

# Here's What's Happening

Kendrick-Juliaetta & 7 Ridges Community News

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## Important Information for our Readers

We are excited to begin another year of publishing "Here's What's Happening," our KJ7 community newsletter, which is mailed free of charge to 11,000 households in the KJ7 area, and more than 60 beyond it. This article describes the nuts and bolts of our operation. We aim to keep the newsletter relevant to the community and make sure it serves everyone's needs.

The cost of the newsletter production and mailing is supported entirely by local donors and advertisers. If you would like to help defray our expenses, please write a check in any amount Payable to KJ7 Newsletter, and let us know how your name should be listed on our Supporters page. Please mail your contribution to: KJ7 Community Development Association, PO Box 204, Kendrick, 83537

We are always looking for writers who want to share news and stories about what's happening in the KJ7 area. Please note the following guidelines:

1. Submission deadlines:

- 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: October 15th

2. Submissions can be sent by email to: [kj7newsletter3@gmail.com](mailto:kj7newsletter3@gmail.com)

3. The recommended maximum word count is 400.

4. We recommend only 1 photo per story

We would love to continue building and diversifying our content, and we encourage contributions from:

- Elected officials serving our local community (City Councils, School Board, Recreation District, etc.)
- District schools and local community organizations
- Local business with information to share about special events
- Community members with stories to share about people currently serving in the armed forces.

If you know of ways we can promote these goals, or if you have suggestions for other topics or themes we could feature, please let us know!

We want to thank our readers and contributors for all the support provided and for the roles so many of them play in maintaining this vital communication link for our community. We honestly couldn't do any of it without you.

*The Newsletter Publishing Team*

## City of Juliaetta News

**Election Results:** The City of Juliaetta would like to congratulate our newly elected and returning officials following the recent election!

**Mayor:** Nick Anderson

**City Council members:**

Eric McDowell – 4-year term

Stephanie Tackett – 4-year term

Amanda Fletcher – 2-year term

Rick Lawless – 2-year term

We appreciate everyone who took the time to vote and remain engaged in our local government. Thank you for supporting our community!

**Vehicles/Garbage Cans and Winter:** Please remember to move all vehicles and garbage cans off the roadway during snowy weather to ensure the City can safely plow and perform other necessary street maintenance.

### City Council Meetings & Closures

Upcoming regular City Council meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2025, and Tuesday, February 10, 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 Monday the week before the meeting.

City Hall will be closed Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Day, Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

### New Online Account Access and Payment Portal:

Juliaetta has a NEW payment portal! The best part is there are **NO SERVICE FEES** whether you pay with a debit/credit card or link your bank! A few additional perks include:

- Easy login and user friendly
- Set up auto-pay – set it and forget it!
- Go paperless – no more clunky postcard bills!
- View account balance, usage, and payment history
- Email and text message reminders when utility bill is due

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 208-276-7791. You can sign up for the portal by going to <https://juliaettaid.ourcommunityconnect.com> or scanning this QR code:



*Cheyane Nelson, City Clerk*

## City of Kendrick News

The city of Kendrick would like to remind their citizens of the requirement of licensing your dogs. Please stop by city hall and license your dogs; this is a lifetime permit for the dog.

Please remove your garbage cans from the street after each pickup day. This will help maintenance when street sweeping and plowing. Please keep your cans on your property until pickup day.

Light the Park on December 6th was a nice evening out. Dancers Raychel Tefft, Aubrey Patterson, Zoey Surber and Emree Schwecke performed, and Santa arrived in style with an escorted parade to the Gazebo. Thank you to the elves who decorated the park this year again Elf 1~ Jan Patterson, Elf 2~Chris Evans, Elf 3~Val Norris.

Without their help, Elf 4 would not have gotten it done. Thank you to Kathy Zimmer and anonymous donations for the Light the Park event. *Rose Norris*



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## Nominate a Star

The KJ7 Community Development Association would like to honor a local "STAR" for 2025.

Who do you know that deserves thanks and recognition for making our communities a better place to live?

Take a minute and submit your nomination today!

Email to [kj7newsletter3@gmail.com](mailto:kj7newsletter3@gmail.com) or send to PO Box 204, Kendrick, ID 83537

**Deadline: January 31, 2026**

**Winner announced: February 15, 2026**

Thank you for helping us celebrate the best of our community!



## Cameron Lutheran Church News

By the time this is read, Christmas will be over. The Christmas tree will probably be down. All the wonderful trashed paper and ribbon and boxes on the floor around the Christmas tree will be picked up and the gifts put away. At Cameron, another tradition will be gone for the year: the annual Advent wreath built and suspended high over the altar area by the family of Horst and Loeda Reil. Horst learned how to make these wreaths as a young man in Germany, and when he and Loeda were married, they began making them for Cameron in 1966 - nearly 60 years ago. The requirements are fresh pine boughs gathered by the family, four RED candles (a German requirement!) and the courage to get up on a high ladder to suspend it. Each Sunday one new candle is lit during church services, and by the last Sunday in



Advent all four candles are announcing the birth of our Savior.

During Christmas week the choir gave a concert telling the story of Jesus' birth using excerpts from previous cantatas. We also enjoyed a Christmas Eve family candle-lighting service and a service of carols on Christmas Day. It was all a tribute to the whole reason we were there: the birth of our Savior.

In January, our regular schedule of services will resume: Worship at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, led by visiting pastors or by our own worship team. Adult Bible study is at 9:00 a.m. Keep in touch with us by following us on Facebook, or on our website: [cameronemanuel.org](http://cameronemanuel.org). For questions or emergencies, contact Ann or Don Parks at (208) 289 3607. *Ann Taylor*

## *A Blessed New Year from Leland Church*

How many generations does it take to decorate the Christmas Tree? (As many as you can get around it.) Seen here are Willa Widmeyer, and her grandmother, Ann Wincentsen at the far right, helping the children decorate the tree.



Christmas is over and we were amply blessed at Leland Church. Our Christmas service was December 21, 2025. We enjoyed music provided by various members of the Wincentsen Family. The congregation's children sang a Christmas rendition of "Oh How I Love Jesus" and then led the congregation in singing it.

The closing number was provided by Lucas Wincentsen on his homemade dulcimer. It was followed by a candlelight service led by Boaz Davis. Accompaniment was provided by Sharon Harris on piano and Jim Green on his guitar.

We have great hope in the New Year to get the basement fully restored. We need a second rest room there and general updating since getting the windows and installation installed.

As the lighting of the Advent candles took us through four weeks of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love, that is what we wish for you in the New Year.

*Sharon Harris*

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

## Kendrick Fellowship Group

In 2021, instability of the hillside behind the Kendrick Methodist Church caused denominational leadership to declare the building no longer suitable for church use. The congregational members scattered: some to other churches, some to televised services, and some probably never found a worship home.

A small, stubborn group of us determined to continue meeting—building or no building. That small group depended on Jesus' promise, "where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

When the VFW heard of our plight, they generously offered the use of a corner of the VFW hall, complete with piano, pulpit, and access to folding chairs—some of which were donated when the Methodist Church building closed. We gratefully accepted.

We are a mostly self-led group, meeting Sunday mornings at 10:00. We all participate in our services. On the first Sunday of each month, Rev. Mike Lawson comes from Clarkston. He leads that service and offers Eucharist.

We cherish our group and our worship. With no building of our own, with no sign out front, the Kendrick Fellowship Group has a fairly low profile. We would love to have you visit, join us for a Sunday or more. Should our informal services, our worship and fellowship serve your needs as they do ours, we would welcome your addition to our group. *Nora Abbott*

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## 7 Ridges Holistic Health has a new location, new address, new phone number, new staff, & new services!!

609 Main Street, Kendrick, Ohio 83537  
986-289-4014 (Still an Idaho #, 208 is all taken)

Nikki Waham - Clinic Manager

More to come on Yoga, Fitness Classes, Reiki, Meditation, Tibetan Singing Bowls, Nutrition, Hypnosis, Coaching, Counseling, Steam, Dry Sauna, Red Laser Therapy, Member, Inversion Table, Aromatherapy, Herbal Classes, etc. We look forward to all your health, wellness, & fitness needs.

*Christine Prokay*

## Lions at Your Service

The Lions Club presented Ken and outgoing President Jenny Gonzales an award of appreciation for their contribution to the Kendrick Lions Club. They have now moved to Pullman, Washington, to be near their family.



Ken and Jenny Gonzales, Dave Klatt

Lions are selling tickets for their upcoming raffle featuring a gun, and tamarack wood. The proceeds will benefit the George Brocke Memorial Clock on Main Street.

The Lions Club brought Santa to Kendrick to the Light the Park event. He brought candy for the children. The club members sold chili and cornbread to help raise funds for the Brocke Memorial Clock.

The club has gained three new members and welcomes them to our service organization. Welcome Hannah Britton, Deana Nelson, and Sharlene Mitchell.

Teresa Cortese has volunteered to be this year's Sight and Hearing Chairman. There is a collection box at Latah Credit Union for used glasses and hearing aids to be recycled.

The club is sponsoring a contest this year for the Locust Blossom Theme. If yours is chosen, you will receive a complimentary T Shirt and a Button. Send entries to [emcdowell@yahoo.com](mailto:emcdowell@yahoo.com).

*Sharon Harris*

## JKHF Memories and Musings

What a surprise and revelation this past week when I received a request from a family that once lived in the Juliaetta area to find a plaque dedicated to their relative as the first white baby born here.

A Centennial History of the Kendrick-Juliaetta Area reported that the first white baby born in Juliaetta was (reputedly) Henry Schupfer, son of Rupert and Constanca Schupfer, who was born in 1886.

The Judd family was in the Juliaetta area prior to that. John Stanley Judd, Sr. (1851-1933) married Mary Elizabeth Cox (1852-1923) in Moscow, Idaho May 5, 1878. They moved to Juliaetta, then called Schupfer or Schupferville, and started their family. Children born to them in Juliaetta included: Susie - 1879, Royal - 1882, Ida - 1884, and Mabel - 1888. The family then moved to Tillamook, Oregon in 1893.

It is very exciting when new information surfaces after nearly 150 years.

It takes a lot of volunteer work and time to maintain a museum. Our thanks and gratitude goes out to Mark Mustoe, Jan Patterson, Kay Roberts, and Jayne Weber for their efforts in cleaning after the window installation. A volunteer from afar that makes a huge contribution to our organization is Anders Howerton. He helps with the website.

If you are feeling nostalgic, almost all the old Kendrick Gazettes are available to read on our website:

[www.jkhfoundation.com](http://www.jkhfoundation.com). Sharon Harris

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### Hello, Kendrick & Juliaetta!

My name is Kammi and I am thrilled to announce the grand opening of KM Cosmetics. I am a licensed cosmetologist with a passion for enhancing natural beauty and maintaining your hair health. I am located right here in Kendrick at 611 East Main Street; I will be joining Humm Salon! I will be taking walk-ins on Mondays from 12-5. Available for appointments Tuesday-Friday and offering Saturdays as needed. I'm excited to offer personalized, high-quality beauty services .

I will be offering the following services: haircuts for men and women, personalized color, highlights, gel nail polish, hair and scalp treatments, extension installation, and, special event Styling! See my work on Facebook: [kmcsmetix](https://www.facebook.com/kmcosmetix)

Whether you're preparing for a big event, need a refresh, or just want a relaxing self-care session, I'm here to help! Call or text: (208)-582-6269 to schedule or ask any questions you may have. *Kammi with KM Cosmetics*



The KJ7 Education Foundation is deeply saddened to report one of the earliest Fund Contributors, Vicky Bencoter, age 99 passed away November 7<sup>th</sup>. She was born December 23, 1925 in Rapid City, SD then moved to Spokane where she went to school and married her first husband, Robert Gold. Robert passed away in 1961. Vicky married Dick Bencoter a native of American Ridge in 1962. Both Vicky and Dick saw continuing education as a way for our community's youth to have more opportunity. Their endowment, the Bencoter/Lyle Scholarship has made it possible for all KHS graduating seniors to make their desire for continued education a reality. Lesley Gold Kopp, Vicky's daughter, also has a scholarship fund established in her memory by her classmates to support those seniors going into a medical field.

While we mourn Vicky's passing, we are so grateful for her dedication to our community and dedication to maintain the Scholarship fund that will ensure brighter futures for our KHS students. Please be sure to send blessing for Dick and their family. If you are interested in donating to the KJ7 Education Foundation in Vicky's honor, please send a check payable to the KJ7 Foundation, PO Box 503, Juliaetta, ID 83535. If you are interested in learning more about the fund and how your student can apply for a scholarship, contact Amber Witt at [anwitt04@gmail.com](mailto:anwitt04@gmail.com); Treasurer Dirk Hammond at [dirkhammond@gfbrocke.com](mailto:dirkhammond@gfbrocke.com) or Vice President Tawnya Denny at [bcspa2go@gmail.com](mailto:bcspa2go@gmail.com).

We are also hosting one Friday a month a career day for students to hear from local businesses and entrepreneurs. The first two were very successful with great attendance and questions from the students. The first presenter was Kendra Cannon, a KHS grad who is a CPA. The second presenter was a local State Patrol Officer Jake Schewecke.

The Foundation also sponsors grants for student projects, including for senior projects, as well as teaching resource grants. Check out our website for more information, <https://www.kj7educationfoundation.org/> The Foundation is encouraging juniors and seniors to apply for positions our community needs, such as lifeguard, EMT and CNA, and will help support the cost of those trainings. Please share with your students the opportunities available.

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## Volunteer Spotlight

Some people make a difference by giving their time and energy to help others. Kay Roberts is such a person. She has been volunteering at the Kendrick Museum for many years. This year she managed the repair project after stagnant water broke through the sheetrock and caused damage to the building and some exhibits.

Later, when the window project began, she stepped up again and oversaw the progress and managed that project.

During a recent clean-up project, she has contacted and managed the process with the help of the Kendrick Tiger Football Team and their coach, Ty Koepp.

She keeps the research center up to date by filing accumulated paperwork. She has organized the pictorial archives.

Sometimes she goes deep into closets to clean, organize, and label the contents. When a general clean-up is needed, she organizes it and gets it done.

She is reliable and dependable. She is the past president of the Hill & Valley Garden Club. Her leadership has made a difference in our two towns.

We Salute you, Kay.  
*Sharon Harris*



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## Sweetheart Breakfast February 14th

Save the date. This year our breakfast will be special. It actually falls on Valentine's Day! We will have the usual wonderful menu including fruit, eggs, ham, pancakes (with special syrups), biscuits and gravy and more.

We have a couple from Viola that comes down every year. Last year Leslie remarked, "I don't know why this hall isn't overflowing with customers. This is the best breakfast in the county."

The breakfast supports the Community Center. It helps us pay utilities and upkeep for the hall. We are grateful for the events and parties that are held there which help us tie the community together and maintain this special building.

This year we are partnering with the Museum and offering tours all morning.  
*Sharon Harris*



## Republican PCO

### Get Connected:

Idaho State Legislators will begin their legislative session in January, when they will consider and vote on laws that directly affect our families, businesses, and communities. These decisions shape how we live, work, and raise the next generation and that is why **our involvement is crucial**.

In a representative government, **we the people** should be guiding the direction of our laws. Our legislators are elected to represent our will, not replace it. They need to hear from us, both when we support a bill and when we do not want to see a proposal move forward. Our communication helps ensure their votes reflect the will of the people they represent.

### We Make It Easy to Participate

Once session begins in January, legislation moves quickly through committees and floor votes. The Legislative Committee exists to help you stay engaged without needing to follow every detail on your own. We help by:

- ◆ Monitoring bills as they are introduced and assigned to committees
- ◆ Explaining proposed legislation in clear, easy-to-understand terms
- ◆ Notifying you when hearings, testimony, or votes are approaching
- ◆ Providing guidance on when and how to contact your legislators

Bills that move through committee are debated and voted on by the full House or Senate, then sent to the Governor to be signed or vetoed. Throughout this process, timely input from constituents makes a real difference.

### Why Your Participation Matters

Legislators rely on feedback from their constituents. **Your support gives them strength when they are debating and arguing for or against bills on the floor.** When they can point to strong constituent backing, it reinforces their position and shows that they are representing the will of the people.

### Our Commitment to You

We are committed to making participation **as easy as possible**. You do not need to be a policy expert or spend hours tracking legislation, we help bridge that gap by keeping you informed and guiding you through the process.

If you want to participate in this important process, **please contact us**. We would love to help you get connected, stay informed, and take part in shaping Idaho's future. Together, we can ensure our legislators represent the will of the people.

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

# Winter Social & Friendraiser

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE WINTER, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Plus, Fun Activities for Children

JANUARY 10, 2026, 2-5 PM

## BIG BEAR RIDGE COMMUNITY HALL



**WHAT:** SOUP, CHILI, CORNBREAD, ROLLS, SALAD & DESSERT

**WHY:** SUPPER & SILENT AUCTION TO SUPPORT MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS

**COST:** DONATIONS gratefully accepted (donors will be entered in drawing for free prize!)

**2150 HIGHWAY 3, KENDRICK**

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## Kendrick Senior Center News

Please enjoy this short get-to-know-you from our fabulous cook, Chris Schmiedel:

"I started cooking at 16 years old. 42 years so far. It will be my 10-year anniversary at the Senior Mealsite January 2026. That makes my heart happy. I love my seniors!

My cooking I would say mostly is just 'down home' cooking. A little of everything. I really try to change things up a lot for variety. They seem to like it. I also cater twice a month for the Kendrick Lions Club and the KJ7 Education Foundation.

I've always wanted to cook or be a vet...lol...I think I chose correctly (smile).

And I couldn't do my job as well as I do without Margarita, Lil Deb, Jerry, Bud and Sharon. It's FUN to go to work with these people.

I really don't have a favorite thing to cook. I just love to cook, and to hear from my seniors that they enjoyed it!"

Monthly Bingo is LOTS of fun, with Sarah as our caller! Please plan to join us January 16th and February 13th for Bingo at the mealsite from 10:30-11:30a. To confirm Senior events, please check the schedule or call 208-289-5031. *Kari Galloway*

## A New Chapter at the Blackberry/BU: Welcome Patty Knapp & Roy Thornton

Patty and Roy are excited to open the doors! They are looking forward to meeting new people, building relationships, and creating memories with their new extended family.

Both bring deep roots and experience to this next chapter. Patty has spent more than 50 years in the restaurant and bar business and returned to the area to care for her mother in Peck. Roy, who grew up in Orofino, is a 27-year retired military veteran who also came back home to help care for his father. Together, their shared desire is simple: a future in a small town with great people. Juliaetta, they say, felt like home right away.

Working together as a couple in this kind of business just made sense to them. Everything about the pub—from the building to the people—feels familiar, welcoming, and grounded. Their vision is straightforward: keep it simple, keep it home. They plan to honor everything that has made the pub special over the years while adding new touches to serve the community.

One of the first changes patrons can expect is an expanded food offering. Patty and Roy hope to introduce a daily breakfast menu, along with lunch options for those traveling to and from work. They would like to explore food options to people recreating in the area—whether fishing, hunting, or just passing through—and possibly dinner specials if there's interest. Community projects, events, and themed nights are also part of the plan.

Above all, they want the pub to be a true hub for Juliaetta: a place where people gather, connect, and feel like they belong. Supporting neighboring local businesses is important to them - after all, those neighbors are part of the same community they're proud to join.

Between Patty's decades of cooking, management, and planning experience and Roy's people-focused leadership and administrative background, they bring a strong, complementary skill set. One thing that might surprise people? Their shared sense of humor.

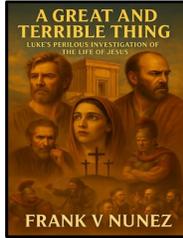
As opening day approaches, what excites them most is unlocking the door to their new home and future. Their message to the community is heartfelt and simple: give us a chance to meet your expectations. The warm support they've already received has made them feel welcome. They cannot wait to be part of calling this community home! *Christine Prokay*



## The Book Nook

From Sharon Harris:

During this busy holiday season, I was able to squeeze in a book called *A Great and Terrible Thing: Luke's Perilous Investigation of the life of Jesus* by Frank V Nunez. It is a fascinating story about Luke, A Greek physician, who goes deep into Jewish culture as he seeks to find the truth about Jesus of Nazareth. He experiences political danger on every side. The book is historical fiction, but none-the-less, very enjoyable reading. It is a story of faith, power, and purpose. Just when Luke is encountering great danger, the page blurted out at me, "To Be Continued..." I was stunned. Who does that to a reader? When will the continuation be published? So many questions, so few answers.



The second book I would recommend is *Clara's Three Lives* from the series entitled *Women of War and Courage* by Alex Amit. The author had this to say, "Inspired by a woman's real-life story and true events, this unforgettable novel is a tribute to all who believe that even in the blackest shadows, there can still be sparks of light." Hitler's rise to power at a terrible cost to Germany, affected her life in unspeakable ways.

From Cheryl Rumbolz:

*Truly* by Lionel Richie. A biography by one of the founders of the hugely successful group of the 70's & 80's...The Commodores. He shares his upbringing, the details of the band, their ride to success, his going solo to a big career of his own, his own personal love interests, his mental ups & downs, and best of all the redemption of his career in his later years.

*Free Ride* by Noraly Schoenmaker. This author has her own hit YouTube channel aptly named "Itchy Boots". It began after she set off on a solo motorcycle ride of 20,000 miles across multiple countries where most women would not normally dream of traveling! This book shared her adventures...the good days, the cold, long, and lonely days of riding, and also gives her fascinating insight about the unique people she met along the way. If stories about independent women appeal to you, this book is proof that unique adventures are for everyone!

*The Hamptons Lawyer* by James Patterson and Mike Lupica. Another gripping tale by the NYTimes multiple best-selling author comes up with another "can't put it down" page turner. This thriller features the undefeated criminal defense attorney, Jane Smith, who must defend a celebrity client while facing threats and danger in the Hamptons.

## Plant Corner

Beating the post-holiday blues with indoor greenery. Once our holiday decorations come down our homes can feel a bit empty, and the gray days can start to wear on you. Adding a few houseplants is an easy way to brighten rooms, improve indoor atmosphere, and bring fresh color back into your space.

Winter in our area brings short days, cold nights, and long stretches of overcast skies. With a few simple adjustments, most plants can thrive until spring. Try to locate your plants closer to a window if possible. South or west facing are best. Try to remember to rotate your plants every few weeks to keep growth even. Also, there are many grow light options available now to help you help your plants. Plants grow slower during winter so typically need less water. Therefore, you should always check before you water, and if the top inch feels damp it's a good idea to wait. Keeping a little more humidity in the air helps as well. As far as temperature goes, most plants are like us and prefer a temperature range from say 60- 80 degrees. Most should stay happy in that range.

Here's a short list of some easy to keep plants to start with. Snake plants are very tough and very low maintenance. ZZ plants are a great plant, tolerant of low light conditions and once-a-month watering. Pothos, philodendrons, spider plants and peace lily are all very adaptable to light water and temperature conditions. With some pretty simple winter care and a few easy plants, you can keep your indoor garden thriving while lifting the mood in your home all winter long.

Rich Tackett



## J/K Good Samaritan Food Bank

Thanks to the generous support of our community the JK Good Samaritan food bank was able to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday dinners to 45 families and individuals!

Special thanks to the Idaho Food Bank Warehouse, Latah County Community Foundation, Palouse Cares, Latah Credit Union, Latah County Democrats, Moscow Food Co-op, Moscow Safeway, Cameron WELCA, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Kendrick Methodist Fellowship, Olde Towne Tavern, North Central Idaho Properties, the Brown's for their pickup load of potatoes, Nathan Tweit and Juliaetta Grade School for their recent, successful food drive and all the many individual turkey and monetary donations.

It has been gratifying to have more volunteers starting to work with us too! There is one more very important job we still need a person to fulfill and that is to take over helping with the commodities. This entails doing a monthly inventory, ordering and picking supplies up in Lewiston. If you can give about 5 hours per month, please call Jerry Galloway at 208-301-7634. *Kari Galloway*



## Community Listening Session

About 20 of your friends/neighbors gathered for a 'Community Listening Session' on Monday, November 10th at the Juliaetta Community Center, for spaghetti dinner and lively conversation about local concerns!

Several suggestions about how to keep the community better informed about local issues were raised: could there be classes before an election to explain issues or info passed out about what's on the ballot and/or happening in our area? Does Latah County do a mailer with candidate info and ballot initiatives for all the communities? Could both Juliaetta and Kendrick send info on social media about candidates and issues, Locust Blossom and the Blackberry Festivals? These were some of the issues discussed.

There was a short discussion about local food resources and a question about donating fresh fruit/veggies to the Good Samaritan Food Bank. It was confirmed after the meeting that yes, our Food Bank does accept such donations and please call Jerry Galloway at 208-301-7634 to do so and to volunteer (several in attendance expressed interest in becoming volunteers!).

Kathy Dawes from Moscow shared information about Braver Angels, for whom she's a trained facilitator. She offered to come lead a workshop for those interested in courageous citizenship in our community who want to explore topics we all care about and come up with citizen led solutions. Braver Angels is a national, bipartisan, grassroots, volunteer non-profit organization started in 2016 in response to the division within our nation. Their mission is to "inspire and equip Americans to practice courageous citizenship across political differences through skill-building, convening, and collaborative action." <https://www.braverangels.org>

Contact either Andrea Masom at 208-289-5949 or Justin Cope at 208-816-3244 if you are interested in joining us again for another conversation. Topics of interest may include community dissemination of information about voting issues and how to organize and educate nonpartisan voter participation in the month leading up to the next election; encouraging community volunteering (for instance, how can we better support our local nonprofits and get more of our community involved in giving their time locally to support our neighbors?) *Kari Galloway*

**Blackberry Brew & Pub, Bottoms Up**  
**309 MAIN ST. JULIAETTA, ID**  
**208-276-3122**

**JANURAY & FEBRUARY EVENTS:**

**Tues:** Taco Tuesday 12 to 8 PM, Rotating Meat Selection

Pinochle at 5 PM, Valley Pool League 7 PM

**Wed:** Wing Wednesday \$1.25 a wing w/ carrots & dressing. Regular sauces & rubs, look for featured sauces too! 12 to 8 PM

**Thurs:** Rotating events, cook-off's, Nacho Thursday, Special Meal Thursday

**Fri:** Game Night – 4 PM & Fireball Friday, 2 Shots for \$5

**Sat:** Rotating Events - Live Music, Vendors Fairs

**Sun:** Sunday Funday – All Day 16 oz. Bloody Mary's, Clam Diggers, & Mimosa's \$4, Pinochle 3 PM, Double Elimination Pool Tournaments, – starts at 6 PM

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**8 JAN – \*NACHO THURSDAY\* 12 TO 8 PM**

**11 JAN – \*CHARITY BINGO\*** (Benefits CANDLE-LIGHTERS CHILDHOOD CANCER) – **3 to 5 PM**

**17 JAN – \*LIVE MUSIC\* THE LUKENBILLS – 5:30 PM**

**24 JAN – \*LIVE MUSIC\* DAN FALLER – 6 PM**

**30 JAN – \*CHARITY BINGO\*** (Benefits CANDLE-LIGHTERS CHILDHOOD CANCER) – **3 to 5 PM**

**8 FEB – \*SUPERBOWL\* PARTY**

**14 FEB – VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL & LIVE MUSIC THE LUKENBILLS – 5:30 PM**

**27 FEB – \*CHARITY BINGO\*** (JULIAETTA 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS) **6 TO 8 PM**

CHANGES TO EVENTS POSSIBLE ... MORE TO COME WITH NEW OWNERS PATTY & ROY

*Christine Prokay*

## Hill and Valley Garden Club News

The members of HVGC would like to say a big THANK YOU for the support of our annual wreath sale on Saturday, Dec. 6. It was a huge success. Business was steady through the morning and we were basically sold out by 12:30pm and closed up shop by 1:30pm. We apologize to any that came later in the afternoon to shop. Looks like next year we will have to revise our hours a bit. The money raised from our sale is used to support the community gardens, youth projects, programs for meetings and a scholarship for a KHS graduating senior.

The club's next meeting will be our potluck party holiday exchange on Jan. 27 starting at 11:30am. Members bring food to share and a gift for a gift exchange. This is one of our favorite meetings as the food is yummy and the gift exchange can be quite entertaining.

Other upcoming programs include soil and seedling prep, flower show power surge and water feature design and uses.

The garden club typically meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 1pm at the Grange Hall. We welcome new members. If you are interested, please email Amy Haukeness at [Haukenessr@gmail.com](mailto:Haukenessr@gmail.com). *Joanne Gertje*



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