

Cantrall-Buckley Park NEWS

Applegate Valley Day 2013 enjoyed by many

BY DAVID LAANANEN

The second Applegate Valley Day, held on Saturday, June 22, was a success. In contrast with the chilly, wet weekend of last year's inaugural event, this time the weather was perfect. More than 600 people came out to enjoy the day. One of the goals of the weekend was to introduce people to Cantrall-Buckley Park, a Jackson County park that is operated by the nonprofit Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation. Visitors were delighted to see and tour this beautiful facility on the Applegate River. The park is funded by user fees, and in order to keep it going, we need people to come out and enjoy it throughout the year.

People who attended were able to spend time outdoors in a beautiful setting by the river and enjoy locally produced food and beverages. The Applegate Valley Lions Club barbecued tri-tip and chicken for lunch and throughout the afternoon. Rise Up! Artisan Bakery sold wood-fired pizza, and the Ruch Country Store provided roasted corn. Plaisance Ranch, Quady North, and Wooldridge Creek wineries poured their wines, and Café Ruch sold glasses of Oregon-produced craft beers.

Vendors showed off their local products, including arts and crafts and a variety of outstanding locally produced food items. Nonprofit organizations

provided information about what they do.

Hourly dog-agility demonstrations by Cooperative Canines (www.cooperativecanines.net) were a big hit.

The Oregon Department of Forestry brought a display of historic fire-fighting equipment, and the Applegate Fire District hosted an educational fire-safety exhibit for children. Jacksonville CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) had their emergency vehicle equipment there with staff to explain what they do.

Local musicians played by the river throughout the afternoon. Special thanks to the Sons of the Oregon Trail and to Christina Duane for arranging the music as well as entertaining the visitors.

Applegate Valley Day could not have been successful without the assistance of our sponsors. A donation from **Fields Home Improvement** in Murphy paid for directional signs in and near the park. **Applegate wineries** provided bottles of their products for raffle prizes, and the **Applegate Quilters** donated beautiful quilts as prizes. **Ray's Food Place** contributed bottles of water for sale to thirsty visitors, with proceeds supporting the park. **US Bank** also provided some much-appreciated financial support.

Due to safety concerns and limited parking available within



Folks enjoyed a tasty meal under the Applegate Valley Lion's Club tent at Applegate Valley Day on June 22 at Cantrall-Buckley Park.

Cantrall-Buckley Park, we arranged for free parking on Hamilton Road. Jacksonville's premier senior community, **Pioneer Village**, provided their bus and driver for regular shuttle service between the parking lot and the park. **Applegate Valley Day 2014**

Because we received lots of positive feedback about the event, we've already started planning for next year. If you have an interest in participating in any part of the weekend or have ideas for new activities, please let us know. **We need volunteers. We also need sponsors and will be happy to visibly acknowledge sponsorships.**

Information will be available beginning this fall at www.applegatevalleydays.org. In fact, if you haven't done so before, check out the website (created and maintained by Shelley-Ann Hincks of SA Web Engineering) and enjoy the beautiful pictures courtesy of Hincks Photography (www.hinckspphoto.com). Meanwhile, if you haven't yet purchased one of the beautiful Applegate Valley Days T-shirts, they're available for sale at the Ruch Country Store, the Outpost, the Applegate Store, and Pennington Farms.

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ATA to host benefit dinner, fireside entertainment and campout at Jackson Campground

BY MICHELLE LAFAVE

On September 21-22, Applegate Trails Association (ATA) invites you to join us at Jackson Campground for a terrific family-friendly event. Our second annual benefit will feature a fresh, whole foods dinner, engaging entertainment and, if you'd like, stay the night and continue the fun the following morning with a campfire breakfast and the choice of two hikes. Relax and let us do the cooking! Enjoy our local treasure, the Applegate River, and visit with folks who love to walk, bike, and ride horses in the woods.

Both meals will feature a barbecue showcasing local and organic foods from our region's finest farms. Meat, vegetarian,

vegan and gluten-free options will be available.

Local musical duo Emily Turner and Danny Moore of The Turner and Moore Band (www.turnermooreband.com) will entertain us for the evening.

Last year's ATA dinner and campout succeeded in drawing a pleasant crowd who thoroughly enjoyed the event, but especially the campfire lecture. Legendary local author Dr. Diana Coogle kept the fireside audience spellbound with her tales of Siskiyou regional history. We are fortunate to feature Dr. Coogle again at this year's benefit.

Jackson Campground offers a lovely,

comfortable and convenient setting located ten miles past Ruch on Upper Applegate Road on the way to Applegate Lake. This accessible campground provides a perfect spot for a friendly gathering.

Overnight campers will appreciate the idyllic riverside accommodations, but those of you who choose to return home may join us again on Sunday for a hike.

After breakfast on Sunday, choose between an easy walk on the historic Gin Lin trail or a more strenuous trek to Mule Creek.

Cost

- Dinner only: \$30/person, \$50/couple, \$10/kids ages 3 - 12.
- Dinner, camping, breakfast, and hike: \$45/person, \$70/couple, \$15/kids ages 3 - 12.

Space is limited, so please make your reservations early! To purchase reservations, please email josh@applegatetrails.org or call Josh at 541-846-0738. Visit our

website, www.applegatetrails.org, for further information. All proceeds benefit the mission of ATA.

ATA wants to thank these folks for their food donations: Boulton & Son Butchers, Rise Up! Bakery, Happy Campers Gluten Free, Wandering Fields, SunSpirit, White Oak Farms, and Ken Chapman.

Applegate Trails Association works to protect, preserve and promote nonmotorized trails. The Applegate Ridge Trail is our main project and will result in a 40-plus mile ridge trail with amazing views of the Applegate Valley and beyond. We offer regular group hikes. We appreciate volunteers and would love for you to join us in any way you can. We also accept and need tax-deductible donations. Step forward with a gift to all generations.

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- The Pilot Projects in collaboration with BLM & the SO Small Diameter Forest Collaborative

If you are interested in participating in any of these projects or programs please contact us or check for more information and our meeting dates, times and locations on our website, www.apwc.info

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