



THE NEIGHBORLY NEWS

WESTERN WELCOME NEIGHBORS
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The big event coming up is our Annual Auction! Be sure to check out Page 2 of the newsletter for all the details. The doors will open at **8:30 a.m.** so you can bring in your donations and get signed up. The auction will begin at **9:30 a.m.**, giving everyone plenty of time to look over all the wonderful offerings. It never ceases to amaze me what our creative members come up with!

There's also a change for Mexican Train. During November and December, the Bear Hotel has other events scheduled, so we need to find another location. This year, we'll be gathering at **The Elks**. Instead of purchasing lunch, we're asking for a **\$5 contribution toward the rental**. And here's the fun part—we can bring all kinds of homemade goodies to share! So bring your favorite treat and come ready for a fun afternoon of Mexican Train, good food, and good company.

Love the Drama? From musical numbers and comedy to timeless tragedy and nostalgia—if you love theater, you won't want to miss our September 29th meeting! Hear from Sharif with Barnstormers Theatre as they celebrate their landmark **75th season!** As the second-oldest continuously operating community theater in Oregon, Barnstormers has been inspiring, educating, and entertaining our region for three quarters of a century. Come hear their story and discover what's coming to the stage next.



WESTERN WELCOME NEIGHBORS ANNUAL AUCTION

 Tuesday, October 27th

 Doors open 8:30am, auction starts 9:30am

Join us for one of the most anticipated events of the year — our Annual Auction, the Western Welcome Neighbors' only fundraiser.

Whether you're donating, bidding, or just cheering from the sidelines, this event promises fun, laughter, and friendly competition. Enjoy a festive atmosphere and an amazing variety of items, such as:

- Beautiful Handcrafts from our talented members

-  Fresh-baked treats

-  Hand-knit and crocheted items

-  Gift baskets packed with goodies

-  Potted plants, wine, gift cards, and more!

Remember: CASH or CHECK ONLY



 Our Auctioneer: Nelson Maler

Get ready for a lively, laughter-filled afternoon with the one and only Nelson at the helm!

 **ITEM DONORS, PLEASE NOTE:**

- **Every auction item must include two (2) 3x5 cards with:**

- o Item Title

- o Brief Description

- o Pick up blank cards at the August and September meetings.

- o  No rummage sale or used items, please.



Let's make this year's auction another memorable success. We can't wait to see you there!

Terry O'Dell
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HAND & FOOT, 5 CROWN, KINGS IN THE CORNER CARD GAMES

Elks Lodge

618 SE J Street, Grant Pass

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Oct 1st & 15th

Nov 5th & 19th

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

Support the Elks and have fun too

Cash only

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

Linda Lonnquist

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See what
you miss
when you
don't
come to
play cards
at the
Elks!



Lunch Bunch

October 6th noon

119 E Main St

Rogue River

Parking available in back

Please RSVP

Barb Hilty

509-254-1359



3rd Monday of each month

Powderhorn Café

321 NE 6th, GP

Parking in back

MUST RSVP

Terry O'dell

503-812-0381

Lunch Bunch: Tarasco's in
Rogue River 10/7 noon

Crafts 10/21

WWN Auction 10/27

Wreaths 11/11 10am

Providence Trees 12/5

Christmas Party 12/7 Code4

Cookie Exchange 12/11

New Years Eve Lunch 12/31



Our newest members are Walt & Karen Bartlett. Some of you met Walt a few months ago and heard he is available for handyman jobs! Karen works as a caregiver so may not be at of meetings but we are hoping to get to know her better at activities!

We have lots of new members , but there's something we can all do to help our newest members feel welcome:

WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE!

It's always nice to be able to call someone by name—and let's face it, we're all at that age when remembering names doesn't always come easy!

To encourage everyone to wear their name badge at our monthly meetings, we're introducing a 25¢ "name badge fine" for anyone who forgets theirs. Consider it a small price to pay for helping everyone get to know one another!

OUR WEBSITE



<https://wwneighbors.org>

Just click on the three lines in the upper right corner and you will find all the calendars and newsletter from the past 12 months!

DIRECTORIES

Please look over the new member directories and let me know any errors.

Example;
Bonnie Westbrook called to let me know that one husband is enough and Manfred Dittrich does not live with them. So please remove his address in the directory.

Book Lovers Unite!

We are a different type of Book Club, in that we each read our own chosen book, then come to the meeting, buy our own lunch and give a review of the book to the group. Sometimes the book is offered on loan or as a gift to anyone who wants it. We are part of the *Western Welcomes Neighbors* social group, and you must be a member(\$15/year) to attend on a regular basis.

Visitors are welcome!



Elmer's Restaurant
175 N Agness Ave
Grants Pass
**Second Monday
of 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
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CRAFTS

With cold weather coming up it's time to get together crafting and enjoying the company of others while doing something creative!

Jan Kloes has come up with a beautiful glass decorated with beads and lit with a string of LED lights!
10/21 noon at the Wilson's,
1953 Robertson Bridge Rd.
\$10 Limited space

RSVP:

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Mark your calendar!
The November 11th
craft is a natural
Christmas Wreath
with Barb Mahan.
More info in next
newsletter.



9/9/26

Mexican Train at
the Bear Hotel
28 members and
a lot of laughing!



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

Oct 8th & 22nd

Nov 12th

NOTE THE NEW TIME

Practice starts at

9:45am

Please RSVP

Any questions? Call or email Lynn Burke

541-244-8645

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October Birthdays

Day Name

- 1 Diane Lewis
- 1 Kathy Gray
- 2 Larry Boynton
- 4 LuWanna Verber
- 4 Jackie Feather
- 4 Marcy Kappner
- 6 Jeff Gray
- 7 Jim Connelly
- 10 Susi Borton/Stewart
- 12 Dianne Agricola
- 13 Erlin Peaker
- 16 Becky Bochman
- 18 Phyllis Greenwood
- 22 Starr Terra
- 29 Darlene Byrd



November Birthdays

Day Name

- 3 Carmen Cowan
- 6 Debra Wilson
- 10 Paul Lonnquist
- 14 Sharon Gossett
- 16 Lou LeBlanc
- 20 Greg Stewart
- 21 Lori Stonecipher
- 23 Cheri Gilliam
- 26 Jackie Watson
- 27 Holly French
- 27 Jan Franz
- 28 Betty Hart
- 28 Janet Anderson



**THE AUCTION IS
COMING
10/27**

9/15 Butte Creek Mill in Eagle Point.
Thank you Annette Schmidt for finding





MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Bear Hotel
201 NE Spalding
12:30

Note the date change:

Oct. 7th & 28th

Note 10/7 is a schedule change

Bring your quarters, dominoes and racks!

All shared food must be commercially prepared.

Questions & RSVP

Sandy Antich

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November 4th/18th & December 9th

games will be at
The Elks Lodge
618 SE J St

This is also your chance to bring in some
HOMEMADE goodies to share!

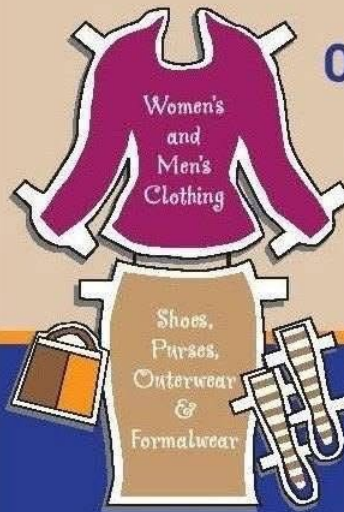
In order for our group to use the room
we are asking for a **contribution of**
\$5 per player



Donation
box is open
until 10/7
at The Bear
Hotel

SAVE THE DATE FALL CLOTHING FAIR

Saturday,
October 17th,
2026
9am-2pm



All money raised
benefits the
Women's Crisis
Support Team

Located at Evergreen's Bear Hotel, 2101 Spalding Ave, Grants Pass
For more information, call WCST: 541-476-3877

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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!

August winners

Sandy Antich \$37 and Karen Bartlett \$30

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 Neighbors 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.

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CENTURY 21

J.C. Jones American Dream

858 NW 6th St. Grants Pass, OR 97526



We treat you like family!



The Board for 2026-2027

Officers

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Treasurer	Diane Lewis
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Parliamentarian	Sandra Antich

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	Jan Kloes