



September-October Newsletter

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Tuesday, September 1st we will be putting our wheels to the ground to the 12 Tribes Casino in Omak. For those wanting to spend some time courting fortune, there is a slot machine or a table game for all. Patrons can play the odds at 480 slot games, or at a Roulette, Four Card Poker, Blackjack, or Spanish 21 table. Make sure to put grabbing lunch on the agenda. They have delicious plates being served up at Loggers Pub, Tin Biscuits, Element 78, and The Sweet Shop. To make the most of our day, we will be headed out at 8:00am.

Living in town as small as those found in Grant County, can mean that cultural experiences are few and far between. Back when Russia was run by royalty, a group of Germans settled and built a beautiful life in a new country.. Unfortunately, as government of Russia changed, so did their welcoming spirit. By the late 1800's, this group of German-Russians would call Odessa, Washington home. Each year, a grand festival is held to honor their culture and the spirit of their ancestors. After 55 years, Deutschesfest is still going strong with that same hometown pride. Saturday, September 19th we will be visiting Odessa to partake in the festivities. The day will be full of delicious cultural food, a biergarten, live music, kids zone, street vendors, and a parade. It's the perfect time to dust off your lederhosen and dirndls and grab your fill of borst soup, cabbage rolls and Apflestruedel. Wash it down with a fresh mug of beer. It is an experience you will be glad you had.

There is just something special about hand-crafted goods that not only make them longer-lasting and stunning, but also invite a level on conversation. Whether the item has been purchased by you, or given as a special gift, someone is going to ask you about it when they see it. On Saturday, October 3rd we will be visiting the Mennonite Country Auction in Ritzville. Auctions include wood sculptures, bowls and baskets, quilts, outdoor gear, trips, homemade food items, and so much more. There will also be live music and food booths to enjoy! The best part is that all of the funds go towards the Mennonite Central Committee that helps so many children and families in need.

If you would like to attend any of these trips, we would suggest calling our front office at 509-754-2382, or stopping in during the week to get on the sign up sheet.

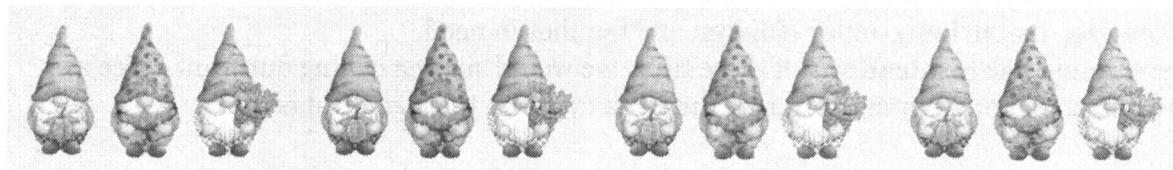
MANAGERS COLUMN BY KATHY ANDERSON

As we look back at the days of our lives, so many of them have faded with memory and some of them have imprinted deeply in to our identity. On occasion, moments seem to pass inconspicuously, but in hindsight become a foundational piece of ourselves. Such a moment occurred in the summer of 1990, when a young Ardell would begin attending exercise classes at the ESC with her mother. Ardell was impressed with the facility and all that the center offered the community. It was enough, that when given the choice, Ardell would return to the ESC with her husband Bill. This dynamic duo, has always felt compelled to contribute to the community around them. Feeling as though the ESC would be the ideal place to call their volunteering home, they went to work. They both felt blessed to be able to give back to such a wonderful place, and to get to know so many people. Being able to socialize and to stay active while giving back, has played a large part in their healthy lifestyle and life longevity.

One of their most prized experiences was upon one of their summer returns. They were greeted by acting director, Sharon Hastings with hugs and a big smile. Ardell recalls "barely stepping through the doorway before Sharon said "it's so nice you two volunteered to run the dog show this summer". With lots of help Bill and I hosted the best dog show in town. "

For 22 years, Bill and Ardell would spend their days enjoying the sunshine while they travelled the country. When they settled in California, they would also give back to their home away from home-an RV community of amazing neighbors. We were lucky enough, to have them spend the remaining months with us. Day after day, they graciously gave us their time, their knowledge, and their humor. They have also been a significant financial contributor to our organization.

After nearly 40 years of volunteer work, the time has come for them both to step away and enjoy their free time; after 80 and 90 years, it's only fair. Not only did they work on the front lines of the kitchen daily, there were countless tasks they did behind the scenes as well. While their financial generosity has greatly impacted the growth of the center their time is a gift that is invaluable. Bill and Ardell have been as integral to the ESC as the foundation it sits on. The appreciation and gratitude we have for them cannot be adequately worded. Thankfully, they won't be strangers and plan to enjoy the benefits of ESC membership-especially the meals!



WORDS FROM THE BOARD



Sometimes we need to tip our own hat. Carol Hampton recently made the suggestion, that we take some donations from the thrift store to the victims of the Nespelem fire. Not only did we take donations from the thrift store, the Ephrata Food Bank came on board with a few hundred pounds of food for the fire victims as well. To say the least it was a great success.

A huge Thank You to Michael Smith and John Stancell for volunteering to drive the truck to Coulee Dam to drop off the donations. A special Thank You goes out to Tandra Harrington, the thrift store employees and the gracious volunteers. We know that it takes a lot of work to keep the store up and running. We see the work and are appreciative of it. A special Thank You also goes to Phylis Fuglie, the food bank manager. I am extremely grateful to all who participated in this event. It makes me proud to be affiliated with this organization, an a member of this community.

-Mike Donovan

P.S. Soup Season is back Thursday October 1!!



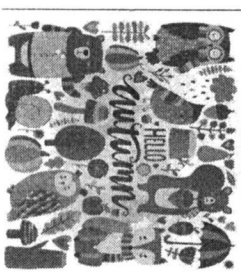
THRIFT STORE NEWS BY TANDRA HARRINGTON

Summer season is coming to an end. We are gearing up to stock our clothing racks with back-to-school clothes and supplies for local families and Ephrata students. The ESC Thrift Store will be featuring sales throughout September to clear out our summer clothing and stock our Fall inventory. Halloween is just around the corner, and our décor has already begun to hit the shelves. We encourage you to come into the store in late September to find a costume for the occasion. A big thank you to our volunteers and staff that continue to show up and help sort through and stock our departments with great treasures.

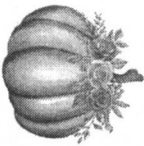
As always, we encourage our members and community to continue donations Monday 8-12pm and Tuesday-Sunday 8-5pm. If you want to set up a pickup or delivery, please call a week in advance to schedule 509-754-9605. Our pickups and deliveries are on Mondays between 9-11am

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OMAK CASINO 8AM (\$5) 1PM MEXICAN TRAIN	2 9:30AM DANCERS 10AM CRAFTING 2PM SAIL	3 2PM SAIL	4	5
6	7 CLOSED for LABOR DAY	8 1 PM MEXICAN TRAIN	9 9:30 AM DANCERS 10AM CRAFTING 2PM SAIL	10 2PM SAIL	11 9:30 AM DANCERS	12
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27	28 9:30 AM DANCERS 2PM SAIL	29 1 PM MEXICAN TRAIN	30 9:30 AM DANCERS 10AM CRAFTING 2PM SAIL			



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THRIFT STORE

Carefully sorted, gently used items. Stop by often. We are a place where you will find unexpected treasures!

Store Hours

Wednesday—Friday
10:00 AM-5:00 PM
(509) 754-9605
604 Basin St. NW

The Friendliest Store in Town!

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Board of Trustees Meeting

September 17, 2026

October 15, 2026

At 9:30 AM

