

# the MOSIER VALLEY NEWS

WILDFLOWERS, WILDFLOWERS AND MORE..... SNOW?



*Paintbrush*  
*Castilleja miniata is from the figwort family. This glowing gem provides no place to perch for insects and birds so only those who 'hover' can aid in pollination of Indian Paintbrush. Photo by Suzi*

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## ✧ Mosier's Growing Pains ✧

*Which came first, housing or businesses? Do we expect Mosier to grow without amenities downtown, or do we expect businesses to follow the housing? Perhaps we encourage both simultaneously but one thing is clear, no place thrives without careful planning.*

### PLANNING?

#### “Main Street Mosier” Needs Four More Members

As you have probably noticed, the City of Mosier has been attracting a lot of development attention over the past few years: first it was the townhomes, then the Mosier Bluffs, and now the proposed Tanawashee



subdivision. New businesses have even started to take interest in our little downtown, including the hopefully-soon-to-open-if-they-can-just-get-those-permits 10 Speed “East” Coffee Shop. We all have our opinions about the changes, but whether you like them, hate them, or are

### A Honey of a Sauce

*Try this sauce on ice cream, on biscuits, pancakes, angel food cake, even brushed on salmon! It is that versatile and extremely easy.*

- 1 part honey
- 1 part real butter

Place honey and butter in sauce pan. Heat gently and allow to come to a boil. Boil until a half teaspoon when dropped in a cup of very cold

water forms a very soft ball. Remove from heat, cool to warm and enjoy.



indifferent to them, the bottom line is the same: the City has been reacting to development pressures rather than planning for them. Not that we haven't tried—in 1999, a “vision” statement was created for the City (an entire visioning *document* in fact) with the help of an extensive public outreach process—but those ideas and values were never incorporated into the City's planning documents, which means that they have no impact on our development decisions.

Granted, we are a small town with limited resources. Our Council is volunteer, and we have very little staffing. Our funds are limited, so we need to be careful about how many hours we pay for our planning consultant. Unfortunately though (or fortunately I suppose, depending on your point of view) the development pressures are not going to end anytime soon, and if we want to have any control over the end result we need to start acting now. There is a silver lining to this period of economic slow-down though: it gives us a bit of time (although not much...) to gather our thoughts and prepare for the next wave.

It's for that purpose that Main Street Mosier has formed: to create a forum where all members of the community can work together “to preserve the City of Mosier's historic character and scale by promoting a diverse and sustainable economy and community.” The goals and objectives of Main Street Mosier are aimed at facilitating citizen participation and helping to ensure that community needs and values are reflected in the City's land use documents and decisions, particularly those that relate to the downtown area. As one member stated, “the one thing we have in common is that we love Mosier and want a future downtown that respects Mosier's past and enhances ‘community.’ We are committed to creating a respectful forum focused on ideas and not personalities.”

The core membership of Main Street Mosier currently includes four City residents (including two members of City Council), one Valley resident, and three members of the Mosier business community. As we begin to move forward, we would like to find **four more members of the Mosier community to help guide our upcoming citizen outreach efforts**—ideally, two more City residents, one more Valley resident, and a Mosier Valley orchardist. If you fall into one of these categories—or another group that you feel needs to be represented—and would like to become a member, please contact Nichole Reese (the administrative assistant for Main Street Mosier) at [msm@emenor.com](mailto:msm@emenor.com).

*Written by Hollie Lund, member of Main Street Mosier, and a resident of downtown Mosier*

## *Editorial Clarification*

I was incorrect about the cost of a sign license through Mosier, the fee is not \$400 but \$185-plus. The base fee is \$185, but that does not include someone hired by the City to read the application. It can easily add up to \$400 as it did for Good River. The base fee is \$185 then it cost approximately \$246 more for two reviews by the City's hired planner at \$75 per hour. And this to simply replace the sign on the property where the WildFlower sign used to stand. Suzi Conklin

### **THANKS STEVE SEYMOUR FOR DONATION**

We have received a donation from Steve Seymour to print copies of Mosier Valley News to make it available to those who don't receive email. If you know of anyone without email who would like to receive the newsletter, copies are at the Mosier Market. We have a bonified subscription, Mosier Valley News is being mailed to Waltham, Massachusetts where it is then forwarded to a friend of the recipient in Missouri. Nice to know our news is traveling

# Tanawashee, Are we Ready?

*City Council meeting May 7th (We Think...)*

**Editorial on the Tanawashee Subdivision** by Hollie Lund

The City Council will soon be making a decision on the pre-approval of the Tanawashee Subdivision proposal. The subdivision would add 44 new homes on the south side of town (just south of Fourth Avenue, between Center Street and the Mosier Bluffs project) and is raising numerous concerns in the community regarding: **traffic** (all of the traffic for this subdivision—not to mention the adjacent Mosier Bluffs subdivision—will be directed down Center Street, right past the community school and around our downtown core); **firefighter safety** (our *volunteer* fire department has expressed serious concerns about access to the subdivision’s private roads in the case of a fire); and **water** (no one really knows if there’s enough drinking water to support the new development—let alone the rest of Mosier—in the long run). There are also concerns that the subdivision will simply become an oasis for second homeowners (or a bedroom community for Hood River), rather than an integral part of the Mosier community. If you add this subdivision to our most recent developments (the 34 townhomes and the 28 approved Mosier Bluff lots), we will have **increased the size of our City by more than 40 percent in less than three years.**

A petition has been circulating around town asking the City Council to scale back the size of the proposed development and to explicitly address these concerns, but I would like to further suggest that we hold off on *any* decisions until the City has had a chance to make much-needed updates and revisions to its Comprehensive Plan, and to gain a better understanding of its water situation. From the community’s perspective, there is no need to rush this decision, and every reason to take our time. Between the still-vacant townhomes and the still-undeveloped “Bluffs” properties, we are far from running out of housing (or at least housing aimed at upper-income buyers), and the subdivision’s close proximity to downtown (and in particular the *scale* of the development relative to the existing community) means that it holds great potential for changing the character of Mosier. It’s also the last large parcel of “developable” land located within the Mosier urban growth boundary. So let’s take our time and make sure that if any development takes place on this parcel, it is designed in a way that *enhances* our community rather than detracting from it.

**Once the City Council pre-approves this application, there will be no going back.** In order to deny or delay decision on the proposal, though, the Council needs to know that it has your support. If you would like to express your concerns about the proposed subdivision, or simply learn more about it, please plan on attending the City Council hearing on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Mosier Terrace. (From downtown Mosier, follow the old highway east until you cross the creek; take the first right—at Kingdom St, just past the Mosier Creek Townhomes—and continue up that road, curving around to the right, until you hit a dead end. The meeting room is just on the other side of the double doors.) Note however that the hearing has been **postponed twice now**, so—just in case that happens again—you can send an email to Jean Hadley at [mosiercityhall@gorge.net](mailto:mosiercityhall@gorge.net) and ask to be put on the Agenda Notice List so that you can be sure which agenda it winds up on. Hope to see there!

*Note that this editorial reflects my own personal opinion, as a resident of downtown Mosier, and was NOT written on behalf of Main Street Mosier.*

# *A Day in the Life of a Principal*

One day while I was volunteering as lunch monitor at the Mosier Community School I observed Principal Carole Schmidt dishing up lunch for students followed by meetings and who knows what all so I asked her to write down everything she does on a typical day as school. Carole got inspired and that day took note of her every task. Here's the result. I hope you read between the lines and can appreciate what a wonderful person we have in our principal.

## A Day in the Life of a Principal, Mosier Community School

6.50am: Arrived at school

6.55am: Received phone call from a parent, question about the day.

7am: Met with custodian about clearing the snow at school.

Greeted students coming in for breakfast.

Checked all staff made it safely to school through the snow.

Persuaded some students to stay outside to wait for Move-It to start.

7.30am: Helped students change from boots to indoor shoes or socks for Move-It and greeted students arriving at school.

7.50am: Removed dead bird from the stage and disposed of it.

8am: Met with MCS board chairman.

8.25am: Returned phone call from Superintendent of Wishram re snow Club arrangements.

8.35am: Wrote Tiger Times newsletter.

8.45am: Met with a teaching assistant to discuss giving a reading assessment to 2 students.

8.50am: Returned phone call to parent.

8.55am: Continued writing newsletter.

9.15am: Met with teaching assistant to review reading assessment.

9.30am: Met with student to discuss "issues".

9.40am: Checked in with the cook to make sure all was well in the kitchen.

9.35am: Monitored students in the hall.

10am: Finished newsletter.

10.15am: Observed Primary classroom reading program.

10.45am: Served lunch to all students

11.40am: Ate lunch with senior students.

11.45am: Met with Senior students to help them plan all-school assembly.  
Watched their rehearsal.

11.55am: Made a cup of tea!

12 o'clock: Met with Special Education teacher re students.

12.25: Chatted with parent re child's lost glasses.

12.40pm: Reviewed student's medical records with teacher.

12.45pm: Met with 2 students re 'issues'.  
1.10pm: Checked on the PE substitute.  
1.15pm: Worked on Tiger Track schedule to adjust for needed change.  
1.25pm: Skimmed email for any parent or teacher communication.  
1.35pm: Returned parent phone call.  
1.40pm: Continued on with revisions to Tiger Track schedule.  
2.05pm: Phone calls  
2.15pm: Go outside to check students onto CAT bus, and dismiss students.  
2.30pm: Team meeting with parents and teachers to discuss a student's progress, performance and evaluation.  
4.15pm: Watched MCS Basketball game in the gym while eating snack.  
5.05pm: Office work – completed Tiger Track schedule, signed certificates for assembly.  
5.40pm: Started returning emails.  
6pm: MCS Board Work Session, which went into exec. Session at 9.05pm.

That's it for the day!

Carole

## *Mosier Braces for Bridge Work*

For at least 2 years, major construction will be taking place on the Mosier Creek Bridge. Mayor Berry recently sent ODOT a list of questions regarding interruption of traffic flow. Following is a transcript of questions posed by Mayor Berry and replies by ODOT:

- 1) Will there be any work done in the area that will cause the UPRR to be required to blow their horns as they pass through the City Limits?

We have contacted UPRR and offer the following after the discussion:

The UPRR is required by Federal Law to blow their horn under several conditions. Failure to blow the train horn can result in personal fines and penalties. The conditions are: (1) at all public railroad/highway crossings, (2) when there are trespassers present, (3) Men and equipment working within 25' of the railroad tracks, (4) when a train starts to move from a stopped position, and (5) any condition that the locomotive engineer deems as unsafe. Therefore, it is likely that if any one of the conditions mentioned exists, the UPRR will blow its horn.

The UPRR operates through at least 25 states and thousands of communities. Because of the size of the UPRR it would be unrealistic to expect the UPRR to notify the city of Mosier every time the train blew its horn through their community.

All construction work will be performed within ODOT right of way. None of this work should require UPRR to blow their horns as they pass through Mosier.

- 2) Will there be any pile drivers? If so, what restrictions, if any, are there?

Yes, the contractor will be driving steel piles in three distinct stages (detour bridge and two stages of Mosier Bridge construction), each separated by several months.

Restriction stated in the project special provisions Section 00290.30(d):

The Contractors attention is directed to the City of Mosier Ordinance which describes noise control regulations that include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Restricts noise between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Comply with the applicable noise control requirements of the ordinance for project work. A noise variance will need to be obtained to work during the above time period.

3) Will the Contractors be able to work on the Sunday at will? If not, what are the restrictions?

There are currently no contractual restrictions for working on Sunday. However, contractors typically do not work on Sundays unless there is a critical need. There are also traffic lane restrictions, section 00220.40(e) that limit lane restrictions on weekends.

4) Will the Contractors be able to work on Saturday at will? If not, what are the restrictions?

There are currently no contractual restrictions for working on Saturday. However, contractors typically do not work on Saturdays unless there is a critical need. There are also traffic lane restrictions, section 00220.40(e) that limit lane restrictions on weekends.

5) Will the contractors be able to work on Federal or State Holidays at will? If not, what are the restrictions?

There are currently no contractual restrictions for working on Federal or State Holidays. However, contractors typically do not work on Holidays unless there is a critical need. There are also traffic lane restrictions, section 00220.40(e) that limit lane restrictions on legal holidays defined as:

- New Year's Day on January 1
- Memorial Day on the last Monday in May
- Independence Day on July 4
- Labor Day on the first Monday in September
- Thanksgiving Day on the fourth Thursday in November
- Christmas Day on December 25

6) (a) What is the earliest time the Contractors can begin work Monday through Friday?

(b) Can the Contractors work after 6:00 pm? If yes, how late can the Contractors work?

(b) Can Contractors work 24 hours a day?

(b) Can Contractors work before 7:30 am? If so, what time can the Contractors begin work?

There currently is not a restriction on work hours other than noise restrictions as noted in question 2 above. Due to lane restriction requirements on I-84 there could be times that the contractor would need to work at night. Noise restriction would still apply.

7) Are the Contractors subject to the Ordinances of the City of Mosier?

Yes. As stated in Section 00170.02 of the Standard Specifications:

As required to accomplish the Work, the Contractor shall do the following:

Comply with all orders and permits issued by a governmental authority, whether local, State or Federal.

## FIRE!!!

This is the second installment on Mosier's Volunteer Fire Department. No one wants to think about house fires but they do happen. As a matter of fact, our volunteer fire department had to respond to a chimney fire in March which was a stark reminder that fire happens. Fortunately, the fire was contained early and no disaster occurred.

There has been an increase of volunteers this spring, 3 local men are currently in training at the local academy, a training program that takes place over a few months. After basic training, the volunteers are issued task books in which they are run through simulations/drills until all tasks in the book are completed. This is followed by step 3, paperwork and completion of the certification. Mosier currently has 4 certified firefighters so if the three in training make it through the program we will have 7 volunteers. This may sound like enough, but Mosier is a large valley and it just takes one holiday weekend of 4 guys to be out of town to leave us under the protection of just three men. Then there is the issue of age. According to Ron Carroll, we really need some 20 somethings added to the mix, young agile guys with the strength to do all that needs to be done. Remember when you were a kid and you wanted to be a "fireman"? Well, you can join the Mosier Volunteer Fire Department.

Without enough certified men, Mosier's department is missing out on opportunities for funding that could help with much needed upgrades of equipment and vehicles. Take air supply systems for example, according to William Ackerman the modern pack costs \$5,000. Mosier has air supply packs but they are antiquated. They hold maybe 30 minutes of air but you don't want to use those last 10 minutes worth because once you run out of air, you run out of life. Our units are 15 years old. The new units have LED lights inside the helmet that indicate how much air is left. Alarms sound at 1/2 empty, and when you are almost empty. In addition, new units beep and strobes go off if a firefighter is down in the dark smoke so fellow firefighters can find him/her. Mosier's current units constantly run out of batteries. Mosier needs new hoses as well and the fire fighting clothes are worn and old verging on inadequate for protection. These cost \$2,000 each.

It isn't that Mosier needs to be a slick new fire department, it is just that we have other issues than house fires here such as property and forest fires and our men who volunteer to protect our homes and lands deserve the best protection they can have. Those of us who are recreation buffs here in the Gorge think nothing of having the latest bicycle shoes, or wind surfing clothing and gear so why wouldn't we do everything we could to see that our fire department has the best equipment for saving lives, theirs and ours. In April, the Grange will host its annual salmon feed. (see April Events, Page 9.) There, the fire department will be asking for your support. Give generously either through your wallet or by volunteering. Ask City Council to do everything it can to support the Volunteer Fire Department. The house you save may be your own.

## THE “OLE” SWIMMIN’ HOLE

by Glenna McCargar

Growing up in Mosier, the summertime was one long day after another broken up by summer jobs, usually in someone’s orchard, getting projects done at home, baseball games at Mosier School of an evening, sitting on the front lawn telling ghost stories and the best of all, almost daily trips to the ole swimmin’ hole.

South out of town a little over a mile are two special spots in Mosier Creek, as it flows along to join the Columbia. They are the “5 foot” and the “16”, so named, supposedly, because of their depth.

We learned to swim at the Red Cross Swim Lessons at The Dalles Natatorium and when we accomplished being able to stay afloat, we could go to the 5’. We stayed in that friendly little pool until we could swim competently and graduated to the 16. It was a rite of passage of many generations. Linda Kane, her mom, Doris Root and I were at the 5’ one day and Doris walked up to the 16. On the way back down the creek, she slipped on the mossy rocks, fell and broke her leg. After our initial shock, Linda and I knew we had to go for help and we scrambled up the bank just in time to catch Darrell Evans. We told him what had happened. He told us to get in the car and he started backing up “like a bat out of thunder” (one of my mom’s phrases). We were scared out of our wits, wet, cold and chattering like magpies. He told us in no uncertain terms to “sit down and shut up”. We got to town, got help, called an ambulance and back we went for this very dramatic event in our lives. That’s the only time I remember someone getting seriously hurt at either creek site.

The 16 was not quite so friendly as it was much deeper. I don’t know if anyone knows for sure how deep it is. I touched bottom twice, which was twice too many. It came about when high school boys would hold us while another stood on our shoulders and sent us plummeting downward. The first time I touched bottom, I came up much faster than I went down only to be sent spiraling down again by the boys. They only did it twice, but that was enough for me.

The 16 was a gathering spot for all the kids and we walked out there every day that we could. It was a way to get together and have fun and we thought nothing of walking that distance for the pure pleasure of slipping into that cool, cool water. We walked right past the Pocket, where people cool off now, and never even considered going down there. Even more fun at the 16 was sliding down the bathtub waterfall to enter the bigger pool. Despite admonitions from our mothers not to slide down the falls as it wore out the sit down part of our bathing suits, we couldn’t resist. The bathtub was a little pool of water up above the 16 and had a delicious little waterfall that would propel you out into the bigger pool.

The only drawbacks were the ledge under the rocks where you could get disoriented, the broken glass that party-ers from the big towns East and West left on the rocks and worst of all, snakes!! We always had to be on the watch for them. One time, we girls were in the pool, all the boys were up on the rocks. One of them had a big bull snake and twirled it around over his head and then let it fly into the water. Shrieking girls headed every which way to clear the water.

One hot summer night, a group of we girls decided to go skinny dipping, a scandalous thing to entertain. We all told our mothers we were staying overnight with Linda, waited until it was pretty dusky and walked out of town. It was cold, we knew we were going to be doing something “wrong”, so some of the fun was waning. We

started taking off our clothes when the bats started dive bombing us. We dressed quicker than ever in our lives and beat feet for town! So much for skinny dipping!

If we were lucky, we would get a ride back to town when we had had enough fun for the day. If we walked back, there were rules. We could walk to the forks of the road (about where Ted and Ruth Ulkas live now) in our bathing suits to let them dry, but heaven help us if we, in my mothers words, "paraded" down through town in our bathing suits.

The pools were on the Root property and other than being told not to sit on the irrigation pipe, we were pretty much left alone. We all knew the boundary beyond which we couldn't go and respected the property owner.

Sadly, in the 60's the 16 was fenced off as partying there became more and more popular and became a liability for the owner to have people there. The subsequent floods in '64, '74, '78 and '96 have changed the look and flow of the stream, but for those of us growing up in the 40's & 50's, it was that idyllic place to spend a summer afternoon with friends. It was a real memory maker.

Happily, the present owners of the property fish with their grandchildren in the creek and have great campouts there, so another generation is building memories as well.

## APRIL EVENTS

April really kicks off the season of fruit and activities in the Gorge. Here are just a few of the many activities scheduled for April. Be sure to check local newspapers for the many additional activities this month.

- APRIL 1                      Though available earlier, this is just a reminder that the Mosier Grange Calendars are for sale. Support our Grange and call Lois Root, 478-3598 to get your calendar.
- APRIL 5                      CASA Kids Art function. 7-10 p.m. at Riverenza Court, 401 E. 10th, The Dalles  
Art show and sale featuring children's art. This is a benefit for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Meet the young artists between 7 and 8 p.m. Alcohol will be served after 8 p.m.
- APRIL 13                     Mosier Grange BLOSSOM DAY BUFFET. Here's a great chance to support your volunteer fire department. Sunday, April 13 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mosier Grange you can feast on Grilled Salmon, Glazed Ham, Salads and Cherry dessert for \$9.00 Adults, \$2.00 6-12 years, pre-school free. The Mosier Grange is located at 4th and Oregon Street just off downtown Mosier. There is also a blossom tour. for more information call 478-3505
- APRIL 25                     The Portland Handweavers Guild annual sale, Handwovens Plus, will be held April 25, 26, and 27, 2008 at the Convention Center. As always, admission is free. This event is held in conjunction with the Oregon Potters Association Ceramic Showcase, the Creative Metal Arts Guild, the Guild of Oregon Woodworkers, Northwest Fine Woodworkers, the Oregon Glass Guild, and the Portland Bead Society.

# Edible Portland

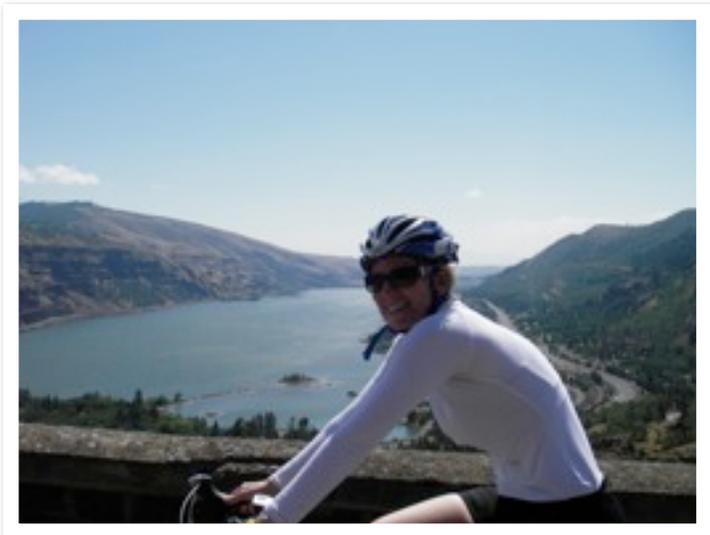
If you want to keep up on great food in Oregon, and we aren't just talking restaurants, check out the publication Edible Portland. This is a publication by EcoTrust and it covers local, regional, fresh and organic food sources in the state. They take polls on what readers would like to see them cover, they promote small food producers from the chicken farmer to the goat cheese maker and include history, recipes and upcoming food and wine events in their publications. The magazine itself is of very high quality. To check out the latest issue, it is all about chickens and eggs, go to [edibleportland.com](http://edibleportland.com)

The publication is available at many food stores in Portland including Whole Foods. I'm not sure where to get it in the Gorge but I have requested Rosauer's carry it if they don't already.

## BIG BIKE RIDE COMING IN JUNE.

### Volunteers Needed for Gorge Ride

The Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway is seeking additional volunteers for the second annual Gorge Ride, to be held June 14. Particularly needed are volunteers to help direct bicyclists at the intersection between the Mosier School and the Fruit Growers building and at the intersection of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail. We could also use volunteers at the Rowena Crest Overlook photo opportunity. Shifts will be from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM and from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Stop/Slow paddles and vests will be provided. Please contact Jeanette Kloos at 503-227-5638 or [FHCRH@comcast.net](mailto:FHCRH@comcast.net) if you are willing to volunteer for the Gorge Ride.



Historic Columbia River Highway

Did you know that Mosier is home to a National Historic Landmark?

In Wasco County, the Historic Columbia River Highway is not only a district listed in the National Register of Historic Places, it is also a National Historic Landmark. Only 3% of the sites listed in the National Register have enough historic integrity and national significance to become National Historic Landmarks. The drivable portion is an All American Road (National Scenic Byway). In fact, it was the first scenic highway in the country.

"On June 27, 1922, Simon Benson ceremoniously took a rake in hand and helped spread the 'hot stuff' mixture over the highway at Rowena, near The Dalles. Stepping back, Benson watched as a rolling machine came over the spot and finished the task. The Columbia River Highway, from the Oregon Coast to The Dalles was now completed and paved. Unpaved sections of the highway extended to Pendleton. A monumental engineering accomplishment in Oregon was completed, a ten-year achievement. A highway, built to the highest engineering standards of the day, had been constructed along the Columbia River through the Cascade Mountains, a feat previously considered impossible. The Columbia River Highway became part of the national highway system in 1921, designated as U.S. 30."

Dwight Smith, "Columbia River Highway Historic District", Oregon Department of Transportation, page 66.

#### Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway

The Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway (FHCRH) is a new nonprofit group dedicated to encouraging the continued restoration and reconnection of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Since incorporating in 2006, the FHCRH has provided information through lectures to organizations such as the Friends of Vista House, Friends of Multnomah Falls and the Horseless Carriage Club. Information was also dispensed at events, including the Hood River Vintage Auto Celebration and Edgefield Concerts. Funds were raised through a Kickoff event at Menucha and the First Annual Gorge Ride. These funds will be used to pay for a Mitchell Point Tunnel Feasibility Study (underway) and other Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail reconnection projects. The FHCRH have also sponsored pro bono work by five consulting engineering firms, recently completing the surveying for the Trail between Moffett Creek and McCord Creek.

A major goal is to be able to ride a bike from Troutdale to The Dalles, without traveling on Interstate 84, by the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the highway in 2016. Eleven miles of Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail have been completed, with an additional twelve miles remaining. Even with over a dozen miles of travel on Interstate 84, Cycle Oregon participants proclaimed that the day on the Historic Columbia River Highway was the best day of the 2005 ride.

More information about the FHCRH can be found at [www.hcrh.org](http://www.hcrh.org).

# Gorge Open Studio's 2nd Year

In case you missed it last year, you won't want to miss Gorge Open Studio's tour this year. It happens the weekend of April 12th and 13th. Here's what you do, purchase a brochure complete with map and introductions of participating artists then show up. You'll be able to visit artists in their own habitats, from Goldendale through Bingen, White Salmon, all the way to Parkdale. Artists usually set out delicious treats you can enjoy while viewing their works and visiting their studios. You never know what treasures you'll discover in this wonderful place we call home. Artists are dotted throughout our landscape like gems to be uncovered at every turn. Brochures cost just \$15.00 and admit two people to all of the studios. Purchase your collectable "ticket/brochure" today at any of the following local businesses:

## In The Dalles

Klindt's Booksellers  
The Dalles Art Center

## In Hood River

Ann's Panz  
Columbia Art Gallery  
Waucoma Books

## In Portland

Art Media  
Frame Central  
Powell's bookstores

For more information see: [:www.gorgeartistsopenstudios.com](http://www.gorgeartistsopenstudios.com)

**The Mosier Legion Auxiliary** has embarked on an ambitious project that will have a positive effect the on the community.

We would like to include you in this historic event. If you served our country, we would like to have your picture. The pictures would be displayed at the legion in a secure case.

Included could be name, rank, theater of operations, special medals earned, length of service etc, anything you would like to share in a short service related biography.

You can scan them in and e mail them to me, mail them to me, drop them by or I will come and pick them up. If you wish to have them returned to you, copies will be made and the originals returned.

Please help preserve this important part of Mosier's history. Uncle Sam wanted you and now the legion wants to honor your contribution to home and country.

We would like to have some of the pictures on display by the Memorial Day Celebration and Breakfast. Thanks for your cooperation.

Contact; Glenna McCargar, 478-3495, 1910 Mosier Creek Road, Mosier, OR 97040 or e mail at [gem@gorge.net](mailto:gem@gorge.net)

**BINGO, BINGO, BINGO!!!**

American Legion Post #55 is sponsoring another BINGO night at the Mosier Grange on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The fun will start at 5:00 pm.

The Mosier Auxiliary will be serving chili, hot dogs, nachos, cookies, and bottomless coffee or lemonade..

The cost is \$1.00 per game and there will be a \$100 grand prize payout.

Commander, Rodney Berthold, invites you to come out and have a good time, support the community, and maybe get to sing out “BINGO!”

### *ONE LAST NOTE*

A new wine bar has opened up in Hood River, next door west of The Columbia Gorge Hotel in the building with the white buffalo out front. Appropriately called The White Buffalo Winery, this tasting room for wines of all kinds offers a light menu, nice atmosphere and vast array of wines from all over the area and the Gorge. Our two favorites were Plunger Head Red and Marshal's Shraz (Sirah and Shiraz are the same by the way). This is a family owned operation with mom Mary Gumm overseeing the place, her daughter Sarah the inspired purchaser of gifts, wine and creator of great gift baskets and Sarah's son Brandon chef and chief bottle washer. During the high season they will offer bartenders for special events, gift baskets for brides to give guests, and other services yet to be mentioned in their upcoming brochure. Stop by, they feature about 12 wines, 6 red, 6 white or so for tasting at \$2.00 for a 2 oz. pour and \$6.00 for a glass. They have only been open a couple of weeks so given their creative start, there is surely more to come.

a PS to Artists, they are eager to feature local artists and are looking for just the right piece to adorn one wall of the tasting room.