



## Apple-pickin' time

BY JON STINNETT  
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‘You know Daddy, we’ve never picked apples together before.’

Our four-year old makes hundreds of observations every day, often drawing from a memory bank that’s always evolving and sometimes a bit suspect. So it naturally took me a few moments to realize that she was right, that we had yet to spend an autumn afternoon indulging in one of my favorite childhood activities. Thankfully, a short jaunt up I-5 was all it took to remedy the problem, and a full day’s complement of engaging, constructive together time would be our reward.

For this Illinois native, exiting the interstate into the farmland north of Eugene feels like stepping back in time, a feeling only heightened as we rounded the last bend to Detering Orchards near Harrisburg. Here, winding country roads skirt classic farms and farmhouses, and there’s even the occasional farm implement navigating these roads to slow traffic and allow drivers time to really take it all in — whether or not the drivers actually appreciate it.

The idyllic scene came full circle as we approached the farm, with its piles of pumpkins awaiting their new owners and small children in uniform enjoying a Catholic school field trip, gamboling about as priests and nuns in full vestments kept careful watch.

Detering has beautiful pumpkins for sale, and they also offer tomatoes, pears, peppers and a whole lot more. Still, on a blazing afternoon with the autumn leaves putting on their full spectacle, we had only apples on our minds, so we grabbed two boxes and headed out to the rows and rows of trees still groaning with the weight of their produce.

‘Now, lift me up high.’

The kiddo loves climbing trees, so she took a shot at a few apples on the lower-hanging branches, but previous visitors had already plucked much of the low-hanging fruit. And so the day’s exercise would include lifting her up again and again, always toward the perfect apple, whether it be bright gold with rosy red accents, red with a touch of speckled green or light yellow, the color of straw.

It didn’t take long to fill two



photo by Jon Stinnett

Picking apples for the family provides a fun and productive activity for all ages.

boxes with a wondrous variety, some Ozark Gold, some Spartan, a few Jonagold and even a Red Delicious or two. On the short drive back to the car, we took the opportunity to bite into the first of many we’d enjoy that day, and words cannot capture the complex sweetness, the crisp crunch and juicy finish that coaxes one to grab yet another apple long after it’s prudent to stop chomping. Later that night, the first bite into a beautiful custard tart showcased how beautifully such an array of apples could complement one another.

All this apple picking worked up quite a hunger, and so we headed toward Coburg and were delighted to find the Co-

burg Pizza Company waiting for us. They make a great pie there, a tall, pillowy crust covered in delicious toppings. Together, we shared two slices and a root beer, listening as visitors inquired about rental properties in the charming town of just over 1000 people (there aren’t any, apparently, as Coburg is a popular place these days). We left with a newfound appreciation of a small town we’d never had a chance to visit before, heading into Eugene, where a stop at the dog park near Autzen Stadium so the pooch could socialize and a jaunt along the riverfront bike path completed another spectacular afternoon adventure.

## Gather nuts often as they fall from the tree

BY KYM POKORNY  
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Hazelnut, walnut or chestnut trees in your home orchard can keep you in nuts for months if you know the best ways to harvest, handle and store them.

Harvesting hazelnuts means gathering them as they fall from the trees — before autumn rains, if possible, said Ross Penhallegon, a horticulturist with Oregon State University’s Extension Service. You can shake branches lightly, but in most cases the nuts will fall on their own.

Walnuts are mature as soon as the husk cuts free from the nut, but usually they are not harvested until rains crack the husk, causing the nut to drop, usually in October. Mature walnuts lose quality rapidly after they have fallen, so gather fallen nuts frequently to prevent mold, discoloration and decay, Penhallegon said.

Chestnuts are mature when they fall naturally from the tree. They ripen in September and October over a period of about two to four weeks. The nuts gain half of their final weight in the final two weeks before falling, so avoid knocking them from the tree. Gather the fallen nuts every few days to preserve quality.

It’s important to know your chestnuts. Take care not to eat horse chestnuts, which are poisonous, Penhallegon said. They

are covered with a leathery, sometimes spiny fruit capsule, which contains two or three glossy seeds or nuts. The leaves originate from the same point and are divided like a fan into five to seven large, toothed leaflets, which are four to 10 inches long.

Edible chestnuts have a husk that is covered with sharp, stiff bristles. The husk splits to reveal two or three nuts. The leaves are three to seven inches long, with sharply toothed edges. The leaves grow alternately along the stem.

After harvest, walnuts and hazelnuts should be dried before eating or storage. Begin drying within 24 hours of harvest. You can save drying time if you shell the nuts first.

Air circulation is as important as temperature during drying, Penhallegon said, so dry the nuts on a screen-bottomed tray, in an onion sack or in any other container that will permit free air passage. Optimum drying temperatures are 95 to 105 degrees. If the temperature exceeds 110, nut quality will be poorer.

Small lots can be dried above a furnace vent or radiator as long as the temperature does not exceed 105 degrees. Walnuts may require three to four days to dry and hazelnuts about two to three days. Nuts can be dried at lower temperatures, but more time is required.

Walnuts are dry enough for storage when the divider

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# Flu Shot Clinic

Friday, October 16 • 9am - Noon  
Inside the Community Room

Cottage Grove Community Hospital and Clinics is hosting a flu shot clinic for established PeaceHealth patients.

Patients 19 years old and older are invited to come get their flu shots on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call 541-767-5500.



PeaceHealth  
Cottage Grove  
Community Medical Center

1515 Village Drive • Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
541-767-5500 • [www.peacehealth.org/cgch](http://www.peacehealth.org/cgch)

# ALL SEASONS BAZAAR



Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Catholic Church

1025 N. 19th Cottage Grove, OR

October 16 ~~~ 10 am to 3 pm  
October 17 ~~~ 10 am to 3 pm

Raffle, Baked Goods, Books, Crafts,  
Harvest, Jams, Jellies, etc.

Homemade soup & dessert  
lunch served all day.  
(We also serve to go)



# Worship Directory

WORSHIP WITH US

**6th & Gibbs Church of Christ**  
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822  
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine  
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey  
Services: 9am and 10:30am  
Christian Education  
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade  
[www.6thandgibbs.com](http://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**  
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)  
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](http://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](http://www.cgbible.org)

**Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet  
[www.cg4.tv](http://www.cg4.tv)  
2 Sunday Services: 9am & 11am  
Full Children’s Ministry available

**Covered Bridge Nazarene Church**  
152 S. M St.  
541-942-4422  
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am

**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  
Come Worship with us

**First Presbyterian Church**  
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479  
Pastor: Karen Hill  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
[www.cgpresbynews.com](http://www.cgpresbynews.com)

**Grove Community Church**  
77820 Mosby Creek Rd.  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
541-942-0123  
Pastor: Bryan Parsons  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery: Infant - Pre-K  
Kid’s Church: K to 5th grade

**Hope Fellowship**  
United Pentecostal Church  
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061  
Pastor: Dave Bragg  
Worship: 11:00am Sunday  
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday  
[www.hopefellowshippupc.com](http://www.hopefellowshippupc.com)  
“FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE”

**Living Faith Assembly**  
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612  
Pastor Rulon Combs  
Sunday School All Ages 9am  
Worship & Children’s  
Church 10:30 am  
“The Bridge” Sat Evening Service 6:00pm  
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm  
Children’s Breakout Class: Wed. 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](http://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 Holbrock Lane • 541-895-8686  
Sunday: 8:30am

**St. Andrews Episcopal Church**  
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050  
Rev. Lawrence Crumb  
“Church with the flags.”  
Worship: Sunday 10:30am  
All Welcome

**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, 1:00 pm

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

**United Methodist Church**  
334 Washington • 541-942-3033  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Worship: 10:30am  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30am  
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)  
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm  
[cottagegroveumc.org](http://cottagegroveumc.org)

**“VICTORY” Country Church**  
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913  
Pastor: Barbara Dockery  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
Message: 11:00am  
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