

## **Clatskanie Bluegrass Festival**

Clatskanie, Oregon, was the host to the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Clatskanie Bluegrass Festival August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This event, according to the festival program, was sponsored in part by the Clatskanie Parks and Recreation, Clatskanie Chamber of Commerce, Humps Restaurant, Wauna Credit Union, Clatskanie River Inn, Clatskanie Builder's Supply, The Clatskanie Chief, Cascade Networks, Hi-School Pharmacy, Safeway, Hazen Hardware and Cultivator General Store. This year's event was the first in its history without its founder and creator, Bill Bogan, in attendance as he recently lost his battle with cancer.

The five day festival offered a variety of bluegrass music from many artists including Oly Mountain Boys, Fern Hill, Brokentop, Money Creek Mining Company, True North, Opal Creek, and Urban Monroes. In addition to the amazing music, several complimentary activities were included in the festival. Thursday evening hosted a cornbread and chili contest/feed, as well as a jamming session at Humps, and Friday offered another jamming session at Cultivator General Store. Also on Friday was a tribute to Bill Bogan, the festival's originator.

As usual, the Clatskanie Bluegrass Festival was a free admission event, with organizers asking for donations to cover the electricity used and the free breakfasts held Thursday through Sunday mornings. To help with the donation

efforts a *pass-the-hat* session took place several times each day through the attending audiences.

For those who are lovers of bluegrass music, Susanville, California, will be hosting their own festival June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Lassen County Fairgrounds in Susanville. There will be over 100 electric hook-ups for camping, available starting June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. This three day festival will include not only great music, but 9,000 square feet of air conditioned space for quilters and a huge, shaded grassy area for watching and listening to the music. At this time, musicians and groups will include Mark Phillips and the IIIrd Generation, The Chapmans, Northern Departure, Anderson Family Bluegrass, Snap Jackson and the Knock on Wood Players, and David Thom Band. For more information on this event visit [susanvillebluegrass.com](http://susanvillebluegrass.com)



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