

# Car show, cook-off heat up downtown

Jack Sprats Cafe awarded top honors by people, judges

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As sunshine broke out late Saturday morning, the chili began cooking. In conjunction with KNND's Rock, Roll and Rumble Car Show, the Main Street Chili Cook Off took place over the weekend.

A variety of local businesses and organizations entered to see if they could cook the best chili in town. Grocery Outlet, Kiwanis Club, Jack Sprats, the Axe and Fiddle, Shampoo Dolls and even State Farm represented their cooking talents on Main Street.

Judges and chili lovers had several hours to taste each booth's chili, and in the end, there was a clear winner.

Jack Sprats took first place in the judges' and people's choice. Chef Scott Boyles was the man behind the pot and took home both first-place trophies.

"I just smoked a lot of meat and tried to get the best balance of sweet and spicy," Boyles said. The judges voted Chili Knights for second place and Kiwanis Club for third place.

For the people's choice, the



Mary Grimes tastes a sample of chili during Saturday's cook-off downtown.

Axe and Fiddle took second place, and Chili Knights took third. State Farm won an award for the most festive booth.

Though Jack Sprats was a people's and judge's winner, it's not to say that other booths didn't have good chili. In fact, by asking around, it would seem very variable.

Local Grovers John and Lee Garner said that their favorite was from State Farm followed by Grocery Outlet.

Sid Blosch enjoyed the chili

from Shampoo Dolls the most.

"They really put a lot of effort into the presentation," Blosch said.

The car show ended with five winners. Robert Costa won with his 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury and a 1956 Ford. Wayne Northern won with a 1917 Model T Ford, along with Larry Carr's 1961 Mach 1 Mustang and 1969 Ford Mustang, Celia Gowing's 1960 Mercury Comet and a 1957 Chevy from an unknown owner.

## SATURDAY'S RESULTS:

Rock Roll & Rumble Show-N-Shine Judges' Winners:

Robert Costa, 1964 Plymouth Sport Fury and 1956 Ford

Wayne Northern, 1917 Model T Ford

Larry Carr, 1961 Mach 1 Mustang and 1969 Ford Mustang; Celia Gowing, 1960 Mercury Comet; Bruce (?), 1957 Chevy

Chamber Chili Cook-Off Winners:

Judges and People's Choice No. 1 – Jack Sprats Café; No. 2 – Chili Knights (of Pythias)

People's Choice No. 2 – Axe & Fiddle; Judges No. 3 – Kiwanis Club; People's Choice No. 3 – Chili Knights (of Pythias)

Most Festive Booth: State Farm

# Sentinel accepts awards at ONPA summer convention

Sentinel Publisher Gary Manly and Editor Jon Stinnett were among those in attendance at the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's Association's summer convention at the Oregon Gardens in Silverton on Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22.

The convention offered an opportunity to network with leading industry professionals, in addition to the presentation of awards for excellence in several journalistic categories as part of ONPA's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The Sentinel was grouped into circulation Group E for weekly newspapers with a circulation of 3001 or greater. The newspaper received three awards for contest entries from newspapers published in 2015:

A photo entitled "Snow Ride," which depicted cyclist Kevin Dow's snowy ride across the swinging bridge over the Coast Fork of the Willamette River in December of 2015, earned Stinnett a first-place award for Best Feature Photo.

The regularly appearing column entitled "CG Daytripper," which details the many destination spots that can be accessed from Cottage Grove in a single

day, was awarded third place for Best Local Column.

The Sentinel was also awarded third place for the 2015 edition of its annual Community Guidebook, a reference material that contains comprehensive information about the area's attractions and services.

In addition to receiving the awards, the convention also offered the chance to partake in several informative panel discussions and presentations by various speakers. Friday's schedule included a presentation by Republican gubernatorial hopeful Bud Pierce and a discussion between supporters and opponents of Initiative 28, a proposed tax increase on Oregon's largest corporations set to appear on the ballot this November. A panel composed of representatives of the Roseburg News-Review, the Oregonian and the Blue Mountain Eagle and Willowa Chieftain included an interesting discussion of how those publications responded to major crises that shook their communities and tested their newsrooms in 2015, namely the Oct. 1 shooting on the campus of Umpqua Community College and the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

## Art Walk to highlight 'Hot Summer Nights'

Downtown Cottage Grove will host its popular Art Walk this Friday, July 29 from 6-9 p.m. at various downtown locations. Included in the festivities will be the following artists: photographer Christina Knight at Delight, pine needle baskets at Apple Pie Antiques, author David Finch at the Bookmine, painter Amanda Wilcox at Kalapuya Books, local rock band Flies with Honey at the Brewstation, Michele Rose's whimsical gemstone jewelry and Tinika's masks and magnets at the Crafty Mercantile and "Art to Inspire a Sweeter, More Positive, Joy-Filled Life" by Stephanie Kornman at Five Flying Monkeys. The Opal Theater will also present the play "Mass Appeal" beginning at 8 p.m.



## Tests show lead found in South Lane District Office drinking fountain

A stack of papers in South Lane School District Superintendent Krista Parent's office showcase two important letters again and again — "N.D."

The letters stand for "none detected" and show the results of tests for lead conducted at the sources of the District's drinking water. South Lane tested its water supply in June, as public concern over lead levels throughout Oregon mounted. Just last week, in fact, Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith stepped down over allegations that the District knew about lead in its drinking water system for some

time but did nothing to correct the issue.

There is no state standard for lead testing in public schools, Parent pointed out, adding that public concern prompted the tests here.

"As soon as it happened in Portland, we knew we wanted to get everything tested," she said. The District's water supply in its rural schools is now under its own purview and is part of the Row River Water District, which Parent said is routinely tested, though Lincoln Middle School had not been tested since 1989 and one other South Lane School had not been tested since 2011.

A level of 15 parts per billion of lead is the upper threshold of acceptability for the element. One water source that did test positive for lead, the drinking fountain in the District's administrative office at Third and Adams streets, showcased an amount of 6.8 parts per billion. While this number tests below the acceptable threshold, Parent said the District chose to replace the fountain anyway.

Parent said she wouldn't be surprised if the District has to test its water for lead again.

"The state has gotten pretty serious about testing," she said.



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