

DATES OF  
INTEREST:

- Regular City Council Meeting  
Thursday March 10th at 6:00p.m.

# Plummer News

## March 2022

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### Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District

Volunteers needed for fire or ems contact the Plummer Gateway Fire Protection District at 208-686-1313.

### Job Openings

The City of Plummer is currently looking for (1) Superintendent of Public Works, (1) City Crew Member and (2) Electric Lineman positions. If interested in applying please stop by City Hall at 880 C Street to pick up an application and job description.

### Library News

February was a fun month at the Plummer Library. We made valentines, STEAM program scribble machines, learned to weave from a cardboard loom, enjoyed a garden seed swap; and read, watched movies and learned about the Black Americans who have contributed to medical progress, discovery and invention within our nation.

March is Irish-American heritage month. Come in and find books, movies, and displays to learn more about Irish heritage.

March 6 is National Oreo Cookie Day! Come see us Monday, March 7 and grab some books and an Oreo!!

We will have two STEAM programs this month for kids and parents on Wednesdays, March 2 and March 16, at 2 pm in the meeting room at the library. On March 2 we will build balloon-powered cars. This program is lead by Melody Sjostrom who is the STEAM coordinator for the extension office, and she does a wonderful job. All supplies are provided. Just come and enjoy! The activity for March 16 will be announced. Call or email us for information or to sign up.

[208-686-1812--plummerlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:208-686-1812--plummerlibrary@gmail.com) There will be an open house for the community to meet the new director, Jenny Grobey, on Saturday, March 12 from 11 am- 1 pm. Enjoy refreshments and meet Jenny. She looks forward to hearing your ideas of how the library can most fully serve our community.

Adult Craft Night is March 17 in the library meeting room from 5-8pm. So celebrate St. Patrick's day with us and learn to create custom tea- towels. Call, drop by, or email to sign up:

[208-686-1812--plummerstaff@gmail.com](mailto:208-686-1812--plummerstaff@gmail.com)

Our first Children's Story hour will be Wednesday, March 23 from 2-3 pm. These hours will be roughly geared for 5-7 year old, but all are welcome and will enjoy. Come join us for stories and fun crafts and activities, laughter and treats. And don't forget to take some great books home! Call or email the library for more information or to let us know you will attend.

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Of Note for those of you who have copies of Plummer Progress 1910-2010 by Karl Wetter: Paulina Freeburg has compiled an index for this helpful resource. This will simplify the use of this book to research local historical families and happenings. The indexes are available at the Library for \$4.50.

Take a minute to come see our new display by the Library Friends "Try Something New in 2022!" If you don't have a library card we'll get you set up so you can start reading your favorite books.

You can keep up with library happenings by liking our Plummer Public Library Facebook page.

Looking forward to seeing you!

M/T/W 10-6

TH 2-6

Sat. 10-2

## Message from the Mayor

There has been a misunderstanding in our fiber optics project where we had it installed throughout town. Some folks believe that *we* would provide internet service through it. The city *does* provide free wireless service from two access points. The community center and library. We *contract* with Red Spectrum, the tribe's internet service, to provide that, as was required to obtain funding for the project.

The purposes of that funding that was made available by the state, was to address *free access* to education and medical appointments via internet visits to those *without* any internet services *at all* during the COVID restrictions.

It was *not* for the city to become an Internet Services Provider (ISP), other than for those two free access points I mentioned.

Once it was hung, it then became open for any interested parties like Ziplly Fiber (who already had a DSL presence in Plummer), Xfinity, Comcast or any of the other myriad of ISP companies.

The tribe, Red Spectrum, applied for and received funding to hang fiber too. Right next to ours.

They are available for home connections currently. You just need to contact them to get hooked up.

Now on to the Senior Center Project. This has been a nightmare. First COVID hit causing delays.

Then Commerce insisted we farm out some aspects of the process, like Davis-Bacon wage and doing the bids. That caused delays because one hand doesn't know what the other hand is doing.

The bid we received for construction came in \$31,000 over the construction budget of \$181,300.

The design, that had to be separate from the grant for construction and we chipped in with Area Council on Aging that got paid for, came in totally different than the three scenarios initially offered and shown to the Senior Citizens for their selection.

Now I must wait for the bidding contractor and the architect to set up a meeting to go over the design and "trim the fat" of things we didn't ask for. Like propane heating for one. Separate heating and air conditioning when it could be a one-unit heat pump. The seniors bought windows for the structure a long time ago. Those were shelved for brand new ones in the design adding to costs. Two bathrooms when one would be sufficient. Suspended ceiling tiles. Things like this that add up causing the cost overrun.

We are not constructing the Taj Mahal here.

It's frustrating, and all the while the elders have no meal service or a place to gather and socialize. It's driving me crazy! I was hoping it would be done by Easter but looks like not. In fact, it may not happen at all do to cost overruns. We can't contract for money we don't have. It's an interior remodel. It should realistically only take 6 to 8 weeks once started.

But that's where we are. I'll keep you posted.

We have some jobs available, so anyone interested please apply.

I'm running out of room, so that's it for now. Keep the faith and stay healthy!

**Mayor Weems**