

# THE NEWCOMER NEWS



WESTERN WELCOME  
NEWCOMERS  
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Do you enjoy a leisurely day with friends learning to do a new and fun craft? Then you would enjoy Crafts at Connie's house! Each month Connie has something new to make and will show you how. Occasionally she plans an activity to enjoy with other artists. One trip was to a local glass blower where we were shown how it was done and were able to make our own ornament. Another trip was to visit an artist that taught fused glass. Trips to the local pottery studio are enjoyable too. Sign up at the general meeting to learn a new craft. Crafting is like meditation. It allows you to focus your mind and release your stress.



**Launie Myers**

Launie Myers  
Vice President

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Join us for our fun monthly meeting on July 29 at Fruitdale Grange. It starts at 10, but come early to get a seat and sign up for upcoming events and activities. This month club has decided to do a brunch pot luck so come hungry, too! We have sign ups already but if you have questions call Sherrill Eads 623-221-9994. This month we will hear about the upcoming LEMONADE DAY. This is an event put on by the Chamber of Commerce to give some of our local students the opportunity to learn about business. They will also be giving us a sample of their lemonade to go with our potluck.

## Potluck Brunch Meeting—July 29th

Come and enjoy and meet new friends.

Regular meeting time and place.

Did you miss the sign up?

text or call Sherrill Eads NOW —623-221-9994



## Newcomers Annual Picnic

August 12th 10:00

REINHART PARK, HARRY & DAVID PAVILLION

This will be more of a fiesta picnic.

Taco bar from **Casa Amiga** including beef, chicken and pork and all the toppings—rice & beans included. Signup to bring a dessert. Free for members—\$18 for guests.

**No money will be accepted on the day of picnic.**

**All reservations in advance.**

Deadline to signup and pay your dues is July 29th, so signup at meetings text or call Sherrill Eads at —623-221-9994



### August Birthdays

#### Day Name

2	Alan Harlacher
2	Norman Kraetsch
3	David Dolan
3	Don Carter
4	Sharon Lee
5	Don Roberts
5	Sandy Roberts
7	Ann Barham
9	Joyce Knowles
13	Gayle Welsh
14	Bonnie Cordes
16	Tom Miller
21	Barbara Mahan
25	Shireen Hartmann
30	James Swallow
30	Lynn Burke

### September Birthdays

#### Day Name

6	Carol Swallow
6	Hersch Beahm
13	Ken Bartunek
21	Tom Cowan
25	Mark Simonds
25	Oleita Sanford





## With Deep Sadness - Remembering John Cox & Leslie Thompson

It is with great sadness that I share the news that we lost two cherished members of our Newcomers WWN community this week. We were so fortunate to have spent time with John Cox (97) and Leslie Thompson (63) — two of the most joyful people you could ever hope to meet.

John Cox joined Newcomers in 2005. He rarely missed a lunch and was always present at our parties. When I spoke with newer members about him, they often remembered him as “the gentleman with the hat and the smile that made you want to smile back.” At 97, I’m sure he had his tough days — but he never showed it. His twinkling eyes, warm laugh, and ever-present smile are how I will always remember him.

Leslie Thompson and the light of her life, Kenny Bartunek, joined our group in 2022. Leslie took us by storm from day one. The phrases “her enthusiasm was infectious” and “her smile lit up the room” were written for her. Leslie fought a brave battle with cancer, yet she never stopped sharing positivity. She will be remembered for her joy, strength, and the way she made each of us feel.

Both John and Leslie leave behind a legacy of laughter, kindness, and light. They will be missed deeply, and remembered always with love.



**BEAR HOTEL**  
**2101 NE Spalding**

**August 13th & 27th**  
**September 10th & 24th**

**Doors open at 12:30**  
**Bring your quarters, dominoes and racks!**

**If you'd like to share a snack please be sure it is commercially prepared**

Questions & RSVP

Sandy Antich

**541-218-4015**

[sandygoing@hotmail.com](mailto:sandygoing@hotmail.com)



Leslie's always had a smile for everyone at Mexican Train! Not sure her table ever finished a game with all the laughter and hijinks



Leslie's whimsical Mexican train tokens

**Book Lovers Unite!**

The Book Club meets **2nd Monday of each month** for lunch and discussion of books we've read or listened to

**August 11th 12:30 regular lunch and discussion**

**Elmer's Restaurant**

175 N Agness, Grants Pass



**Come share what you're reading! We don't all read the same book in this book club. It's fun to hear about new authors.**

If you are unable to make the meeting, please let Beth Lenz know so she can provide a proper head count and make sure a server is available for us.

**Happy reading/listening!**

**Please RSVP to**

**Beth Lenz**

[bethlenz02@gmail.com](mailto:bethlenz02@gmail.com)

**541-218-5938**



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**\$\$ WIN**

Buy your tickets and go home with a little bonus. Tickets are drawn at the meeting and you could go home a winner!

Purchase your tickets at the registration area.

Ticket prices are 1 for \$1, 3 for \$2, 5 for \$3 and 10 for \$5.

The total collected is divided 50% to the club and the other 50% is split between two winners.



## **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

**August 7th & 21st  
September 4th & 18th**

**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**



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



## **BOWLING**

**Good News from the Alley Cats!!**

We gather at the tables in the area of lanes 4-8.

**Only \$2.50 a game and that includes  
shoes and ball!**

**Sept price increase to \$3**

**Caveman Bowl**

1230 Rogue River Highway


**August 14th & 28th  
September 11th & 25th(?)**


**Practice starts @ 12:45 pm  
Possible change in September**

**Please RSVP**

Any questions? Call or email Lynn Burke  
[cherlynnb123@gmail.com](mailto:cherlynnb123@gmail.com)





# WESTERN WELCOME NEWCOMERS ANNUAL AUCTION

 Tuesday, October 28th

 Doors open 9am, auction starts 9:30am

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

Whether you're donating, bidding, or just cheering from the sidelines, this evening 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 shawls
-  Gift baskets packed with goodies
-  Potted plants, wine, gift cards, and more!



 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:**
  - Item Title
  - Brief Description
  - Pick up blank cards at the August and September meetings.
  -  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!

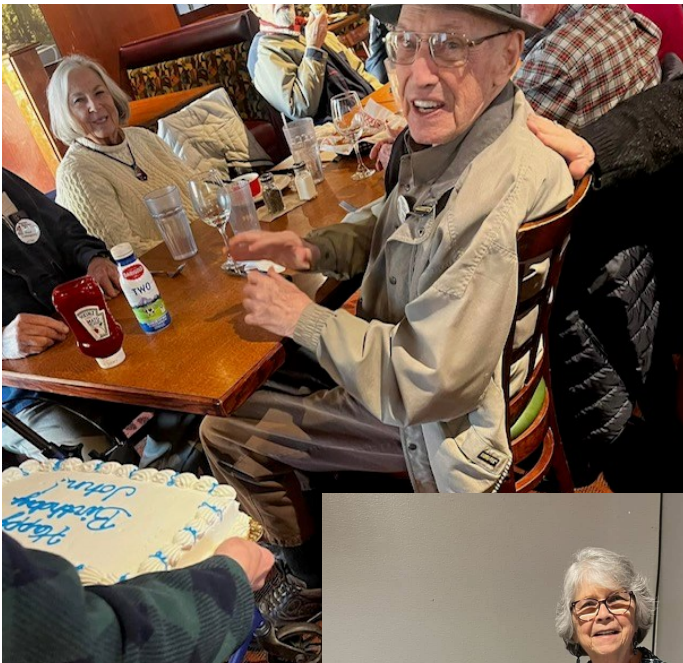




## CRAFTS WITH CONNIE

Come & make a fun craft on Aug 20th at 10:00. We will make some garden decorations. It will be at Connie's home at 1255 SW Ironwood Dr. by the Reinhardt Park. Turn R on Webster then L on Ironwood. There will be a sign up sheet at the general meeting or you can always call to sign up. The cost will be \$15. Thanks Connie Hager 541)218-2804

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[ConnieHager@rocketmail.com](mailto:ConnieHager@rocketmail.com)



John Cox celebrating  
97th birthday

John and Launie Myers  
at St Pat's party

His smile will be  
missed



## LUNCH BUNCH

**Friday August 22nd**  
**Noon**

**Joe's Bar & Grill**

**820 NE E Street #I**  
**Grants Pass**

**RSVP Jan Kloes**  
**541-862-2803**

[yngtrvlrs@aol.com](mailto:yngtrvlrs@aol.com)

**Sign up at 7/29 meeting**

## 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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GMAIL.COM

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**CENTURY 21**

J.C. Jones American Dream

858 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St. Grants Pass, OR 97526



We treat you like family!



### The Board for 2025-2026

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