

Community News

Free bacteria testing offered for local water well owners

The Marist Catholic High School Water Well Screening Program is offering free bacteria testing for Cottage Grove area water well owners impacted by recent flooding.

The testing is conducted by science students as part of a hands-on water quality program, with teacher/staff guidance and oversight.

Both total coliform and E. coli bacteria are tested. Test kits are available at the Brew Station and Coast Fork Feed Store, located at 106 South Sixth Street in Cottage Grove. Test kits include a sterile bacteria bottle, sample collection

instructions and contact information.

Interested well owners should call the phone number listed in the kit to make an appointment and obtain more information.

Date for this free bacteria-testing event is scheduled for Friday, May 10, and appointments are necessary because space is limited.

Results will be emailed or mailed to customers within a week. The program makes every effort to generate reliable results. However, it should be noted that the school program is not a certified drinking water laboratory.

Household Hazardous Waste Roundup set for Saturday

There will be a free Household Hazardous Waste Roundup for up to 35 gallons total per participant on Saturday, May 11, from businesses, schools, churches or non-profit organizations may be subject to disposal fees.

The collection will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at South Lane County Fire & Rescue, 233 Harrison Ave. in Cottage Grove.

All community members are welcome to participate in the Roundup.

What to bring: Paint, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, car care products, arts and crafts products, and other household hazardous waste.

Check labels for words

like flammable, corrosive, poison, caution, and danger.

Do not bring: Empty containers, drums, radioactive waste, asbestos or explosives. Any empty containers can be safely thrown in the trash.

For information about disposal of radioactive waste, asbestos and explosives, call 541-682-4120.

Businesses, non-profit organizations, schools and churches that generate small amounts of hazardous waste may pre-register to bring that waste to this event. They must pay for disposal of the waste, but most can save money by using this program, rather than hiring a contractor on their own.

Memorial bench installed for Kreamier



DAMIEN SHERWOOD/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Nancy Kreamier sits on the bench dedicated to her father, Clarence Kreamier, who passed away April 17. Also known as the "Cottage Grove Waver," Clarence obtained local fame by routinely waving at passers-by from the corner of 16th and Main streets, which is where the city donated and installed his memorial bench. "He would have loved this," said Nancy. "And how the community's come out, I'm actually at a loss for words."

Cottage Grove Library receives Pilcrow Grant to purchase children's books

The Pilcrow Foundation, in partnership with funding from the Friends of the Cottage Grove Public Library, along with Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman, have provided funding to purchase 93 new books to add to the library's permanent collection.

These new books will include 22 math and STEM-themed science books.

The newly purchased Pilcrow

Foundation books are now available to the community for check-out. When patrons check out any of these new books, they are welcome to pick out an animal bookmark.

They will also receive a bookmark that thanks all of the funding partners, as well as a coloring page on the back.

Stop by the library and check out the new Pilcrow Foundation books.

Letter Carriers collecting food donations Saturday

This Saturday, May 11, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will host its annual food drive. This is the largest one-day food drive in the United States. For residents wanting to donate an item of canned food, simply put the food donation by your mailbox and your letter carrier will do the rest.

The NALC would like to thank the United States Postal Service, Food for Lane County and Crosstown Movers for helping to make this food drive a success.

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I have worked at Brads for 7 years and I chose to work here because I live in this community and truly enjoy helping community members with their vehicle needs.

What do you like most about Cottage Grove?
The sense of community. The convenience of a variety of outdoor activities. The people of Cottage Grove area friendly and community minded.

What type of activities are you involved in your community? Or what other outside of work activities are you involved with?
I have supported Brad's gift giving at Christmas and participated in the annual Hospital Golf Tournament. I enjoy fishing, hunting, hiking the local trails and of course our very own dirt track racing at the speedway.



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