

The Chamber Connection: What is new in Business? See what Costco has to offer!

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Carol Hawkins (541-385-9640 ex.t 247), the marketing rep. from Costco hosted an after-hours at the Chamber on Thursday the 28th!

Costco has some very special programs for businesses and individuals who would like to shop at the Bend Costco. Hawkins handed out the flier that shows sale items and took names for her drawing at the end of the event. She brought a camping lantern (Jim Fleming's name was drawn) and furnished a plate of meats and cheeses and a large tray of variety cookies.

Costco is reaching down to La Pine. They will be featured at the Frontier Days so they can meet new customers that visit the Frontier Days Celebration. As the only big box warehouse store in Bend, they want to be sure that customers, business members (who receive a percentage of what they spend as an annual bonus) and potential new members have the benefits of what Costco offers. It is not all about huge food purchases. There are clothes, pharmacy items, paper products a great selection of wines, fresh produce and bakery items. On the other side there are electronics, household appliances and if you go online, there are building materials and thousands more items at pretty great price points.

If you are not a member of the Costco, look into what you will save if you do join. It is all about planning and looking up products in advance. Evenings are the best time to shop to avoid the crowds. Saturday is very busy and you get samples of all kinds of good products as tastings!

To change the subject, if you have not been into the Chamber offices recently, you may want to come in and get a look at all of the new local artisan items for sale in our made in La Pine retail store!. We have some new La Pine LUPINE shirts in many colors, we have some great barbeque aprons in denims with the lupine logo, there are also some children's art smocks for you kids art projects. There are a variety of material patterns and also some in denims or camos for either sex. There is a lighted glass block display and additional and new items made by wood workers, carvers and don't forget the Soap Lady's fabulous blend made from local herbs and oils. They last a long time and the aroma after you shower and are a great buy!

Our local photographer has a card collection of local spots and beautiful wildflowers. Grab a La Pine Growler or a couple of etched glasses to give to a friend when you need a gift. Baseball caps and tees with matching sweatshirts and books by local authors. There are wine racks and duck calls, small leather bags, wooden boxes, great placemat collections and an assortment of Rhubarb specialties from L&S gardens and we even have a selection of Turbo Pup dog food replacement bars that were featured on ABC's Shark Tank a few months ago!

For more info call the chamber 541-536-9771.