

**ATKINS NEWSLETTER  
November December 2014  
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*November-December 2014*

Dear Folks,

In the past six weeks I have put a lot of travel miles on this body. Went from here to San Francisco, to Boston to Rhode Island, back to San Francisco and then back to Atkins. Saw lots of new things and met a lot of new people. I had the privilege of going to the commissioning of the USS America in San Francisco during fleet week. The ceremony was "off the hook" as was the reception the evening before. The City was alive with sailors and such. Oh! To be young again. Girls do like those men in uniform.

We spent a few days in Boston, not nearly long enough, and got to see a few of the sights. If you ever have the opportunity to go to Boston, GO! You can just imagine the history that took place in that city. From Old North Church you could imagine Paul Revere and his midnight ride. And we must not forget the modern cathedrals of Fenway Park and Cheers. This was according to the tour guide who advised us not to look directly at the blinding light emitted off of Fenway Park. They love their Red Sox.

From Boston, we went to Newport, Rhode Island and figured out that if we lived five more life times and saved every penny we still could not afford to own one of those mansions that line the harbor at Newport. There were some that had been converted to condos and you could pick one up for about a million bucks. They do not have corn fields however or soy beans or Japanese and Asian beetles. We did drive in snow and slush though and knock on wood, we don't have that--yet.

With all of those miles sitting in airports and on planes, there are those people who should not be allowed to buy a ticket. You know who I mean. It might be the same ones who should not own a gun. It is the 60ish lady, weighing 120 lbs max carrying a huge purse, a duffle bag and a roll around suitcase, (wheelies) looking disheveled and wild eyed. She can't find a place to stow the suitcase because the bins are full so she stands in the middle of the aisle awaiting rescue. She would not be separated from her roll around when the flight attendant offered to put it somewhere else. Now double the pleasure because someone is sitting in her seat. She would not sit in the sit directly behind her seat either. Bad Karma or something??? The people standing in the aisle behind her were certainly not thinking good Karma thoughts. I know I wasn't.

The others fall into the category of hurrying to stand first in the line. Like they will get there faster than anyone if they get on the plane first. Seats are assigned after all. Or the guy who sits in front of you and the seat immediately is popped back. You could almost give him a facial. He gets up to go to the rest room and doesn't have sense to pop the seat back up out of your lap. Someone has designed a thingy that you can insert into the seat mechanism so they cannot be

popped back. They are illegal and the air marshal will arrest you. Since you are sitting in a tiny cramped space to begin with, it does not make the skies friendly like they advertise. And if you think I am just griping, remember these people are all eligible to vote.

I did make it back in time to enjoy the Atkins Crafting Days, November 15. I have quarters saved for the Bingo games at the Poultry party. And the leaves need raking. If I wait, maybe the wind will blow them into the neighbor's yard

Cathy, Melissa and Heather have graciously volunteered to put together this newsletter so that you folks can know what is happening around town and I only have to write this diatribe. Also, need some jokes. Thanks!

In closing, Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2015! Only 44 shopping days until Christmas.

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You can't always control who comes into your life but you control which window to throw them out of.



### **WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?**

By Cathy Becker

#### **NEW DVDs**

Mr. Peabody & Sherman  
Planes  
Maleficent  
Transformers Age Of Extinction

#### **NEW BOOKS**

Catherine Coulter	Lost Key
Stuart Woods	Paris Match
James Patterson	Burn
Diane Chamberlain	The Silent Sister
Michael Connelly	The Burning Room

**Reading Group:** December selection is *Belong to Me* by Marisa de los Santos, and January selection will be *The Perfume Collector* by Kathleen Tessaro. The reading group meets the second Monday of the month at 2:00. If interested please call to reserve your book for the month at 446-7676.

**Needs:** The library needs the following items: cardboard from paper towels, old board games, puzzles, Legos, and liter bottles. If you are getting rid of any of these items, please donate them to the library. We use them for our programming.

**Overdue Items:** Thank you to everyone who had overdue books and brought them back. If you still have over dues, please bring them back. We just want the material back so someone else can enjoy it just as much as you have.

**THAT WILL TEACH THEM**

A private Catholic girl's school was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of teenage girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine provided that it was a natural or neutral skin tone, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror, leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night, the maintenance man would remove them; and the next day the girls would put them back. Finally, the principal, Sister Mary, decided that something had to be done. She called the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the custodian. She explained that all of these lip prints were causing a major problem for him, since he had to clean the mirrors every night (you can imagine the yawns!).



To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, Sister Mary asked the custodian to demonstrate how much effort was required to remove all of the lipstick marks every night.

So, he took out a long-handled squeegee and dipped it in the toilet bowl, and then he cleaned the mirror with it.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror! There are teachers..... and then, there are educators!

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***ATKINS FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL POULTRY PARTY***



***Saturday, November 15, 2014***

***7 PM***

***Memorial Legion Hall***



***Join the Atkins Fire Department for a fun evening of BINGO with prizes of turkeys & hams. Raffle drawings for a \$200 meat bundle and four \$50 meat bundles from Newhall Locker will happen at the end of the evening. Raffle tickets were mailed to each Atkins household or can be purchased at the door.***

***Proceeds will be used to purchase protective gear & other equipment***

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**37<sup>th</sup> Annual Atkins Craft Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am – 2:00pm**

**Locations: Atkins Elementary gym, Memorial Legion Hall,  
and City Park Pavilion**

**Many vendors will be selling their wares. You'll find anything from hair bows to dip mixes, seasonal decorations to decorated sugar cookies. Admission is free. Lunch items available for sale in the basement at the Legion (the vegetable beef soup is some of the best around).**

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**LOVE STORY TO BRING TEARS TO YOUR EYES**

Alan and Sandra lived on a cove at Gull Lake, Alberta. It was early winter and the lower portion of the cove had frozen over. Alan asked Sandra if she would walk across the frozen part of the cove to the general store and get him some smokes and beer.

She asked him for some money, but he told her, "Nah, just put it on our tab. Old man Stacey won't mind."

So Sandra, being the good wife bundled up and walked across the ice, got the smokes and beer at the store and then walked back home across the cove.

When she got home with the items she said, "Alan, you always tell me not to run up the tab at Stacey's store. Why didn't you just give me some money?"

Alan replied, "Well, Sandra, I didn't want to send you out there with cash when I wasn't sure how thick the ice was."



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**On Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, the 38 Fire Club will have Santa stopping with goodies for the kids at houses with the porch light on. He will start on east side of town at 4pm.**

## City News

Yard Waste pick-up has wrapped up for the season. The City is working with Waste Management to try to coordinate one more pick up for all those leaves. Watch the City of Atkins website ([www.cityofatkins.org](http://www.cityofatkins.org)), electronic sign or Facebook page for updates.



City Hall will be closed on:

- Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, and open regular hours (1-6pm) on Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. The Library will also be closed on:

- Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

For anyone interested in having their water bill automatically paid through a bank account (no more having to mail or drop off a check), there is a form that can be completed on the City of Atkins website (under Utilities and ACH form) and returned to City Hall. Or for more information, call City Hall at 446-7870.

MATCH Grant: Thank you to everyone that has made a pledge toward this project. We are so close to meeting our goal, and there's still time to make a pledge before the end of November! If you are interested in learning more about the project or making a pledge, visit the MATCH Grant section on the City of Atkins website.

For information on what is going on in Atkins, visit [www.cityofatkins.org](http://www.cityofatkins.org) or Like "City of Atkins" on Facebook.

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The Atkins Community Club (ACC) will be hosting their Annual Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec 13th starting at noon in the Legion Hall. Come out and bring the kids to see Santa and Mrs. Claus, and enjoy a fun time of music and prizes for adults and kids.

Atkins' Woman's Club will be hosting Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-6pm. Tickets can be purchased from the Atkins Public Library, Atkins Savings Bank or the day of the event at any home on the tour. Watch for "Tour of Homes" signs or check [www.cityofatkins.org](http://www.cityofatkins.org) for more information.



Are you interested in showing off your house decorated for the holidays? There is still time! Call Norma Lemker (712-830-3337) to sign up.

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#### DOOR BELLS



A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.'

Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'

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Atkins Improvement Mission (AIM) is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sno Glo on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30pm. This event will provide your family an evening of Christmas lights, food and fun. Proceeds will be used to build permanent bathrooms and concession at the Atkins soccer field. A registration form with more information can be found on the next page or on [www.cityofatkins.org](http://www.cityofatkins.org).



KICK OFF THE SEASON! Sunday December 7th

# First Annual Sno Glo

## 4:30 Activities @ Park Pavillion 4:45 City Christmas Tree Lighting

2 mile non-competitive family lighted walk thru town while enjoy Christmas cookies and voting on lights beginnings when tree is lit.  
 If you do not want to walk you can ride on the "sleigh" and are still able to enjoy the lights and cookies.  
 There will also be enough activities for those that want to stay back at the park.

Chili Cook-Off      Hot Dogs      Kid's Activities      Hot Cocoa & Apple Cider

Brought to you by the Atkins Improvement Mission (AIM) to support our next goal of Concession Stand & Restrooms at the soccer fields

\$10 per adult                      \$5 per child                      \$30 per family (includes activities & food)

Yes, we are excited to come! \_\_\_\_\_ (number of people coming)

No, we are not able to come but are very excited for the new concession stand and restrooms so have enclosed a donation to show our support

Please return bottom portion by December 3rd to: Atkins Improvement Mission, P.O. Box 104, Atkins, IA 52206

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, Atkins Iowa, Benton County, and all employees and/or affiliates waive any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against individuals associated with the event, sponsors, and officials, for any and all injuries suffered by me during, because of, or in travel to and from said event, I attest and verify that I have full knowledge of the risk involved in this event and I am physically fit and sufficiently trained to participate in this event

Signature \_\_\_\_\_