



Cantrall-Buckley Park NEWS

BY TOM CARSTENS

Park Fundraiser a Great Success!

On September 8, the Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation (GACDC) hosted a fundraising dinner under the oaks at Cantrall-Buckley. A delicious meal was served in Area "A" by Chad and Gabrielle of Fulcrum Dining. The sellout crowd enjoyed gourmet appetizers and a three-course meal prepared entirely of local Applegate Valley organic farm products.

Wooldridge Winery donated and poured the beer and wines. Brian Teal and Kevin Carr, both recording artists from our valley, set the mood with some fantastic easy-listening music as the cool evening breezes wafted up from the river. GACDC board members were the wait staff—we heard no grumbling about the service!

Thanks to all our neighbors and businesses that helped make this dinner the success that it was!

Post Labor Day Cleanup Party

Our cleanup went very quickly; there was little to pick up. The GACDC staff is impressed with our park patrons—everyone seems to be using the trash receptacles. Thank you!

Meeting with Jackson County

On September 27, Jackson County

Roads and Parks came out to the park to meet with the GACDC Parks Committee. The county has recently put up new signs around the park and also conducted electrical repairs at the shop.

The county agreed that the two day-use restroom facilities must be replaced. They will begin work on plans and submit them to us so we can continue efforts to find funding. The county has agreed to provide labor whenever construction begins. While the county will probably help us with funding (we've asked for matching funds), much of the cost of materials will be the responsibility of our community. Once we have the plans in hand, the GACDC will be soliciting help from residents and businesses in the valley.

We have already begun collecting funds. If you'd like to donate, please feel free to visit our website at www.gacdc.org or you can mail a donation to: GACDC, P.O. Box 3107, Applegate, OR 97530. Please label your donation "For the new restrooms." Thank you.

During the meeting, we learned that all 22 of the Jackson County Parks are supported entirely by user fees and grants, not by taxes. Like other county parks, Cantrall-Buckley receives no direct

funding from the county. For the park to remain open, residents must continue to use the park facilities and pay the use fees. And, while the county is supportive of efforts at capital improvements, most of the needed renovations will have to be paid for through donations.

Applegate Valley Days: June 22 - 24, 2012

Next summer, the GACDC will be hosting a big three-day valley-wide event at Cantrall-Buckley Park. Applegate Valley Days will not only raise money for upgrades to the campground, but will also showcase the history, the present, and the future of our valley.

The Applegate Valley Oregon Vintners Association (AVOVA) is a partner to the event and will staff a wine pavilion to offer patrons the opportunity to taste local wines. Individual valley wineries will host satellite events as well. A major paragliding competition will be held in conjunction with Applegate Valley Days, where patrons will have the opportunity to meet world-class pilots and further their understanding of a unique sport that has been so important to the valley's economy.

Other events that are being planned, include logging, agriculture and mining

displays, a quilting event, a geocache competition, local arts and crafts, auctions, music, farmer's market, dog and horse agility demonstrations, a live concert, automobile shows, lots of food, and a whole host of athletic events. This will be a family-oriented affair, so we are hoping to include our kids in the mix of events: scouting, 4-H, school activities, etc. In the end, we hope to provide a forum for our community to come together to show off our stuff: our people, our resources, our businesses, our organizations, our recreation opportunities, and our local products.

The response so far has been enthusiastic. We'd love to hear how you or your business might fit in and participate in this event. We're in the early planning stage and are going to need a slew of volunteers to help with further planning, management and implementation of the event. Please contact our project director, Ed Temple, at eltemple@dishmail.net or 541-846-7769. Let's all participate!

See you at the Park.

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Gabrielle of Fulcrum Dining puts the finishing touch on peach cobbler.



Kevin Carr and Brian Teal play old favorites.

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