

# Arts & Entertainment

## 'Blackberries and Blues' make festival a tasty affair

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What do blackberries and the Blues have in common?

They comprise the theme for the 26th annual Illinois Valley Wild Blackberry Arts & Crafts Festival scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 11 and 12.

Event organizer Mark Russo said that the festival will be bigger and better than in recent memory.

"There will be almost three times the entertainment this year," Russo said.

Headlining this year will be "Broadway Phil and

the Shouters," who will play from 8 to 10 p.m. on Aug. 11 at Jubilee Park in Cave Junction. Ashland-based "Frankie Hernandez Band" will play from 6 to 8 p.m.

This year's festival also will feature an afternoon stage show in Downtown Cave Junction. "Bruce Hanson" is slated to appear, along with "The Goldman Family."

"The Goldman Family's" act includes a 5-year-old who can play a fiddle behind his head, Russo said.

Selma resident Nicole Navarro will headline the afternoon stage show with

her country rock.

Russo said that there will be events and attractions downtown and in Jubilee Park.

"We realized it had to stay downtown, but there's no reason it can't be all of town," Russo said.

Aside from music, there also will be a co-ed softball tournament at the park's field. Rick Dees is in charge of organizing the tournament. He said that there has been great response for the revival of that activity with several teams ready to take the field.

Jubilee Park will have several child-oriented exhibits and events, including a bounce house, which will be located by the playground. Russo said that Wildlife Images will have a display in the park mid-Saturday.

"It's all designed for young people so they have something enjoyable," Russo said.

Events also are slated for the county building in Cave Junction, including a Cave Junction Lions Club breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and an art display and silent auction by Illinois River Valley Arts Council. There also will be a lunch, and bingo games. (Next week's Illinois Valley News will feature details of the festival activities and who is

sponsoring them.)

For Sunday, entertainment will include a karaoke contest and an open mic event for all comers.

"We'll gladly host bands looking for exposure," Russo said. Bands wishing to participate in the open mic should contact Russo in advance.

Russo was joined in his organizational efforts this year by Blackberry Festival board members Judy Russo, John Tree and Bear Marston. Angel Navarro and Dees also helped considerably, Russo said.

A drawing will be held during both days of the festival, and the grand prize is a two-day, three-night stay from Oct. 11 through 13 at the Running Y Ranch Resort in Klamath Falls. The lodging is valued at \$350, Russo said.

The festival also is inviting nonprofit groups and churches to participate in this year's event with blackberry baked goods.

Vendors, crafters, musicians, sponsors and volunteers are still sought for the festival. Anyone interested in participating or helping can phone Russo at 592-6509 or visit [www.wildblackberry.org](http://www.wildblackberry.org). Donations to the festival can be made online through the Website, Russo said.

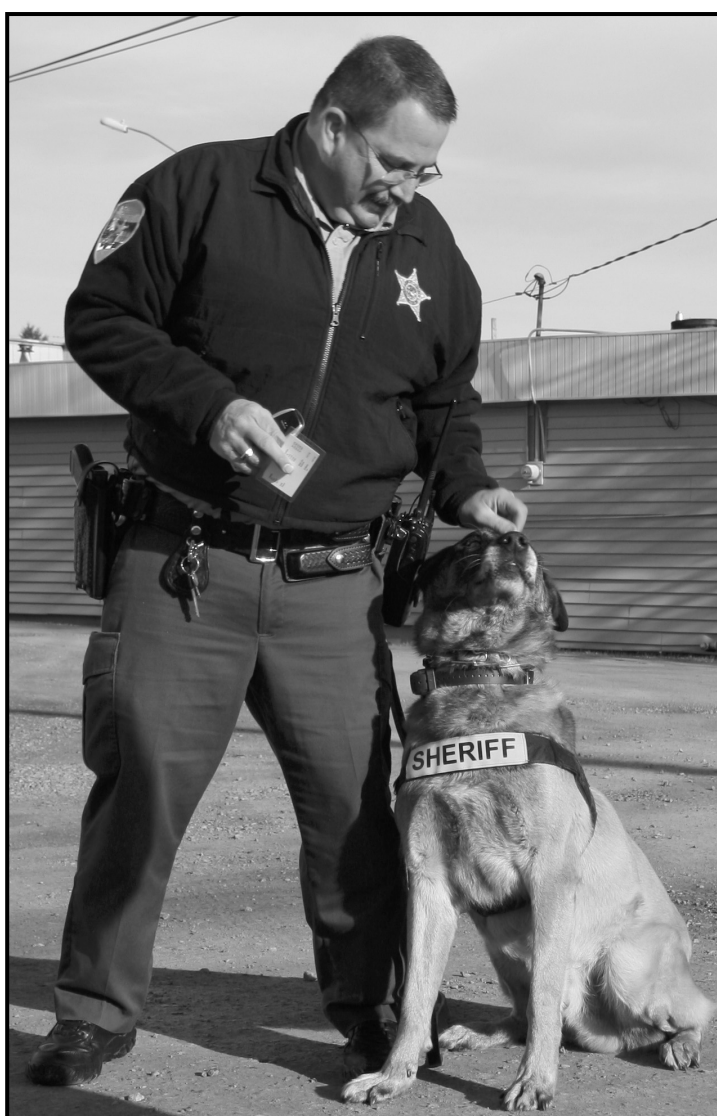
## Seven-day Oregon Bicycle Ride to begin, end in Cave Junction

Oregon Bicycle Ride 2007, a seven-day bicycle tour will begin and end in Cave Junction as it marks its 21st running.

Some 260 participants will camp at Illinois Valley High School the night of Saturday, Aug. 11. They'll depart on Aug. 12 and return Saturday, Aug. 18.

On the 12th the riders will head north on Hwy. 199 headed for Ashland. The "State of Jefferson" tour also includes stops in the Northern California towns of Yreka, Etna and Happy Camp before returning to Cave Junction.

It's the first time that California has been included.



**DOGGED EFFORT EXEMPLIFIED** - Selma resident Stephen A. Clarke and his Dutch Malinois police dog, 'Peeko,' have retired, although Clarke is only 'semiretired.' He devoted more than 25 years to law enforcement, and was a sergeant for Josephine County Sheriff's Office. He now is helping provide security at Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass. Additionally, he operates K-911E, offering 'private canine training and problem-solving that comes to you.' He can be contacted at 597-4440 or [K911E@frontiernet.net](mailto:K911E@frontiernet.net). (File photo by Michelle Binker, Illinois Valley News)



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**ACROSS**

- 1 Material for Ann or Andy
- 4 Words in a ratio
- 8 Division in India
- 13 \_\_\_ avis
- 14 Place to buy
- 15 Unit of capacity
- 16 Preposition
- 17 Land map
- 18 Word with tag or slang
- 19 Sporting officials
- 22 6, for a TD
- 23 Flew
- 24 Cut again
- 26 Becomes firm
- 29 Corporation rules
- 32 Paths
- 36 Salt tree
- 38 Brain canal
- 39 Muscat's nation
- 40 Evil spirit

**DOWN**

- 1 Numerical comparison
- 2 Nostrils' stimulation
- 3 One with an open mouth
- 4 Block
- 5 Good buy
- 6 Catch
- 7 Web-footed carnivore
- 8 Stylish
- 9 Feel sick
- 10 Timer
- 11 Canopy
- 12 Work units
- 13 Household problem
- 20 Containers
- 21 Uncooperative one
- 25 Nom de plume
- 27 Cowardly lion
- 28 Weasel
- 30 Common verb
- 31 Crowded theater signs

weights: abbr. 32 Building material  
33 God of love  
34 Party tray  
35 Assume a reverent posture  
37 Moon: Sp.  
40 Things: maj: var.  
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46 Loose overcoat  
48 Mens' names  
50 Murdered  
52 "Get lost!"  
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54 Latvians  
55 Ladies of Mex.  
56 Bug  
57 New parents' choice  
59 Small shop  
60 Young 21 Down  
62 Year: Sp.

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