

Springfest 'like wine tasting in Levis'

■ **BEER:** The Sixth Annual Microbrew Springfest raised about \$7,000 for Easter Seal

By Dawn Paugh
Community Reporter

Beer tasters and beer drinkers gathered at the Lane County Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday for socializing, music, and of course, beer, at the Sixth Annual Microbrew Springfest.

More than 2,000 people attended the Springfest — compared to 800 last year — sponsored by the Easter Seal Society of Oregon.

The two-day event raised about \$7,000, said Jane Welch, the regional development manager for southern Oregon. This was the first year the Springfest was a two-day event. Attendees sampled 49 kinds of beer from 22 Northwest breweries.

"It was a huge success," Welch said. "On Saturday night, we had to shut the doors because we were over capacity. A lot of beer was drunk."

One feature at the Springfest was the Brown ale exhibit. Six local breweries showcased, for the first time, a beer produced from the same recipe.



Scott Freitas, an assistant brewer at the Wild Duck, talks with Gary Lousaas while he drinks beer and helps Easter Seal.

The breweries met in February to discuss the formula of the beer. Their goal was to illustrate the factors that make these six local businesses distinct as microbreweries, said Christoff Jefferis, a new bartender at Spencer's.

"Oregon is the microbrew capital of the U.S.," Jefferis said. "It's not cut-throat; it was working together to arrive at different styles of beer."

The variables that affect the six Brown ales include type and capacity of the brewhouses, water composition, hops (whole or pelletized), yeast type/fermentation characteristics and origin of the

malts.

"[People] are intense about their beer," Burke said. "They taste it, swirl it around. It's like wine tasting in Levis."

One man described his experience at the Portland Brewery table.

Then the taste.

"Nice, smooth, rich, full-bodied, round in the mouth, rather sensual," he said. "It's good, very good. There's a spiciness right up front."

Money from the Springfest will go toward adaptive aquatics programs, Camp Easter Seal and respite care.

Preservation program to restore lighthouse

■ **ARCHITECTURE:** Summer field school students will work on a historic house

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Editor

The School of Architecture and Allied Arts' Historic Preservation Program will hold its second annual field school this summer to refurbish Cape Blanco Lighthouse on the southern Oregon coast.

Participants will work on the lighthouse and the Hughes House, a late 19th century building about seven miles from Cape Blanco.

Organizers of the field school will hold an informational meeting today from noon to 12:50 p.m. in Room 231 Lawrence, said Dave Pinyerd a graduate student who is organizing the field school and who helped with last year's field school.

This year, program organizers have developed three different two-week-long sessions that run from June 24 to August 3, Pinyerd said.

The first session will focus on archeological aspects of historic preservation, he said. Participants in the second session will repair parts of the Hughes House, currently a museum in Cape Blanco State Park.

In the third session, students will restore the Cape Blanco Lighthouse. In addition, students will work with the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department and the Bureau of Land Management, said Don Peting, director of the Historic Preservation Program.

Peting said the program benefits the parks as well as students.

"It brings together a lot of agencies in a wonderful partnership," he said. "Not all agencies could possibly do all this, but collectively we can bring it about."

Students who will participate in the program can attend as many sessions as they wish, Pinyerd said. The application deadline is May 1.

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