

Kettle Falls Focus

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Kettle Falls Skate Park

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The Kettle Falls Skate Park is in need of some funding to complete the 'street section' of the park. Local resident and skate park supporter Michelle Thomas is heading up a drive to raise those funds. For a mere \$20.00 you can be a part of Kettle Falls' history and sponsor one cubic foot of space at the park. A permanent sign will be erected at the park listing the names of the sponsors.

Buy a "Piece of the Park" for:

- Yourself
- Children
- Grandchildren
- Nephews & Nieces
- Moms and Dads
- In Memoriam
- Community Members
- Birthday, Anniversary, and Graduation Gifts

Once the "street section" of the park has been completed, Kettle Falls will have one of the best and most versatile skate parks in Eastern Washington. In addition to providing a safe environment for the Kettle Falls youth, it will also draw visitors to the community. This park has drawn skaters from far and wide because of its quality and challenge. Last summer, there were skaters that traveled all the way from Southern California just to skate in Kettle Falls!!

Contact Michelle Thomas at 509-675-0303 if you need more information or have any questions. Please make checks payable to: Kettle Falls Skate Park and mail to: Michelle Thomas, 231 S. Horseshoe Dr., Kettle Falls, WA, 99141.

Don't forget to indicate how you would like the name printed on the sign. Thomas is hoping to meet the goal for this fundraiser by April 12th, so be sure to contact her soon.

KETTLE FALLS FOCUS SPECIAL FEATURE
April Is ... National Sexual Assault Awareness Month
And Child Abuse Prevention Month
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SET THE ALARM

The Annual Kettle Falls Lady Lions easter egg hunt will be held on **Saturday, April 3rd, 2010**, at the Old Kettle Falls Swim Area as in past years. Remember that it starts at precisely 12:00 NOON, and if you are even one minute late you will miss finding eggs. As in past years it will go on, rain, snow or just wonderful ole sunshine. No matter what age there is a special section for you to ensure you can have a good time as well as try to find the gold and silver eggs.



New Gallery In The Apple Warehouse

by Peggy Mandin

Pat Elliott has transformed her space at the Apple Warehouse into an amazing gallery, showcasing local artisans and craftsmen. The name has changed from Pat's Gifts and Treasures to Kettle Falls Arts and Crafts Gallery to reflect this new direction. It has always been Pat's intention to have such a gallery, but as a newcomer when she opened in April 2009 she was not yet connected to the local art community. Well, now she is connected, and has collected a wide variety of pieces

Also on display is pottery by Dort Pritchett of Dirty Deeds Pottery, handcrafted wooden cribbage boards by Jim McCombs, and in the display case a handcrafted mandolin by Dave Keeley of Keeley Guitars.

Local artists who might be interested in displaying their work at the Kettle Falls Arts and Crafts Gallery can reach Pat at 509-675-7156 or kf.gallery@yahoo.com. Look for a Grand Opening in May. The gallery is located at 130 E. Third/Highway 395 in the Apple Warehouse. The mailing address is P.O. Box 411, Kettle Falls, WA 99141. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 10am-5:30pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and closed on Sunday.



from craftsmen in the area.

Jim Green of Sweethaven Studio makes wall art. Metal fish, salmon, bass and trout, swim along Pat's walls; his eagles and picture frames are there, too. Jim describes what he does as "rustic reclaimed metal art"; using metal from abandoned cars Jim crafts one of a kind pieces. On the back of each piece is the name of his studio, the make and year of the car it was created from and the artist's signature.

Ben Atherley of Kettle Forge creates hand-forged iron work. He makes wood cribs, tables, benches, gates, kitchen racks, candle holders, drawer knobs, hat and coat racks, hooks, fire tools, towel bars, and dinner bells in a variety of shapes.

Retired Park Ranger Ken Hires has his outdoor and nature photography on display. The story behind each photograph is printed on the back. Ken's wife, Sharon Hires, creates birdhouses out of natural barn wood and fence wood; no preservatives allowed.

Retired KFCoach Receives State Hall Of Fame Award

by Peggy Mandin



On February 13, 2010, surrounded by family and friends at a banquet and awards ceremony at the Double Tree Inn at SeaTac, Don Fox was inducted into the Washington State Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Don was honored with the award for his softball coaching, but for 24 years he coached football, track and basketball, as well as slow and fast pitch softball. He says that the award is a "tribute to the kids, parents and assistant coaches" he was involved with during his coaching years.

Don emphasized that the success of the softball team was due to a combined effort. Although Don was the one inducted into the Hall of Fame, he repeatedly stated that it was important to him to acknowledge the other coaches he has worked with during his career. These include Ron and Jess Borders, Skip Hardenbrook, Rick Wilson, Nevin Oden, Alan Stanard, Dave Kelly, Tim Bircher, Norm Gaston and Amy Owens. Jess Borders coached with Don for 15 years.

Don graduated from Kettle Falls High School in 1962. During high school Don participated in football, basketball, baseball and track. He spent one year at the University of New Mexico and entered the Army in 1966, where he was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division.

After graduating from Eastern Washington University in 1971 with a degree in education, Don's first job was as a teacher at Spruce Canyon Forest Youth Camp, located on the Air Force Radar Base at Tiger. This juvenile facility was run by the Colville School District and the Department of Natural Resources; students attended classes and worked in the woods. He was a teacher there from 1971-1973 when the facility closed, and Don moved on to Colville Junior High and High School.

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