



Hello February from The Sylvia Sun

Hello February, a month to create memories, share laughter, and make the most of the fleeting moments.


WE HAD REALLY GOOD FEED BACK ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER. WE HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE YOUR INPUT AND CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS. OUR GOAL IS TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR CITIZENS. IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEM TO INCLUDE IN THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE SEND IT TO THE CITY OFFICE.

FUN FACTS ABOUT SYLVIA (The Sylvia Sun Rises Again!)

- Sylvia got its start in 1874. The settlement was first called Zenith and a post office opened in May of 1876.
- When the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad planned to come through the area, the State of Kansas deeded much of the area lands to the railroad in 1884. At that time, railroad companies encourage development of cities along their lines by offering railroad land at reasonable prices.
- In 1885, The Sylvia school district was organized, prior to the official formation of the town. The first schoolhouse was built in 1886.
- In 1886, much of the land was sold to H.S. Thompson and his wife Mary immediately transferred it to the Sylvia Town Company. Mr. Thompson had come to Kansas from Kentucky in 1882. In April of 1886, the town company platted the town of Sylvia.
- The new town was named Sylvia by A.A. Robinson, a vice-president of Santa-Fe Railroad in honor of his wife. Though Mr. Thompson wanted to call the new town Zenith like the post office, but Mr. Robinson prevailed. Sylvia was incorporated as a city of the third class in January of 1887 and the post office was renamed to Sylvia in April. J.J. Ialbutt was the towns first mayor.
- The new town grew rapidly and soon boasted a newspaper, two elevators, three lumber yards, a bank, a livery stable, and a hotel. Prosperity and growth continued through the turn of the century. Brick sidewalks were installed in 1900, a telephone system in 1903.
- By 1910, Sylvia was the third largest town in Reno County and was known for its wheat and corn crops and as a shipping point for livestock and grain. That year, its population peaked at 634, at which time it had a bank, a mill, an elevator, a weekly newspaper called The Sun, telegraph, and express offices, and an international money order post office with three rural routes.

Sunflower Center Happenings
Community Dinners
 There is a carry in potluck at the Sunflower Center the first Saturday of every month at 12:00
 This is a great event with good food and fellowship. Please join the fun at NOON on March 1st

Friday Coffee
 Every Friday at 9:00 there is coffee and light refreshments.

 **Karaoke Night**
February 15th 6-8PM
 OLD GYMNASIUM
 COME ENJOY A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENING OF SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP
 CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS A FUND RAISER FOR THE NAZARENE YOUTH GROUP

Silver Haired Ladies of Reno County
 9:00 March 7th Sunflower Center
 Come listen to some of the benefits available to seniors.
 Light refreshments served



Library Corner News and Notes from Cheryl



Happy Winter everyone!

As we start a new year I'd like to encourage everyone to check around your houses, look on night tables and bookcases, or (if you're like me) under piles of magazines, for any old library books you may have forgotten to return to the Library. We don't charge late fees, so I don't mind if you find OLD, OLD books or DVD's, just return them. No judgement, I promise! You can bring them to the library or put them in a plastic bag and drop them in the box in front of the Library. Thanks in advance!

We are starting something new this year - a Book Discussion Club! There are no set books to read yet, we'll just share what each of us have been reading on our own. We have it set for the 4th Friday at 4:00... an easy time to remember. Hope to see you Feb. 28th at 4!

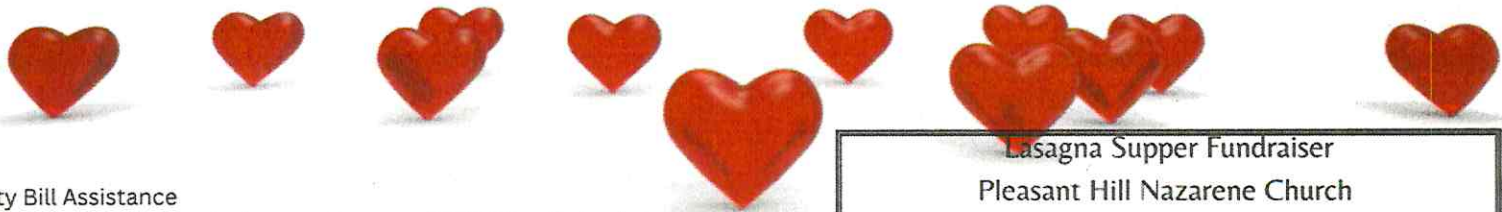
The Library is sponsoring a Soup Supper and Bingo night March 8th -Starting at 5PM Mark it on your calendar now so you don't forget. Supper you don't have to cook, friends, games, close to home..... sounds like EVERYONE will be a winner that night!

Library hours are 1 to 6 on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please come in, have a cup of coffee or hot chocolate, take advantage of our services, and be a part of the community. Everyone is welcome.



A big thank you to Glen for clearing the roads





Utility Bill Assistance

- Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a federal program administered by the Kansas Department for Children and Families, which helps eligible Kansans pay a portion of their home's utility costs by providing a one-time per year benefit; benefit levels may vary. See their website (<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx>) for additional information or call 1-800-432-0043.
- Kansas Association of Community Action Programs: <https://www.kacap.org/>
- United Way 2-1-1 helps Kansans locate utility assistance programs. Call "211" toll-free or visit <https://211kansas.myresourcedirectory.com/index.php> to see what assistance programs are available in your area.
- The Salvation Army administers utility assistance programs throughout the state, including the following programs in Kansas: HeatShare: operated by the Salvation Army Kansas & Western Missouri in Kansas counties served by Black Hills Energy, as well as Butler Rural Electric and the City of Altamont, which provides financial assistance, counseling, and referrals to other utility funding sources. Dial 211 to be directed to services in your area.
- Midwest Energy has information about financial assistance on their website (<https://www.mwenergy.com/residential/payments-billing/financial-assistance>)
- Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program is a federal program, administered by the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, which provides weatherization services to income-eligible Kansans. These services may involve installation of air-sealing and thermal envelope measures, such as caulking around windows and doors, adding insulation to attics, walls, ceilings, foundations, and cleaning, testing, and repairs to refrigerators and heating and cooling equipment. Call 785-264-4814 or visit their website (<https://kshousingcorp.org/renters/weatherization-assistance/>).
- **Please note** Sylvia residents are exempt from the cold weather rule since the city owns their own gas and water. If you need help paying for the utilities please reach out for help.

5th Quarter - After Game

Grades 6-12

February 21st 9:30-11:30

Come join the fun at the old school gymnasium

Basketball and Gaga Ball

Free popcorn

\$1.00 pop



Upcoming Events

- Coffee every Friday 9:00 Sunflower Center
- Feb 7th Silver Haired Ladies 9:00 Sunflower Center
- Feb 15th Karaoke 6-8 Old Gymnasium
- Feb 21st Fifth Quarter Old Gym 9:30-11:30
- Feb 22nd Lasagna Supper 4-7 Nazarene Church
- Feb 28th Book Club 4:00 City Library
- March 1 Community Dinner 12 Sunflower Center
- March 8 Soup Supper 5-6:30 and Bingo 6:30 Sunflower Center

Lasagna Supper Fundraiser
Pleasant Hill Nazarene Church
 Youth Group Fundraiser - Lasagna Supper
 February 22nd 4-7
 Dine in or carry out
 Adult \$12.00 Child \$6.00 
 Meal includes lasagna, green beans, bread, and dessert
 They are also taking pre-orders of lasagna
 half pan \$18.00 or full pans \$30.00
 Online order form found at:
tinyurl.com/lasagna-form

Business Spotlight

Sylvia Flour Mill

Did you know???

The Mill is not just a grain storage facility for farmers' grain. The Hudson Cream Mill has merchandise for sale. Items include the following:

- Flour (any variety) 5LBS \$2.75
- Flour 2LB \$1.30
- Flour 25LBS \$12.50
- Gravy Mix \$2.75
- Corn Bread Mix \$2.75
- Biscuit Mix \$3.50
- Tote Bag \$10.00
- Apron/Hats \$15.00
- Tea Towels \$2.40
- Bread Warmer \$9.00
- Cutting Board \$25.00
- T-Shirts (S-XL) \$11.00
- T-Shirts (2X-3X) \$13.00

Shop Local - Open daily 8-12 and 1-5



"Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller