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True Grit

Yes, this is the title of a famous fiction, which is not our book feature in this edition, but nothing could be more descriptive of this very true and very personal tale of courage, endurance, and hope against an unexpected and devastating catastrophe.

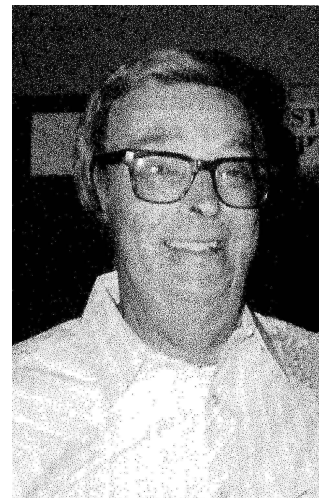
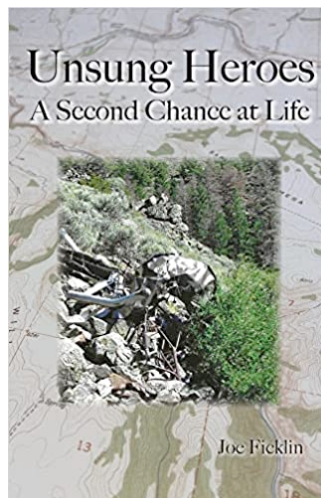
Featured this Month

Unsung Heroes: A Second Chance at Life by Joe Ficklin

Local long-time Hillsboro-area resident, Joe Ficklin was having an ordinary day at a dangerous job in his specialization of aerial mapping, or photogrammetry, and surveying when his life changed suddenly in an unimaginable way. Highly experienced, Joe had made multiple trips in a helicopter before this contract to survey ground control for 28 miles of aerial mapping in Gunnison County, Colorado. This time Joe was flying in a helicopter over the rugged San Juan Mountains of Southwest Colorado when the physics of capabilities of a Cessna Skyhook, maximum load and the ability to gain altitude changed his life forever.

This is a book about Joe and his fellow surveyors' desperate struggle to survive and the men who rescued them. Joe's story communicates the pain and suffering of those who survived the December 30, 1961, crash and the heroism of the men who came to rescue them in those frigid mid-winter days at almost 8,500 feet elevation. Before the days of elite, well-trained mountain rescue teams, the men who volunteered were ordinary men, everyday heroes who put aside their personal lives to save other human beings who would die if not reached quickly.

In Joe's book, he shares with the reader his will to survive and the unwavering support of his new wife, Sandy, in his long, agonizing and painful path to recovery. He also shares his mental journey to returning to a meaningful, worthwhile life--how



hitting a ball off a tee with a golf club, cradling the club in his bandaged and sensitive hands and watching it roll across the infield to third base, let him realize he was going to recover, that he could persevere! *Unsung Heroes* is a heart-felt thank you to honor the men who rescued him and who gave him a second chance at life.

Those of us who know Joe thank him for sharing his very personal story. Joe and Sandy are long-time, hard-working supporters for many of Hillsboro's community activities, including the Hillsboro Community Library and the Hillsboro Historical Society. We have enjoyed their company, their friendship and their many years of faithful support.

Review by John Cornell

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit <http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed
Tuesday ~ 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday ~ 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Friday ~ 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday ~ 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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New at the Library

Fiction

Just Life by Neil Abramson
Good Omens by Terry Pratchett & Neil Gaiman
When We Cease to Understand the World by Benjamin Labatut

Nonfiction

They Knew: Federal Government's Fifty-year Role in Causing the Climate Crisis by J Speth
True Tales: Silver City Enterprise Newspaper 1882-1883 edited by Patti Unger
Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Kimmerer
Unsung Heroes by Joe Ficklin
Desert Cabal by Amy Irvine

Mystery

Pursuit of Honor by Vince Flynn
Memorial Day by Vince Flynn
Bone Code by Kathy Reichs
Precious & Grace by Alexander McCall Smith
The House of Unexpected Sisters by Alexander McCall Smith
How to Raise an Elephant by Alexander McCall Smith

DVD's

Appaloosa
Away We Go
Lions for Lambs
A River Runs Through It
Shadow Riders
Fool's Gold
Vincent & Theo
Deadwood, the entire first season
Sylvia
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
The Jesus Rolls
The Dark Crystal
21 grams

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesdays —March 16, April 20
Lil Abner's, Caballo 9:45am- 11:00am
Hillsboro Post Office 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Kingston Fire Station 2:30-3:30 pm

Board Notes

The Library bids a warm welcome to **Frances Chudy** who has volunteered to run the monthly Bake Sale. Do stop in and say hello at the usual time and place: first Saturday of the month from 10:00am in front of the Masons Lodge next to the P.O.

We are still looking for community volunteers who can help take care of maintenance needs at the library (e.g., repairing plaster walls in library, BRRR and hallway to BRRR; fix windows) Do you have skills to help repair plaster, fix windows, etc.? Please let us know if you can lend your hand.

Also the Library has an open position on the Board for a new Vice President. The Vice President generally handles our annual membership drive and oversees other fundraising. Anyone who would like to support the Library by volunteering for this position please contact John Cornell, HCL President: jcls1010@gmail.com.

By the way, please don't forget to return your books and DVDs so we can lend them again!

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