

Christmas in Cottage Grove

Kicks off!

Reports from several sources indicate a successful start to the holiday season in Cottage Grove following a plethora of activities on Saturday. City Hall reported an estimated 500-600 pictures were taken with Santa Claus, and the Chamber of Commerce said the kickoff event was one of the best in recent years in terms of participation and attendance.



Bohemia Sunrisers Kiwanis volunteers pass out a scrumptious Breakfast with Santa. photo by Sam Wright



Caroling was a popular attraction at the Faith Center block party, with full groups departing every 20 minutes or so for a joyous ride downtown. photo by Greg Lee



Nastasha Williams hands her ticket for a free Christmas tree to Faith Center volunteers Stacy Quimby and Terri Degarlais. photo by Jon Stinnett



The Plowright Family: James and Judith and kids Jayden, Jeremy and Jayla share a moment with Santa. photo by Sam Wright



Over 80 people attended the Cottage Grove Museum's second Stained Glass and Candlelight event featuring a raffle for a holiday themed centerpiece donated by the Flower Basket and a Cottage Grove Museum T-shirt donated by the Cottage Grove Museum Board. photo by Cathy Bellavita

Jingle Bell Run results, cont.

- 29:34 Jean Harris
- 29:52 Kelley McEachern
- 22:35 Lynn Swanson
- 24:34 Nadia Witt
- 26:31 Trenton Witt
- 30:25 Jamie Witt
- 25:22 Bob Schneider
- 39:06 Jason Cross
- 36:46 Teddy Wiczorek
- 36:46 Keely Wiczorek
- 54:20 Rebecca Farley
- 16:52 Sam Settelmeyer
- 30:00 Summer Lebow
- 27:38 Seth Lebow
- 29:13 Ryan Williams
- 32:43 Sophia Raade
- 48:19 Avery Bengtson
- 30:29 Carter Bengtson
- 48:27 Dustin Bengtson
- 30:29 Karla Bengtson
- 26:08 Jace Meyer
- 26:07 Sara Meyer
- 26:44 MJ Raade
- 59:30 Lynn Raade
- 24:35 James Markus
- 53:38 Glenda Koyama
- 55:53 Diane O'Keefe
- 26:11 Marilyn Nippold
- 29:58 Gary Bricher
- 37:10 Bill Tanton
- 22:56 Mauro Jeronimo
- 56:40 Shawn Branstetter
- 27:35 Patrick McGoey
- 54:02 Steven Biehler
- 54:16 Mandy Biehler
- 52:13 Reese Biehler
- 59:30 Amy Chambers
- 59:29 Abby Salsbery
- 56:56 Dick Wentland
- 55:56 Patti Wentland
- 34:40 Gary Ackley
- 40:50 Nancy Davies
- 56:47 Rick Davies
- 26:25 Mitchell Johnson
- 50:23 Doug Sustaie
- 50:22 Cindy Sustaie
- 28:32 Kale-a Galbreath
- 57:57 Julie Knurowski
- 57:27 Kimberly Shepherd
- 57:26 Scott Shepherd
- 44:19 Elizabeth Harris
- 27:49 Lance Troxel
- 27:49 Elizabeth Peterson
- 34:00 Louie McCrady
- 57:58 Claire Savin
- 26:44 Chelsea Miller
- 57:45 Kate Hemsoth
- 32:17 Maryanne Miller
- 56:47 Amber Butler

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at fifty cents a pound, providing water to a dryland farm so it can grow an irrigated crop, or Oregon fruit or beef served in a restaurant – is such an important and difficult process. If we encourage these value-added efforts for Oregon's exports and as substitutes for imports of food to Oregon, we could at least double the already sizable value-added contribution of the agriculture, food and fiber industry of \$23 billion."

The report looks at distribution and marketing. A section on farm direct sales quantifies the growing interest by consumers who want to buy local food. The report also captures the jump in organic agriculture sales, now up to four percent of total ag sales in Oregon. A look at ag exports indicates how "new dollars" brought into Oregon from international customers and consumers from across the US help the state's economy grow.

"Agricultural, food, and fiber

production and processing account for 10.9 percent of all Oregon exports, or a total of \$15.2 billion in sales," says Mallory Rahe, Extension Community Economist and report co-author.

The report specifically notes that the more "finished" the good or service is before it is exported or used to substitute for an import, the greater the value added to the state's economy.

The state's agricultural leaders are encouraged by the report's findings.

"Agriculture is the handshake between the urban and rural communities in Oregon," says Dan Arp, Dean of OSU's College of Agricultural Sciences. "Our agricultural producers and processors sustainably provide the high quality foods and beverages that all Oregonians take pride in and enjoy daily. This report demonstrates that agriculture also has a profound economic impact on the state both in terms of sales and jobs. Agriculture is indeed key to Oregon's economic success."

ODA Director Cobra concurs.

"Agriculture is a very important part of Oregon," she says. "In terms of population, the number of farmers and ranchers in our state is small. Yet, when you look at the contribution they make to both our economy and our environment, things we pride ourselves on, agriculture has a tremendous impact on the state."

As for the report itself, don't expect it to simply gather dust while sitting on a shelf in someone's office. The study can be used to convince policy makers that what is generally good for agriculture is good for the Oregon economy. Simply put, agriculture is more than just farming. For the 1-in-7 Oregonians who have a job connected to agriculture, the report should make them feel good about their contribution to the state's economy.

For a copy of the report, go to <<http://agsci.oregonstate.edu/biblio/oregon-agriculture-food-and-fiber-economic-analysis-0>>.

Christmas

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