

Local 'Rosies' help ring in unity and 'power of pulling together' on Labor Day



(Far left): WWII Rosie Doris Graham with 21st Century Rosie Danette Simpson; (Above) Graham with fellow Rosie Phillis Savage. (Photo by Dawn Nelson, daughter of Rosie Opal Nelson, long-time community member of Cottage Grove who passed away January.)

This past Labor Day, beginning at 1 p.m. whatever the time zone, people Rang a Bell for the Rosies to give thanks for the work of over 6 million women who joined the labor force to help win World War II.

People also rang to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII — which the Rosies always say was one of the happiest days of their lives.

Among those who were both celebrating and being recognized for her contribution was World War II Rosie Doris Graham, who celebrated with 21st Century Rosie Danette Simpson.

Fellow Rosie and Grover Phyllis Savage joined Graham in ringing the bell at the Cottage Grove Methodist Church.

Graham is the President of McKenzie Chapter, American Rosie the Riveter Association, which gives presentations to schools and community groups.

National Day of Prayer, Repentance event in CG

On Saturday, Sept. 26, people from across the nation and around the world will participate in "The Return," a day of prayer and repentance centered in Washington D.C.

There are also local observances happening in communities around the country, including here in South Lane County.

"Our society is under siege by natural disasters, social unrest, clashing political parties and world-views, a global pandemic that created sudden unemployment, economic uncertainty and major disruptions our supply chains," said Cindy Weeldreyer, co-organizer of the Cottage Grove event. "I

believe God is using these awful events to get our attention and to direct us back to the ancient Biblical principles our country was founded upon."

Area churches are organizing a local observance of this Day of Prayer and Repentance at 6:30 p.m. in the Bohemia Park amphitheater.

The event will be a time of worship followed by small prayer groups spreading out across the park to pray for many things: Unity among all believers, wisdom for state

and national leaders, divine solutions to difficult social issues, an end to the violence happening around the country, protection for first responders, an end to the coronavirus and for the safety of healthcare workers and wisdom for church leaders.

"We will also offer prayers of repentance to turn away from unholy attitudes, appetites, ambitions and actions, bitterness, unforgiveness and judgmental attitudes," said Weeldreyer.

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