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Festivalgoers brave the rain during the 51st Mount Angel Oktoberfest on Saturday. The four-day festival, which celebrates the harvest, features live music, Bavarian-style food and beer.



Dressed in Bavarian garb, Ross A. Fogelquist attends the 51st Mount Angel Oktoberfest on Saturday. The festival draws thousands of visitors each year.



Steve Susmilch of Salem makes onion blossoms at the Knights of Columbus booth during the 51st Mount Angel Oktoberfest.

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fered booths with elephant ears, meatballs, cobbler, and German sausage with onion and sauerkraut spilling off the sides. Chris Bischoff, president of Oktoberfest, said the rain didn't stop visitors from grabbing a pint of German beer and indulging in German delights.

Bischoff said he estimates roughly 350,000 visitors will attend the four-day celebration, which is 50,000 less than last year.

"I think that because Oktoberfest is only 4 days out of the year, it would take more than a little rain to keep some of

our faithful patrons from coming," Bischoff said. More than 80 craft and art booths lined East College Street, selling everything from hand puppets to hand-painted Ukrainian eggs.

Joyce Church, a Silverton resident, helped men and women of all ages find the floral crown that best suited their style in her booth, which was bursting with flowers and leaves.

Church, who has participated in Oktoberfest for 28 years, said the crowns are a celebration of the end of harvest season.

"We sell about 1,200 at least an Oktoberfest weekend," Church said. "It wouldn't be Oktoberfest without them."

It also might not be a true Oktoberfest without beer, said Sean McGuire, the sales manager for Point Blank Distribut-

ing, the company responsible for hauling many kegs of beer to provide to visitors in the beer garden.

As of 4 p.m. Saturday, 20 kegs of beer had been consumed, McGuire said.

"So at about 105 pints in each keg, that would be about 20,000 pints," McGuire said. "It's been awesome. People come and they want to drink."

Sixteen beer taps lined the Biergarten, but beer was flowing in every venue.

Portland resident Tris Masterson-Miller can't drink beer, but said Oktoberfest isn't all about alcohol.

"I like the fact that people of all ages come - it can be for families, it can be for younger people, older people," Masterson-Miller said. "I enjoyed last year and seeing all the older German couples dressed up and stuff, and it made me want to come back this year."

Bischoff said Mount Angel's Oktober-

Mount Angel Oktoberfest

- When:** Continues Sunday
- Where:** Mt. Angel; for GPS use, 5 Garfield St., Mt. Angel
- Cost:** Many free activities; \$5 to 15 for some areas
- Tickets:** Purchase in advance at eventbrite.com
- Information:** 855-899-6338 or go to oktoberfest.org

fest allows anyone of any cultural background to be Bavarian for the four day celebration.

"I hope they experience and enjoy some German culture and gemutlichkeit (family party - not a perfect translation)," Bischoff said.

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Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
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