

Library News and Notes from Cheryl

I wonder how many of you are putting up Christmas decorations today? (By the way, I'm writing this on Friday, after Thanksgiving Day.) My Grandma would get VERY upset if anyone "started" Christmas before Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving was her favorite holiday, and she absolutely had a grateful heart! She had a little kitschy "Count your blessings" handmade doodad that hung on her front door and I remember when I went in one morning singing that hymn, she joined in and we finished it together. She was tickled pink, and so was I. A good memory, one that I'm THANKFUL for! If you like Christmas books, I have a shelf of them here at the library. While they may be a little predictable, that may be just what our overwhelmed minds need during the holidays. We don't have Dish or Cable at home so I miss out on my favorite sappy Christmas movies (sad face for me, happy face for Brent). If anyone has any Hallmark type Christmas DVDs I would be more than happy to borrow them from you—kind of a reverse library service!

I'm hosting a Christmas Card Day on December 5th at the library. I have a lovely assortment of cards for you to send to your friends and loved ones—you know, the ones that EVERY YEAR you SAY you're going to get out on time but rarely do? The library will even pay for your stamps so you can get them in the mail that day! You spend a FREE, festive, enjoyable afternoon and your loved ones are surprised when they receive a blessing in their post box instead of a bill! Just don't forget to bring a list of names and addresses with you!

The Library is here to serve the public. Open Tuesdays and Fridays 1pm-6pm. Call anytime—Cheryl 620-388-2084 or write sylvialibrary@hotmail.com

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WATER PROJECT UPDATE

YOU HAVE PROBABLY NOTICED CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE WELL SITE. THIS IS PART OF PHASE 1. THERE IS A JOB SITE TRAILER AND SIGN. THE CHLORINE BUILDING HAS BEEN STAKED. MATERIALS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED SO HOPING THE WEATHER HOLDS FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN. NEXT CONTRACTORS MEETING IS DECEMBER 10TH.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LITTLE LIKE CHRISTMAS A BIG THANK YOU TO GLEN AND CARLYN FOR PUTTING UP THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 5 CHRISTMAS CARDS AT THE LIBRARY
DEC 6 SANTA VISITS THE SUNFLOWER CENTER
3:30-5:00
DEC 8 COUNCIL MEETING 7:00
DEC 13 HOLIDAY DINNER SUNFLOWER CENTER
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SEE NEXT PAGE FOR PLEASANT HILL CHURCH
EVENTS



THANK YOU

"PLEASE THANK WHOEVER HAULED OFF THE LIMBS FROM THE YARD. IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED" SUE MARSHALL RECEIVED 11/18/25 ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHY OUR SMALL TOWN IS GREAT



The city of Sylvia received a write up in the Hutchinson Community Foundation Newsletter. We are looking forward to next spring.

“The success [of the garden] has just ballooned into something we couldn't have thought of before. We're excited to see what the future holds.”
TINA ROELFS, City of Sylvia

Growing community in Sylvia

Thanks to the investment by passionate volunteers, a project in Sylvia is bearing fruit not only for the town's community garden but also for resident pride.

In the spring of 2024, a few residents started a community garden of five raised beds to benefit the Sylvia community. This produce was harvested and placed in the city office and library for residents. Because of the success and appreciation of the residents, the Sylvia Helping Hands group turned to a Fund for Reno County Grant to increase the size of the garden this summer.

Sylvia Helping Hands | COMMUNITY CATALYST
| \$2,460



COURTESY OF CITY OF SYLVIA

Join the Reno County District Attorney's Office in celebrating their 25th Annual Toys for Tots Drive!

You can bring bring new, unwrapped toys to the
Reno County Courthouse, 206 W. First Ave.,
Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm, from Dec. 1 -12, 2025.
We'll be collecting them until noon on Friday, Dec. 12.

Reno County Commissioners are supporting the District Attorney Office's Toy Drive and are inviting every city governing board in Reno County to help make this Christmas special for the children in our county!
Contact the District Attorney's Office with questions at 620-694-2715.



New Dog Tags

The 2026 dog tags are here. To register your pets please bring in a current rabies vaccination. Cost is \$5.00 for the first pet and \$2.00 for each additional one.



Seasons Greetings from Church of the Nazarene

Advent and the Christmas season are here!

The Church of the Nazarene is excited to offer Open Gym Times at the former Sylvia Elementary Gymnasium. The church has been working hard to bring the building back to life, and the gym floor was freshly refinished on Wednesday, November 26.

Join us for Community Open Gym every Sunday in December from 2-5pm.

Please help protect the new floor by wearing clean, non-marking tennis shoes.



December Events at the Nazarene Church

Advent Sunday Sermon Series: "Hope of All the Earth"
Each Sunday focuses on one of the traditional Advent themes: Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy.

Dec 7 - Holiday Meal

Meat provided; please bring a side dish.

Dec 14 - Teen Fundraiser Soup Lunch

Enjoy soup and support teen activities.
Donations appreciated.

Dec 19 - 5th Quarter Party at the Gym

After Fairfield home basketball games;
open court and \$1 concessions.

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Service 6:30-7:30pm

Jan 3 - Movie Night at the Gym 6-8pm

Regular Services

- Sundays: Worship at 10:45am
- Sunday Nights: Teen Time @ the Gym, 5-7pm
- Wednesdays: Kids and Teens @ the Church, 6:30-7:45pm



Pastor James Davis

Pleasant Hill Church of the Nazarene

406 S. Shepherd

Merry Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

