

Rainy Day Blues Festival brought sunshine to The Grove Saturday

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Award-winning Australian blues performer, Anni Piper, who is recognized as Australia's First Lady of Blues, was one of seven performers showcased at the Rainy Day Blues Society's inaugural Village Blues Festival at the Village Green Resort last Saturday, Aug. 5.

More than 100 fans of blues music gathered in the sunshine and under the shade trees on blankets and lawn chairs in the resort's expansive garden for an all-day blues fest organized by the Eugene-based non-profit organization.

The society's primary mission is preserving and promoting blues music as an important cultural heritage tradition.

Event organizer Vicki Herleman said she was extremely pleased with the turnout and with the beautiful venue for what they plan to be an annual summer event here in Cottage Grove.



Anni Piper (right), Australia's First Lady of Blues, was the headliner for last Saturday's inaugural Rainy Day Blues Society's Village Blues Festival held at the Village Green in Cottage Grove. The event, which included seven performers, was held to raise money for the BITS (Blues In the Schools) program.

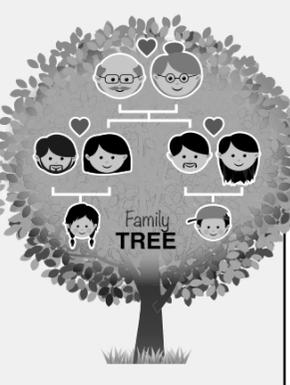
"We are grateful for the generosity of our event sponsors, vendors and society members who created this successful event," Herleman said. "We've established a solid foundation with this year's success to make this an annual event."

In addition to Piper, other performers included Pacific Northwest Women in Blues, Fret Logic, Jimmy Haggard Band, Lloyd Tolbert Band, Henry Cooper Trio and Froggy, who served as the master of ceremonies.

Money raised after expenses will support the Society's BITS (Blues in the Schools) Program, which introduces blues music to youth and provides them the opportunity to write a song and play an instrument.

"This was a great opportunity, especially at this time, to help lift people's spirits," Herleman said.

For more information visit www.rainydayblues.org.



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Cottage Grove caregivers set monthly meeting schedule

Local caregivers in the Cottage Grove area will begin meeting once again beginning this Monday, Sept. 14.

Other upcoming meetings will be held Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7. Speakers and times are to be announced.

Meetings provide a forum of ideas and an opportunity to share thoughts, ideas and experiences related to caregiving of family members.

For more information, contact Virginia Rondel at 541-225-8695, or Shirley Cullson at 541-232-0966.

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