

THE NEIGHBORLY NEWS



WESTERN WELCOME NEIGHBORS
PO Box 386, Grants Pass, OR 97528

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**WWN IS 40 YEARS OLD!
LETS CELEBRATE**

Starr Terra
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We all love activities. Mr. Groundhog says we have 6 more weeks of winter. We need to be planning some fun events to get us out of the house and moving again. If you have any suggestions of fun places to go please share your ideas with us. Maybe a trip to a park with bag lunches? Or a tour of Shooting Star Nursery to learn about native plants to make our yards beautiful? Hike amongst the trees? While you are thinking of fun places ask yourself "can I help plan a fun event?". The answer is "Yes!" As our membership grows, so should we, but it takes all of us to make that happen.

*Remember to sign up for St Paddy's Day dinner on
Monday March 16th, 2:30-5:30
See page 2 of the Newsletter for more details*



Launie Myers
Vice President

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Hi All - sure hope you can make our Fun February 24th meeting!
This will be a time to reminisce or learn more about our club: *"A Walk Down Memory Lane"*. Hear from longtime members about their memories of events, meetings and members. Have a chance to ask questions of them in our "Ask It Basket" and also, see pictures in our many photo albums on display (want any copies of your favs - they're yours!!)

See you there, starts at 10 am sharp so come early - 9:30 for a good seat, refreshments and sign ups.

Fruitdale Grange - Rogue River Highway and Parkdale



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

March 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
- 15 Kari Lee
- 16 Lou Sheeler
- 21 Pat Randall
- 27 Annette Schmidt



April Birthdays

Day Name

- 1 Sherrill Eads
- 4 Ed Agricola
- 8 Cathy Pallari
- 11 David Tyson
- 11 Linda Lonquist
- 12 Mike McCartney
- 14 Jan Kloes
- 17 Darlene O'Dell
- 21 Sharon Kier
- 27 Lynn Montgomery

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





ANNIE'S SHOPPE

THE BEST KEPT SECRET FOR FURNITURE & HOME DECOR

If you haven't been to **Annie's Shoppe** you are in for a real treat! Annette has made a reservation at the shop for our group. They are usually open only on weekends. I've never gone here without coming home with a special treasure.

They are hidden away in the woods at **1088 Marcy Loop Rd**, off Riverbanks.

Monday, March 2nd ~ 10:30

If you'd like to carpool or follow others meet at The Vine by Albertsons @ 10am (Redwood Hwy/Allen Creek Rd)

**RSVP to
Annette Schmidt
541-815-1224**



LUNCH BUNCH

HONG KONG

820 NW 6th

12:00

Tuesday, March 10th

**You MUST RSVP for Lunch
the restaurant needs to be
prepared.**

**Jan Kloes
541-862-2803
yngtrvlrs@aol.com**



**DO YOU HAVE A
FAVORITE
RESTAURANT OR SOME-
PLACE YOU WANT TO TRY?
LET US KNOW!**

**We need space for a group of
10-30 people
Drop me an email with subject
"Lunch Bunch"**

debrawilsonwn@gmail.com

Or text 541-660-7040

Debra Wilson

**Who are these people at Elmers in 1986 and what do they have to do with WWN!
Hint: One of them is still a member and makes our badges!**

**CRAFTS WITH CONNIE
WILL BE SUGAR EGGS WITH JAN KLOES THIS MONTH!**

Wednesday, March 18th @ noon

Please RSVP, \$15

Jan Kloes

541-862-2803

yngtrvlrs@aol.com



Please bring a finger food to share and come have fun

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\$\$ WIN

Purchase your tickets at the registration area. Ticket prices are 1 for \$1, 3 for \$2, 5 for \$3 and 10 for \$5.

Tickets are drawn at the meeting and you could go home a winner!

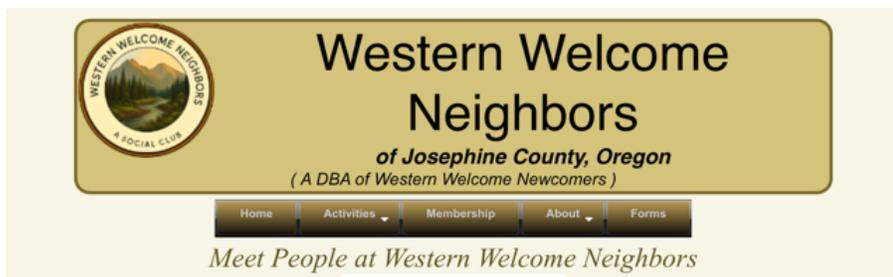
The total collected is divided 50% to the club and the other 50% goes to the winning ticket holder. If the pot is big enough we draw two tickets!

January Winner was Sandy Roberts \$53



Kari Lee!
Watch for her at Mexican Train

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A WEBSITE



WWNeighbors.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

NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES?

Free tax assistance is available in Grants Pass. Volunteers will help residents with their federal and state taxes at no cost.

Community members can receive assistance on Tuesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Grants Pass branch of Josephine Community Library, located at 200 Northwest C Street.

Tuesdays are reserved for appointments to file taxes. Fridays offer both appointments and walk-in assistance for those needing tax forms or who have general tax-related questions.

The program is tailored for individuals with simple tax returns, such as income from wages, Social Security, or retirement. Certified VITA volunteers will prepare and file returns, typically ready for pickup within one week.

To schedule an appointment, call VITA at 541-223-9597



**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

**March 5th & 19th
April 2nd & 16th**

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

DO YOU HAVE AN ACTIVITY
OUR GROUP MIGHT LIKE?
SOMEPLACE YOU'VE
WANTED TO GO?

LET US KNOW!

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"Activity"

debrawilsonwn@gmail.com

Or text 541-660-7040

Debra Wilson

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

March 12th & 26th

April 9th & 23rd

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

March 11th & 25th
12:30
April 8th & 22nd
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



Lilly Radbourne, Sherril Eads, Monica Stockton, Jan Kloes, Ann Barham, Ed Eads, and Lianne Styron is back

Photos from lunch bunch Friday 2/13 at Red Robin. We had 25 people! Be sure and sign up for the next one 3/10 at Hong Kong Restaurant



Tom & Carmen Cowan, Cheri Gilliam, Dawn Shively, Launie Myers, Janet Frederick, Lisa Baer and Annette Schmidt



No need to check your glasses, that really is Genie Bascom!! Next to her is Darlene and Terry O'Dell, Pat Kellam, Earlin Peaker, Sandy Antich, Carol and Doug Whelan



Tom & Debra Wilson



We all know Sandy Antich for her quick wit and generous heart. But did you know we also have her to thank for helping create Rhinehart Volunteer Park? She actually got on the Grants Pass City Council to help make that happen.

Sandy and Erlin joined WVN in 2010, and she has held so many positions and done so much for our group that it would take a full page to list it all. But this story is about something else.

What many of you may not know is that Sandy had a beautiful Amazon parrot named Nigel. He was found in the Amazon in 1983, and Sandy and Erlin received him from their kids in 1989. Yes — they had him for 36 years.

About a year ago, Sandy had to make the incredibly difficult decision to give Nigel to a rescue group. Birds can sometimes cause breathing problems, and she was having health issues. I can't even imagine how hard that must have been. She knew the rescue would take good care of him and find him a loving home... but that didn't make the silence in their house any easier.

Every evening they would cover his cage, and every morning Nigel would shout, "Come on, Nigel wants to get up!" When they removed the cover, he'd call out, "Cup of coffee! Cup of coffee!" After enjoying his coffee (with cream and sugar in a tablespoon), he would demand his apple because breakfast was next. If Sandy picked up her purse or coat, he'd yell, "Bye-bye!" because he wanted to go, too.

They even brought him out occasionally. Tom and I remember Erlin coming to pick up Sandy with Nigel along for the ride.

Now for the happy ending — last week Nigel was adopted! A young couple had adopted another parrot a month earlier, and because he and Nigel became such good friends, they came back for Nigel, too. Can you imagine what those two are going to dream up together? He's already settling in. When they offered him a banana, he said he wanted a cookie instead!

This Nigel character sounds suspiciously like a husband.

Thank you, Sandy and Erlin, for all you have done for others — and for the laughter you always bring.

With love and respect,
Debra Wilson

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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Jaeger Szewc

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541-778-3400

SUSAN:
541-582-8000

SUSANANDMARIAN@
GMAIL.COM

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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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