



# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

**Our Mission: The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce promotes economic vitality through advocacy and collaboration with its members and the larger community.**

## Director's Note

With much sadness, we are canceling this Wednesday's Concert in the Park featuring Cowboy Cadillac. The National Weather Service has issued an Extreme Heat Warning and we consulted with numerous sources including a senior official at Lane County Public Health. The safe call is to cancel the show and encourage people to hydrate and stay as cool as possible. I want to thank our Supporting Sponsors; Emerald People's Utility District as well as Cascade Home Center for their complete support of this difficult decision.

We hope that you have enjoyed at least a few of the many wonderful activities and events that take place in Cottage Grove each summer. What can I say about



summers in Cottage Grove? They are simply spectacular! Since there aren't enough words to express the experiences someone can have here during the summer, I thought sharing a few pictures would be a better way to tell our story...

*Sweet Springs Family Farm Ribbon Cutting,*

*Checking out the unique lodging accommodations at Sweet Springs Family Farm*



We hope you continue to enjoy the many wonderful things that go on in Cottage Grove all summer long. Thank you for supporting the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations that are dedicated to creating a strong, prosperous family-friendly community.

## Yard of the Week

Nominations for this Yard of the Week recognition can be made by simply turning in the address of the homes worthy of recognition to City Hall or the Chamber office; by phone call the City Manager's office at (541)942-5501 or the Chamber office at (541)942-2411; by email to: [citymanager@cottagegrove.org](mailto:citymanager@cottagegrove.org) or [travis@cgchamber.com](mailto:travis@cgchamber.com) or in person at the front desk at City Hall or the Community Center.

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### August Business After Hours

Emerald People's Utility District will host Business After Hours on Thursday, August 17 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Please join us for a time to network with others, learn something new, and have some fun at Saginaw Vineyards, 80247 Delight Valley School Road! Their theme/focus for the evening will be "Business Partnerships with Emerald PUD."

And don't forget your business card to enter the door prize drawing. Your attendance reinforces the spirit in which the Chamber provides these monthly activities. Cottage Grove and Creswell Chamber members are encouraged to attend this classic, fun networking event!

### Concerts in the Park Line-Up in August

This free and family-friendly event is made possible by chamber member businesses. Bring a friend and support the musicians and our sponsors by attending. Join us in thanking our 2017 Season Sponsors:

Northwest Natural and Blackstone, Inc. – Windermere Real Estate

### Additional weekly sponsorships provided by:

Banner Bank, Cascade Home Center, City of Cottage Grove, Cottage Grove Sentinel, Emerald People's Utility District, Jack Sprats' Restaurant, Lane Community College-Cottage Grove Campus, Lane Electric, McDonalds, Middlefield Oaks, Pacific Power, Pacific Yurts, RV Corral, South Lane County Fire & Rescue, State Farm Insurance-Matt Bjorn, Territorial Seed Company, Walmart-Cottage Grove and many great volunteers! Join us every Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 in Bohemia Park.

August 2nd - Cowboy Cadillac - Country

August 9th - The Huckleberrys - Blues to Bluegrass

August 16th - Flies With Honey - Indie Rock

August 23rd - The Rockin Reveleers - Classic Rock

August 30th - Windy Ridge - Country Rock & Blues

### Main Street Chili Cook Off was a HIT!!! (Insert pictures of winners & contestants)

**What a fun day!** The streets were full of people who weathered the heat for the Main Street Chili Cook Off and KNND's Rock Roll N' Rumble Car show. There were 9 contestants who cooked up some chili with a variety of flavor to please everyone. That was evident as we sold out of our tasting kits, there were 1,113 people's choice votes cast, and several contestants ran out of chili!

We want to acknowledge this year's sponsors: Pacific Power, Cottage Grove Sentinel, Lane Community College, Walmart, and Weyerhaeuser and offer a special thanks to Mayor Jeff Gowing, Cottage Grove Garbage Service, and the City of Cottage Grove. Thanks to those from the Greeter's committee who volunteered their time to serve, and the community for attending and tasting. This event wouldn't be what it is



without all of you!

### This year's contestants:

5 Flying Monkeys - Returning

Cottage Grove Police Department - Returning

Dorena Grange - New

Grill & Chill - New

Iris Vineyards - New

Jack Sprats - Returning as the defending double champion from 2016

Kiwanis Club of Cottage Grove - Returning

South Lane County Fire & Rescue - Returning

Magnolia Gardens - New

## 2017 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff

### Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce

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Thank you for your hours upon hours of volunteer time, commitment, and service!

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#### Five Year Vision Statement:

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce promotes Cottage Grove as a prosperous destination community. Economic vitality is at the heart of everything we do. As a resource for businesses, we are the conduit that provides advocacy, marketing, education, and networking opportunities to over 300 members.