



BLUEGRASS BONANZA - Approximately 450 persons showed up for the second annual Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival at Lake Selmac Saturday, July 30. There were 11 separate performances by a wide range of Bluegrass musicians. Aficionados had their pick of various Bluegrass styles. Three major vendors, including the Selma Community Center, Taylor's Sausage Country Store, and Wild River Brewing & Pizza Co., provided snacks, food and beverages.

The festival, sponsored by Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce as a fundraiser for its programs, was directed by Pam Cooper. Assisting the chamber in its sponsorship were Home Valley Bank, Evergreen Federal Bank, Dr. Kathy Mechling's Clear Creek Family Practice, and Wild River. The chamber, said President Terri Smith, is busily planning the third annual family event. (Photos by 'Illinois Valley News')



The annual Wild Blackberry Festival is planned in and around Downtown Cave Junction for Friday through Sunday, Aug. 12-14. Booth applications are available from the Blackberry Committee at Darn Near Everything, 136 S. Redwood Hwy. in CJ, or telephone 592-5255 or 592-2358. In addition, the 'I.V. News' will have a special Blackberry Fest spread in next week's issue. Phone 592-2541 for details.

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Four hurt in head-on collision near Wonder on Sunday

Four persons, three from Brookings and one from Crescent City, Calif., were injured in a head-on collision on Hwy. 199 near the Wonder Store Sunday, July 31, said Oregon State Police.

OSP said that a car driven by Peter Bilodeau, 52, of Brookings, was southbound shortly after 4 p.m. when witnesses said he veered across the center line and struck a northbound car

driven by Brookings resident Darren Evanow, 20. Illinois Valley Fire District was called to assist Rural/Metro Fire Dept. and American Medical Response.

With the temperature around 100 degrees and dealing with a badly damaged car, firefighters from both organizations were hard-pressed to extricate Bilodeau.

They succeeded after

removing the doors and roof of his vehicle.

Also injured were Bilodeau's passengers. They were identified as Erica Talley, 20; and Rachel Kettman, 16, both of Brookings. The latter was lying on the back seat, and she, Talley and Bilodeau suffered major injuries.

However, Talley's daughter, 10-month-old Skylar Talley, was in a child safety seat on the rear seat

and was reported uninjured.

Minor-to-moderate injuries were reported to be sustained by Evanow's passengers, Melinda Evanow, 18, of Brookings; and Erika Tedsen, of Crescent City. Evanow was said to have suffered a broken leg.

AMR sent three ambulances to take the injured to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

Traffic on the highway was blocked for approximately two hours. Vehicles were backed up for several miles on either side.

OLCC gins up report on state liquor revenues

Josephine, Douglas, Jackson and Lane counties and their 37 incorporated cities received \$474,365 from Oregon Liquor Control Commission's June state-wide revenue allocations.

Disbursements: Josephine County, population 78,600, \$18,615; Cave Junction, \$1,002; Grants Pass \$17,694.

Douglas County, population 102,350, \$24,239; Jackson County, population 191,200, \$45,282; Lane County, population 333,350, \$78,947.

The agency distributed \$9.1 million statewide, based on a total population of 3.58 million.

OLCC revenue is from the sale of distilled spirits in 242 liquor stores, taxes on malt beverages and wine, license fees, and fines for liquor law violations. Last month's share was \$9.08 million. Disbursements --

*State general fund:

\$4.75 million.

*The 239 incorporated cities: \$1.7 million.

*The 36 counties: \$848,462.

*City revenue-sharing account: \$1.2 million.

*State Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services: \$602,873; Oregon Wine Board: \$19,670.

The distribution is based on population.

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