



Welcome to the Rathdrum Wednesday Newsletter!

### Happy New Years!

2015 is almost at an end. As of the blast this morning, there are now less than 48 hours remaining. If you are waiting for the ball drop, you only have to wait until 9:00pm on Thursday and you can ring in the new year with the people on the East coast.

With the end of year holiday, there are many businesses that may be closing early to let their employees get a jump start on the celebration. With the adverse driving conditions we are currently experiencing, save yourself a potentially missed trip by calling ahead to make sure there is someone to help you when you arrive.

### Power Outages Around The Area

This is an email we received from the Kootenai Electric Cooperative.

The following is an important message for members regarding Kootenai Electric's outage restoration efforts.

We have called on the assistance of two helicopters to help clear the snow off power lines tomorrow. This process called "buzzing the lines" requires the helicopter to fly above the lines from a safe distance, creating a downward wind that will blow the

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### 2015 In Review

We wrap up 2015 looking back at the fourth quarter.

In October the Rathdrum Post 154

in conjunction with the City of Rathdrum and the Northwest Guardian Riders hosted an appreciation reception honoring our veterans. The Rathdrum Lions Club check over 1,900 kids in their Sight and Hearing bus, and they held their fall fund-raising auction. Proceeds from the auction go back into the community through programs like the Sight and Hearing bus, Eye Glasses, Cataract Surgeries, and Nutritional Backpack Program to name a few. Debbie Holmes with Edward Jones Investments was the chamber featured speaker and she put on a really good presentation "Saving for Retirement". We end the month with All-Hallows-Eve and the yearly "fall back".



In November, the Rathdrum Lions Club opened their den and invited everyone to an open house and free dinner. We lost a great local resource with the retirement of Sandy Burnett, Director of the Rathdrum Library.

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## How do I sign up for the Rathdrum Weekly News?

While you can pick up a hard copy of the newsletter at the Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce office, Edward Jones of Rathdrum - Debbie Holmes Office, and at the Rathdrum Weekly News headquarters to name a few, you can sign up to have the newsletter delivered right to your inbox!

Visiting our website at <http://www.RathdrumWeeklyNews.com> you won't find much of a website. It is a pretty ugly, very static, webpage. The 5<sup>th</sup> line down starts with the words "To sign up for, edit your preferences, or unsubscribe from our newsletter please click [here](#)." The link takes you to a web page where you can sign up to receive the weekly email blast. Once your email address has been entered, our system will send you an email with a confirmation link in it that you have to click on in order to verify your wish to receive our newsletter. We implemented this verification step to help reduce unwanted emails hitting your inbox.

You can use the same link to unsubscribe from the list, should you no longer wish to receive the email blast. You will receive a 'So long and thanks for all the fish' email from our system, and nothing more.

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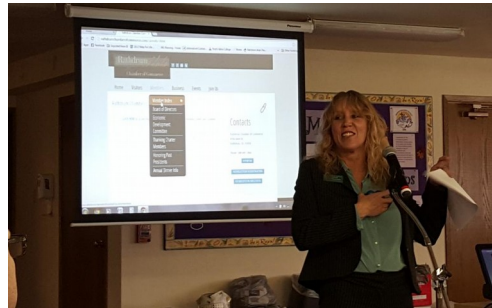
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The Rathdrum Chamber held their 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Dinner. Winners included Kevin Randles - Citizen of the Year; Brett Boyer - Professional of the Year; and Randy Wilson, Manager of Super1 Foods in Rathdrum - Business of the Year.

November is also the month for Bazaars and end of year fund raising by various groups around the area. There was a severe windstorm that blew through the



Spokane. At the last chamber luncheon of the year, we played a pass the ornament game that was a hoot to watch. And the rest they say is history...



area knocking out power all around Rathdrum. The featured speaker at the

Just because we didn't write about something in our newsletter doesn't mean that it didn't happen. I appreciate everyone who has stuck with me over the last year and a half, reading, submitting articles and other feedback. This newsletter is for the Rathdrum area.

Rathdrum Chamber luncheon was Shanie Rountree showcasing the new chamber website (still in beta). We end the month with the Thanksgiving feast.



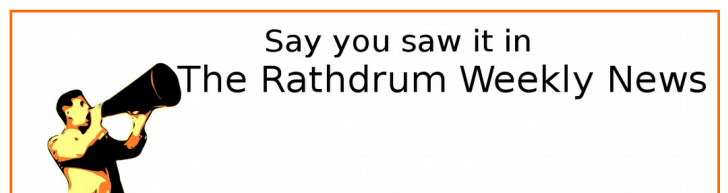
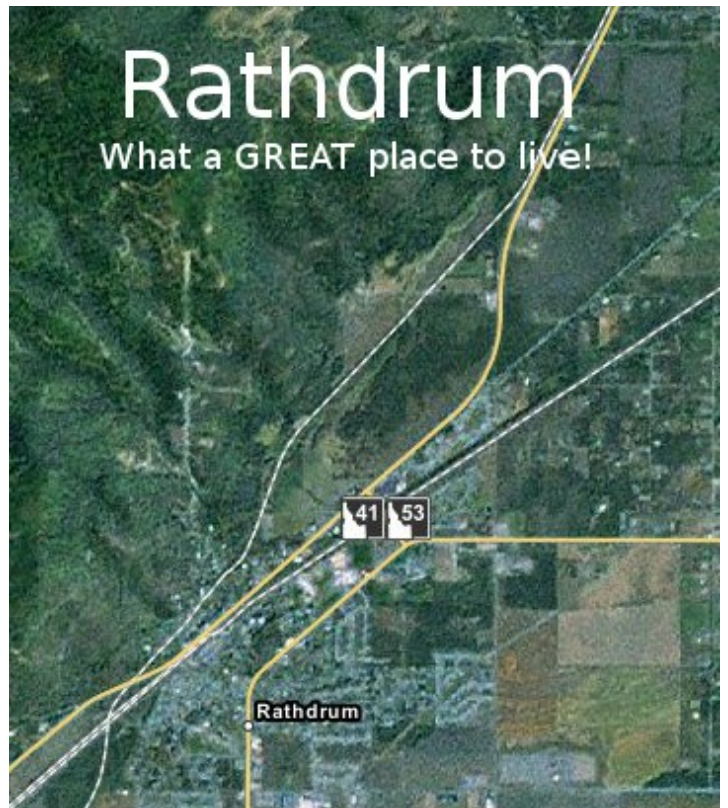
December starts out with December D'Lights, Rathdrum's Winter Celebration. Held

over two days, and ending with a Lighted Vehicle Parade through the residential streets of Rathdrum, it was an event to be



*Tree laying on cables just outside of Spirit Lake after the big blow*

at. The Grinch almost stole the show! Rathdrum Post 154 announced their 2016 Constitutional Speech Contest. There was a wind storm that blew through the area knocking out power (again) and took the roof off of the mail sorting facility in



## Community Calendar

Fri Dec 25	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Day  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas</a></p>		Rathdrum City Council Meeting 6:00pm – 7:00pm Rathdrum City Hall For more information please call 208.687.0261 x114
Thu Dec 31	<p style="text-align: center;">New Years Eve  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Eve">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Eve</a></p>		
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Fri Jan 1	<p style="text-align: center;">New Years Day  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Day">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year's_Day</a></p>	Thu Jan 14	<p style="text-align: center;">Lakeland Joint School District #272 Town Hall Meeting Starting at 6:30pm Twin Lakes Elementary 5326 W Rice road</p>
Mon Jan 4 – Fri Jan 29	<p style="text-align: center;">Adult Dodgeball League Registration Rathdrum Parks &amp; Rec For more information please call 208.687.2399</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Hot Shots Basketball Competition Registration Grades 4 – 12 and Adult Divisions \$10.00 per participant Rathdrum Parks &amp; Rec For more information please call 208.687.2399</p>	Sat Jan 16	<p style="text-align: center;">Manuel Schneidmiller Post 154 Constitutional Speech Contest American Legion Hall 1138 East Poleline Avene, PF For more information please contact Al or Margaret Ogram at 208.762.82129 or <a href="mailto:mfogram@gmail.com">mfogram@gmail.com</a></p>
Mon Jan 4	<p style="text-align: center;">Rathdrum Lions Club Business Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212</p>	Sun Jan 17	<p style="text-align: center;">Democratic Candidate Debate NBC News Democratic Primary Debate</p>
Mon Jan 11	<p style="text-align: center;">Rathdrum Lions Club Dinner Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Social Mixer starting at 6:30pm Dinner starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212</p>	Mon Jan 18	<p style="text-align: center;">Martin Luther King Jr Day  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr.">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin_Luther_King,_Jr.</a>                      Lakeland Joint School District #272                      Martin Luther King Jr Day (No school)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Rathdrum Lions Club Business Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212</p>
Wed Jan 13	<p style="text-align: center;">American Legion Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Jean Bledsoe at <a href="mailto:Rathdrum154@gmail.com">Rathdrum154@gmail.com</a></p>	Tue Jan 19 – Fri Feb 12	<p style="text-align: center;">Daddy Daughter Dance Registration Dance to be held from 6:00pm – 9:00pm on Saturday February 13 Rathdrum Parks &amp; Rec For more information please call 208.687.2399</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Mother Son Bowling Night</p>

	<p>Registration Bowling from 5:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesday February 16 Rathdrum Parks &amp; Rec For more information please call 208.687.2399</p>
Wed Jan 20	<p>Rathdrum Planning &amp; Zoning Commission Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm Rathdrum City Hall For more information please call 208.687.0261 x114</p>
Thu Jan 21	<p>Rathdrum Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran <a href="http://www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com">www.RathdrumChamberOfCommerce.com</a> 12:00pm - 1:00pm</p>
Mon Jan 25	<p>Rathdrum Lions Club Dinner Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Social Mixer starting at 6:30pm Dinner starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212</p>
Wed Jan 27	<p>American Legion Post 154 Membership Meeting Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Jean Bledsoe at <a href="mailto:Rathdrum154@gmail.com">Rathdrum154@gmail.com</a></p>
Thu Jan 28	<p>Republican National Debate Fox News Republican Debate</p>
Fri Jan 29	<p>Lakeland Joint School District #272 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (No school for students)</p>
Mon Feb 1	<p>Rathdrum Lions Club Business Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212</p> <hr/> <p>Iowa Precinct Caucuses</p>

	<p>Democrats and Republicans</p>
Fri Feb 5	<p>Lakeland Joint School District #272 K-8 Parent/teacher conferences 8:00am - 12:00pm (No school for K-8 students)</p>
Sat Feb 6	<p>Republican National Debate ABC / IJReview Republican Debate</p>
Mon Feb 8	<p>Rathdrum Lions Club Dinner Meeting 16114 N Meyer Road Social Mixer starting at 6:30pm Dinner starting at 7:00pm For more information please call 208.687.1212</p>
Tue Feb 9	<p>New Hampshire Primary Democrats and Republican</p>
Wed Feb 10	<p>American Legion Post 154 Executive Committee Meeting Rathdrum Lion's Club Meetings start at 6:00pm For more information contact Jean Bledsoe at <a href="mailto:Rathdrum154@gmail.com">Rathdrum154@gmail.com</a></p> <hr/> <p>Rathdrum City Council Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Rathdrum City Hall For more information please call 208.687.0261 x114</p>

How do you get your event added to our community calendar? It's simple, and it doesn't cost anything! Just send an email to [Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com](mailto:Editor@RathdrumWeeklyNews.com) with what, when (date and time), where, cost (if any), and contact or R.S.V.P. information and we will get it posted!

In order to make the next weeks newsletter, we need to have your calendar information to our office by this coming Friday.

If your event is listed, and something changes, please let us know as soon as you can so we can help to get the word out.

## Put Your Financial “Puzzle” Together

January 29 is National Puzzle Day, with puzzle celebrations and events taking place at museums, libraries and other venues across the country. Why this date was chosen – or why National Puzzle Day even exists – is something of a mystery. But as an investor, you can find value in the concept of a puzzle – specifically, in putting together the pieces of your *financial* puzzle.

What are these pieces. Here are the essential ones:

- *Growth* – At different times in your life, you will have various goals – purchasing a first or second home, sending your children to college, enjoying a comfortable retirement, and so on. While these goals are diverse, they all have one thing in common: To achieve them, you’ll need some *growth* potential in your investment portfolio. The nature and the extent of the growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based instruments, in your holdings will depend on your specific goals, risk tolerance and time horizon – but growth opportunities you must have.
- *Income* – Income-producing investments, such as bonds and dividend-paying stocks, can help supplement your earned income during your working years and provide you with a valuable income stream when you’re retired. Plus, bonds and other income-producers can help balance a portfolio that might otherwise be too heavy in growth vehicles – which, as you know, are typically higher in risk.
- *Taxes* – Taxes will always be part of the investment equation. Whenever possible, you’ll want to take advantage of those accounts that let you make tax-deductible contributions and that provide the opportunity for tax-deferred growth, such as a traditional IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. You may also find that you can benefit from tax-free investments, such as some types of municipal bonds and a Roth IRA. (Your Roth

IRA contributions are not tax-deductible, but your earnings grow tax free, provided you’ve had your account at least five years and you don’t start taking withdrawals until you reach 59½.)

- *Protection* – You can’t just *invest* for your future – you also have to *protect* it. If something were to happen to you, would your family be able to remain in your home. Would your children still be able to go to college. To help ensure continuity and security in your family’s lives, you’ll need to maintain adequate life and disability insurance. Also, you will need to protect your independence in your retirement years, as you no doubt would want to avoid burdening your grown children with any financial burden. To attain this type of freedom, you may have to guard against the potentially catastrophic costs of long-term care, such as an extended nursing home stay. A financial professional can suggest ways of meeting these expenses.

- *Legacy* – After working hard your whole life, you’d probably like to leave something behind to your children, grandchildren, other family members and possibly even charitable institutions. To create the legacy you desire, you will need to create a comprehensive estate plan. Because such a plan may involve a will, living trust and other complex legal documents, you will need to work with your legal and tax advisors.

Try to put these pieces together to help complete your financial “puzzle” – when you do, you may well like the picture that emerges.

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Stop by to say Hi! and to pick up a copy of this weeks Newsletter!

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snow off of the power lines below. We feel this process is necessary as a result of the continuous snow fall in the region, combined with little to no wind. Miles of our overhead lines have several inches of snow built up, and one way or another, crews need to clear the snow off the lines in order to restore power and prevent further outages from occurring. We expect that in some instances, clearing the snow off the lines will cause them to slap together and cause the power to go out, however, we believe this process is unavoidable as the snow continues to weigh down the lines and most likely cause an outage. KEC crews will also be nearby in the event of a power outage, and they expect that any outages as a result of this will be restored quickly.

Specific locations are still being evaluated, but in general, members that have experienced an outage due to the recent snow storm should expect to see the aircraft "buzzing" their lines.

We will also increase the number of crews working to restore power with additional contracted line crews on Saturday. As a reminder our staff is committed to restoring power as quickly and safely as possible and we believe this process will help achieve that goal.

- Editor: Recent power outages around the area have certainly hit home the need to be prepared to do without the comforts electricity provides.

You need upwards of two quarts ( $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon) of water a day just to stay hydrated. Depending on gender, age, and level of activity you can require upwards of 1,800 to 2,800 calorie per day just to maintain. In the winter, in addition to food and water, you also need a source of heat.

Food wise, you can always put your frozen stuff out in the snow in a shaded area. While mother nature may taketh your power, at least at the moment, she will help to keep your frozen stuff frozen.

### Letters to the Editor

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays (there are 29 holidays celebrated by 7 different religions during the month of December!).

Last night (12/23) this is what it looked like on the Blanchard Cutoff Road. I am loving all this snow and hope you are too.

Chris

- Editor: Beautiful picture, thank you for sharing! As the Christmas carol goes...

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it SNOW!!!"





**The Rathdrum Lions Club is collecting donations of cold-weather gear, such as coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, etc., to distribute to homeless Veterans.**

**Please drop off your new or gently used donations at;  
Stein's Market**

**16102 HWY 41, Rathdrum, ID**



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Thank you for reading this past year!

I am looking forward to seeing you this coming year as we travel along.

Remember, if you are going to go out and celebrate the New Year, please do so responsibly.

# Happy New Year!