

## The Chamber Connection Important News and Announcements

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During the past month the chamber has been trying out a new system to divide the month's weekly connections into four main parts: Enhancing Business, Community Relations, Community Events and Advocacy. When we have a fifth Tuesday in the cycle, we want to tell you about what we are seeing and hearing from our members!

We had a sad message from our dear friend at US Bank. They lost their little dog Happy because he got into a Death Cap mushroom (Amanita). I looked it up and wanted to give you the basics. Because of the wet weather, they are popping up all over. They are tricky and an animal who knocks one over while sniffing it can become very sick when they lick their noses. Ingesting a hunk is treacherous and it is something that needs to be removed from the yard with gloved hands and a thorough wash afterwards. They first appear as small round buttons and generally they grow in a line, so when you find one, use a bulb digger and search out the sister plants- usually growing in a row under the surface. They like the shade, but here in Central Oregon, they grow everywhere in the sun or shaded areas as long as it is wet-ish! After I got word from Melissa, I realized I had picked up an amanita so I went back to the spot I found it laying in two pieces and realized that my daughter's dog (a nosy dachshund) has been sick at the same time I discovered the mushroom knocked over and after finding a row of blooming buttons, I got them out of the ground and disposed of. We have been giving the dog pedialyte and he is still having a hard time so now to the vet.

Our local Death Cap mushrooms are part of the most toxic family of fungi in the world. Be careful and get out and look through your grass now and water down afterward. Good Luck.

This is also the time of year when the children are finishing up at school for the summer and we wanted to be sure that you knew what the Bend La Pine Schools are doing for their summer lunch program that continues for the summer. In La Pine they pull into the Community Park at Finley Butte and Walling Lane. They arrive to serve lunch at 11:45-12:30. They will also have a program at La Pine Community Center (Big Parks Building next to the Library) on Tuesdays only from 11:30-12:30. If you know families who need help with providing enough food for their children- please send them over to one of these sites. The Program starts on June 22 through July 31<sup>st</sup> Adults over 19 years may come along and purchase a lunch of their own for \$4.00 cash or an exact check for the amount of the purchase.

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