

# Marys River Messenger

## The Marys River Grange Newsletter



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### Harvest Festing!



Thank you for updating the sign every month, Camille & Jim!

**Marys River Grange #685** regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM at 24707 Grange Hall Road in Philomath. Potluck at 6:30! All welcome.

Contact [marysrivergrange@gmail.com](mailto:marysrivergrange@gmail.com) or 541-829-2907. See also: [marysrivergrange.org](http://marysrivergrange.org)  
[facebook.com/Marys-River-Grange-Hall-288171007887164/](https://facebook.com/Marys-River-Grange-Hall-288171007887164/)



**MRG Moonlight Country Mixers**, Mondays, 7-10pm,  
\$5 adults/\$4 under 18; host/instructor Jamie Lee



### Benton County Granges Host Bingo Monthly

#### Fairmount Grange #252

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 6 PM at Fairmount Grange Hall

#### Marys River Grange #685

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 6 PM at Marys River Grange Hall

#### Willamette Grange #52

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 6 PM at Greenberry Tavern

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 6:30 PM at Willamette Grange Hall

Harvest fest is coming: We need vendors.  
If you know of anyone, please encourage them to  
request an application and get it in.

Contact: [marysrivgrange@gmail.com](mailto:marysrivgrange@gmail.com)

Thank you, The Harvest Folks



### Special Presentation:

**Albatross research on Campbell Island, New Zealand subantarctic, with Peter Moore**  
**Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Peter Moore will give a brief presentation on his trip to Campbell Island in the New Zealand subantarctic. He joined a 10-week expedition in 2023/24 to assess the current status of three species of albatrosses due to concerns that populations are in decline. Peter will show some of the unique plants and animals that inhabit this remote nature reserve, including species that are now thriving since Norway rats were eradicated in 2001.



Families are welcome to MRG monthly meetings with potluck and activities for children. Our monthly meetings are informative with brief Lecturer's program, inspirational with brief Chaplain's program, and interesting for our discussions of our Grange's programs, building and grounds development, and community involvement. Most meetings conclude by 8pm.

**An activity table is set up at the west side of Marys River Grange's main hall for youth during monthly meetings**, until the Junior Hall is habitable and there are more children attending. Activities available may include origami, scratch off pictures, beads and string jewelry, pipe cleaner crafts and idea book, and seasonal/occasion crafts TBA. Other activities may involve coloring/paper crafts, puzzles, book reading, board or card games, rock painting, outside games, etc.

Another Marys River Grange family community event:

**Harvest Potluck and Song Circle, Sat. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
at Marys River Grange Hall. Potluck starts at 6pm, for an hour of socializing and enjoying a meal together. Song Circle starts at 7pm! Song books generously provided by the Wren Community Club. Any instruments welcomed.

\*Thank you, coordinator Stacy Moore!

## Yoga at the Grange Fall 2024

**Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> - November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Classes are \$10 for Grange members,  
\$15 for non-Grange members.

Questions? Please contact  
Laura Coen: 331-201-5458



### Eggs for Sale.

With a dozen chickens, who are well fed and not caged, they give us dozens of brown eggs. We need to sell them to cover costs - \$3/dozen or \$8 for 3 dozen.



Call John (Alsea Hwy) at  
541-929-7114.





# SPOON JAM!



Spoon and other green-wood carving circle

**What:** Carving, skill sharing, community building

**Who:** Beginner to Advanced carvers (Ages 16+)

**What to bring:** Your own tools and wood

**When:** 3rd Wednesday every month, 5:30—8:30 PM

Donations welcomed for use of space

**RSVP Required**  
 Contact: Kiko Denzer,  
[kiko@handprintpress.com](mailto:kiko@handprintpress.com),  
 or text 541-740-7243

Marys River Grange  
 24707 Grange Hall Road  
 Philomath, Oregon  
 97370



Friendly pirates appeared in the Philomath Frolic parade.  
 - photos by Ruth Penton

Please consider contributing to Talk Like a Pirate night in September the following ways:

1. bake cookies, cakes for selling. Money goes to the Grange.
2. baskets for door prizes.
3. contributions to go in baskets could include:
  - a. popcorn in popcorn bags
  - b. baked goods
  - c. coins from other countries
  - d. old fashioned unwanted jewelry
  - e. unwanted board games
  - f. any random unwanted things at home that might be interesting.

Thanks, Yvonne. 541-609-0303

**Farmers' Market**, May 26 to Oct. 20: 11 AM–3 PM  
 at the Philomath Community Library parking lot (1050 Applegate Street). Stroll through on Sundays. Support and empower local food growers, producers, and makers!

AHOY MATEY, 'TIS TIME TO

## TALK LIKE A PIRATE



AHOY YE SEA DOGS!



DANCE WITH LESSONS



YAR! BE PAVIN' AT THE DOOR



GAMES WITH PRIZES

**MARYS RIVER GRANGE HALL**  
**MON, SEPT 23 2024 6:00 PM**

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 TALK LIKE A PIRATE  
 COSTUME (ADULT AND CHILD)  
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 COLORING CONTEST

TWO QUILT RAFFLES



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## Marys River Junior Grange Hall Remodel

*"We shape our buildings; thereafter, they shape us."*  
– Winston Churchill

The Junior Hall has been a labor of love for a number of months now as members have worked diligently, and I am happy to say that the exterior building phase of the remodel is coming to a close! For those who have been to the hall as of late, or have been following our updates on Facebook, Marys River Grangers have been hard at work completing such tasks as siding, framing, caulking, and general construction to get ready for the interior. As featured in this edition of the *Messenger*, you can see the new steps to the back door and a beautiful French door installed on the eastern wall (siding has since been completed).

Mentioned in the August meeting, we faced a bit of a budget shortfall due to unexpected electrician costs. However, recent income from Amazing Grange Day, a forthcoming Consumer Powers rebate, and a significant anonymous donation have helped us eliminate that shortfall.

We are in the home stretch, but a stretch nonetheless! Help will be needed for our insulation work party on September 14th (donuts and pizza for those who assist!). Soon after, the Junior Hall will be painted white with blue trim as demonstrated near the front of the main hall. Other items to complete in later September and October will include the installation of sheetrock, shiplap, and light fixtures.

- Mike Terry, MRG #685 President



Huge thanks to our Marys River Grange Building Committee and all volunteers and supportive community. You make it happen and you are awesome!



Marys River Granger Phoebe Sue Coen graduated with honors from Philomath High School on June 8, 2024. In addition to scholarships from the Philomath Community Foundation, the Philomath Booster Club and the Benton Community Foundation, she was also awarded three scholarships from the Oregon State Grange: the Spence Memorial Scholarship, the Louise Holst Memorial Scholarship and the Muzzy Mandel Memorial Scholarship. Phoebe will be attending California State Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, California, in the fall, to study Nutritional Science.

*"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter."*  
– Brian Solis, shared by Sarah Coulter Mitchell

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**Marys River Grange held another successful fundraiser, Amazing Grange Day 2024, rummage sale and pie auction, on Saturday August 17th.** The money donated will support MRG's Junior Hall remodel. Remaining items were shared with Western Star Grange for their fundraising sale, which was also a success!



- photo by Suzy Johanson

## **All American Mini Meatloaves (makes 2 mini meatloaves)**

### **Glaze**

¼ cup ketchup  
2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar  
2 teaspoons cider vinegar

### **Meatloaves**

4 teaspoons vegetable oil  
⅓ cup finely chopped onion  
2 cloves of garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon minced fresh thyme or ¼ dried  
½ cup panko bread crumbs  
¼ cup minced parsley  
3 tablespoons whole milk  
2 tablespoons worcestershire sauce  
1 large egg yolk  
1 tablespoon dijon mustard  
¼ teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
1 pound meatloaf mix

**For the glaze:** Whisk all ingredients together in a bowl

**For the meatloaves:** Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in 10 inch oven safe nonstick skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and thyme and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Transfer to large bowl. Wipe skillet clean.

Stir panko, parsley, milk, worcestershire, egg yolk, mustard, salt, and pepper into onion mixture. Using hands, gently mix in meatloaf mix until thoroughly combined. Divide mixture into 2 equal portions and press each portion into small oven loafs.

Heat remaining 2 teaspoons oil in now empty skillet over medium-high heat until just smoking. Gently place meatloaves in skillet and cook until well browned on first side, 2-3 minutes. Carefully flip meatloaves, neaten edges with 2 spatulas, and cook until lightly browned on second side, about 2 minutes.

Brush meatloaves with glaze and transfer skillet to oven. Bake until meatloaves register 160 degrees, 20-30 minutes. Transfer meatloaves to serving platter and let rest for 5 minutes before serving.

- Mike & Amanda Terry,  
from *The Complete Cooking for Two Cookbook*



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*Let my words, like vegetables, be tender and sweet,  
for tomorrow I may have to eat them.*

- Author Unknown

## Mount Union Historic Cemetery Update

In the 1860's inter-racial cemeteries were a rarity, and Reuben and Mary Jane Shipley, both born into slavery and freed in Oregon, gave 2 of their over 100 acres to establish Mount Union Cemetery in May 1861. The cemetery, now managed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees, is a local treasure hidden in plain sight. I often find that even long-time local residents have never been to the cemetery, and even fewer know its amazing history. The cemetery is open during daylight hours all year long, and is a delightful place to walk, enjoy abundant bird life, and take in the peaceful setting. A brochure at the map kiosk gives details about the Shipleys and their gift.

This year, the huge maple tree at the north end of the cemetery was designated a Philomath Heritage Tree. Two winters ago, a section of the tree fell, and the tree was cared for by a skilled arborist. Take a look and see if you can spot the slack cables that will help prevent a similar mishap from damaging the very old headstones below the tree.

Just as the Grange has "work parties", the cemetery performs monthly maintenance on the second Saturday from April through October, from 9am to noon. Volunteers mow, use a string trimmer, fill ground squirrel holes, clean up dead flowers, trim plants, clean headstones – any and all tasks are focused on keeping the cemetery in reasonable shape. Being true to the historic nature of the cemetery, our goal is not to be an irrigated, manicured space, but a pleasant place where the past is honored.

Recently, the Philomath Dementia Warriors group visited the cemetery for a short history lesson, a pleasant walk around the gravel roads, and took part in the self-guided adventure "Quest" (sponsored by Oregon Sea Grant). Clues and hints lead to information about the Shipleys. Quest can be printed from the cemetery website:

<https://mtunioncemetery.com/mt-union-historic-cemetery-quest/> It's a fun activity for all ages!

Perhaps you have read the "Mount Union Stories" in the Philomath News. Editor Brad Fuqua features people buried at Mount Union, with a photo of their headstone, re-printing their obituaries and often adding details from his extensive research. It is one of my favorite parts of our outstanding local news source.

The annual Board meeting is open to the public and held on the second Saturday in November. Consider this your personal invitation to attend! Time and location TBD. Anyone interested in volunteering can simply show up on a second Saturday, or call the cemetery Sexton, Bill Caffey at 541-974-2345.

- Janet Cornelius

## Read more local news at philomathnews.com

If you or someone you know who works in agriculture, forestry or the fishing industry is struggling, call or text **833-897-2474** for help. The Agristress Helpline is free, operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and has trained counselors with experience in those industries who can take phone calls in 160 languages, with English, Spanish and Vietnamese professionals available to respond by text.



## Women of the Grange

The Women of the Grange meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month for friendship, enrichment, and shared experiences. All are welcome! Please contact Suzy Johanson for questions and suggestions at 541-908-0283.

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### Health Care for Farm Workers

Farm Clinic is expanding services to uninsured & underinsured agricultural workers in Benton, Linn, & Lincoln Counties.

Any small-scale & family-run farms (vineyards, tree farms, dairy, ranching, etc.)

Contact: Lisa Quick, Community Outreach & Farm Clinic,  
541-758-3000



## Greetings from Philomath Community Services (PCS)

Philomath Community Services is celebrating 50 years of service to our region. As part of that celebration, Philomath Food Bank has been renamed "Nancy's Food Pantry" in honor of Nancy Flegal who began her food assistance program here in 1974. Nancy was a retired social worker who saw a need in her new home and in the beginning collected and delivered food with a bicycle and cart. From those humble beginnings PCS was born. You will be hearing more about our "50 Years of Service" celebration in the next few months.

Philomath Community Services is very grateful for our partnership with Marys River Grange. Your donations of funds and clothing in support of our services have been invaluable this year. So many factors have continued to place increasing economic challenges on people in our region. Back to school places additional burdens on families with children. In response to these challenges, we have now invited our recipients to shop twice a month at Nancy's Food Pantry & June's Kid Kiosk. Our current most urgent needs are:

### Nancy's Food Pantry

- Canned meals, chili, beef stew, etc
- Condiments & spices of all kinds
- Canned milk
- Dessert mixes

### June's Kids Kiosk

- Underwear
- Pajamas
- Boy's jeans/pants - Size 5-10
- Socks
- Winter coats & clothing
- Backpacks

### Winter Prep

- Sleeping bags
- Small tarps & tents
- Adult clothing

Please donate items that are only clean & in good condition.

For more information contact us at 541-929-2499

Sharon Thornberry

[director@philomathcommunityservices.org](mailto:director@philomathcommunityservices.org)

541-609-8903

Hello Grangers! Coming up in September is our newest Willamette Grange Event:

**Puppy Fest, Sept 14, 10 to 2** at Willamette Grange  
27555 Greenberry Rd, Corvallis

Bring your well-behaved, leashed best friend (of any age) and join in the fun. There will be presentations, Pupper Pageants – to show off your furry friend's best attribute or trick, and lots of information if you're just interested in having a doggy friend but haven't found yours yet. Bring a book to "read to a dog" for the youngsters. There will be Hot dogs, "Pupcorn," treats for puppies, and lots of fun and information for you and our furry friends. Free for all!

### **October 5<sup>th</sup> is Cider Day Saturday, from 10 to 2.**

Fill your container for a donation. Lots of fun with music, free cider tasting, treats and crafts. See the production of cider from apple to juice. Rain or shine this is a fun day and our biggest fundraiser for the Hall. If you have apples (not off the ground) or want to help, please reach out by calling or texting: 541-609-8335

**Keep your calendar open for Nov 2 for our infamous Pumpkin Palooza!** Where the youngsters (of all ages) decorate small pumpkins that are then launched from our famous Trebuchet! It's great fun, so save the date.

You are welcome anytime out at the Hall. We have two of the three new doors installed as well as nine of the thirteen new windows. It's looking really nice and you can see the historic appearance nearing completion. Stop by if you are in the neighborhood to get a tour or contact us.

- Toni Hoyman

OSU Extension Service Tour: Sept. 12, 10am – 12pm. **Blueberry Meadows** in Corvallis, where they are known for their abundant u-pick blueberry fields. This is the 1st year in transitioning over the farm from one family generation to the next. Come enjoy a walk through the berry fields, hear about what that transition process has looked like, and how the farm is progressing with new ownership. Register online at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/events/blueberry-meadows-farm-tour>

Sept. 15, 11am – 3pm: FREE Nitrate screening of your well water at the Philomath Farmers Market! Just bring 1/2 cup of unfiltered water in a clean container to be tested. Testing takes about 10 minutes! Located at the Philomath Community Library parking lot, 1050 Applegate St.

See also:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/benton/events>



Send items for the *Messenger* to Judy Hays-Eberts at [marysrivergrange@gmail.com](mailto:marysrivergrange@gmail.com) or mail to Marys River Grange, PO Box 1301, Philomath, OR 97370. No fee for business card-sized advertisements from members of MRG.

**Deadline for Nov./Dec. Messenger: Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>**



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 Marys River Grange  
Announces

**B I N G O**

**Game Night**  
Friday Sep 13  
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM\*

 

24707 Grange Hall Rd, Philomath  
**You're Invited!**

**A family friendly, fun fundraising event for Marys River Grange**  
10 games: 5 regular, 5 special pattern  
Plus: 1 blackout with Block of Nine prize

**Door Prizes**  
Drinks and snacks for sale

 Ticket prices are  
\$10 for 10 3-on games (3 cards for 10 games)  
\$20 for 10 6-on games (6 cards for 10 games)  
\$1 per blackout ticket  
50/50 split on prizes/fundraising

\* End time is estimated, and may vary depending on length of individual games