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Monthly general membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month

at 10 am at Atomic Bowl, 624 Wellsian Way, Richland

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

ELECTED OFFICERS

Marsha Hathcox: President

Lucy Budde: Vice President

Secretary: Lynne Brown

Treasurer: Claudia Theroff

DIRECTORS

Dianne Beckmann

Dortha Backer

Patricia Landen

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Trip Coordinator: Linda Petersen, 551-1700

Social Coordinator: Vel Wright, 521-7710

Member Connections Coordinator: Claire Schneck,
943-9249

Office Manager: Margaret Ault, 308-6892

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Attendance: Sharon Warren

Greeter: Barbara Strait

Membership Specialist: Karen Crawford

Website Specialist: Larry Smith, 539-1142

Newsletter Editor: Pat Fleming, 539-5459

Trip Assistant: Pat Fleming

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS –**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

Larry	Kleingartner	2
Patty	Valinch	2
Dwight	Zins	2
Dianne	Rugg	3
Sharon	Warren	4
Carol	Hexum	5
Raul	Sital	5
Joanne	Smith	5
Ann	Bell	6
Ellen	LeVee	7
Dave	Beach	8
Kirk	Heaton	9
Peggy	O'Neal	9
Bill	Allen	10
Karen	Carpenter	10
Nancy	DeLisle	10
James	Loomis	11
Jeff	Kinder	12
Delores	Vela	12
Connie	Slater	13
Karolyn	Wess	14
Bonnie	Suminski	15

Ellen	Tool	15
Ginger	Griffin	16
Arnold	Gerken	17
Susan	Miller	17
Irmgard	Abodishish	18
Alice	Ard	18
Janet	Allen	19
Delores	Ono	19
Janie	Poliquin	19
Patti	Sans Souci	21
Barbara	Strait	22
Steven	Ard	23
Lori	Sportelli	24
Mary Lou	Anderson	26
Margaret	Ault	26
Beverly	Beattie	26
Janell	Kensler	26
Vel	Wright	26
Alicia	Galliher	27
Laura	Ryan	27
Nancy Hays	Taylor	30

At the December General Meeting, the members present voted on the officers and directors for 2026. They are:

President – Marsha Hathcox

Vice President – Lucy Budde

Secretary – Lynne Brown

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The proposed changes in the By Laws that are posted on the website were voted on favorably and the updated document will be posted as soon as it is signed.



THE REACH MUSEUM

January 29, 2026

Price: \$50 each

**Drive yourself to The Reach
by 10:30**

**Lunch provided at Rattle-
snake Mountain Restaurant
after the museum.**

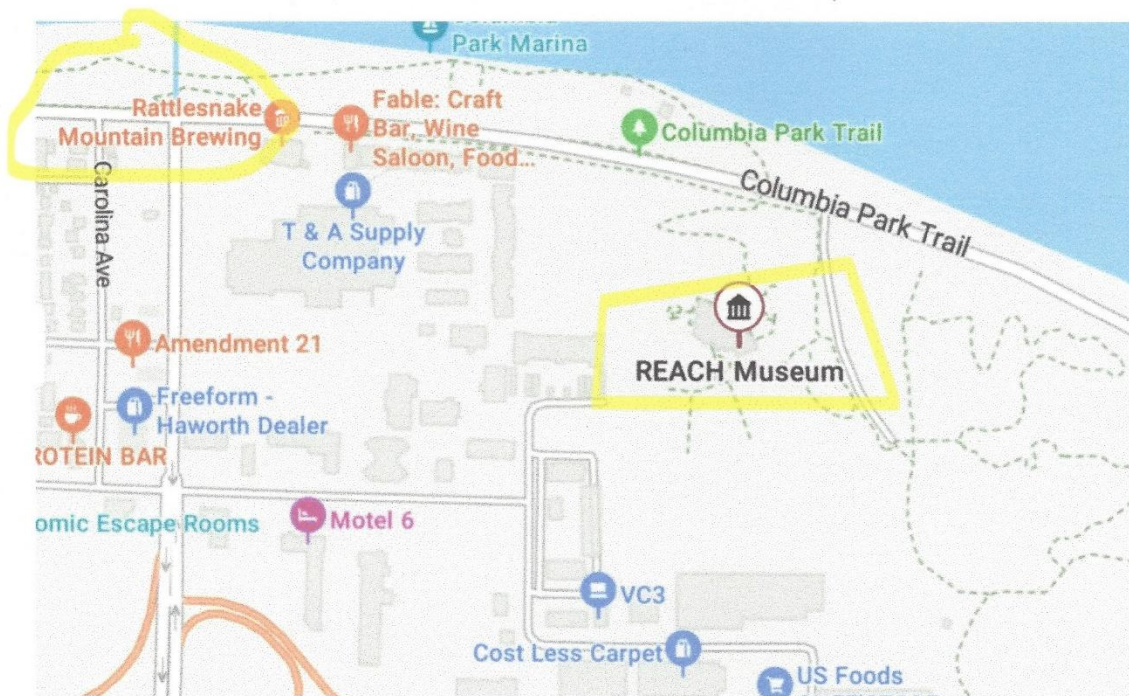
The REACH Museum is the central hub for telling the story of both the Manhattan Project and the Hanford Reach National Monument. Learn about the science behind the creation of the atomic bomb, the human stories of those who lived and worked at the Hanford Engineering Works during the Manhattan Project. By connecting the history of the Manhattan Project and the beauty of the Hanford Reach, the REACH provides a complete picture of the important role this area has played in shaping the world as we know it today. There are sections on local Native American tribes and on the geology and floods in our area.

Drive yourself to The Reach. See map on reverse side. Our member Chris Webb will be our docent to show us around.

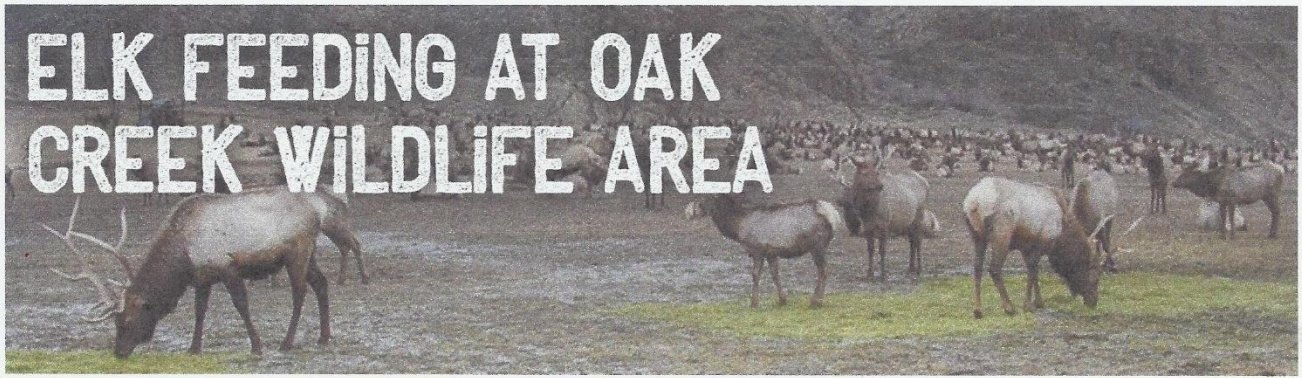
Afterwards, drive to Rattlesnake Mountain Restaurant for a provided lunch. Map on back page.

LED BY: Linda Petersen and Pat Fleming

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ELK FEEDING AT OAK CREEK WILDLIFE AREA



When snow blankets the mountains, the elk are forced to migrate to the foothills to find food. Wintering elk may eat from 3 to 10 pounds of hay per day at the feeding stations, most of which is grown and purchased from Washington farmers. Elk begin arriving at the Elk Feeding Station at Oak Creek Wildlife Area as early as mid-November, with the largest part of the herd arriving in January. There is also a Visitor's Center.

ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

PRICE: \$120

Late Lunch included at Second Street Grill

Bus pick up in Kennewick at: 9:00 am

Bus pick up in Richland at: 9:30 am

If you've never been on this wonderful trip before, there will be a raised platform for you to enter a vehicle where you'll be snug and secure. You should, however, dress warmly.

Estimated time getting home: Richland—5:00pm, Kennewick 5:30 pm

Led by Linda Petersen & Pat Fleming

551-1700

539-5459



New Traveler Coordinator – dated 12/18/25

It's not a done deal yet until our President, Marsha Hathcox officially appoints a new Trip Coordinator at the January Board meeting but the Board has been talking to Rover member Lorrie Pope and she has agreed to be appointed Trip Coordinator starting in 2026. Linda McCarty will not be reappointed Trip Coordinator. Linda also announced at the November General Meeting that regarding the Friendly Excursions trips for 2026, she encouraged members to sign up right away because she no longer plans to promote them through Rambling Rovers.

Lorrie has been a Rover member for six years and is experienced in arranging many trips. Before the Board talked to Lorrie, she had her own travel plans to Tennessee, Belize and Mexico. She said she's looking forward to creating trips for the Rovers starting in late March or April. Many of her trips will be through travel agencies she has been working with for a long time. While she will be offering longer trips, she's also interested in creating shorter trips and even using smaller buses for trips that don't get as many to sign up. It's a new adventure and both our Board and Lorrie are willing to see how it pans out.

"Food Bank donations for December weighed 281 lbs. Martha's Cupboard weighed 15 lbs. December total is 296 lbs. 2025 total is **2573 pounds**. Food Bank workers were thrilled and said be sure our group knows how much they appreciate our help. Rovers are fantastic!!" – Thank you Verna!

