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SRN Thanks All Who Made Our Summer Gathering Fun & Successful

By Laurel Erhardt, SRN President

The 28th Annual Summer Gathering once again lived up to its promise to raise a little money, provide a place for neighbors to connect and just have a fun-filled afternoon. Preliminary accounting shows a gross of over \$6000, which is our goal, as this is what it costs to run our all-volunteer Skyline Ridge Neighbors 501c3 organization for a year. The turnout was great and Gravel provided toe tapping music. There were painted faces on young and old, kids playing and neighbors bidding, chatting and connecting. All in all a great afternoon.

This would not be nearly as wonderful an event were it not for the generous venue donation of the fabulously well-kept Plumper Pumpkin Patch and Tree Farm. Thank you Jim and Peggy Kessinger. Also, once again, The Meating Place's contribution to the potluck of a generous helping of their delicious pulled pork added to the flavor of the Gathering. We are quite fortunate to have such awesome vendors in our 'hood that are also very generous.

More thank you's to those who attended who have committed to making our neighborhood better and safer: Our community NET Team (Susan Gorgas, Hope Roach, John Rueter, Judy Friedman, Roger Cummings, Karen Cummings, Sharon Barthmaier, Laurel Harroun, Grant Rolette, Rachael Brake) for coming and continuing to nudge us toward emergency preparedness, Multnomah County Deputy David McGarry, Deputy Chris McCune, and Commissioner Sharon Meieran. Thank you for showing up to enjoy our gathering, to chat with constituents and get a feel for who we are. We truly appreciate everyone coming out to support and get to know us.

Laura Watts was our kids' activities coordinator. She came with a ton of energy and enthusiasm and pulled together a diversity of entertaining activities for kids of all ages. We had Morgan Roe with the Bach to Rock Music

(B2R) program entertaining and providing music activities for kids. We were honored that two of the B2R students had their debut performances at our venue. Jacob Schreiber does a pretty good Elvis! And Aarna Hedge was flawless in her keyboard performance. River Lyon, who helps at the Gathering every year, brought his awesome art skills for kids to create painting projects. Ronna gave lessons in bird painting. Chelsea with Santosh Yoga brought out the yoga

mats and we were all learning stretches and tips to keep us forever young. Lori Schreiber once again brightened our whole affair with her creative and beautiful face painting. Then of course, we were free to romp about the farm, view the animals and climb about the play structures.

Our potluck dishes are in excellent hands under the watchful organization of Valerie Driscoll and her team with key players Sen Speroff and John Driscoll. Every year, they run a well-organized, nicely displayed potluck. They use a little more elbow grease and hence create very little garbage. Nice job Team!

Suzanne Perra was the key driver for collecting over 127 auction items that were donated by over 86 neighbors, friends and businesses. And although many helped, I'm giving a shout out to Rachael Brake as Suzanne's wingwoman for putting in hours and hours of pre-auction work starting weeks before the auction, then set up, then cashiering at the end of the day. One of the wonderful characteristics of our auction is how it captured the essence of our neighborhood with something for whatever suited your fancy. From neighbor-hosted events such as a beer and food pairing tasting, art work from local artists, practical garden items to fancy Zman hats.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- over 120 families who attended
- 30 plus volunteers who contributed time, muscle and energy. You lighten the load for all:



A bird's eye view of SRN's Summer Gathering at the Plumper Pumpkin Patch (Photo: J. Kessinger)

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The Long Way Home: Finding a Space for Music and Dogs

By Cindy Lou Banks, *Skyline Blvd.*

What made you buy a church?

I've been asked that a lot! I looked for a building like this for 9 years. I always wanted a space that was big enough to play music that could also be a home. I've always been obsessed with old houses. When I was growing up, we moved a lot and I never felt like I had a home. I slept on the floor or outside most of my childhood. Historic places have always felt magical to me; something about an old place feels grounded.

What has been the hardest thing about owning the building?

Like much of this neighborhood, it sits in EFU zoning, which means there are limited ways you can use the property. The church use had been abandoned so there was no legal use for the building. But I had fallen in love with it so I bought it anyway. It's a long story but what ended up happening was that the people in this neighborhood saved it. Vickie Coghill became a notary and interviewed neighbors who testified to the county that the apartment had always been a residence. When my commercial loan was being pulled during the financial crisis, neighbors wrote to the bank and asked them to work with me. The county ended up ruling the building a legal residence, which saved the building and me.

Didn't you have weddings there when you bought it?

Yes. They paid for some of the remodeling when I first bought it. I discontinued them after it was changed to residential use.

Why did you want a music space, have you always been a musician?

My sister taught me to play guitar when I was about 10. I started writing songs when I was in 5th grade. I think it was mostly about crushes - now that I think about it, my songwriting doesn't seem to have changed much in the last 45 years. I did a lot of music when I was in high school and college. I was in the voice program at University of Oregon but I dropped out. It was a combination of not belonging in a classical music setting and my ongoing struggles with depression. I felt like if I didn't want to listen to myself, I couldn't see why anyone else would want to either.

When I was in my late 20's a friend asked me to start

a band with him. I was working in the accounting department of a law firm. We got lucky so I was able to quit my job and play music full-time for several years. We had a band called "No Way Home." A super talented guy, Mike King, managed us and we were signed to a local label, Tim/Kerr Records. From there we did an album, opened for a lot of national acts, did the Portland country circuit, played a bunch of rodeos and big concerts, and we won the Portland Music Award for Outstanding Country Act two years in a row. After the band broke up, I did a solo album produced by Gary Ogan and I was featured on Oregon Art Beat.

What did you do after that?

I got a dog. That made me want a house. It's hard to rent when you have a dog. She needed a yard. So that led me to start working a day gig again - I only went back to work for the dog. I bought a really rundown house and remodeled it, which led to another one and a third one and then one night when I was going through real estate listings I saw the church and everything changed.

What changed?

It was finally my chance to combine my obsession with old houses with my need to take care of dogs

with a space for music.

Did it work out the way that you thought it would?

No. But in a lot of ways it ended up better. The church has been more expensive and complicated than I thought it would be. The land use struggle was expensive, the remodeling is never-ending and I need to drill a well so I work a lot. What I wasn't expecting was this neighborhood and the effect it would have on me.

What effect did the neighborhood have on you?

When I first moved here, I was spooked. It's a big, old building, I heard noises. I called the Sheriff twice. There were a few people that came by that told me I shouldn't be living there because it's a "church." They asked me, "Is your husband a minister? Why are you here?" My dog died the first week I lived here. The furnace was broken, the building leaked, there were rats and mice. There was a guy that lived down the street that kept coming by at odd hours and scaring me. My sister and brother both told me, on separate visits, without talking to each other, that it was

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*Cindy's "Home Sweet Home" on Brooks Hill
(Photo: C. Banks)*

NET Training Course Scheduled for November

By Sen Speroff



There are 33 Skyline area residents who have been trained by Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within our community. There are 26 of

those folks who are active in the local Skyline Ridge NET. We are part of a large network of NET teams in Multnomah County. NET stands for "Neighborhood Emergency Team." You can email Skyline Ridge NET at SkylineRidgeNET@gmail.com or contact Rachael Brake, Team Leader, at 503.621.3423.

Upcoming Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) Training

In a major emergency, our community could be on our own for 1-2 weeks. Consider taking the 30-hour training and become an active neighborhood NET member. People living and working around you likely will be the first to help. NETs are local residents who receive training from Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. NET members are trained to save lives and property until professional responders can arrive. These volunteers are specially trained to help others without putting themselves in harm's way.

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Sharon Barthmaier, Lisa Bunch, Diane Edwards, Rich Edwards (our oral auctioneer – wasn't he Great!), Jen Glowacki, Brad and Lisaa Graff (Lisa did the flower arrangements throughout the venue. They were from her garden), Laurel Harroun, Rhonda Kelvin, James Lyons, Perry Stark, Miles Merwin, Kelly Sue Munson, Andre Perra, Grant Rolette, Alex Rose, George Sowder, Leon Speroff, Tracy Waters, Laura Watts, Jim Cheadle, and Rob Meadows

- 24 plus friends and neighbors that donated auction items:

Cindy Banks (Cindy wears the crown of neighbor whose auction items raised the most money with her CD Release Party bringing in over \$500!), Sharon Barthmaier, Rachael Brake, Vickie Coghill, Cindi Cramer, Dick & Jeannine Gilkeson, Chris Larson, James Lyons, Steffan Mejia, Libby & Miles Merwin, Suzanne & Andre Perra, Cindy Roach, Grant Rolette, Alex Rose, Florence Shields, Sen Speroff, Susan Still, Claire Stock, Mary Ellen Tramontin, Audrey Vasconcellos, Tracy Waters, Burt Lazar & Claire Stock, Jeff Miller & Casselle Latourette, George Sowder, Zoe Bacon, Beller-Bowersox Family

- 57 businesses that donated to the auction. We have

This next free NET training opportunity will be on Saturdays, November 2, 16 and 23, followed by a half day field exercise to be scheduled. This course is located somewhat conveniently close at Wilson High School. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/article/701705>. If you cannot participate on all three days, you may make up missed units in a future course.

Deadline for Water Challenge Extended to Nov. 15.

In the last *Ridge Runner*, Skyline Ridge NET challenged at least 300 local households to take the Water Storage Challenge with a deadline of September 15 to register their completion. The response has been minimal. During a disaster, people are often left desperate for clean, safe water. We can live without food for days, but our bodies require water.

Now that the lazy days of summer are over, store water!! Store at least 14-days of water for each member of your household and your animals. Then let Skyline Ridge NET know you have completed this by emailing skylineridgeNET@gmail.com with your address, gallons of stored potable water, gallons of non-potable water, number of adults, children & pets. (This personal information will not be shared, but solely used for data collection of this Challenge.)

For information about how to store water safely, go to <https://www.regionalh2o.org/emergency-preparedness>. This website is very informative. □

them all listed with their contact information for you in a special section of this *Ridge Runner* - thank you!

- Also contributing to our auction again this year were: Metro Parks and Nature, Scappoose Fire District, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Senator Betsy Johnson

Thank you all for your continuous commitment to making this neighborhood such a wonderful place to live. It is noticed by all and deeply appreciated.

See y'all next year! □

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Barn Quilts Are Happening There & Here!

By Tracy Waters, Newberry Rd.

Have you gone for a ride over there in Washington County lately? I go to Forest Grove 3 or 4 days a week so I've watched the Tualatin Valley Quilt Trails (<https://tualatinvalley.org/local-favorites/tours-routes-trails/quilt-barn-trail/>) project evolve.

In 2012 a coalition of companies & local artists made the commitment to hang sixty "barn quilts" in and around their valley. They're just beautiful! Now, that community act of public art is complete & they've published a map! All four trails direct you where to go. There's a story about each quilt on the brochure/map available at most Washington County Cooperative Library System buildings, at the Tualatin Valley website, above. Pick one up? It tells stories about each quilt & the barns where they hang. They've cleverly included wineries. The hunt is fun!

I've yearned for one on my office wall since we moved in there nearly two years ago. When I called the quilters involved in the Washington Co. project (<http://www.westsidequilters.org/>), (<http://quiltbarnswc.blogspot.com/>) earlier this year I was told, "They had met their goal, 60 had gone up & the paint-shop was disassembled. But see Sheila Sinclair Snyder's site & maybe you can coordinate something?"

I contacted Sheila (<http://www.licensetoquilt.com>)

and she was willing. She came to our Skyline Grange Friday August 23rd to teach 19 of us how to paint our own barn quilts. We spent all day, 9:30 to 3:30 or later. The Grange provided a scrumptious, fresh from their gardens, Salad Bar, at midday to keep us going. It was such an enjoyable artistic endeavor; a GREAT use of Grange space for our community. People came from as far as St. Helens. Sheila was an excellent, laid back instructor steering us from step to step as our paint dried. Hurray for Frog Tape!

Sunday I was able to recruit some of the local painters to bring their finished "quilts" back to the Grange for portraits. We think the results were splendid!

Sen designed & painted hers as a gift for Pat Brady who turned 79 in September and is still an avid Ducks fan! Happy Birthday Pat! GO DUCKS! Laurel's quilt has gone up on our shed. Mine is on the office wall in Forest Grove at last.

Karen McDaniel's (3rd from right, she is absent) looks great on her pump-house.

Next, some of the Grange Barn Quilt Painters plan to do more! Keep your eyes on the walls around here! Contact Tracy Waters (bluewaters@spiretech.com) if you'd like to paint when we paint. And go explore the barn quilts there in Washington County! They're delightful! ☐



George Sowder, Sen Speroff, Tracy Waters, Judy Friedman, Laurel Harroun & Cindi Cramer all turned out to show off their "barn quilts" in August (Photo: Bobbie Linn)



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Create a Home Fire Escape Map & Practice Getting Out Safely

By Christina Lent, TVF&R

October is Fire Prevention Month, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages you to be an everyday hero by creating and practicing a home fire escape plan today.

This year, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal campaign, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape — Plan and Practice Your Escape,” focuses on the importance of knowing what to do in the event of a fire.

The two most common causes of Oregon residential fires in 2018 were cooking and heating, and the 3,122 residential structure fires resulted in 30 deaths, 125 civilian injuries, and \$80 million in property and content loss.

The majority of people who die in a fire succumb to heat and smoke inhalation, not flames. Having working smoke alarms in your home greatly increases your chances of surviving a fire.

Smoke alarms are available for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These alarms use strobe lights and/or vibration to alert residents.

Fire is nothing like what you see on television or in the movies. It produces dark and deadly smoke that can fill your home in minutes and can confuse you to the point that you never make it out. That is why every firefighter

wears an air pack before entering a burning building and uses thermal imagers to search for victims.

Most fatal fires happen at night when people are sleeping. Working smoke alarms are designed to activate early to help ensure that you and your family have time to safely escape from your home.

We recommend drawing a map of your home with all members of your household and marking two exits from each room and a path to your designated safe meeting place outside from each exit. One of those exits could be a window.

Once you have an escape map, have a home fire drill and practice using different ways out. We recommend closing doors behind you as you leave to help slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. It’s important to teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them. Families with infants, toddlers, and loved ones with mobility needs should make special plans to ensure everyone gets out safely.

Once outside, remain outside, and call 911. Never go back inside a burning building for *anything*.

For more fire prevention tips and tools to create a fire escape plan, visit www.tvfr.com. □

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haunted.

My boyfriend at the time had a motorcycle with a sidecar and one morning we were sitting out on the deck and we looked over to the field next door and we saw a wheel slowly turning above the grass. I took a sip of coffee and thought “Oh, that poor bastard” and then it dawned on me. I looked at my boyfriend and said “Oh...uh, I think that’s your motorcycle.” It was. Someone had stolen it during the night and wrecked it. He didn’t come over anymore after that. Then a few weeks later, someone plowed into my mailbox.

That was the last straw. I was already freaked out and I thought someone had done it to scare me. I tip-toed over to the mailbox on the ground and there was a piece of paper attached. I thought for sure it was going to be something threatening and I was going to sell the church and move. It was a note telling me that someone had run into it accidentally with an apology. They replaced it the next week.

After that, things started to turn around. I got to know people and this is the first time I’ve ever felt like I had a home. Like I said, we moved a lot when I was growing up. I went to 12 schools before I graduated from high school. The people in this neighborhood have been amazing to me. Kind, considerate, quirky, hilarious. Everything from helping me with a sick dog to bringing flowers when my mother died. Stepping in during the problems with the county and the bank. Ras [Sauer] has prevented two fires

at the church. Lots of people have helped me with projects at the church or even the yard before weddings. Living here has changed my life.

What are you doing with music now?

About three years ago, a group of us grizzled veterans of the 90’s PDX country bar scene regrouped. I’ve been writing and playing in that band and we’ve spent the last year recording. Our album is coming out in November. We called the band “Brooks Hill” in honor of where I live. The church and school are on a piece of land with that nickname because that’s the land the Brooks family settled and donated to the community. All of our publicity photos are done around the neighborhood so if you see an ad or poster, you will probably recognize it. To find out more about Brooks Hill and their local gigs, visit www.brookshill.com and <https://www.facebook.com/brookshillband/>.

You said you struggled with depression, is that still the case?

Less now but yeah, I think, like most people who have it, you always have to stay aware to manage it. I have an ongoing joke with the band that I try to come out with an album at least every 15 years. I’ve lost a lot of time to not really knowing what to do with myself or not feeling like I had anything worth sharing. I resisted medication. I

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Find a Gift at the Grange Artisans Holiday Show, Nov. 16-17

By Miles Merwin

The Skyline Grange Artisans invite you to their annual showcase of local arts and crafts at the Skyline Grange on the weekend of Nov. 16-17 from 10 AM to 4 PM. This will be the 9th year they have presented their wares to the Skyline community.

This year also marks a change for the group. Formerly an unincorporated association, the Skyline Artisans voted last spring to formally join the Skyline Grange, and were subsequently accepted by the Grange members. This was best for both parties as the Artisans have always held their holiday show at the Grange. It's now an official activity of the Grange, coordinated by a committee of Artisans who are also Grange members.

More than 20 local artisans will have booths this year. A wide variety of locally handmade items will be available for purchase, including

jewelry, accessories, pottery, glass, journals, home décor, paintings, woodworks, essential oils, fiber arts, yard art, handmade preserves, dog toys, quilts, goats milk soap, and stuffed animals.

There will also be food, snacks, coffee and tea available for a suggested donation. This food and drinks will be available downstairs in the Grange where tables will be set up. You can buy tickets for a raffle to win numerous handmade items donated by the Artisans and gifts from local businesses.

Please bring your family and friends to see the creative works of your Skyline area neighbors. We hope you'll find that special gift for someone on your holiday shopping list.

For more information, contact Sue Selbie (sselbie@gmail.com), Ken Pincus (kenpincus@comcast.net) or Miles Merwin (mlmerwin@



Local glass and metal artist Zoe Bacon will be one of the Skyline Artisans showing their works this year (Photo: K. Pincus)

gmail.com). □

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thought that I should be able to 'fix' it. Then one time I spent about three days watching TV in the dark. On the third day I decided that I needed to get up and do something. I turned on the lights and there was a dead gopher on the couch where I had been sitting. The dog perked up and said, "TA DAH!!!" That's when I thought I should probably try medication. Now my motto is "Take anti-depressants so you don't end up watching TV with a dead gopher." I actually feel pretty good these days. For me, the more connected I feel to people, the less I struggle.

And what about the dogs?

I have three! I have a big yard and a lot of dog experience (I'm better with dogs than I am with people) so I try to take dogs that would not have a good chance of being adopted. Right now I have Nikki, Creeper and Elden.

What's next?

I still have a lot of work to do on the building but I'm planted here now, this is home. The band is planning on doing a winter concert series called "The Last Sunday" starting in January where we bring in other musicians from around town, and that should be really fun. That is what I've wanted to do since I bought the church so we can't wait. □



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Skyline Grange Offers a Full Schedule of Fall Activities

By Sen Speroff

Though we try to rest from Grange work during the summer, it didn't happen this year. The Burma-Shave-like traffic signs were designed, constructed and installed in 19 roadside locations throughout our community. Two food preserving workshops and a barn quilt workshop happened. Now that fall has commenced, our "work" season has begun in earnest.

Fall Garage Sale, Oct. 4-5

The Sale will be on Friday, October 4 (9am-7pm) and on Saturday, October 5 (9am-5pm). Items are donated from 35-40 local generous households. As we say, items will be "from the practical to the zany." Are you a garage sale enthusiast or looking for an opportunity to support our community? If so, please consider volunteering to help set up or staff the sale. Contact us if you are interested.

Soup Supper, a NET Fundraiser, Oct. 26

You are invited to our 13th annual Community Soup Supper on Saturday, October 26, from 5-8 p.m. (serving from 5-7 p.m.). This year, all proceeds from Soup Supper will be donated to Skyline Ridge NET for purchase of much needed emergency equipment. In addition to the meal donation, if you want to make a tax-deductible donation, make a check out to "Skyline Ridge NET" and earmark it for "PBEM account."

We do the cooking; you enjoy hearty homemade soups, homemade breads, fresh salads, and homemade desserts, and conversation with neighbors. Suggested donation is \$7/adult or \$18/family. Come! Invite the neighbors! Questions or to help, contact skylinegrange894@msn.com.

Skyline Living Lecture Series

In addition to the upcoming CPR/First Aid training, the Grange's Education Committee is planning a series of presentations and workshops throughout the winter-spring. These will be announced on SRN's Newsline when confirmed. Do you have topics you would like addressed? If so, contact skylinegrange894@msn.com with your ideas.

Artisans Fair, Nov. 16-17

Mark your calendar to do your holiday shopping while supporting local artisans. There will be a Holiday Artisans Fair again featuring local artisans on Saturday-Sunday, November 16-17. What will be different this year is that the event is officially a Skyline Grange event organized by its Artisan Committee. The former Skyline Artisans restructured and became a part of our Grange in the spring. There will be pottery, jewelry, handmade soaps, paper art, woodworking, craft pieces, glass artwork, and of course, food.

Join the Skyline Grange

Despite paved roads, cell phones and the Internet, it still is easy to feel disconnected these days. Our Grange provides a meeting place and a variety of activities bringing people together. It has been serving the Skyline community for 78 years.

Do you wish to be more engaged in and connected to your Skyline community? Would you like opportunities to work with neighbors on projects? Do you have ideas for the community? Then consider joining the Grange. This is why local residents are Grange members and why many more neighbors volunteer during our events. If yes, consider joining Skyline Grange and becoming a part of what makes our Skyline community a great place to live.

We are a diverse group of people with the common belief that we are fortunate to live in the Skyline area and want to support its well-being. We take seriously the fact that our building is a community asset as a place for gathering. Our impact, activities, and accomplishments depend upon our members.

Learn more about Skyline Grange by attending an upcoming event or attend a monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month except December at 7:30 pm. You can contact the Grange at SkylineGrange894@msn.com. □



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Help wanted local shiitake mushroom farm. Located on Sheltered Nook Road off Cornelius Pass. Mushroom picking is primary need at this time but currently expanding. Retirees welcome. Starting \$12.00 per hour. Contact: Mary, River City Shiitake: 503.522.7379 call or text.

Phoenix Farm Riding School. English horse riding lessons for the whole family. All ages and ability levels welcome! Day-off-school camps. Summer camps. Parties and special events. Located on the corner of Skyline Blvd. & Rock Creek Rd. Call/text 541.914.4254, email 13phoenixfarm13@gmail.com.

Indonesian Martial Arts Training. Poekoelan is a "soft" art, with emphasis on personal self-defense in real life situations. Terrific exercise for the entire family regardless of current fitness level. All ages are welcome. Tuesdays & Thursdays at Skyline Grange, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Suggested donation \$5/person/lesson. For more info, contact Bantoe Christina Traunweiser, 503.307.1913.

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Community Calendar

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 4-5: Fall Garage Sale at the Skyline Grange. Find everything "from the practical to the zany" Friday 9 AM – 7 PM and Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM.

Monday, Oct. 14, 7:30 PM: Skyline Grange monthly meeting. All are welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 3 – 8 PM: Please join us at Linnton Community Center's Halloween Carnival for games, prizes, food and friends! Volunteers and donations very much appreciated. Phone 503-286-1007, text 503.516.8719.

Saturday, Oct. 26, 5-7 PM: Skyline Grange hosts their 13th annual Community Soup Supper. Proceeds this year will benefit the Skyline Neighborhood Emergency Team. Suggested donation is \$7/adult or \$18/family. Questions or to help, contact skylinegrange894@msn.com.

Monday, Nov. 11, 7:30 PM: Skyline Grange monthly meeting. All are welcome.

Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 16-17, 10 AM – 4 PM: Skyline Grange Artisans Holiday Fair, showcasing the creative works of local artists and craftspeople. See story this issue for details.



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