



Looking forward to working—and playing—at Cantrall Buckley

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In 2021 A Greater Applegate's (AGA's) Park Team sponsored an art contest for four new designs: one for the 2022 Cantrall Buckley Park Volunteers Pass and three for greeting and correspondence cards to send to donors and community members.

This year's participants were from kindergartners and first-, second-, and fourth-graders at Applegate School and Ruch Outdoor Community School (ROCS). See the winning artwork, selected by the five judges from the Park Team, on this page.

The Park Team and AGA are planning a community celebration at Cantrall Buckley this spring to honor all the donors who have supported the great enhancements at our park. We'll also be acknowledging riparian restoration that Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council (APWC) and ROCS eighth-grade students have accomplished in APWC's Grow Youth program. Jackson County Parks has supported this outdoor education

program by facilitating volunteers and organizing the park learning stations. Watch for an update on date and time for this celebration event. We will be advertising locally in several formats to catch your attention.

APWC would like to introduce Eva King, the newest APWC staff addition, in her part-time position as outdoor education and outreach manager. She is a graduate of Southern Oregon University's Master of Science in Environmental Education program, has worked with nonprofit organizations, and has grant-writing and program-development skills she wants to use to develop a nine-week outdoor education program for fifth- and sixth-graders at Cantrall Buckley Park. This APWC program is based on the first pilot program the AGA Park Team and APWC held, which has now grown to a larger opportunity for the surrounding school districts in alliance with ROCS. It has the potential to grow even further to include

alternative schools and a variety of home-based school groups in the future. Contact APWC if your group is interested to know more about outdoor learning experiences for fifth- and sixth-graders at Cantrall Buckley Park. **Volunteering opportunities at the park are coming soon!**

The Park Team invites the community to get involved with the continued cleanup and preparation for development of the Dragonfly Place, a site honoring Takelma elder and First Nations leader Grandmother Agnes "Taowhywee" Baker Pilgrim. She played many roles in both our local community and local region and received numerous awards worldwide. She became a registered member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. In her book, *Grandma Says: Wake Up World!*, published in 2015, she said, "All those years, 20-something years of being a no-nation person. But when we came back as recognized people, I felt like peace was found in my heart. I felt wholeness. I felt good. I felt happy. I was crying because I didn't belong to any place all those years."

Come help make this site ready with a workday from 9:30 to 11:30 am March 19, at Dragonfly Place in Cantrall Buckley Park.

We will continue clearing invasive species, trimming overgrowth, and improving the footpaths at the site in preparation for restoring native plants, building and installing the memorial, and preparing interpretive signs about



Winner of the art contest for the 2022 volunteer work pass at Cantrall Buckley Park is Allison, a fourth-grade student in Ms. Major's class at Ruch Outdoor Community School.

Grandma Agnes's life and the history of the Takelma people who lived in southwest Oregon.

There will be signs to guide you to parking in area B and then markers for walking a short distance to the site.

Wear layers for any type of weather and sturdy shoes and bring hand tools (we will have some to borrow), gloves, safety glasses, and a mask.

We will work in very small groups spaced 10 feet apart, or in small family groups. Have your mask handy in case you mingle closely with others.

We will have snacks at the site.

To sign up, contact Janis Mohr-Tipton, 541-846-7501, or email janis.agapark@gmail.com, or go to apwc.info. You can also sign up at solveoregon.org (search for projects at Cantrall Buckley Park, Jacksonville).

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped on this project previously!

See you soon at the park!

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Winner of the art contest for a card design for correspondence is Owlyn, a kindergartener in Mrs. Hirschmugl's K/1 class at Applegate School.



Winner of the art contest for card design is Odessa, a first-grader in Mrs. Hirschmugl's K/1 class at Applegate School.



Winner of the art contest for a card design for correspondence is Maya, a second-grade student in Mrs. Kriz's class at Ruch Outdoor Community School.



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