

THE NEIGHBORLY NEWS



WESTERN WELCOME NEIGHBORS
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<https://www.wwnewcomers.org>

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As we begin a new year I look back on the past year. So many people to thank for arranging all the fun events we have all enjoyed. The goal of WWN is to bring people together who enjoy games, cards, crafts, bowling, books and of course food! Always food, no matter what we do. Food is comforting. Right?

We are planning out our next year to be as good as, or better than the last.

I thank each and every one of you for making WWN a place to enjoy and to make good friends!

*Remember to sign up for St Paddy's Day dinner on
Monday March 16th
See page 2 of the Newsletter for more details*

Launie Myers
Vice President

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We are excited to have Raymond, from Operation Rambo, at our January 27 meeting to share about their organization. They have amazing volunteers that not only train service dogs but offer other services to Veterans. Join us at our 10 am meeting at Fruitdale Grange to meet and greet Raymond and one of the four legged volunteers. See you there and come early to get a seat!



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ENRICHING VETERANS LIVES BY PROVIDING SERVICE DOGS,
TRAINING, RESOURCES AND ADVOCACY



JOIN US FOR GOOD TIMES, FOOD AND PRIZES,
AS WE CELEBRATE

ST. PADDY'S DAY

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

FRUITDALE GRANGE

2:30PM-5:30PM

MENU: Choice of one: Corned beef and cabbage, Roasted chicken with brown butter or Mushroom Ragu (vegetarian option)

Includes roasted red potatoes, green beans, green salad, rolls with butter and

New York Style Cheesecake

Coffee & water provided

Alcohol will not be served



Price is \$15 for current members

\$27.60 for guest (must be accompanied by a member)

Questions call: Linda Ray 541-450-7705 or Sandy Antich 541-218-4015

Sign up at the January and February meetings.

Payment due at sign-up

Deadline is March 3, 2026

January Birthdays

Day Name

- 3 Joni Brooks
- 3 Roi Pietrzak
- 5 Enzo Bertaggia
- 5 Margee Wheeler
- 6 Joan Knecht
- 6 Steve Knecht
- 15 Bryan Arlidge
- 15 Don Eklund
- 16 Lou Sheeler
- 21 Pat Randall
- 27 Annette



February Birthdays

Day Name

- 7 Joyce Harrison
- 14 Edgar Eads
- 22 Candy Highley
- 22 Terrell Lewis
- 27 Pat Kraetsch

Book Lovers Unite!

Is your New Years Resolution to read/listen to more books?

We want to hear what you've been reading this month! Come join us for lunch and a lively discussion of books, e-books and audio books. You might just discover your next read! We also often end up talking about movies and TV shows as well as books we've read.

Elmer's Restaurant

175 N Agness Ave

Grants Pass

Second Monday every month

at 12:30pm

Please let Susan know if you will be coming so she can reserve the space

Susan Jaeger

541-582-8000

bizcoach8@hotmail.com

Photos from our most recent Lunch Bunch at Wild River Brewing and Pizza in Grants Pass. The staff did a great job fitting everyone in. We went from **13 confirmed to 19 attending.**

Please remember we always need to give the restaurants a headcount so the tables and wait-staff are prepared. If you're not sure you RSVP's just give Jan Kloes a call 541-862-2803



DO YOU HAVE A
FAVORITE
RESTAURANT OR
SOMEPLACE YOU
WANT TO TRY?
LET US KNOW!



LUNCH BUNCH

RED ROBIN

1561 Allen Creek Rd

12:00

Friday, February 13th

YOU MUST RSVP FOR
LUNCH BUNCH

Jan Kloes

541-862-2803

yngtrvlrs@aol.com

CRAFTS @ CONNIE'S



Connie Hager (541)218-2804
conniehager@rocketmail.com

On **Feb 18th at 10:30** come have some fun painting or using stencils to decorate flower pots. We always have a fun get together creating pretty things at Connie's house 1255 Ironwood Dr. by the Sports park. Call 541-218-2804 to sign up or at the general meeting there will be a sign up sheet. The cost is \$15. There will be several pot sizes.

WWN members we lost in 2025



Karen Henningsen



Betty Simpson



John Cox

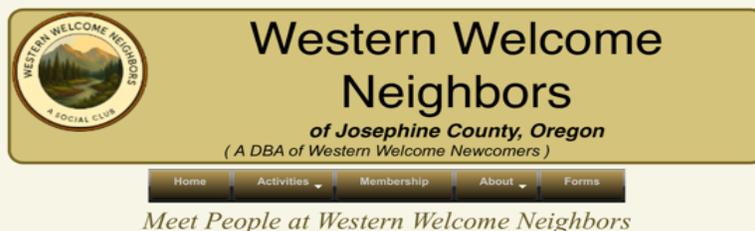


Arlette Butler



Leslie Thompson

Did you know we have a website?



<https://www.wwnewcomers.org>

By clicking on the **activities** tab you will find our Newsletters and Calendars from the past 12 months. You will also find some fun activity photos

Click on the **forms** tab and you will have access to any form you might need, including reimbursement request

Click on the **about** tab and you will get our bylaws, constitution, and job descriptions.



**HAND & FOOT, 5 CROWN,
KINGS IN THE CORNER
CARD GAMES**

Elks Lodge
618 SE J Street, Grant Pass

1st & 3rd Thursdays

We start at 12:00 PM for LUNCH.
We all must pay for our lunch in order to
use the room to play cards. No pay—no
play. Menu has many under \$10 items
Cash only

February 5th & 19th
March 5th & 19th

**If you don't know how to play we'll
teach you. It's FUN! Come join us!**

Connie Hager (call or text) 541-218-2804
ConnieHager@rocketmail.com



Check out our
website! That is
where I found
these bowling
photos!
Who do you
recognize?

BOWLING

Good News from the Alley Cats!!
We gather at the tables in the area of lanes
4-8.

**Only \$3.00 a game and that
includes shoes and ball!**

Caveman Bowl
1230 Rogue River Highway
February 12th & 26th
March 12th & 26th

**Practice starts at
9:45am**

Please RSVP

Any questions? Call or email Lynn Burke
541-244-8645
cherlynnb123@gmail.com



3rd Monday of each month
Location is kept secret to avoid having
woman crash the party!
Contact Terry O'Dell for the monthly
location
503-812-0381



MEXICAN TRAIN
BEAR HOTEL
2101 NE Spalding

We are back at the Bear Hotel starting
Tuesday February 10th

Our usual days will be the
2nd & 4th Wednesday

February 10th & 25th

YES! TUESDAY 2/10

March 11th & 25th

12:30

Bring your quarters, dominoes and racks!
All shared food must be commercially prepared.

Questions & RSVP

Sandy Antich

541-218-4015

sandygoing@hotmail.com



Thank you Annette
Schmidt for taking
photos of Mexican Train
on 1/14

And THANK YOU
Elks Lodge #1584
For giving us the room to
meet for dominoes!



WWN CLASSIFIED ADS

Ads are accepted only for member items or services.

Ads are \$3.00 (prepaid) for up to 25 words (\$5 for up to 50 words). Deadline is 10 days before the monthly Newcomers Meeting (last Tuesday of each month).
Business Card ads are \$36/6month

Ads may/may not require your name, phone number, address, description of the items for sale or wanted, price, condition of item or date of event.

**WINDERMERE
REAL ESTATE**



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WWN's FACEBOOK QR CODE



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CENTURY 21

J.C. Jones American Dream

858 NW 6th St. Grants Pass, OR 97526



We treat you like family!



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