



Cantrall Buckley Park NEWS

Park wrapping up fund drives

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The Cantrall Buckley Park Committee is pleased to announce the end of two successful fund drives to renovate and reequip our 40-year-old playground, add educational signage, include a natural playscape, and enhance all with colorful outdoor art.

Our generous donors gave a total of over \$60,000 for these projects. They are listed in the accompanying box. All donors will be recognized in a permanent display in the park. To summarize, over the past ten months, we have received:

- Over \$35,000 from local private foundations
- Over \$5,000 from local businesses and organizations
- Over \$1,800 from community donation boxes
- Over \$2,500 from raffle ticket sales
- Over \$20,000 from individual donors

Once school begins, we'll start construction. Jackson County Parks, the Applegate Lions Club, and the Jacksonville-Applegate Rotary Club have offered to help with this.

A natural turtle playscape with educational signage will be in place by the middle of September. Tuffy Decker has been kind enough to donate the excavation work. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held in the park on Saturday, September 19, at 4 pm. The community is invited!

Playground construction work will begin in the fall.

Raffle winner

Annette Parsons of Applegate bought the winning raffle ticket and was rewarded with round-trip tickets for two to anywhere in the continental United States. Annette and her husband, Jim Clover, have decided to take their trip to

the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina. Bon voyage! Traveltrust of San Diego provided the tickets.

Art mural mosaic

As summer comes to a close, work on the community mosaic mural will begin. The mural, begun as a donor acknowledgement project, has grown into a full-scale community project.

This summer you may have seen us gathering community input at events throughout the Applegate. At these events, like our most recent one at Ruch Library, community members get to share their thoughts and ideas for the mural concept and its themes. The result will be a mural design built directly upon community input. With ideas like "river with fish," "families picnicking," "hiking," "native plants," and "trees and forests," our community is planning a mural that will fit our park beautifully.

Late this fall the real fun will begin. Your ideas will define the final design and we will start holding tile-making

events at local schools and libraries and at the Criswell Art Studio. At these events, community members will be able to work with cutting, marking and stamping tools. Participants will make clay and glazes for colorful tiles. Tile making will continue well into winter, so there will be plenty of time for participation in this project. If you have a group of friends or students who would like to make tiles, think about scheduling a group tile-making day.

For more information, to schedule a group tile-making day, or share your ideas, contact Jeremy Criswell at 541-899-9024 or jerr37@jeffnet.org.

We still need to complete funding for this project. Thanks to community donations, we now have over \$8,000 in the bank, but need to double that. The artist is donating \$3,000 of his costs to the project. Checks can be mailed to GACDC, P.O. Box 3107, Applegate, OR 97530. Be sure to indicate that the money is intended for the art mural.

You can check out Jeremy's work at www.jeremycriswell.com.

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Photo, left: Annette Parsons (center) with husband Jim Clover (left) receives the round-trip-for-two flight certificate from Lynn Funk, member of the park committee. Other committee members, Michelle La Fave, Jeremy Criswell and Laird Funk look on. Photo: Tom Carstens.



Photos below: (left) Chris Cunningham of Troon Winery pulls the winning ticket from the jar held by Kathy Carstens. Photo: Lynn Funk.



(right) Adrian Criswell clammers on the skeleton of his father's turtle art. Photo: Jeremy Criswell.

Donors

With apologies to our Oregon endangered species, here are the donors who gave to the playground upgrade, turtle playscape, and mural mosaic.

Thank you!

Grey Wolves (\$5,000+)

Donna & Matt Epstein, Carpenter Foundation, Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation, Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Maggie Purves Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, West Family Foundation

Northern Spotted Owls (\$4000)

We're still looking for donations to complete the art mosaic mural—wouldn't you like to be a spotted owl?

Marble Murrelets (\$3,000)

Kathy & Tom Carstens

Pacific Fishers (\$2,000)

Four Way Community Foundation
Oregon Spotted Frogs (\$1,000)
Applegate Store & Café, Jacksonville-Applegate Rotary Club, Pioneer Financial Planning

Siskiyou Mountain Salamanders (\$500)

Richard Brewster, Susan Naumes & Diane Mathews, Peter & Carly Salant, Don & Sandy Shaffer, Southern Oregon Subway Restaurants

Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimps (\$20-\$400)

Robert Abernathy, Larry & Gaye Anderson, Frank Ault, Darla Kay Baack, William & Allison Benton, John Blackhurst, Christopher Bratt, Elizabeth Brauer, Larry & Shannon Buscho, Mark Charles, Scott & Sara Cole, Cassandra & Gary Connor, Judy Crowe, Karen & Herb Engelhardt, Brooke Nuckles Gentecko, P. Gordon, Perry Grayson, Craig Harper & Teresa Selvy, Robert Jones, Dave & Dee Laananen, Michael & Schuyler Loos, Karen Markman & Tom Mitchell, Stephanie McBrayer, Greta Mikkelsen, Kathleen Moore, Annette Parsons, Amy & Kent Patton, Joan Peterson

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