

Taste of Creswell draws a crowd

New, established businesses pack the Community Center

Concerning Creswell

News and notes from our neighbor to the north

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It seems a lot of people wanted a taste. About 45 local businesses showcased their wares at the first-ever Taste of Creswell, a business fair that drew a constant crowd to that town's Community Center for three hours Friday night. Regular raffles, bites to eat and the music of the crowd-favorite Fret Boys rounded out a busy evening for visitors and representatives of the City of Creswell and Chamber of Commerce, which paired to host the event.

"This is the biggest turnout to an event in Creswell in a long time," said City Planner Maddie Phillips.

The public response also surprised Maia Hardy, who has served as Creswell's Resource Assistance

for Rural Environments (RARE) Community Development Coordinator since last fall. Hardy said Taste of Creswell was planned as a badly needed way to showcase local business offerings.

"We need a place to market ourselves, because we hear all the time that no one supports local Creswell businesses," Hardy said. "A lot of these business owners work from home, and people may know they exist. But they bring people to the community nonetheless. We may not have all the buildings filled on Oregon Avenue, but there are still businesses thriving here."

Hardy said "staple businesses" such as the Creswell Bakery, Creswell Coffee Co. and Hotshots joined newcomers Burlap and Lace, a vintage consignment shop new to downtown Creswell, in rounding out the evening's offerings. She said another Taste of Creswell is sure to come in the future.

Hardy told Creswell's "Chronicle" when assuming her duties last fall that she hopes to help revitalize its Chamber of Commerce, plan community events and tap into the local contingent of "do-it-yourselfers" to tackle the City's challenges, efforts that each got a jumpstart on Friday.



photo by Jon Stinnett

Taste of Creswell offered visitors a chance to add to a wish list for the community.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

912 Project

The next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project will be Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E. Main St.

Helene O'Rourke will speak about what life is like in Cuba at the present time. Helene just returned from a trip to the island country and a native Cuban acted as her guide.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

Ketchup 'n' Fries in the garden

Including Ketchup 'n' Fries, the tomato-grafted-to-a-potato plant, and the world's first dwarf grape, Alice Doyle, of Log House Plants, will speak about the nursery's new varieties of annuals, perennials, and edibles for 2015. Her talk will be presented at The Cottage Grove Garden Club at the First Presbyterian Church on the corners of Adams and 3rd on Tuesday, March 3 starting at 7 pm after

the club's 6 p.m. business meeting and refreshments.

UCC Chamber Orchestra and choir concert

The Umpqua Community College Fine and Performing Arts Department presents the Umpqua Chamber Orchestra with the UCC Chamber Choir in concert at the First Presbyterian Church in Roseburg on March 3 at 7:30 p.m.. Under the direction of Dr. Jason Heald, the concert will feature three centuries of classical works including a special performance of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 2. Admission at the door is \$7 per person, \$15 per family. For more information, contact 541-440-4691.

Drain Comm. Ctr. Grand opening

The Drain Community Education Center (DCEC) will hold

its Grand Opening on Saturday, Feb. 28, and the public is invited to participate.

DCEC is designed to provide space for people who would like to teach classes to the community but don't have an appropriate space available. It is available to rent for specific times on a regular, ongoing basis only. Storage is available for instructors, as is phone service and Wi-Fi. The Center is located at 329 North 1st Street in Drain — across the street from Ray's Market.

The Grand Opening will include several classes and demonstrations available to the public along with prizes and refreshments. Some of the classes require registration; you can register via phone at (541) 836-8889; email at Info@DrainCEC.com; or via Facebook message to Drain Community Education Center.

Performers wanted

Students are needed for the upcoming production of "The Sleeping Beauty in the Wood" to be held at the Opal Center for

Arts and Education. This stage play is written and directed by Judy Smith; adapted from the classic fairytale as told by Charles Perrault and published in 1697. Ages welcome are 10 to 17 years old with performance dates being May 22-24 and May 28-31.

Pre-registration is open now and essential to guarantee your placement. Class sizes are limited and are likely to fill up before the first day of class (March 4).

A non-refundable registration fee of \$30 is required to hold your child's spot and will be applied toward your tuition balance. The entire tuition amount of \$150 per student is due in full before the first performance. Scholarships may be available.

Rehearsal dates from March 4 through May 27 will be on Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. and on some Saturdays in May. To register for classes or for more information, contact Judy Smith at batmomonpointe@hotmail.com or call 541-543-3193.

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