



# January 2026

## Sylvia Sun Newsletter



### Important Info from Jano and Melissa Grove:

We're excited to share that we've taken over the Oasis Store! We're truly grateful for the warm welcome we've already received and are honored to become part of this wonderful community. Our goal is to create a friendly, welcoming space for everyone, and we look forward to serving you. Please stop by, say hello, and be part of this new chapter with us—we can't wait to meet you all!

Please follow us on Facebook on the **Oasis Sylvia** Page, to stay updated on all new changes happening at the Oasis.

With the best of wishes for this new year for you from the Oasis.



### January Library News News and Notes from Cheryl

What an odd December! Did you love it, or not so much? Me, not so much! I always hope for the white Christmas even though I'm not a fan of the cold, which doesn't make much sense! Maybe next year, eh? I have one person who has been reading Christmas novels during December and 1 person who checked out a Christmas non-fiction story. The true story of Silent Night is about the unofficial truce in the early months of WWI, on Christmas Eve. Both sides, the British and the Germans, laid down their weapons and began a spontaneous celebration, despite orders to continue shooting. The soldiers sang carols, shared food parcels from home, buried the dead, and played soccer. As with any book, many people found the book full of hope, encouraging, and one of the most extraordinary of Christmas stories while a few thought it was "a boring narrative" or "endless pages of historical ramblings". Reminds me of a story I heard years ago of the preacher who gave an especially good sermon one Sunday morning. While the majority of parishioners thanked him for his inspiring words one man made a judgmental comment about the spot of gravy on the pastor's tie.



**CHRISTMAS TIME**  
THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED PREPARE FOR  
SANTA AND ALL WHO CAME AND ENJOYED THE  
VISIT.  
HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE PICTURES



### Library news continued...

It's so easy to focus on the bad instead of seeing the good. Anyway, Silent Night may be a good book to look at sometime.

We had a good crowd here for a surprise party for Eileen McDowell on the 12th. It was her 86th birthday! We enjoyed cake and ice cream and Eileen left with a box full of cards and gifts and hopefully some good memories as well. She's been a huge help to me as my right hand gal here at the library, and a dear friend as well.

We still have the Dicker's winter village set up at the library, on loan to us from Cathy and Ben...thank you so much! So festive! And Cathy Powers has supplied us with several brand new stuffed bears to be given to young (or old, for that matter) readers who finish 3 books.

Come see us sometime! We're open Tuesdays and Fridays 1pm to 6pm. And email or call anytime---sylvialibrary@hotmail.com or 620-388-2084. This year, DECIDE to be kind! It's not hard, but it does take practice!



### Upcoming Events:

- 1/3 - COMMUNITY DINNER NOON SUNFLOWER CENTER
- 1/12 - COUNCIL MEETING 7PM CITY OFFICE
- 1/18 PLEASANT HILL CHURCH POT LUCK LUNCH @ NOON
- 1/19 - HELPING HANDS MEETING 7PM CITY OFFICE
- 1/29 COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION SUNFLOWER CENTER  
4-6PM
- 2/1 ANNUAL CHILI FEED @ PLEASANT HILL CHURCH 5:30
- COFFEE EVERY FRIDAY SUNFLOWER CENTER 9AM
- OPEN GYM EVERY SUNDAY 2-5 @ GYMNASIUM
- PLEASANT HILL CHURCH KIDS/TEENS EVERY WEDNESDAY 6:30-7:45
- TEEN TIME @ THE GYM (MS & HS) EVERY SUNDAY 5-7





## Gas Odor

If you smell gas, it is important to prioritize safety and take immediate action. Once you are at a safe distance, use your phone to call the appropriate number to report the gas odor.

Contact Glen at (620) 904-8239 or 911 for assistance.

Make sure to provide him with all necessary details, such as your location and any other relevant information. Safety should always be your top priority in these situations. Thank you



### City Contact Information

**If you are needing any services outside of regular City Office hours (M-F 8:00-12:00) Please call (620) 486-2472 and leave a message or email [cityofsylvia@outlook.com](mailto:cityofsylvia@outlook.com).**

**The minutes of the regular meetings are published in the Record or are located on Facebook. To not waste resources, copies are not printed but are available upon request. Thank you**



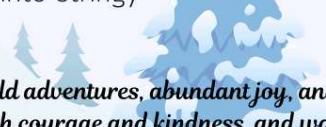
### Foot Clinic Mark Your Calendar

The Reno County foot clinic at the Sunflower Center is slated for March 5th, the clinic requires at least four participants to sign up. Appointments are available every half hour starting at 9:00. Last available would be at 10:30. If you or someone you know could benefit from this clinic, consider registering with the city office soon to secure a spot and help meet the necessary minimum attendance. More information will be available next month.



### Sewer Clean Out

The first week of December Mayer Specialty Services LLC was contracted to flush sewer lines. It was found that several nonbiodegradable items were being flushed. The sewer system and lines are extremely old and cannot handle this type of material. Please refrain from flushing candy wrappers and "flushable wipes" Contrary to product labeling, these ARE NOT flushable. They do not break down, but instead turn into stringy masses that cause blockages.



*"May the new year bring you bold adventures, abundant joy, and endless opportunities to learn and grow. Embrace each moment with courage and kindness, and watch your dreams unfold beautifully."*



## 2026 Pet Tags



City pet tags ensure legal compliance and help reunite lost pets with their families.

Each tag has a unique ID linked to your contact info for quick notification. To get a tag, show proof of rabies vaccination. The annual fee is \$5.00 for the first pet and \$2.00 for additional pets, making it an affordable investment for peace of mind.



### Sylvia Helping Hands



Sylvia Helping Hands is a community-focused organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the city through various impactful projects. In the past, they have organized successful initiatives such as clean-up days, tire and appliance removal, installation of new park equipment, and hosting family-friendly events like "Picnic in the Park" and "Christmas with Santa." These projects not only beautify the community but also foster a sense of togetherness among residents. Looking forward, Sylvia Helping Hands is proposing several new projects aiming to further community engagement and improvement. These include painting the restaurant in the Oasis to revitalize its appearance, organizing spring and fall cleanup days to maintain the city's cleanliness, and hosting community gatherings to strengthen social ties. Additionally, they plan to hold a soup supper fundraiser to support their initiatives and continue the community garden to promote sustainability. To enhance communication, the organization is considering introducing new tools like a community bulletin board or a dedicated Facebook page, ensuring residents are well-informed and actively involved in all their endeavors.

Meetings are open to the public and are held the **third Monday of every month 7PM at the City Office**. We would love to have people join and help out with ideas and participation.

### New City Council Members

Regular meetings are the second Monday of every month.

January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Mayor Carlyn Conrad

Council Members: Drew Conrad, Pastor James Davis, Doug Hall, and Jonni Labs.

