@gmail.com

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J-K Good Samaritan Foodbank

Special Gratitude -thank you to all individuals, organizations and businesses for their generous donations of money, turkeys and hams, which allowed the food bank to provide approx. 50 Thanksgiving and 50 Christmas complete dinners to households in our area. *Jerry Galloway, manager*

Senior Center News

Join us for Bingo which is held on Fridays. You never know who will show up. Mrs. Claus (alias Kari Galloway) did the number calling in December. Next games of bingo will be January 17th and February 14th.

Christine Prokay will lead Silver Sneaker exercise classes once again in the new year as soon as her broken ankle permits.

The Old Time Fiddlers play January 22nd to entertain at the Center. Sharon Harris



At The Museum

We wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for your gifts to JKHF and the Kendrick Museum. As we look to the new year, we will be restoring the 1905 windows that are in the museum. That is a project that was left over from last year.

Our organization wants to be more proactive in restoring local cemeteries. Some are in good shape, but all need help in one area or another. Some have broken memorial stones that need to be up righted and placed on new cement bases. Others only need to be leveled and cleaned. We are a nation that honors our dead.

The JKHF annual meeting will be held January 11th at 9 am. Please come and take part in our plans for the future. There are many tasks that need to be tackled. We have received the donation of a woman's dress from the 1880s to get dressed on the mannequin.

If in the days ahead you find yourself needing to reminisce, log onto our web site www.jkhfoundation.com and read some old Gazettes. It is wonderful exercise for your memory. Sharon Harris

The Book Nook

From Cheryl Rumbolz:

The President's Lawyer by Lawrence Robbins. This book is a high stakes legal thriller with a "didn't see that one coming" type of ending. One word to describe this story: riveting!

Calamity of Souls by the award-winning author David Baldacci. Set in the tumultuous year of 1968 in southern Virginia, a racially-charged murder case sets a duo of white and black lawyers against a deeply unfair system as they work to defend their wrongfully-accused black defendant in a courtroom drama.

Government Gangsters by Kash Pramod. This author has recently been nominated to be the new head of the FBI. Is he qualified? Will he make drastic changes, and if so, why? This book is one man's observations and opinions. Having a peek into the inner workings of the politics in our Federal Government can be fascinating.

The Boyfriend by Freida McFadden. A new, twisting thriller from a #1 New York Times bestselling author. A dark story about obsession and the things we'll do for love. Hint: she is looking for the perfect man. He's looking for the perfect victim....

From Sharon Harris:

This past couple of months, my favorite author has been Jean Grainger. She penned the Knocknashie story and hooked me completely into her compelling Irish story. The first volume, *Lilac Ink*, introduces eighteen-year-old Grace Fitzgerald, a victim of polio who yearns to escape her fishing village. Richard Lewis lives across the Atlantic, is heir to a Savannah banking fortune which he does not want. As the world teeters on the brink of war in 1937, they forge a powerful connection.

The second book, *Yesterday's Paper*, was even better than the first. I was hooked and then the hammer dropped. Volume three would not be released until sometime in January .

Meanwhile, I have immersed myself in another novel, *The President's Wife*, by Tracey Ennerson Wood. It is the story of Woodrow Wilson's wife, Edith, and her years in the White House.

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