

Business challenge names winner

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Last Wednesday night, a partnership between several business organizations and community non-profits turned three nuts into leaders.

Mike Caven, Kim Johnson and Joey Jaraczewski were named winners of the Cottage Grove Business Challenge, taking home \$6,000, \$3,000 and \$1,000 to utilize in the development of their businesses.

Cottage Grove Chamber Executive Director Travis Palmer introduced the concept to a room of approximately 50 attendees noting his dedication to Ted Talks. "My favorite one," he said, "is on leadership. There's a video clip of a shirtless guy dancing. As the clip goes on, you see people join the shirtless guy and another one and another one. So many, that if you're not dancing with him, you're the odd one out. The first followers transform him from a lone nut to a leader."

Local businessman Harold Frazier was in the business of creating leaders from lone nuts when he walked into Palmer's office offering \$10,000 to a local business. While the original intent was to run an advertisement, and accept entries, Palmer orchestrated a larger contest and partnered with RAIN of Eugene, Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation and the Healing

Matrix and several community sponsors to create the Cottage Grove Business Challenge.

Twenty-four individuals and businesses applied for the contest, including Johnson, owner of Real Life Food. When she bought Tsunami Sushi, it was a means to spend more time with her friend and partner. Now, she has six employees, two delivery drivers and 30 accounts. "We had a lot of fun growing this business accidentally," she said. Johnson has plans to expand to Portland and buy equipment that would make creating her farm-to-table creations a bit easier. She took home \$1,000 Wednesday.

Earning \$3,000, Jaraczewski was the newest business, opening his doors this past summer. Sohr relies on responsibly harvested hazelnuts from Oregon to produce a protein recovery drink. "If you drive up the I-5 to the 99 to the 58 and look left you see a lot of sheep," he said. "You also see hazelnuts and we see something that can grow into an opportunity." Jaraczewski partnered with Andrew Ek and currently work out of a small space in Springfield but hope to move production to Cottage Grove in the coming months. In the first three months of business, Sohr managed \$7,800 in net sales and wrangled four retail accounts.

Caven's marketing director—his elementary-aged son Adrian—wasn't at Wednesday's gala to see the family's business

Sanity Chocolate take home first place and \$6,000. "It's amazing," Caven said after his win. "It's amazing and humbling not being a business person, to see our vision for the community means something." A firefighter by trade, Caven said it ill-prepared him for the business world. After opening on September 1 on Main St., Sanity Chocolate has already made a name for itself with local nonprofits. It's provided 400 pieces of chocolate to the Rotary Club's Uncorked event and has recently purchased carousel molds to create a fundraising piece of chocolate for Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel.

"This business is investing in Cottage Grove," Caven said. "It's an anchor and attraction to bring people in to downtown. We see our business as a tie in the community."

Sanity specializes in bean-to-bar chocolate and focuses on sustainably harvested ingredients. "We put our hands on every ingredient," he said, noting that Sanity's chocolate was still a luxury but it sold its chocolate at an attainable price for the demographic of Cottage Grove.

The \$6,000 will go towards a new refiner and coffee roaster. "You invest in equipment, that's how you grow," Caven said. Sanity's long-term goal includes hosting its business in a building that allows residents and tourists to watch chocolate being made and enjoy a coffee house experience.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Yoncalla holiday fair

Yoncalla's annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 11th at the Yoncalla Community Center. Originally held as a fund raiser for the then newly finished city community center, this craft fair has evolved into a true community event, with crafts people and artists from all over Douglas County participating.

Door prize drawings are held every half hour. Hours are from 9-3. Admission is free.

Volunteers needed

Beds for Freezing Nights needs volunteers to staff its emergency warming center this winter. Training provided on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 am-Noon at First Presbyterian

Church.

Dairy Goat Field Day

Saturday, November 4 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., WOE Fairgrounds, 2000 N. Douglas Ave. Sponsored by the Emerald Dairy Goat Association and Lane County 4H to teach all aspects of goat care and management including livestock guardian dogs,

cheese-making, herbal nutrition, confirmation and nutrition basics.

Aerobic fliers presentation

Saturday, 11 a.m., Oregon Aviation Historical Society, 2475 Jim Wright Way (across from Cottage Theatre).

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Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
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
Service: 10am,
Sunday School: 9am for all ages
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
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: Kevin Prueett
www.cg4.tv
Full Children's Ministry available
Service: 10:00am

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 Presbyterian Church

3rd and Adams St
541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope In The Grove

700 E. Gibbs • 541-520-9529
Pastor: Wayne Husk
Sunday services:
Worship: 8:30a
Coffee Fellowship: 9:30a
Bible Study: 9:45a

Hope Fellowship

United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd.
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541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyeravccoc.com

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541-942-3420
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen
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Sun: 10:30am
Confession: After daily mass,
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
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552 Holbrock Lane
541-895-8686, Sunday: 8:30am

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Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40
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Sunday School & Adult Education
9:15am
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334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
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