

Oregon's Longest Yard Sale this weekend!

If it's August 'It's The Berries'

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Oregon's Longest Yard Sale starts this Friday morning and runs through Sunday evening. From Crescent City to Grants Pass, along the 80-mile-long Highway 199 corridor, multitudes of yard sales will offer the public an endless range of items to rummage through.

So whether you've got an eye out for tools, furniture, camping gear, clothing, or a new set of pots, or perhaps affordable gifts from those also selling jewelry, art and other crafted wares, just fill your gas tank, get started early, and it's a sure thing you'll find some great deals!

In only four years time, this annual event grew from the grassroots in the Illinois Valley and took off in a big way. Community volunteer Hazel Griffith initially got the idea rolling and said that participants soon jumped on board in large numbers, recognizing the unique marketing opportunity.

Griffith was inspired by accounts from another Valley resident, Jerry Works, who while traveling with his wife, encountered a mass yard sale in

the Appalachian country, which brought new traffic, an economic boost and positive attention to some impoverished communities.

"So we decided that we could do the same thing on 199, because it is such a beautiful corridor," Griffith said. "This has really helped a lot of people along 199, and several businesses and organizations are also participating. The event keeps growing quite a bit each year."

"Of course Cave Junction is involved," she added. "The county building will feature rummage sales and the lot where Subway used to be will have sales as well, along with other locations. We just want to encourage everyone to be very careful in where they set up their tables."

People holding their own yard sales don't need to sign up with anyone, as the event is informal and organic; though Griffith wants all participants to clearly display "big signs" well ahead of their locations. She also said people should make sure that safe places to park are easily discernible for those driving by. And she cautions bargain hunters to be "super careful" as they pull in and out of yard sales, and hopes that overall, drivers will travel

slowly along the 199 corridor over the weekend.

Others who "live off the beaten path" are setting up tables with flea market items at the annual "It's The Berries" event taking place Saturday and Sunday, held at the RCC Belt Learning Center and in the adjacent Kerby High School Commemorative Park in Kerby.

A suggestion from Griffith to those who still might want to participate would be to get a hold of Junction Inn or one of the banks or other businesses in town and ask for permission to set up on their lots.

Griffith, a native Oregonian, who has lived in the Valley for 22 years said, "We'd like to see Oregon's Longest Yard Sale continue to grow because we believe it benefits our community by helping bring more people in to enjoy our beautiful Valley and support our residents and local businesses at the same time."

Helping promote the event, Griffith's daughter, Ruth de Jauregui, set up a blog that provides information. People can go to <http://hwy199yardsale.blogspot.com> to post their yard sale locations and hours and list a few items they're selling.

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In tandem with the Longest Yard Sale in Oregon, the Illinois Valley's annual "It's The Berries" event takes place this Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Kerby. Vendors and organizations will have booths set up both inside the RCC Belt Learning Center and outdoors at the Kerby High School Commemorative Park.

"Twenty-two vendors will be participating," said organizer Hazel Griffith. "There'll be a lot of flea market items, crafted items, berry-inspired drinks, pies, specialty jams, jellies and syrups, and also cookies, strawberry shortcakes, hot dogs and hamburgers. And we'll have wood working items by Vern Nelson... there's a real mixture of things. The Illinois River Valley Arts Council will have a booth outdoors with art supplies, and the Southern Oregon Guild of Artists is featured inside the Belt building as well."

For many years, going back to 1985, the annual "Wild Blackberry Festival" was a huge deal. A carnival-like atmosphere took over Cave Junction for a weekend each August, with booths, food and entertainment spread up and down the main drag, from Western Plaza

to Chevron. While that event sputtered out after it was moved to Jubilee Park a handful of years ago, several groups of community volunteers refused to let it die, and now, the modified "It's The Berries" festival enjoys solid participation and brings aspects of the former Blackberry festival back to life.

"We didn't want to let the Berry festival go, we wanted to keep that history alive," Griffith said, "and it's nice to have something that the community can get involved in. Typically around 500 to 700 people go though the festival now."

Griffith is a member of the Western Star order of the Eastern Star, the organization sponsoring the event. "We are the wives, sisters and daughters of Masons," she said. The organization meets at the RCC Belt Learning Center in wintertime.

It's The Berries raises money for the Shiners' Transportation fund and for cancer research, with profits going directly to Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. Donations are also made to the Illinois Valley Boys and Girls Club and the local schools.

Griffith serves as co-chair of the event, along with Jean Shubert, and Linda Oncay organizes the kitchen. Griffith is also grateful to several other volunteers with the Western Group and the Masons who help support the event.

Kerby resident killed in 1999 collision

According to a release from Oregon State Police (OSP) Aug. 9, at about 2 p.m., OSP troopers and emergency personnel responded to the report of head-on collision on Highway 199 near milepost 11.

Preliminary investigation revealed a 2016 Nissan Altima was

traveling northbound on Highway 199 when it began to pass vehicles in a designated passing lane (one southbound, two northbound lanes). The Nissan crossed over the double yellow line where it collided with a southbound 2001 Dodge pickup head-on.

The driver of the Dodge, Larry E Tyler, 73, of Kerby was taken to Rogue Regional Medical Center in Medford where he remains in critical condition. The passenger of the Dodge, Virginia Tyler, 72, also of Kerby, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver of the Nissan, Gary J Martinich, 61, of Brookings, was as transported to Grants Pass where he died as a result of his injuries.

Highway 199 was closed temporarily but reopened shortly after for restricted traffic flow for

approximately two hours. OSP was assisted by AMR ambulance, Rural Metro Fire, Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Speed and alcohol are both being investigated as contributing factors to the crash.

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