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Second Private Facebook Page for comments/pics/ questions: Search for Rambling Rovers Speak

Monthly Membership meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month

from 10am to 11am at Atomic Bowl, 624 Wellsian Way, Richland

JUNE, 2026 NEWSLETTER

ELECTED OFFICERS

Marsha Hathcox: President

Lucy Budde: Vice President

Secretary: Lynne Brown

Treasurer: Claudia Theroff

DIRECTORS

Diane Beckmann

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Karen Crawford

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Trip Coordinator: Lorrie Pope, 220-6779,
pope.lorrie@gmail.com

Social Coordinator: Vel Wright, 521-7710

Member Connections Coordinator: Claire Schneck,
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Office Manager: Margaret Ault, 308-6892

OTHER

Attendance: Sharon Warren

Greeter: Barbara Strait

Membership Specialist: Karen Crawford

Website Specialist: Larry Smith, 539-1142

Newsletter Editor: Pat Fleming, 539-5459

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Hazel	Webb	2
Terry	Madsen	4
Diane	Bonin	5
Marty	Froelich	6
Aileen	Smith	6
Candy	Gray	7
Laurie	Hutton	7
Kim	Robuck	7
Susan	Meeks	8
Renee	Stone	9
Liz	Howard	11
Marcia	Kleingartner	15
Layna	Kinsman	16
Mary	Santoy	18
Nancy	Bucklin	19
Patricia	Fleming	20
Julie	Mares	21
Diane	Beckmann	22
Joe	Nelson	22
Jan	Rabe	22
Leslie	Schwartz	22
Diane	Hedrick	24
June	Meiners	24
Donna	Donnelly	28
Judith	Loomis	28
Darlene	LaPierre	29
Kristeen	Barclay	29

VERNA BOND REPORTS:

In May, 203 lbs of food was donated to the Food Bank and 32 lbs to Martha's Cupboard for a total of 235 lbs. The total for year to date is 1315 lbs. Thank you Rovers!

SEE LAST PAGE for local events as reported by our Vice President Lucy Budde at the May General Meeting.

Welcome new members: Cheryl Heinemeyer and Billie Krisher.

A reminder that the Board approved trips being open to guests of Rovers once the trip has been open to members for two meetings. When that happens, the flyer in the newsletter will indicate it's open to guests.

At the General meeting on May 20, Pat & Pat Fleming, who filled in for Lorrie Pope, said that the new method of signing up helped immensely with the congestion at the trip coordinator's table. Thank you members for giving it a try and thank you Lorrie for developing it. The Mystery trip is almost full. Better check it out at the office. Of course, there's always a stand-by list on all of our trips because....life happens.

Our Vice President Lucy Budde, two meetings ago, started reading interesting local events before she read the monthly birthdays. It's amazing how many interesting local events there are available and this month Lucy and Pat Fleming both agreed that after each meeting, Lucy would send the event list so Pat could post them on our 2nd Rover Facebook page called **Rambling Rovers Speak**. So, if you have Facebook, just use your magnifying glass to search for **Rambling Rovers Speak** and ask to join. To make sure you have the right FB page, there's an AI figure of an elderly man with headphones on and a microphone. That FB page is also private and it's for members who want to post pics or comments or questions outside of the regular Rovers FB page reserved for Rover trips, pics and comments. Pat will also add the list to the following month's newsletter.



**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP AND PAY IS
JUNE 17TH which is June meeting day.**

You won't be eating on the grass like this picture, but inside in air conditioning and at chairs and tables and feasting on the best of the best potluck dishes.

JUNE 24th at 11:30 a.m. at

Highland Grange (next to the Library), 1600 S. Union Street, Kennewick.

PRICE: \$10

*Cash (in exact amount) or checks welcome at a meeting. **Please make checks payable to Rambling Rovers.***

*When mailing, it's checks only **PAYABLE TO RAMBLING ROVERS** and mail to **VEL WRIGHT, 4410 W. METALINE, KENNEWICK WA 99336***

Bring a Potluck Dish to Share based on the first initial of your last name.

A– G SALADS (can include fruit or veggie trays)

H-R MAIN DISH

S-Z DESSERTS

(or if you prefer to bring chips or buns instead)

Plates and table-service will be provided along with bottled water and meat.

Last year we really appreciated those who stuck around to move the tables and chairs back and make sure the floor is clean. That way, we get our deposit back and they will like us coming back again. Also, if there are any men who would help place the chairs and table out to begin with, let Vel know. Thank you.

For questions - Vel's phone: (509)521-7710; Email: flipwright@charter.net



**MAY BE FULL BUT THERE'S
ALWAYS THE STANDBY LIST**

MONDAY, JUNE 22ND 2026

**NOW OPEN TO
GUESTS**

PRICE: \$135 (approximately)

Price includes driver tip, meal and gratuity.

You may want to bring a bag for ????

**Join us for a fun, fabulous, fragrant, flavorful,
fantastic, friendly festivity.**

Pick up times:

Kennewick: 7:45 a.m.

Richland: 8:20 a.m.

Drop off times:

Richland: 5:45pm

Kennewick: 6:15pm

LED BY: LORRIE POPE (509) 220-6779

THIS TRIP IS NOW OPEN TO GUESTS OF ROVER MEMBERS WHO ARE 55 OR OLDER. THEY WILL NEED TO FILL OUT A FORM/WAIVER AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OR AT A GENERAL MEETING

What goes well with tours of:

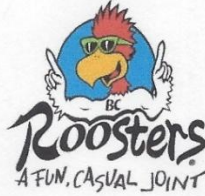
Pendleton Woolen Mills

Heritage Station

Tamastlikt Cultural
Institute

Rodeo Hall of
Fame

Well, that would be . . .



HISTORIC PENDLETON AND WILDHORSE CASINO

THREE DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS – JUNE 29TH – JULY 1ST, 2026

PRICE: \$380 per person – double occupancy

\$520 per person – single occupancy

(staying at Wildhorse 6/30 is double points day for gambling seniors)

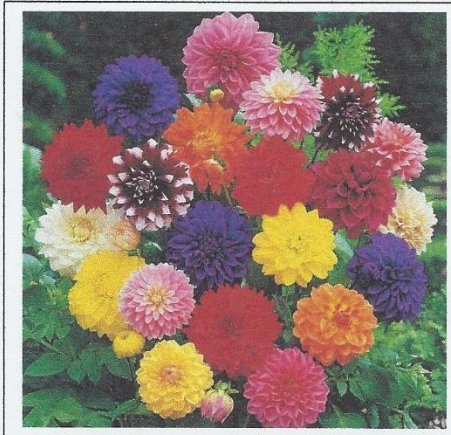
BUS PICK UP TIMES:

RICHLAND: 8:45am

KENNEWICK: 9:30am

Estimated time of return: Kennewick – 1:15pm; Richland – 2:00pm

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Swan Island DAHLIAS

DAHLIA FESTIVAL IN CANBY, OREGON

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September 1 -3, 2026

2 nights at Spirit Mountain Casino

PRICE: \$450 for dble pp; \$550 for single

We invite you to celebrate the season of Dahlias! Stroll through almost 50 acres of breathtaking fields and a beautiful display garden of stunning dahlias featuring over 375 varieties. Treat yourself to a rainbow of colors by taking photos, shopping in their mercantile. Select and order your favorite dahlias for spring delivery to enjoy the beauty in your garden the following year.

Along the way, we'll be checking out St John's Monastery and BAKERY! And, spending time in Aurora Colony Historic District well known for its history with mid 1800's structures and antiques.

Dining by the Bridge of the Gods and seeing a sturgeon or two on the way home. Estimated return time on 9/3/26 is 7pm Richl. and 7:30pm Kenn.



BUS PICK UP TIMES: Kennewick, 6:00 a.m. Richland, 6:30 a.m.

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Grand Canyon & Las Vegas Excitement

\$100 Early Booking

Discount before Apr 30, 2026

October 04-09, 2026
6 days, 5 nights
\$3,299 - double occ
\$3,999 - single occ

Tour Includes:

Round Trip Airfare
Deluxe Motorcoach
Professional Tour Director
Grand Canyon National Park
Sedona
The Sphere – WIZARD OF OZ
Hoover Dam
Valley of Fire
Mob Museum
Grand Canyon RR Hotel 3 nights
MGM Grand Hotel* 2 nights
3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners
*Or similar



Day 1 – Flights into the area and drive to Williams AZ to check into the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel for 3 nights. Mingle with your fellow travelers at a delicious Welcome Dinner D

Day 2 – Today is all about exploring the Grand Canyon National Park. It's sheer scale, colors and sense of timelessness leave visitors speechless. Layers of red, orange, pink and purple rock stack endlessly downward, carved by the Colorado River over millions of years. We will have more time and see more by driving into the park and having more options on how to spend your time. B, D

Day 3 – Breathtaking, colorful and inspiring, Sedona is today's destination. The red rock formations, mysterious vortexes and Chapel of the Cross sights have earned this city the nickname, "A Spiritual Disneyland". From upscale art galleries, Native American wares, psychics and gems, there is something for everyone. B

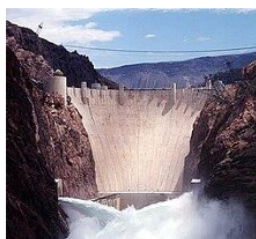
Day 4 – Heading to the Neon lights of Las Vegas, we stop for a very interesting and informative guided tour of the Hoover Dam. Catching some samples of world famous Ethel's Chocolates brings a sweet touch to the afternoon, before checking into the MGM hotel* on the strip. Tonight is free to do as you choose. B

Day 5 – Visiting the Valley of Fire, we again are treated to the magnificence of Mother Nature's rock

creations with shapes, layouts and towering formations that are fabulous photo opportunities. After lunch prepare to be dazzled and entertained at the Sphere as we become entranced by their headlining show, "The Wizard of Oz". Topping off the day is the Mob Museum with it's amazing history and stories of the Mafia family's presence in Las Vegas.



Day 6-. It's time to say goodbye to new friends, sharing photos of this memorable trip and making plans for future trips together as we board our flights for home.



DEPOSIT: \$200.00 due now to hold your place. Final payment is due Aug 04, 2026. If paying by credit card add \$100 on doubles and \$120 on singles.
CANCELLATION: Last day to cancel for a full refund is Aug 04 2026.
TRAVEL INSURANCE is highly recommended for Trip Cancellation, Accident, Life, and Luggage coverage during the tour. You can use the travel insurance company of your choice.

FOR INFORMATION: Contact Alan Mindell at solanabeachalan@yahoo.com / 310-560-5137 or Bobbi Lona at bobbilona@yahoo.com / 760-889-2687

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**Tour Operated by Majestic Adventures, 5277 Milton Road, Carlsbad, CA 92008
California Seller of Travel # 2158680-40**

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- POPE.LORRIE@GMAIL.COM. IF INTERESTED, THERE ARE FORMS IN OFFICE TO SEND TO
MAJESTIC ADVENTURES WITH YOUR DEPOSIT.**

Upcoming Events in Tri Cities

Free Paper Shred Day at Washington Trust Bank

3250 W Clearwater Ave Kennewick
Friday, June 5 from 9 am – 12 pm

Beaver Bark is hosting Porch Pot Classes.

Saturday May 16 – 11:00 am
Saturday May 23 – 1:00 pm
Classes are \$59.99 and include plants and pot for one porch pot.
Additional plants available for purchase.

Beaver Bark is also hosting Fairy/Mini Garden Classes

Saturday May 23 – 11:00 am
Sunday May 24 – 1:00 pm
Saturday May 30 – 3:00 pm
Sunday May 31 – 11:00 am
Classes are \$39.99 and includes plants and decorations.

Mosaic Classes at Red Lion Hotel in Kennewick

Saturday May 30 & Sunday May 31 at 10:00 am, 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Prices range from \$99 to \$179 where you create your own candle holders, little lamps and big lamps

Art in the Park

July 24 & July 25 – 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

Richland Players are performing the comedy “Arsenic and Old Lace”

June 12-14,
June 19-21 and
June 26-28
Tickets are \$20

Hanford High Drama Club

The Pirates of Penzance
Thursday May 28 &
Friday May 29 at 6:30 pm both nights
Tickets are \$5.00

Candlelight Concert Series at The REACH

May 30, June 13 & July 25 at 6:30 pm Fleetwood Mac
June 13 6:30 pm ABBA and Queen
Tickets range from \$30 to \$60

Clover Island Concert Series is back this year starting May 27 with free concerts performed by local bands on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Bring your own chair.
Food & drink available for purchase.

Live@5 Concert Series at John Dam Plaza returns Thursday May 28 starting at 5:00 pm.
Free live music every Thursday.
Local bands, food trucks and beer garden.
Bring your own chair.

Uptown Art Walk – Richland features local artists and vendors
starting June 13 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and then 2nd Saturday of each month

Prosser Scottish Fest and Highland Games
Saturday June 20 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Dust Devils Baseball Games
Most games start at 6:30 pm weekday and 1:00 on Saturdays and Sundays.
Friday after the games they have drone show.
Saturday after games they have fireworks.
Check their schedule for special after show events.

Memorial Day Celebration at Sunset Gardens on Sunday May 24 and Monday May 25 with a ceremony at 11:00 am on Monday with free hot dogs and snow cones from noon to 2:00 pm.
If you get a chance, take a drive through Sunset Gardens Avenue of Flags early Monday morning. Last count was 1,179 flags (big flags like 10 foot) which are donated by the families of veterans there at Sunset Gardens. Volunteers arrive early Monday like 5:30 in the morning to put up the flags.

Middleton Farms Strawberry Festival opens
May 23-25 (Memorial Day weekend) May 30 & June 6 from 9 – 2

Farmers Markets will open in June
Actually Pasco opened May 9 Saturdays 8-12
Richland's on The Parkway opens June 5
3 Eye Fish on Keene Road opens June 7
West Richland Flat Top Park market is open with music and food trucks every other Wednesday. Next one is today May 20.

Pasco Flea Market is open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am to 4 pm. It's the largest open air flea market in Washington. They offer all kinds of stuff and have authentic Mexican food—Several years ago I went there and had a burrito that was as big as a house!!! It was delicious!

Father's Day is coming up. This year it's on Sunday, June 21. I'll remind you next month also

CELEBRATING STEVE HABERMAN – A retirement tribute to Stevie!

Saturday August 22 at 2:00 pm
Windermere Children's Theater (ACT) on Wellsian Way Richland
Tickets – no charge; must RSVP

CONTACT VEL WRIGHT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND AND SHE WILL RESERVE SPACE FOR YOU.



HAPPY TRAVELS!