



## Cantrall Buckley Park news

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Rick Barclay, park manager, makes good use of the park's new tractor.

The park has a new tractor to help tackle all the hard-to-do jobs that park manager, Rick Barclay, needs done to maintain the park. Rick said, "It moves tables, barbecues, and downed trees and can do the digging for the water leaks. And I'm not at the mercy of other people for resources." Daryl Miller, owner of Runaway Tractors in Grants Pass, offered a very good deal and arranged for a no-interest loan for the Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation (GACDC), overseers of the park. Said Daryl, "You've got to take good care of resources like Cantrall Buckley Park."

### More news and events

The newly developed Monarch Wayside garden is in bloom and growing nicely. Plant identification lists of the plants are available, and the plants have markers with numbers to correspond with those on the list.

The second cleanup of the year, on July 5, was a SOLVE event. (SOLVE "mobilizes over 35,000 volunteers and organizes over 1,000 cleanup and restoration projects throughout the state. Visit [solveoregon.org](http://solveoregon.org) for more information.) A crew of six volunteers, four of them new volunteers for cleanup, collected 310 pounds of trash in less than two hours! A very big thank you to all of them!

Now *you* have a chance to help us with our next cleanup event. We are participating in the SOLVE beach and riverside cleanup statewide event on Saturday, September 23, 2017. See the accompanying notice to sign up to help at Cantrall Buckley.

Fundraising efforts continue to support the goal of \$180,000 for the final phase of the campground project. Anyone can help by making a tax-deductible donation. You can mail a check to GACDC Campground Fund, PO Box 335, Jacksonville, OR 97530, or drop off a donation at Ruch Country Store at 7350 Highway 238 or at

Ruch Hardware at 181 Upper Applegate Road. Or see instructions for online donations at our website at [gacdc.org](http://gacdc.org).

Plans call for adding new sites with water and power in 2019, as well as new restrooms in the group camping area, a dumping station for RVs, a new water storage and pumping system, and improvements to the roadway. This will make our park more sustainable and allow the park to host more RV travelers and community members camping for extended stays. Once we reach the \$180,000 goal, the Oregon State Parks County Opportunity Program is expected to match that total by the end of 2018.

### Late-breaking news

On August 4, monarch caterpillars at various stages of growth were seen munching away on the new plantings of milkweed (their *only* food source) in the park's new waystation.

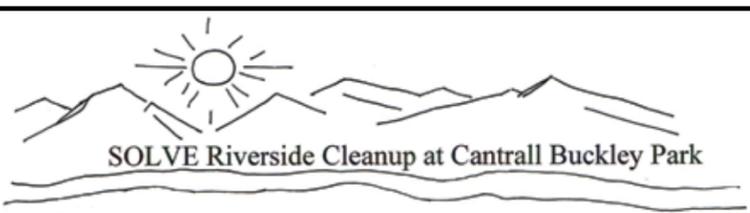
Eggs were found on both milkweed species that were planted in the park, but, because the plants are young, they will not be able to provide enough food this year. So the caterpillars were moved into rearing cages to be raised locally and returned to the local environment as tagged adults from the Applegate Valley.

This type of controlled rearing is done when the conditions or predators interfere with successful metamorphosis from eggs to adult butterflies. When released as adults, they will feed heavily on nectar plants and then begin their migration south in September.

Congratulations to all the students and volunteers who helped make this project a success for the monarchs!

If you or any organization would like more detailed information or a presentation of our project, please contact the park committee through the website at [gacdc.org](http://gacdc.org).

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**Saturday, September 23, from 9 - 11:30 am**  
**Volunteers are needed—all ages welcome!**



Park cleanup with an emphasis on the Wayside Area for removal of invasive plant species.



Bring work boots or sturdy shoes, work gloves, and digging implements.

Snacks and water provided.

**Your help is vital** to keep our community park enjoyable for all, and you will be a part of a statewide event with SOLVE!

**Register now** at [solveoregon.org/get-involved/event-registration](http://solveoregon.org/get-involved/event-registration) or contact Janis Mohr-Tipton at 541-846-7501 or [janismohr-tipton48@frontier.com](mailto:janismohr-tipton48@frontier.com).

### Coming soon at Cantrall Buckley Park

#### Bathroom Restoration Project

If you've been waiting to see progress on the park's Bathroom Restoration Project, the long-delayed venture is about to start! Jackson County Parks, who is responsible for the work, has had its own delays, but work is slated to begin this fall and should be completed by the end of the year. This is a crucial step since the old facility has deteriorated to the point of being unpleasant. Our thanks to the county for completing this necessary work.

#### Airline ticket raffle

Here's a way to support your park and have a chance to win two airline tickets to fly anywhere in the US or two nights at the MGM Grand Signature Hotel in Las Vegas. Visit Ruch Country Market, where raffle tickets will be on sale beginning in September. The drawing will be held on Sunday, November 19, at the Applegate Wine Trail Uncorked event. Raffle tickets are \$10 each with discounts for multiples. Airline tickets for the first-place winner are good from December 2017 until November 2018, with some restrictions. The Las Vegas stay is for the second-place winner.

Everyone who supports the park is a winner. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at [gacdc.org](http://gacdc.org) or by mail to GACDC, PO Box 335, Jacksonville, OR 97530.

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