

'MOBBED' WITH CASH



The Flower Basket and Gift Boutique celebrated 37 years in business last week. In recognition of the anniversary, the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce organized a "Cash Mob" appearance at the store, in which customers 'mob' a store to spend at least \$10 at the business. "But usually people spend a lot more," said Chamber of Commerce CEO/President Shauna Neigh. She estimated around five or six hundred dollars were spent during the event.

CG preps for chlorine shortage

There is currently a shortage in the Pacific Northwest of chlorine used to treat drinking and wastewater.

A recent transformer failure at the distribution facility in Washington and a fire at a major chlorine manufacturing plant in

Louisiana have drastically impacted the supply and distribution of chlorine.

Both the Row River Water Treatment Plant and the Cottage Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant use liquid chlorine to disinfect the water each plant treats. Both plants have enough

chlorine on hand for the next few weeks of operation.

The plant superintendents are working closely with their suppliers and are confident they will have enough chlorine to meet operational requirements.

The Cottage Grove Water

Treatment Plant received a shipment last week allowing the plant to meet its operational needs for the next month and a half.

By that time, the distribution facility in Washington expects to be back up and running and regular shipments will be restored.

Working Women's Wednesday planned for June

It didn't take long for an idea to evolve into "Let's make this happen!"

Executive Director of Magnolia Gardens Tara Blount and Community Relations Director Ruth Tracey both have experienced being a part of Working Women's Wednesday in Eugene and believed that if it can happen in Eugene, they could make it happen in Cottage Grove.

The next meet up will be hosted at the Village Green Resort lounge on June 30 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Women are invited to connect in a relaxed environment and make new friends.

"We want to celebrate women and all that they do in our community," said Blount.

Working Women's Wednesday is monthly meet up, inviting all working women in the Cottage Grove and outlining area.

The group meets up monthly to celebrate women and all that they do for the community. It is an opportunity to network, make new friends and build wonderful relationships in a fun environment.

There are door prizes at these events and occasional guest speakers. The meet up is held at various locations in Cottage Grove.

"The group meeting is a great way to unwind after a long day, have a glass of wine or tea, relax with other women and share a laugh. It is a great space to share what is happening in your business life as well as personal," said Blount.

Blount and Tracey were fortunate to also enlist the help of local business owner and community support, Skye Heffner.

Before COVID-19, Skye also had a vision to get women together in the area and established a group called South Lane Women's Network.

Skye was excited to merge South Lane Women's Network with Working Women's Wednesday in Cottage Grove. The three ladies are working together to build an amazing women's group for the community.

If interested in being a part of this group, contact Ruth Tracey at Magnolia Gardens at 541-942-0054.

IT'S BARBECUE Season!

As spring and summer temperatures heat up, so do grills all across the country! Here are some facts and figures to let marinate during National Barbecue Month this May.



TEMP TALK

450°F to 500°F

IDEAL GRILLING TEMPERATURE FOR STEAK

Rare Steak = 125°F
internal temperature in the middle of the steak
medium rare = 130°F to 135°F
well done = 155°F

TIP: Preheat your grill on high to give steak a nice crust, making sure the meat is at room temperature before grilling. Don't let steak sit at indoor room temperature for more than an hour before cooking for food safety.

Source: Char-Broil LLC at Charbroil.com

68%
of U.S. Adults
Own an Outdoor Grill

35%
Grill Even in Freezing
Temperatures

Source: 26th annual Weber GrillWatch™ Survey



Hamburgers
Steak
Chicken
Hot Dogs

Source: 22nd annual Weber GrillWatch™ Survey



20,246 feet
(8,000 meters)

Longest barbecue ever measured
Bayambang, Philippines, 2014

Source: Guinness World Records March 2021

WHY WE GRILL

FLAVOR
68%

of grill owners cited flavor as the reason they grill

LIFESTYLE
45%

CONVENIENCE
33%

ENTERTAINING
32%

HOBBY
19%

Source: 2019 HPBA "State of the Barbecue Industry" consumer survey

WHEN WE GRILL
FOURTH OF JULY
83%

BIRTHDAYS
72%

LABOR DAY
70%

MEMORIAL DAY
62%

Source: 26th annual Weber GrillWatch™ Survey

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