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For the Sentinel

The Chatterbox

Blustery weather knocking down fall foliage

ter driving through the glorious White Mountain foliage of New Hampshire.

This year's trip plans included Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. Unfortunately, it was not to be. Instead, our travel times were visits to doctors, ERs and hospitals. Chuck has developed some serious cardiac issues that have curtailed his energy and ability to travel long distances from home. It's a bummer.

But you can't keep determined travelers down. I decided that this would be a perfect time to make some Oregon fall foliage trips. One does not have to travel out of state to see color popping up all over the Willamette Valley. Right here in Cottage Grove all one has to do is head out of town and up to either Dorena or Cottage Grove Lakes for amazing scenery.

Everywhere you go in the Willamette Valley is a scenic wonderland.

Roads to most wineries and vineyards are colorful and a leisurely drive from town. And your trips don't have to be costly. You can pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the scenery at any of the Willamette Valley's covered bridges. The CG Chamber of Commerce has excellent pamphlets that will tell you how to get to Currin Bridge, Dorena Bridge, the Stewart Bridge and more. All in one day.

There are other covered bridges outside our area. If you get really adventurous you can drive east on Highway 126 and check out the Goodpasture Covered Bridge in Vida, Oregon.

And don't forget Eugene. Last week, driving through Eugene's downtown, I couldn't help but notice that their trees are also popping color.

If you're into biking, there's still time before the winter rain sets in to pedal out our wonderful 35.5 mile Cottage Grove Covered Bridge Tour route. This scenic bikeway will give you up close views of colorful foliage that you can't get on a tour bus. The bikeway is a paved path that is off the street (no car traffic) and suitable for all ages.

We like heading up north. We want to check out a new place (to us), the Sweetbrier Train and RV Park's Pumpkin Patch Train Ride. It is located in Scio, OR, 25 miles east of Salem and Albany or 90 minutes from downtown Portland. We have not been there, but if it's as interesting as Cottage Grove's former Blue Goose train ride it will be memorable. The park closes this weekend for the winter, so if you don't make it, mark your calendar for next year!

Their website says that the park is privately owned and set in 19 acres of woods with old growth fir that is interspersed with foliage and creeks. This year, along with the train ride, there is a tractor hayride, panning for gold and more. The cost for the 2016 Pumpkin Patch Train trip is \$6 per person with a can of food; \$10 without canned food and free for children under two years of age.

Speaking of Salem, I'm putting the Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge on our list to visit.

It is located just off Interstate 5 and provides overwintering habitat for the dusky Canada goose and other migratory waterfowl. It is handicap accessible and its boardwalks and kiosks are open year-round. All other trails are closed from Oct. 1 through March 31. There are interpretive signs and a photography blind available for reservation. Sounds good to me. Check Map Quest for directions to 2301 Wintel Rd., about 67 miles from C.G.

Another place that we always enjoy is the famous Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area. It is the habitat for hundreds of Oregon's Roosevelt Elk population with viewing stations and of course, photo opportunities. Just a few miles east of Reedsport, on Highway 38, it's an enjoyable stop on your way to the coast.

Now, dear readers, all is not lost if you no longer drive. You can still enjoy many of these places. Check out Experience Oregon or other small bus tours. Winter's a-coming. Enjoy Fall!

Betty Kaiser's Chatterbox is about people, places, family, and other matters of the heart. Contact her at 942-1317 or via e-mail — chatty@bettykaiser.com



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Mayor Tom Munroe showcases new signs downtown urging cyclists to "Walk Your Wheels."

Signs to cyclists, etc.: Walk Your Wheels

New signs have been installed downtown to remind cyclists, skateboarders, roller-skaters and others to "walk your wheels" in Cottage Grove's downtown business district.

City Manager Richard Meyers said the City hopes the new bright blue signs will be hard to miss and serve as a constant reminder to only walk on the sidewalks downtown.

The Police Department will also be encouraging compliance with the sidewalk use rules. Riding bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and skates is not allowed in the business district.

"It is dangerous because of the number of businesses that open right out onto the sidewalk," Meyers said, adding that Mayor Tom Munroe was himself recently hit by a cyclist while exiting a downtown business.

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Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:45am
Living Hope Free Lunch
Wed. at 12:30pm
541-836-7051 www.drainnaz.org

HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Bible Study: 10:45am
Potluck Lunch: 11:45
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
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
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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
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagegrove@gmail.com

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 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
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
Summer Schedule: Sunday Service 10am
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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
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9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

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3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
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

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1041 Pennoyer Ave * 541-767-0447
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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
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Pastor: James L. Markus
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cottagegroveumc.org

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