

Arts & Entertainment



Eastfork brought its brand of Bluegrass to Jubilee Park on Thursday, July 9 as part of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce's Concerts in the Park series. The *Oregon Little Big Band* is set to play Thursday, July 16 beginning at 6 p.m. The Concerts in the Park series is sponsored by: Bridgeview Vineyards Winery, Crocker Fi-

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Blackberry 'Jam' set for two August weekends

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Like many Cave Junction merchants, Nacho Mama's owner Andrea Thomas has grown quite accustomed to the town's annual Blackberry Festival, first staged in 1981.

In fact, Thomas said that she partly relies on the business generated by the festival to help her through the slower winter months.

"It's good exposure and good advertising for the merchants on our main street," Thomas said.

So it came as somewhat of a surprise to Thomas to hear that the festival's organizers decided to suspend it this year due to lack of participation from vendors and attendees. Thomas had already started preparing for the event, then decided to simply hold her own.

"I expanded those plans," she said.

Thomas said that she

began approaching area merchants with the prospect of holding a gathering somewhat similar to the Blackberry Festival. She said she had no trouble finding people willing to participate.

"There are a few that want to carry on the tradition," Thomas said.

"Blackberry Jam" is the working title for the event, planned for the weekend of Aug. 8 and 9; and Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15.

"It's too much fun to hold it in one weekend," Thomas said.

Many of the same elements that have gone into the Blackberry Festival throughout the years will be retained for the "Jam," Thomas said. Nacho Mama's will continue its traditional sale of fresh blackberry margaritas, and blackberry jellies and pies also will be available.

A stage has been donated for the occasion, Thomas

said, and money has been donated to help pay musicians to perform original material. That aspect of the event has been modeled after Cave Junction's annual ArtWalks, and is intended to simplify the organizing process.

"This way, it doesn't seem to be that big of a deal," Thomas said. "We don't have to get complicated."

She said that vendors at

"Blackberry Jam" won't be charged for booth space, but added that she would like to see only quality merchandise offered. Room is available for three more vendors, she said.

"This is an opportunity to show off what our main street has to locals and tourists," Thomas said. "It's a good excuse to celebrate our town and its assets."

OAC offers *Connections*

The Oregon Arts Commission (OAC) announces publication of a new monograph in its occasional series, *Connections*.

The current issue highlights projects supported by the commission's 2008 Arts Build Communities (ABC) grant program.

OAC created the ABC program in Oregon in 1996 with federal funds from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The ABC grants also serve as a catalyst for other grant money to advance economic and community development through artistic projects. In 2008, the commission awarded \$110,000 to local projects; those ABC grants attracted an additional \$375,000 in matching funds and \$130,000 in in-kind support to the communities.

The ABC 2008 report showcases six significant projects across the state and in-

cludes "snapshots" of another 21 funded, including:

*In Ashland: The Oregon Shakespeare Festival, the largest regional theater company in the nation, opened its doors and performance spaces to the Rogue Valley's growing Latino population.

*On the Oregon Coast: The Arts Center's Corvallis-based arts-and-health care effort was expanded to hospitals in Lincoln City and Newport.

*Additional copies of Arts Build Communities 2008 are available online at oregonartscommission.org or by contacting (503) 986-0082 or oregon.artscomm@state.or.us.

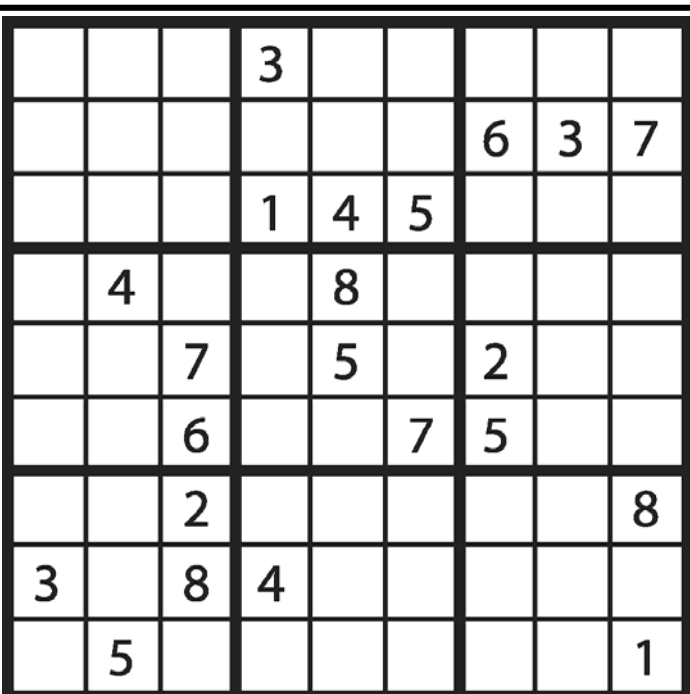
OAC will accept applications for fiscal year 2010 ABC grants until Oct. 1. Grants range from \$3,000 to \$7,000. The grant guidelines and application will be available online at oregonartscommission.org after Wednesday, July 15.

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- Each of the numbers from 1 to 9 should only be placed once in each column.
- Each number from 1 to 9 can be placed only once in each row.
- The numbers 1 to 9 can appear only once in each 3 x 3 grid



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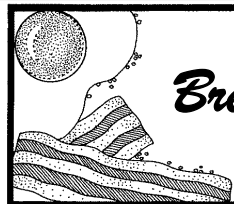
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Cheeseburger with fries \$4⁹⁹ Chicken sandwich with fries \$4⁹⁹

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Chicken fried steak \$7⁹⁹ Steak and shrimp \$9⁹⁹

Dinner comes with soup or salad, baked or mashed potatoes or fries, vegetables and dinner rolls.



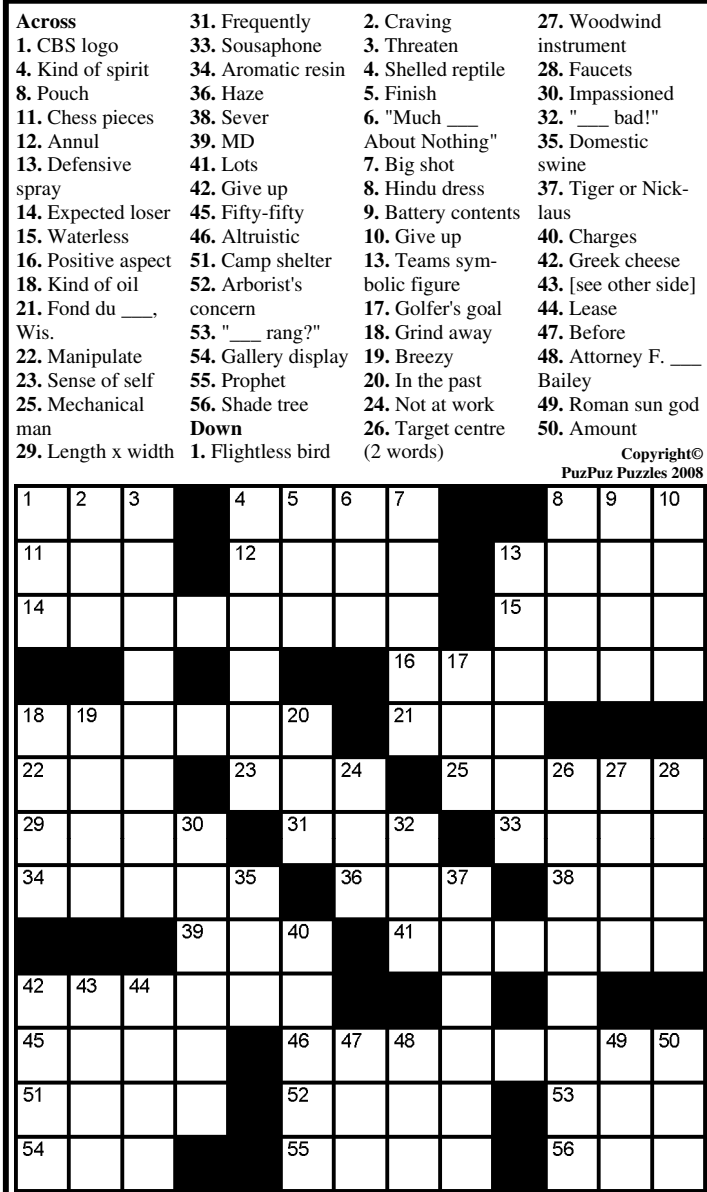
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 15

- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Thursday, July 16

- Original music by Sunrise & Alisia, 6:30 p.m.

at Nacho Mama's

Friday, July 17

- Wire Conductors (bluegrass), 5:30 p.m.

at Taylor's Country Store

- Original music by Jen Ambrose, 7-10 p.m.

at McGrew's in O'Brien

- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at Art's Red Garter

Saturday, July 18

- Brookings Harbor Farmers' Market, on the

Boardwalk by the water in the Port of

Brookings Harbor, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(Info, contact Violet Burton at

541-469-9522)

- Siskiyou Bluegrass Festival, Trout

Pavilion: lawn seating. Gates

open at 9:30 a.m. Everyone

welcome, except canines.

- DJ Jammer Dave, 9 p.m. at

Art's Red Garter

Sunday, July 19

- Karaoke, 8 p.m. at Art's Red

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Phone 541.592.2541

TO ADD AN EVENT TO

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Only \$5 per item.

