

Haunted House needs volunteers before and after

The Vernonia Grange will hold Haunted House Workshops on Friday, October 27, from 5:00-10:00 p.m. and on Saturday, October 28, from 10:00 a.m. on. Just show up

and help if you can. The grange is located at 375 North St., Vernonia.

The Grange will be Haunted on Halloween, October 31, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Volunteers are also wanted to help with clean-up on November 1. Show up when it's convenient.

Power of the People

By W. Marc Farmer,
General Manager,
West Oregon Electric Cooperative



**Thank
You to
Staff
and
Community**

Wow! We were really pleased and grateful for the support we received at our garage sale and the popcorn we have sold so far this year to raise funds for our Energy Assistance Program. Staff and the community generously donated a lot of items to our garage sale. The Line Crew cleared a couple of bays for us and the Office Staff went to work sorting and pricing the items, placing them on tables that were also donated for use during the sale. The sale went very well despite the cool temperatures and the rain. It was a definite plus to have been inside the garage, which was of course fitting since it was a garage sale. Between the popcorn sales and the garage sale, we have raised \$1,150 that will be donated to a special fund at St. Vincent de Paul for West Oregon Electric members who

find themselves in need of assistance on their power bill.

It is heart warming to me to experience the wonderful cooperation between the Co-op Staff, the community, the great folks at St. Vincent de Paul, and the members to provide for those in need. We will be continuing our efforts throughout the remainder of the year and in the following years through our Energy Assistance Program. If you would like to make a donation to the program, please stop by our offices at 715 Maple Street. We will have our popcorn machine going on Fridays, at various events, and around town where we accept donations for a bag.

My thanks to all Staff, members, and the community who supported our garage sale, donated items and/or tables, and their time for the good of others. For all the bad that exists out in today's world, it is nice to know there is a lot of good as well.

Speaking of good in today's world, I wanted to say a thank you to some other people. My daughter was involved in an automobile accident last month on Timber Road. When we arrived there were some good folks there to render aid, direct traffic, and offer comfort and safety to my daughter and her friend. We had to drive my daughter to the hospital and I didn't get their names, but I wanted them to know that their kindness and assistance was and is greatly appreciated and will be paid forward. As one of them drove away, their son leaned out the window and said as they passed by, "we'll be praying for you." I was deeply touched by his words and the heartfelt meaning behind them. There is a lot of good still out there in the world, and I feel truly blessed to be in an area where it is openly expressed and demonstrated.

So once again I offer my thanks and my gratitude to those who selflessly give of themselves to help others. By raising funds for the Energy Assistance Program, we here at WOEC are hoping to be able to give something back to those who we are blessed to serve. We hope to keep the lights burning in our members hearts as well as in their homes.

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