



# Cantrall-Buckley Park NEWS

BY ED TEMPLE

## Applegate Valley Days June 22 – 24, 2012

The Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation (GACDC) in partnership with the Applegate Valley Oregon Vintners Association (AVOVA) is planning a family-oriented three-day event to bring community groups together to celebrate the history, the present and the future of the Applegate Valley.

The plan is to include as many community partners as possible having events throughout the valley at different locations, all connected and coordinated to the main event at Cantrall-Buckley Park.

Areas we plan to showcase are: pioneers, the Gold Rush, timber, farming, recreation, the wine industry, organic farming and livability.

Events that are in the planning stages at this time are:

- Cantrall-Buckley Park: logging equipment display, gold mining display and instruction, quilting display and sales, antique cars, antique farm equipment, winery pavilion,

arts and crafts, music, food, farmer's market, dog agility event, Saturday night concert.

- A community yard sale at Ruch Elementary School sponsored by the "Friends of the Fire District." Spaces will be rented; contact Carey at the fire district for further information at 541-899-1050.
- Hang gliding and paragliding events at Woodrat Mountain recreation area. A national event is being held that week. (<http://rvhpa.org>)
- Hot air balloon display.
- Car clubs and motorcycle clubs having poker runs to historical and recreational areas in Applegate Valley, ending at Cantrall-Buckley Park.
- Geocache event throughout the valley.

We would also like to see a bicycle event, a run on the North Applegate loop and a triathlon at Applegate Lake if the local existing groups would like to participate.

There will be tastings, pairings, and special events at the 19 AVOVA member wineries that have partnered with GACDC

for Applegate Valley Days. For more information about AVOVA, see <http://applegatwinetrail.com>.

The goal of this very ambitious event is to:

- Bring our community together.
- Showcase our livability, natural resources, recreation opportunities and local products.
- Promote local businesses.
- Increase tourism exposure.
- Raise funds for improvements at Cantrall-Buckley Park.
- Make this an annual event to fund community projects in the Applegate Valley.

As you can imagine, this project will take a tremendous amount of teamwork, coordination and cooperation within our community. Our hope is for individual groups and businesses to plan and design events that work best for them and hold them during this three-day time period, so we all will get as much exposure as possible and provide a variety of things to see and do that will appeal to a large cross section of people.

GACDC is prepared to do the organizing, marketing, media promotions and coordination of the event; however, the success will depend on community support and participation.

If you, your club, business or organization would like to be part of the very first Applegate Valley Days, please contact Ed Temple, project director (see below).

Also, as with any event, there are costs. Below are some of the projected costs that we will be looking for sponsorship assistance. If you or your organization would like to be part of this very worthwhile endeavor, it would be greatly appreciated.

Associated costs:

- Banners
- Posters
- Event schedules
- Advertising
- Website creation
- Volunteer costs (t-shirts, hats, meals, etc.)

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