



OYA turns out for Mount Angel Oktoberfest



Left to right: Hillcrest's Troy Gregg, Gary Cross and Shawna Smith serve up culinary treats in the OYA booth at Oktoberfest.

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Cabbage rolls and cheesecake were on the menu in the OYA booth at the 49th annual [Mount Angel Oktoberfest](#), held Sept. 13-14. To benefit OYA youth, nearly fifty staff, family and volunteers spent more than 300-400 hours of their free time actively cooking and selling the traditional festival fare, not to mention hours setting up and dismantling the booth.

"I want to thank everyone who volunteered at the Oktoberfest booth this last weekend," said Hillcrest Superintendent Troy Gregg. "We had a successful year, raising a gross profit of around \$15,000. Of course, expenses and such drive that down quite a bit, but we will still be adding a good amount to the Youth Incentive Fund for all facilities. It wouldn't have been possible without your enthusiastic support."

The Mount Angel Oktoberfest is one of the most popular celebrations of German food and culture in the Pacific Northwest, drawing tens of thousands of visitors to the small town northeast of Salem.

The volunteers enjoyed catching up with OYA staff and retirees visiting the festival and filling to-go containers for customers who hoped to stretch their cabbage roll fix over a few more days.



Left to right: DOC's Dan Damon, Hillcrest's Tanya Weleber, Karri Robinson and Kimmy Hartwell and MacLaren's Darwin Crabtree in the OYA booth at the Mount Angel Oktoberfest.