

# Here's What's Happening

## Kendrick-Juliaetta & 7 Ridges Community News

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### BlackBerry Festival Coming Soon

The Juliaetta Community Improvement Association will be hosting its 24th Annual BlackBerry Festival and Classic Car Show on **Sept. 13th, 2025**, at the Juliaetta Centennial Park. This is our main fundraiser for the year, and we are looking forward to a successful event. We are planning on many of your favorite attractions returning, such as the Dachshund Races which always brings a smile to everyone's face and toe tapping music presented in the gazebo. This year's music is sponsored by the Latah Arts and Culture Committee. The music will be provided by the local artists "Burning Wheel." We appreciate the opportunity to highlight different local artists at our homegrown festival.

We cannot forget to mention all the beautiful cars and motorcycles that we expect to see. Each year we attract new and unique vintage vehicles for display. Hopefully this year will be no different. And as usual we are looking forward to a wide variety of vendors for your browsing pleasure. You can expect to find any and everything from jewelry to homemade baked goods. As usual, the JCIA will be selling homemade blackberry jam, homemade pies, and other blackberry themed baked goods. The show kicks off Saturday morning with breakfast being served as well as lunch later in the day. **Registration for the classic cars starts at 8:00am with trophies awarded at 3:00pm.** Admission is free and everyone is welcome. Come for the cars, stay for the music, food, and memories. Enjoy the day and help support the JCIA and many other local organizations. *Kathy Groseclose*

### Big Bear Ridge Community Club Meeting

**Tuesday September 30, 6 p.m.  
Big Bear Ridge Hall**

Big Bear Ridge residents please attend to discuss the future of our community building. Questions please contact Jerry Galloway-208-301-7634.

### FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

Everyone in the area is welcome to attend our Annual Dinner **Saturday, Oct. 4, 2025**, on Cedar Ridge Rd between Kendrick and Southwick. The dinner includes salad, roasted beef with mashed potatoes and homemade gravy, green beans, rolls, Southern corn pudding, and other sides, desserts, and beverages. Dinner is served between **5:00 pm and 7:00 pm**. You can eat in or take-out. The cost is \$15 per plate for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 5-11, and free for under 5. Cash or check only.

Gifts, plates of goodies, homemade bread, jams, sweets, hostess gifts, casserole carriers, mug rugs, pillowcases, aprons, and more will be available for purchase. The funds raised are used to maintain the clubhouse, offer free classes, and assist neighbors in need.

Check out the beauty of the area. Meet up with former neighbors, friends, and meet new friends. This is a great way to meet and welcome others. Really hope to see you there. *Kathy Cassin*



## News from the City of Juliaetta

### Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Construction is underway! The City would like to remind citizens to please drive carefully when passing by the wastewater treatment plant as there is an increase in traffic and heavy equipment coming in and out of the construction site. Clearwater Construction has been doing a phenomenal job, and we are so excited for the project to progress!

### Friendly Reminder:

The burn ban within city limits is still in effect until further notice.

### October Clean-Up Month:

October 4th and 18th will be clean up days at the Juliaetta Bulky Waste Site. Bring your plastic and rubber items, glass, solidified, non-combustible paint, small appliances, railroad ties, tents, tarps/canvas, hot tubs, insulation, Styrofoam, upholstered furniture, contaminated waste, etc. No hazardous or asbestos waste, and no computer monitors or TVs will be accepted. The bulky waste sites will not accept demolition waste, but it can be taken to the Transfer Station (open M-F, 8am-5:30pm through Oct. 31). All large loads must be taken to the Transfer Station. Please contact City Hall with any questions.

### City Council Meetings & Closures

Upcoming regular City Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, and Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Agendas are posted in the window at City Hall, at the Post Office, and on the City's website. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact City Hall no later than the Monday the week before the meeting.

City Hall will be closed Monday, September 1, 2025 for Labor Day and Monday, October 13, 2025 for Indigenous People Day.

### Watch Council Meetings Live on Our New YouTube Channel!

We are pleased to announce that all Council Meetings are streamed live on our official YouTube channel. This allows you to watch meetings in real-time from the comfort of your own home, keeping you informed and engaged in local decision-making. To access the livestreams and previous meetings, simply visit our new YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityOfJuliaetta>. You can also access the livestream from the City Council Agenda and Meetings page on the City's website.

*Cheyane M. Nelson*

## City of Kendrick News

On August 11th, City of Kendrick Chris Evans, Jake Lustig and Blake Morgan finished the flagpole project. Thank you to the VFW for the flagpole donation and, with some additional modification, we now have a beautiful flagpole with our USA flag flying high.



Summer Pool season ended on the 15th of August with good attendance. Thank you to our pool staff for an awesome season. Lifeguards Elizabeth Faulkner, Lael Miller, Pool Clerks Jessica Clemenhagen and Karen Kimbley, as well as maintenance staff Chris Evans and Blake Morgan. The following week, city maintenance started the project to repair the joints in the pool with new backer rod and Deck-O-Seal Grade Joint compound at the advice of WMS Aquatics. This will address the water loss the pool experienced this summer during the season. The City is getting bids for a liner and replacement of plumbing lines and deck.

We have had some near misses with cars entering the wrong way in front of the Fire Station. **Please DO NOT ENTER. Go around to reach the credit union, pool and the park.** Thank you. *Rose Norris*

### Lions Club Annual Picnic

It was a mild June evening for the Lions Club picnic in Bill Warren's gazebo on the old Doc Christensen place. Bill and Nikki were the perfect hosts. With a view of freshly baled hay, the club got together for the last event of the season. There was lots of chatter and laughter while the burgers were being BBQ'd by Ken Gonzales, husband of President Jennie Gonzales.

*Sharon Harris*



Eric McDowell, Nikki Lettenmaier, Bill Warren, Amber Broke, Shari Pea, Jennie Gonzales, Sharon Harris, Doug Harris, Darrell Brocke,

## Kendrick Community Center (Grange Hall)

Now is the time to reserve the Community Center for your holiday events. Contact Rose (208-289-3066 ) or Jan (208-289-4844) to secure your reservation.

Jan has prepared a display for the front window of various dolls. If you have a collection you would like to showcase, please let us know. *Sharon Harris*

## Cameron Lutheran Church News

As we continue our search for a new pastor, we have been kept well-supplied with good people filling in on Sundays. Pastor Wes Howell from Pullman and Rev. Mary Beth Rivetti from Moscow have led worship on Sundays over the summer, and several members also have stepped forward and led services in between the pastors' Sundays. We are grateful for everyone who has so willingly helped during this break between pastors!

Cameron grieves the loss of two of its recent pastors this summer. Pastor Karl Kunder passed away in Olympia, and Pastor Craig Groseclose died in Clarkston. Between them they had served us for 18 years, and even though both of them had retired from Cameron, they both left so many great memories. Their presence in our lives will be missed.

The annual turkey dinner and bazaar for the community will be held Saturday, October 18. Dinner will be served from 5-7:00, with roasted turkey carved off the bone right there at church and homemade everything, including pies. The auction will begin about 7:00, with quilts and seasonal items and all kinds of crafts. If you would like to help with the dinner or contribute craft items contact Ann Parks at (208) 289-3607. Otherwise just come, and enjoy a great dinner and auction!

Several volunteers are working on the Lutheran World Relief kits that will be taken to Spokane for the fall in-gathering in October. These kits are taken to warehouses on the east coast, then distributed to those in need all over the world. The fall drive is for school kits, which are sometimes the whole reason a child can attend school if the family is poor. We are also doing baby kits, which are given to families with children who are two or under. They contain diapers, shirts, sleepers, receiving blankets, and socks, plus soap and a hand towel. Most of the clothing comes from thrift shops, but the blankets are often hand-made by us. We will also send tied quilts, which are a year-round project!

Worship will continue at 10:00 each Sunday this fall. Adult Sunday School classes will begin Sept. 14 at 9:00 a.m. For emergencies where a pastor is needed call Ann Parks at 289-3607 or Joanne Gertje at 289-3932.

*Ann Parks*

## Looking for a Community to Study the Bible?

**Bible Study Fellowship** is an in-depth Bible study offered free of charge all over the world. Our four-fold approach includes daily questions, group discussion, teaching and biblical commentary. Members around the globe participate in online and in-person groups for men, women and children.

**Our local women's group meets at the Juliaetta Community Church every Thursday morning at 9 AM and ends at 10:30 AM. We will be starting classes September 11. We would love to have you join us. This year's study is entitled, People of the Promise. If you have any questions please call Aunie Ouderkerken at 208 791-4710.**

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## Fall activities are picking up at Juliaetta Community Church

Can you believe it? It's time for back to school and when that time arrives most other fall activities return. Our Wednesday late afternoon study at 5 PM begins September 10 and meets at the parsonage-14211 McGary Grade. To kick off our start up we'll be sharing a meal before our study. If you would like to attend please bring a dish to pass, and your Bible! Pastor and Randy will be providing hamburgers, buns and condiments.

Bible Study Fellowship will be meeting in the church basement every Thursday morning at 9 AM beginning Sept. 11.

Our regular Sunday morning worship will continue meeting at 9 AM. Children sermons will be available when we have children present during the service. We feel it's good for children to be part of our worship time. Coloring pages will be provided to keep them busy during the message. We look forward to having you join us. Any questions please feel free to call Pastor Larry at 208-301-8366 *Randy Haylett*





The KJ7 Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit, community-based organization designed to provide opportunities for our youth in the community by supporting and enhancing the quality of education for all students in the Kendrick Joint School District #283.

As the school year begins the KJ7 Education Foundation Board wants to let our students, particularly seniors, grade school students and teachers know that the Foundation offers educational and community-oriented grants throughout the year.

Seniors, did you know that you can apply for a grant to help out with the cost of your senior project? If your project is community based, funds are available to assist with the cost. Other junior high and high school students can also apply for educational grants. These funds can be used to purchase materials and supplies, or other project costs. You might talk with local business leaders, teachers or parents for project ideas. Be sure to check with Mr. Eggers, the high school counselor, for information and an application. Application and guidelines for these grants coming to our website soon!

Kids grades K-6 can also apply for a grant if you have a project you would like to work on. Talk with your parents and teachers for ideas. Just check with your teacher who can help you with the application. <https://www.kj7educationfoundation.org/discovery-grants/> Teachers if you have ideas for a classroom project, please submit your application to the Board for consideration. Projects could be educational books, displays, and science projects just to name a few. <https://www.kj7educationfoundation.org/teaching-resource-grant/>

Scholarships are awarded every year to support the post-secondary educational goals of ALL students graduating from Kendrick High School. Please check out our website for more info and take this incredible opportunity to apply. <https://www.kj7educationfoundation.org/benscoter-lyle-scholarships/>

Our community is blessed with such wonderful donors who support educational opportunities in our school district. Please check out our website at: <https://www.kj7educationfoundation.org/>

Contact any Board member for more information: Becky Loomis, 360-359-1628, Member; Amber Witt 208-790-8938, President; Tawnya Denny, 208-669-0271, Vice President, Kari Galloway, 202-288-2022, Member, Sher Bollack, 208-816-0051, Secretary, and Dirk Hammond, 208-553-0525, Treasurer.

## Juliaetta-Kendrick Fire News



Please use caution! Fire Season is still a factor to consider as we enter into the fall season. There is no burning until after October 20th in the city of Kendrick; there are no permits issued in the city of Kendrick. In Juliaetta, call City Hall or the Juliaetta Fire Chief for a permit to burn. The fire department would like to thank the community for their vigilance in keeping our communities safe this summer season. We appreciate all the help we have received. *Rose Norris*

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### Leland Pioneer Community Church

The three large stained glass windows have returned to the chapel from Florida. A crew recently installed them. They are truly beautiful and inspiring! We owe our thanks to Idaho Heritage Trust for helping fund the \$58,000 restoration bill. It is wonderful to see an organization that is eager and willing to preserve Idaho's history.

Three installers (two from Texas, and one from Georgia, came to Leland with the windows loaded in a U-Haul. They were very efficient and had all three windows roughed in the first day. The second and third days were spent doing the more difficult part from scaffolding, as shown at right.



We recently were honored to have a guest speaker while our pastor, Boaz Davis, was on vacation. Jeremy Stevens of Union Gospel Mission delivered a very inspirational sermon followed by an update of the progress at Lewiston's UGM facility. They are hoping to open in November. There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Lewiston center:

<http://www.uniongospelmission.org>. Leland Church has partnered with UGM in the work God is doing through them. Jesus said **“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”** Matt 25:45. *Sharon Harris*

## Hill and Valley Garden Club

The Hill and Valley Garden Club will start meeting again for the upcoming season on Sept. 23 at 1pm at the Grange Hall. Our monthly meetings are generally the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1pm. There will be some fun and educational programs this year such as: Decorating the Garden, Rose Care and Propagation, Soil and Seeding prep, and Design and Use of Water Features. The annual wreath sale will be Dec. 6. If you are interested in joining, you are welcome to come to the Sept. meeting or you can contact Amy Haukeness, club president, for more information at [haukenessr@gmail.com](mailto:haukenessr@gmail.com). Joanne Gertje



## New at the Museum

We have received some interesting donations lately. Cecil Brammer's family donated a small pictorial plaque, the kind that were often given at Christmas time. It is marked "Compliments of Lion Pharmacy, W. A. Borns, M.D., Juliaetta, Idaho."

Delta Heath Simpson donated a quilt sewn by the members of the Stoney Point Friendship Club: Mildred Heath, Marjorie Stevens, Mabel Steigers, and Beatrice Hoisington. The remaining club members all shared the name Heimgartner: Mystie, Gertrude, Delores, Ruth, and Ardythe. Delta also donated some school papers of interest from her mother Betty Parks Heimgartner.

Unfortunately, the museum will be closed for installation of the new windows beginning in mid-August. There will also be repairs to the sheet rock from a piece of the ceiling giving way. (We feel this is still a left over from the roof leaking a few years ago.)

We appreciated the help of the Football Team in moving some items way too heavy for our members. Thanks to Coach Ty Koepp and his Kendrick Tigers. Sharon Harris



Josh Luscombe

## Kendrick Senior Center News

Attendance has been consistently high throughout the summer with lots of new faces! Remember, you don't have to be a Senior to attend the Wednesday and Friday noontime meals (11:30-1, suggested donation \$5). The food is nutritious and delicious and everyone always has lots of fun visiting and sharing. The Senior Center is getting lots of fresh produce for meals right now, so please come check us out.

CHAS Community Health Clinic is coming once a month to do health screenings. They generally provide blood pressure checks, chat about medications and more. Check out the CHAS Latah website for more information on all services the clinic provides from their Moscow location <https://chas.org/location/latah-community-health/>

Monthly Bingo will resume in September and will be happening again once a month throughout the winter. Silver Sneakers is ongoing, but best for all Senior events, please check the schedule or call 208-289-5031. Kari Galloway



## J/K Good Samaritan Food Bank

Are you looking for a fulfilling way to give back to your community? Volunteers needed at the Good Samaritan Food Bank...whether you want to do something once in a while or on a schedule, if you can give an hour or two a month, please call Jerry Galloway at 208-301-7634.

Jobs include: weekly Friday afternoon community food distribution program, drive to pick up food from the Lewiston Food Bank once a month or help us revitalize the "food rescue" program consisting of picking up food from Lewiston grocery stores and bringing back to Juliaetta. Kari Galloway

## Republican PCO

Your Republican Precinct Officers have been busy this summer. The three of us are committed to supporting our communities by bringing your questions and concerns to the Latah County Republican Central Committee. One of the most important ways we stay connected is by attending local events and hearing directly from you.

We've attended the Locust Blossom Festival, Troy Days, and Deary Days, and the feedback has been incredible. If you haven't had a chance to stop by yet, come see us at our final event of the year: the Blackberry Festival in Juliaetta on September 6th!

### Educate, Don't Regulate

We've had some great conversations this year, people are asking thoughtful questions, sharing valuable ideas, and voicing genuine concerns. And we're listening. One theme we keep hearing is that government's role should be to educate, not regulate, a phrase that perfectly captures the mission we're working toward.

In addition, hot topics that keep coming up are property taxes and property rights. While meaningful change takes time, we're committed to making sure these issues remain front and center in the months ahead.

If you have input that you would like to share or if you want to be part of a movement to make a difference, join our email list. We make it easy to get involved and have your voice heard.

Lori Warner – Kendrick PCO: 208-791-5208  
Rick Lawless – Juliaetta PCO: 208-305-6516  
Becky Loomis – Linden PCO: 360-359-1628

## Community Calendars

Amber Cady and Sharon Harris are getting ready to order this year's community calendars. If you have been receiving a calendar, you will automatically get a new one this year unless you tell us that you do not want it.



If you know someone new to the community, let them know that they can be included by sending their information to Amber (abrocke@hotmail.com.) You need to send your name and mailing address, along with your family's names and birthdate (just month and day.) We are happy to denote your wedding date as well. The calendar makes a thoughtful Christmas gift.

We will send a bill to our advertisers soon. Changes and payment will need to be submitted prior to October 1, 2025.

Each year the Lions Club chooses a picture to feature on the Community Calendar. If you have one to submit, send it to the emails below.

The calendars will have to be ordered by mid-September so submit any changes or additions to Sharon Harris (25skharris@gmail.com) or Amber Cady (abrocke@hotmail.com). *Sharon Harris*

## End of an Era for Huge Pine

Sadly, this tree next to the Leland Church had to be removed. It was leaning toward the church where two renovated stained-glass windows were going to be installed.

It was removed in sections by Tyler Wolff of Noble Tree Service. They had to de-limb and cut logs from the top down.

This old tree saw the beginnings of the town of Leland. By 1893, it was a busy metropolis. The tree stood next to the Methodist Episcopal Church – North and watched as these members would not worship with the Methodist Episcopal Church – South, which stood across the road. They split over issues with slavery. The North church disbanded by 1920 and the congregations merged. By 1932, a group of volunteers had constructed a new church for Leland. After the church closed in 1972, the tree kept watch over the church for thirty years while it was empty.

Jim Soyk reopened the church in 2002, and the congregation has met on Sunday at 10 am ever since.

After delimbing there was a huge pile of limbs that were taken away by Schiemer's Excavation. Lucas Vincentsen is locating a market for the three logs. The tree measured over four feet at the stump. *Sharon Harris*





## Plant Corner

Tropical dreams in the Potlatch canyon. Juliaetta basks in warm golden summers and starlit nights. It may seem an unlikely setting for tropical looking yet hardy plants. It is possible with a little extra effort to grow ornamental bananas, figs and bamboo and a few other very uncommon plants in our climate. Hardy Japanese Fiber Bananas do great with extra water, fertilizer, and plenty of sunshine. Fig trees such as Desert King and other varieties love our hot summers, survive winter with minimal care, and are very reliable here. Cold-hardy running and clumping bamboo such as black bamboo or Mountain bamboo are very hardy here. Even if tops freeze out in the winter, they reliably come back from ground level in every spring. During winters that aren't too bad, the bamboo is reliably evergreen, which makes it a wonderful statement in the landscape in the middle of winter to enjoy those bright green leaves. Hardy Hibiscus obviously are tough and hardy here but lend to that tropical vibe with enormous blooms in a variety of shades that bloom from late summer to frost. If you're lucky, you could spot an even rarer treat like the monkey puzzle tree with its prehistoric spiky branches-- a botanical conversation starter if ever there was one. Success with exotics in the Potlatch River canyon isn't all luck and requires a bit of dedication. Somewhat strict summer watering and some cold protection during winter definitely help these plants thrive. The payoff, however, is a lush retreat framed by canyon walls and the Potlatch river bed, where sometimes even the most improbable garden dreams can take root and flourish. *Rich Tackett*

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## Help Us Dive into a Better Pool

We are looking for two enthusiastic community members to lead a fundraising campaign for the Kendrick Pool.

We need a team that is:

- Creative, ambitious, and community-minded
- Excited to bring our towns together
- Ready to organize fun events and activities

Your efforts will help upgrade and improve our pool for our kids and our community to enjoy for years to come.

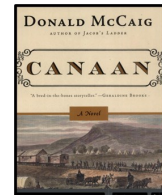
If you're willing to take on this exciting and rewarding task, please contact: Lori Warner – 208-289-8361 or Becky Loomis – 208-359-1628

Let's Make Waves for Our Kids & Community!

## Book Nook

My #1 pick this time is the book ***Canaan*** by Donald McCaig. This book takes place after the Civil War and tells the story from the perspective of black, white, and red folks. It is a turbulent time in history, and one I am particularly interested in. My great-great grandfather was stationed at Fort Benton fighting Indians when the ever-arrogant George Custer came to the Fort and ordered everyone to come under his command or leave. Luckily my grandfather left.

This book is so skillfully written, when I got to the end, I began again and read it over. The story of Little Big Horn has been told many times, but never better than this. This book tells the story of a Richmond plantation, the chaos on Wall Street, the settlement of the West, and the plight of the Plains Indians. You will get your money's worth with this one.



***Above a Gathering Storm*** by Reuven (Gutkin) Govrin takes place in 1938 as the Jewish hatred movement is cranking up in Latvia. It is a gripping story of bravery and friendship.

My third pick is ***The Book of Lost Children*** by Jenny O'Brien. This book takes place in 1943 in Nazi-occupied Guernsey and follows the life of Evelyn Nightingale, a nurse at the local hospital. As one reader put it: "This book warmed my heart and shattered my soul." Happy reading! *Sharon Harris*

***Death Row*** by Freida McFadden. A young woman makes a jealous and terrible decision that lands her in a horrible place...the twisted ending will surprise every reader!

***Summer and the City*** by Candace Bushnell. For any fans of the popular TV show "Sex in the City", this is the start of her series of books that eventually caught the network's attention. Think of it like "Carrie goes to the Big Apple"! Funny and fast-paced.

***The Fourth Daughter*** by Lyn Liao Butler. This is a beautifully layered novel that explores family secrets, cultural identity, and the emotional ties between a mother and the daughter she lost.

***The Retirement Plan*** by Sue Hincenbergs is the perfect cocktail of well-plotted, good-hearted, and murderous fun. *Cheryl Rumbolz*

## Memories & Musings

What did the business districts look like in our communities 75 years ago? The Kendrick Gazette ads will give us a peek. Some are very familiar and others....not so much.

In Kendrick: J.M. & M.F. Hedler ran the Mobil Petroleum Plant. The Kendrick Bean Growers was selling farming equipment and B.F. Goodrich tires. Lewis Keene ran the Red Cross Pharmacy, and Roy E. Davis had a Jewelry & Gift Store. Herman Meyer was President of The Farmer's Bank. Frank Abrams was proprietor of Abrams Hardware and could be reached by phone at 051. E.A. Deobald owned the Chevron dealership. Louis Wright owned the Kendrick Bakery, and it had a four-digit phone number 1161.

Burt and Vera Souders were dishing out food at Burt's Confectionery. White's Confectionery was offering good food. You could get a quick haircut at Dick's Barber Shop from Dick Cuddy. Bob Magnuson operated the Antelope Inn. N.B. Long and Sons offered merchandise and food. Two other grocery stores were in operation: Kendrick Table Supply (Floyd and Irene Millard) and Blewett's Grocery. Thurber's were operating a dry goods store.

Dr. D. A. Christensen was available for your medical needs. Dr. George McKeever, a dental surgeon, was available. Lewis Lindquist was the local plumber. Both Wally Brocke and Ward Helton offered trucking services. The Kendrick Theatre was showing a double feature on Friday and Saturday.

In Juliaetta, everyone was invited to a dance at The Tavern Juliaetta. Juliaetta Appliance Center offered building supplies and Benjamin Moore paints. The Juliaetta Barbershop was under new management, Viri Tweedy.

This is just a quick look at August/September, 1950.  
*Sharon Harris*

## IT'S ALMOST FAIR TIME!

Please join us this year in supporting our local students with their projects. Becoming a member and donor is easy! Just send your donation no later than September 15, 2025, payable to K-J MERCHANTS c/o Matt Tefft, 1180 HWY 99, Kendrick, ID83537. If you have any questions, or would like your donation picked up in person, please call Matt at 208-669-0540. We appreciate any amount you can offer to make this year's add-on support a great reward for a job well done. All monies collected are divided equally between this year's market animal sellers.



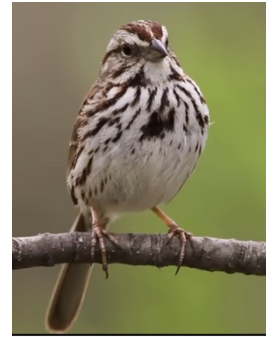
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## Song Sparrows

Every bird can be interesting, even the little brown "flits" that visit the bird feeders or forage on the ground. Song sparrows feed on insects during spring and summer and seeds in fall and winter.

Song sparrows are medium-sized (about 6") sparrows identified by their streaked brown plumage especially on the chest and flanks, with a distinctive dark spot in the center of the breast. They also have a reddish-brown crown, a dark stripe from beak through the eye, with a gray or light tan eyebrow stripe. Use this general description and practice local identification. As there are more song sparrows than any other little brown birds, this is a good one to add to your personal "bird list".



If you travel the country, you will face more challenges as there are 24 subspecies of song sparrows, each with its variations. Those found in the southwest will be lighter colored to blend with sand and desert. Arctic versions will be darker and larger (adaptations to colder weather).

Song sparrows sing almost constantly. Even their scientific name, Melospiza melodia, means "melodious singing sparrow." The typical song is 3 notes followed by a buzzy trill. Youngsters learn from nearby birds, but do not copy exactly. Each bird's song is unique and can identify the singer. Most males memorize a 30-minute repertoire. Females sing less often and are attracted to males that have relatively complex songs.

Song sparrows are found from the Aleutians, across the southern tier of Canada and all the contiguous United States. They do not migrate as we think of the term. They do not all move south. Those that live in really cold locations will move to warmer locations to stay comfortable. Those that live in temperate climates tend to stay year round.

Song sparrow nesting territories average an acre or two, where they may raise as many as four broods a year. The female does most of the nest building, usually located low to the ground in a shrub or small tree. Once the nest is complete, the female lays an average of three to five eggs which she broods herself for about two weeks. Both parents feed the nestlings, which mature quickly and fledge after a few weeks. Each adult continues to feed one or more young from their brood for several more weeks. *Nora Abbott*



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