

Lasting love makes its impression on two Cottage Grove couples

Gilkisons and Meisners discover common ground over dinner

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It's a small world, as the saying goes, and two Cottage Grove couples recently learned just how small during a chance meeting in Eugene. Dick and Barbara Gilkison were enjoying a dinner at Sizzler not long ago when they noticed an uncommon closeness between the couple seated next to them. "I noticed that he was very affection-

ate toward her," Dick Gilkison said. "He obviously didn't get around very well, and she helped him put his coat on. While she did, he gave her a nice hug. It's the kind of affection that people don't normally show in public, and I thought it was really sweet. What struck me was the tenderness involved." "They were just so nice," Barb Gilkison said. "She was so gentle with him — kind of the opposite of Dick and I." "We're sort of ornery toward each other," her husband explained.

"They could tell we'd been together a long time, because it looked like we were taking care of each other," said Janice Meisner, who was enjoying a night out with her husband, John. "I asked how long they had been married, and they said 58 years," Dick Gilkison said. "We thought that was funny, since we'd been married 58 years, too." In talking further, the couples discovered that they had been

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Many miles separated the May 26, 1956 weddings of Barb and Dick Gilkison (left) and Janice and John Meisner. The couples recently met by chance in Eugene.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Babysitting Night at CGHS

This Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 from 6-10 p.m., the Cottage Grove High School gymnasium will play host to kids ages 4 and up (must be out of diapers) to allow their parents to enjoy a night out. Pizza, snacks, games, and a whole lot of fun will be offered, and the event raises funds for the Lion King Pageant this year.

The cost is \$10 per child with a discount for larger families, and 100 percent of the proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network to support the pediatric unit at River Bend Hospital. For more information contact Lion King Coordinators: Lilian Morrill 541-517-2175 or Aggie Hite 541-510-6227.

SLSD open enrollment figures released

South Lane School District announced last week the number of non-resident students the District will accept for open enrollment for the 2015-16 school year.

The open enrollment window is between March 1 and April 1 of this year. Non-resident students may apply to transfer from their resident districts into South Lane. If more requests for transfers are received than slots available, a lottery will be held. Openings by grade level are: Kindergarten, 25 students; First grade, 25 students; Second grade, 15 students; Third grade, 0 students; Fourth grade, 0 students; Fifth grade, 1 student; Sixth through ninth grades, 25 students; 10th grade, three students, who must already be enrolled as transfers this year; 11th and 12th-grade, one student each that must already be enrolled as a transfer this year.

Students currently attending a South Lane school will be given priority for placement, and while 'every attempt' will be made to accommodate specific school requests, school officials

say these are not guaranteed. Interested non-resident students must submit a completed South Lane School District open enrollment form at the District office or an SLSD school by 4 p.m. on April 1. Accepted applicants will be notified no later than May 1.

Introduction to sustainable beekeeping

A one-day presentation on small-scale, treatment free beekeeping will take place Sunday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 80574 Hazelton Rd., Cottage Grove. Those interested may register online at www.aprovecho.net/event/sustainable-beekeeping or call 541-942-8198. Donations will be welcome, but no one will be turned away.

The talk will start on how bees behave in their natural setting, then examine how to apply this on the small homestead or backyard beehive. Samples of both Warre and Kenyan style hives will be on display without bees.

Instructor Bill Bezuk is the owner of The Eugene Backyard Farmer, which focuses on an all natural and treatment free style of beekeeping.

Bridal open house

The Village Green Resort and Gardens is hosting a Bridal Open House and Tasting Event on Saturday, March 7 from 2-4 p.m.

Brides-to-be are invited to tour the Resort, meet the onsite wedding coordinator and taste some of the items available on the menu, in addition to exploring a variety of indoor and outdoor venue options, including a wedding garden, terrace, loft and Cascadia Ballroom.

Spay/neuter coupons

Starting Monday, Feb. 2, there

will be 100 \$25 off spay/neuter coupons for cats and dogs available at the Humane Society of Cottage Grove This 'n' That Corner Shop, located at 33 N. 8th Street in Cottage Grove, for South Lane and North Douglas County residents. The coupons are valid at Cottage Grove and Forest Valley Veterinary Clinics in Cottage Grove, and at Creswell Veterinary Hospital and South Willamette Veterinary Clinic in Creswell. They are good through March 31, 2015.

Historic Valentines on display

Tokens of love from Valentines Days of the past are on display through Feb. 15 at the Cottage Grove Museum, 147 N. H St., in Cottage Grove.

Dozens of examples of valentines cards from the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s and 1950s ranging from very simple expressions of love to ornately designed cards that fold down to reveal even more intricate details inside are on display throughout the museum.

On Valentines Day, the museum will serve beverages and light snacks to visitors. Museum hours are Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free but donations are accepted.

Buster's honors veterans every month

Veteran's Day in 2013 impacted Paul Tocco of Buster's Main Street Café in such a way that ever since Nov. 11, 2013, he has celebrated veterans in his restaurant on the 11th of each month by providing veterans and active-duty servicemen and women with free meals.

On the 11th of every month, Tocco or a representative of the American Legion also adorn Main Street with American flags.

Tocco has provided over 800 meals to veterans and active-

duty servicemen and women since starting this program. It is something that he, his staff and the community have begun to take great pride in.

Oregon State Police hiring

Those interested in becoming a police officer and who think

they may have what it takes are encouraged to be a part of Oregon State Troopers.

OSP is preparing to hire recruit troopers in 2015 using the E-Recruit electronic application system. Lateral and entry-level recruit trooper applications will be accepted at 12:01 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9 and will be open until 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 6.

Persons interested in apply-

ing are asked to start the process now by going to the Oregon State Police recruiting website at www.osptrooper.com. To better serve qualified applicants, OSP is scheduling two separate entry-level testing sessions on Saturday, March 14 and Monday, March 16. Both sessions will be held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

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Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
522 E Whitaker • 541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am
Wednesday Service 6:45 pm
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
Youth Group Bible Study:
Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
Info: 541-767-0182 (Mrs. "T")

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 8:30am, 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
Youth Group Mondays 6:30pm
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet
www.cg4.tv
Sunday Service: 9am and 11am
Full Children's Ministry available

Delight Valley
Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Baptist Church
301 S 6th St 541-942-8242
Pastor: Steve Johnson
Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship: 11:00am
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First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Rev. Bruce Cameron
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
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Pastor Rulon Combs
Sunday School All Ages 9am
Worship & Children's Church 10:30am
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Youth ABLAZE: Wednesday 6:30pm
Children's Breakout Class: Wednesday 6:30pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Pennoyer Ave * 541-767-0447
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravcoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th Street • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Herb Carson
Sunday Service: 10:00am
Sunday Bible Study: 6:00pm
We sing the old time hymns.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi
Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm
Sun. 10:30am
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:
552 Holbrook Lane • 541-895-8686
Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
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Worship: Sunday 10:30am
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Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 6:45 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups
trinitylutherancottagegrove.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Jerry Steele
Worship: 10:00am
Adult & Sunday School: 9:00am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$3, Kids Free)
Mon. 5-6:30pm
cottagegroveumc.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
Community Center Shepherd Room
700 East Gibbs • 541-942-5913
Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
Message: 11:00am
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