

CIDER SCENES



Hard-Pressed Cider Fest features local fare, music

Hard-Pressed Cider Fest, year two, packed them in at Mt. Defiance Fruit in Odell on April 11. Clockwise from top: two cider drinkers lock eyes amidst the hundreds of people in the tasting area inside the fruit storage warehouse; local musicians provided the tunes to go with sampling cider and local food, including Andrew McWilliams on Dobro with Green Neck Daredevils, and Kitchen Table, handling the second part of the bill; Tracy Wickwire of Hood River sips a cider; and rows of bottled ciders await take-out at the festival gates.



Photo by Ben Mitchell



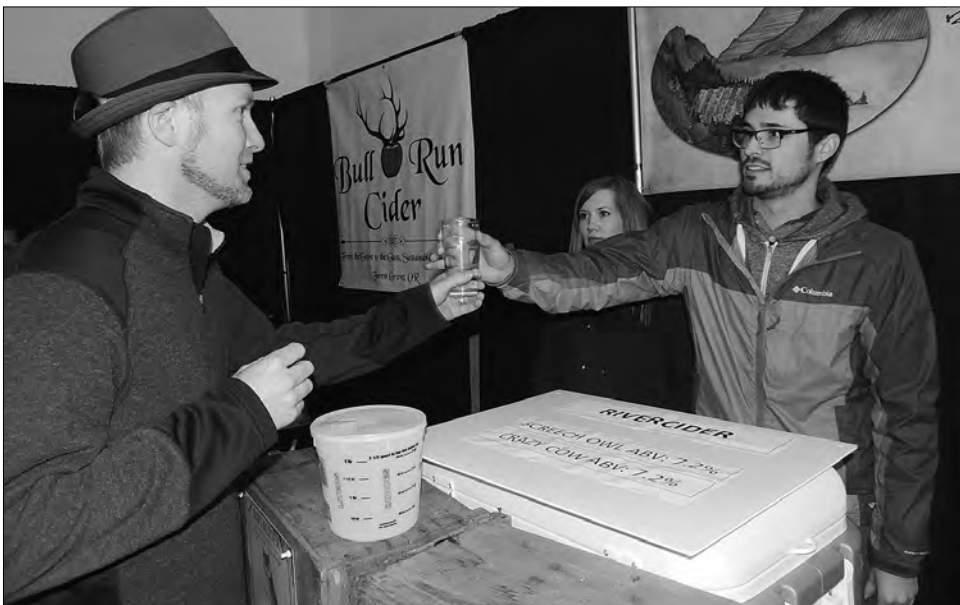
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CIDER DRINKERS compare notes and plan their tasting strategy, as not even the hardest cider-lover, with a ride home, would be able to sample the 40-plus varieties being poured.



BRIAN PERKEY, of Hood Valley Hard Cider in Parkdale, left, talks shop with John Metta, right, of Cidermasters guild and Maeve cidery of Hood River. Perkey also represents Jester and Judge of Stevenson, which poured at the fest. Above, Jordan Struck of Rivercider in Hood River hands a glass of Pomme Pomme to Kolin Leishman of NW Cider Brokers, at the booth of the county's newest cidery.

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