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According to Oregon Lottery Commission spokesman Chuck Baumann, when the lottery was started in 1985, 100 percent of profits went to economic development. Then, in 1995, voters chose to direct funds to education. Finally, in 1999, watersheds and state parks were added in as recipients, further dividing the pie.

“Currently, 59 percent of lottery funds goes to education,” Baumann said. “Twenty-five percent goes to economic development and job creation, fifteen percent goes to state parks and natural resources and one percent to gambling programs and treatment centers.”

If it passes, the constitutional amendment would allow greater financial flexibility and more public input on how to use lottery dollars, but counties would still have to spend lottery money on constitutionally mandated conservation measures and schools. Generally, though, more funds could be utilized for any major local government need.

Members of SOS say the amendment is not designed to take dollars away from public education or other current funding requirements, but is intended to allow counties to discern their own priorities. Also, seventeen percent of lottery proceeds would be left as discretionary dollars for the state legislature to decide upon.

It is estimated that Josephine County would receive appropriately \$5.4 million annually if the proposed amendment passes.

You can follow this political effort and read the language of the proposed legislation at lotterylocalcontrol.com.



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

Rain filled the streets Aug. 22 with as much as one inch in certain places in the Valley.

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A Country Fair awarded first-place trophies to Greg Saffers for his 75 pound pumpkin, Ted Rogers for his beehive and Evangeline Broffle for her rug. Categories included produce, canning, flowers and plants, arts and crafts and baked goods. The I.V. Grange also garnered first place for their booth commemorating their 100 year anniversary.

Following a Saturday night coronation, Jubilee Queen Donna Cogburn received a new set of luggage as part of her prize.

Fast-forward another 30 years to the I.V. Lions Club 25th Annual Labor Day Festival

and Parade in 1997. Parade highlights included first place in music for the IVHS band, led by T. Lund and IVHS cheerleaders won first place in the marching category. The SOFCU float won the best theme title and Amos Vahrenwald presided over the festivities as Grand Marshall. Among other parade categories were commercial, non-commercial, horse and rider, antique auto, truck and humorous.

First-place awards went to the I.V. Fire Department for public service, I.V. Pioneers for equestrian group, and the children category was captured by skateboarders. The sheriff’s K-9

Unit won a special award and the West Coast Airborne Association provided color guard for the parade, winning the military category.

Another form of “airborne” was observed at Jubilee Park, as the new skate park was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by organizers Thom LeGay and Andrea Thomas. A skateboard competition and go-kart races were also part of the festivities.

I.V. Kiwanis provided breakfast all three days and Lion Burgers and train rides were already part of the now-familiar festival. In the afternoon, the Southern Oregon Blues Band

played for the assembled crowd in the beer garden and the Harley Davidson cycle drawing took place at the end of Labor Day.

Today, everything old is new again as Jubilee Skate Park is about to get rebuilt for a new generation of kids and local organizations focus attention on the importance of fresh, toxic-free food. This weekend also offers an opportunity to remember the original purpose of Labor Day and the reasons why workers are still an important part of American society.

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