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the MOSIER VALLEY NEWSLETTER

APRIL SHOWERS BRING A WHOLE LOT OF MUD



Fire Safety

The state of Oregon provides a simulated burning structure in which firefighters can experience what it is like to enter a burning building. Even though the smoke is fake, the flames are real and the experience very much like the real thing but with half the heat. Still, it is a cramped, hot, flaming place these guys have to go.



✧ Mosier Firefighters Train ✧

Thursday night March 5th Mosier Volunteer firemen drove to Odell where they participated in fire training by entering a smoke filled, controlled, flaming structure. It's all for our protection.

TRAINING FOR BURNING STRUCTURES

Mosier fire Chief Jim Appleton, Ron Carroll and Larry Sneed drove to Odell at 5:30 March 5th to join the Odell crew in the State of Oregon's burning structure exercise. Mark and I arrived around 7pm and found the firefighters lined up on stairs about to crawl into a flaming

structure. By all intents and purposes this was the real thing. There was smoke billowing out the top of the trailer-like structure and flames behind a door attended by one of the leaders. Once the door was opened, three fire fighters crawled in and the door was shut behind them.



Support Your Volunteer Fire Department

Attend the salmon feed at the Grange Sunday, April 5th 11:30-3:00. \$10 adults, \$2.00 kids 6-12, pre-school-free

Grilled salmon, Ham, salads, the Grange's own special cherry cake

and lots of folks to see. This event supports our fire department.

Right: Chief Appleton





Fire Training cont

Once inside, the men had to crawl, hose down the flames and find their way back out the building. Once that was over, they climbed up a flight of stairs but

instead of it being an exercise in upstairs fires they were actually going down stairs once they went through the door as if going into a basement. Then in the

dark through pans of flames they had to find their way out.

Mosier fire fighters were given a third task of spraying water into a

burning room from the side of the training trailer.

Inside the trailer, trainer George Jamison ran a control panel that

MOSIER FIRE DEPT EVENTS	APR 5 Salmon feed fundraiser/ Grange	APR 6,13,20 Fire Dept. Meetings	April 11 Work Party for Fire Department	MAY 4,11,13 Fire Dept Meetings
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mapped the route of the men per each exercise so he could flame up sections of their route and create smoke. He also had control of the emergency shut-off



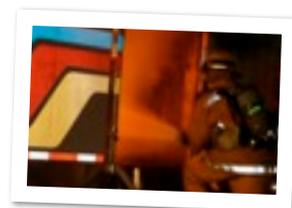
(see above) The fire fighters wore full garb.

Below and right, Ron Carroll sprays fire in training



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Ron Carroll and 2 guys from Westside pictured left waiting for their assignment.



FIRE TRAINING CONT.

George Jamison of Pendleton and Rockie Disimini of Baker city were trainers present at the burning structure exercise. Inside the control booth, George mapped out the route the firefighters would take through the smoked filled rooms complete with artificial smoke. George controlled the effects. The rooms reached 300° at the ceiling. Such simulations are designed to give firefighters experience in areas that don't get a lot of real-life emergencies relative to those firefighters in cities. The units, Pro-Safe Fire Training Systems are manufactured in Canada. The unit used in Thursday's exercise belongs to the State of Oregon's Public Safety and Training Division. The trainers travel with the structure all over the State of Oregon throughout the year. Ideally, all fire departments can train once a year. Call 478-3333 to volunteer or for information.

Blossom Day Buffet and Events

The 42nd annual Blossom Day Buffet and Tour are Sunday, April 5th. Be at the Grange for lunch for a fabulous feast of BBQ Salmon, Glazed Ham and lots of salads with the Grange's Cherry Cake for dessert. The wait staff is efficient and friendly! This is the once-a-year fund raiser for the volunteer fire department and if you've been reading this publication you know they have been busy. The fire department not only responds to our various fires at home and in our drive-ways (2 vehicles caught fire in drive-ways this year so far, one threatened to catch the adjacent house on fire) but Mosier had its first house burn down in many years. Please be generous at the salmon feed and help our all-volunteer Fire Department continue to upgrade equipment, training and recruitment. Best yet, volunteer. Young people are needed. The Buffet will serve food from 11:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Sunday. If you can't make it, send a check. There is also a Blossom Tour that day. For more information call 478-3333.

NEW FIRE DISTRICT?

Mosier Fire Chief Jim Appleton is seeking public input and support for a new fire district.

Right now, Mosier has a confusing and sometimes counter-productive arrangement for fire protection. The City of Mosier and the Mosier Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD) are separate -- each is technically responsible for its own fire protection, even though the same group of men and women organize and operate as if we are one department. Getting both the City and the RFPD to agree on joint priorities and planning is more often than not a headache. Believe it or not, we actually argue about whose gas is in which truck.

It's long past time to combine into one department, under a single taxing authority and a single administration.

Forming a brand-new fire district is the best way to achieve this goal.

At the same time, we are asking our customers to understand that we get what we pay for, and for a long time we've not been paying for much. Our tax rates in both the City and the RFPD were set many years ago and have never really been adequate for the needs of our customers. The entire yearly budget for the Mosier Rural Fire District is just \$28,000 -- barely enough for fuel, utilities, insurance, and a few extras -- and yet we provide fire protection for almost twenty-five square miles! The problem with a low permanent tax rate is that it locks us into a

downward spiral. The more we develop homes at a poor tax rate, the worse things get for the fire department, and that's ultimately everyone's problem. That's not a good thing in an area prone to devastating wild fire.

That in a nutshell is what's been happening in Mosier for decades.

It's long past time to increase the permanent tax rate of the Fire District to fund adequate protection.

Forming a new district is the only way for us to change the permanent tax rate. That's the other main reason we're coming to you now asking for your support for a new fire district.

The call for a new fire district comes straight from the Board of the RFPD. Chief Jim Appleton has been hired by the Board to see this project to completion. The new district is supported by a majority of City Council members, who will soon vote formally on a resolution and intergovernmental agreement.

The steps to make the new district happen are as follows:

- Public meetings later this spring, presenting a proposed budget and seeking community input
- Petitions circulate beginning around June 1, 2009
- Assuming petitioning is successful, Wasco County Court hears our case beginning in November 2009
- If all goes well, we hope to bring this to a vote in the May 2010 primary election

Very soon, we will announce dates for a series of public meetings to get this discussion into the open, to present a proposed budget, and to hear all points of view.

Please feel free to contact Chief Appleton at any time to discuss this or any other fire issue. Chief Appleton will be at the annual Firemen's Smorgasbord all day Sunday, April 5, 2009 if you'd like to meet him and discuss this in person.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with meetings and/or petitioning, we'd especially like to hear from you.

Our office phone is 541.478.3333.

Thank you for supporting your fire department!

FIRE DEPARTMENT WORK PARTIES:

The next tree-limbing and brush-clearing work party will be on Saturday, April 11, from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM. VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME.

This time, we'll be working mainly around the east side of the Pioneer Cemetery, and the path up from Hwy 30. Meet at the parking lot of the Senior Center (Mosier Creek Terrace, on East Second Ave near Kingdom). Rain or shine.

Bring hand or power tools and safety equipment -- saws, loppers, trimmers. We'll supply some safety gear, fuel and supplies, saws, and guidelines for any level of experience.

We'd also welcome volunteers to provide refreshments, cheerleading, cajoling, etc. We will have the use of the Community Room at the Senior Center to set up hot food, etc.

Come out and help our community!

This is critical fire prevention, supported in part by a grant from Oregon Department of Forestry. Over several months this winter and spring, we hope to thin and limb up about fifteen acres owned by the City of Mosier, between the Mosier Totem and Pocket Falls.

Rock Creek lawn Seeding

Kathy Fitzpatrick led the charge as volunteers planted grass seed next to the Parking Lot of Rock Creek Recreation Area. Volunteers meet Saturday Morning, March 28th. The area for seeding was first raked then seed cast over the whole area followed by another raking to work some of the seed into the ground. Volunteers worked for about 2 1/2 hours and their efforts should result in a nice lawn area in front of the shelter on which boarders can prep their sails and enjoy a softer place to sit.

Thumbs down, by the way, to whoever decided to build a fire on the decking of the shelter in the area. The fire melted the decking permanently and could have led to a disastrous burning down of the structure. Someone destroyed two of the lawn chairs provided there as well.

On a brighter note, Mosier students created colorful fish attached to rebar that appear to be swimming up and down stream right next to Rock Creek. The fish also act as a reminder to stay off of sensitive planting areas.

Gorge Artists Open Studios Reception at Maryhill Museum of Art

Maryhill Museum of Art is pleased to host the kick-off event for the third annual Gorge Artists Open Studios on Friday, May 1.

This event is free and open to the public. Tickets for the Gorge Artists Open Studio, Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3 will be on sale.

There will be opportunities to meet artists and see the museum's exhibits – including Hudson River School Sojourn from the collection of Dr. Michel Hersen and Mrs. Victoria Hersen.

For more information see

www.maryhillmuseum.org

Artists can now register for the Artist 2 Artist Professional Development Fair online: http://www.columbiaarts.org/education/2009/03/A2A_web.pdf

If you, or someone you know, is a creative artist looking for a better way to market your art or needs to be inspired to take the next professional step, this is a great event to be connected with fresh ideas from knowledgeable art people. Thanks to a grant we received, we are able to offer attendees all-day parking passes for downtown, brunch and the lecture series for just \$20!

Space will be limited, so please register early. Alyson Stanfield is going to deliver the keynote; she has a huge following around the nation and people from Portland are filling up the seats fast so I am strongly encouraging you to register early.

Thanks and please spread the word!

3rd Annual Gorge Artists Open Studios - May 2,3

See Artists in their Natural Habitat!

Wildflowers and art studios are opening this spring. The 3rd annual Gorge Artists Open Studios event is a perfect opportunity to grab a friend and take a trip through the Gorge. 38 artists throughout the Scenic Area will be opening their studio doors to the public in this regional juried art event. Artists of all stripes will be showing how and where they make their art as well as offering their art for sale over the weekend.

Get a peek at the creative process and make new artist friends. See your favorite place - where you live! Find that perfect art piece to bring home to keep you company throughout the rest of the year.

Reserve your Tour Guides now (\$25.00 for two people - all studios, all weekend) After March - The Dalles Art Center and Klindt's Booksellers in The Dalles and Waucoma Books and Columbia Art Gallery in Hood River.

Get yours online at: ■ www.gorgeartistsopenstudios.com



Out and About in Mosier

American Legion: 1st Thursday; American Legion Hall 7 pm.

Karen Mosier City Council: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7 pm Mosier Creek Terrace Community Room. For information, Call City Treasurer/Recorder 541-478-3505

Mosier First Christian Church: Sunday School 10 am; Service 11 am; For information, call Contact person for the First Christian Church is Doug Bagge @ 296-6602. Doug is leading a bible study on Thursday evenings at the church titled New Life in Christ and it begins at 6:30 in the basement. Anyone interested is most welcome.

Calvary Chapel of the Columbia Gorge: Sunday School 10 am, Sunday Services 11 am, Mosier Community School Auditorium; Tuesday Night Services at First Christian Church 7 pm; Pastor Bob Ruiz 541-478-3458

Mosier Volunteer Fire Department: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Mondays 7 pm Mosier Fire Station; Chief Jim Appleton (541) 478-3333

Mosier Grange: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm Mosier Grange Hall, Grange Master Luci Ward, 541-478-3511

Mosier Home Extension: 2nd Thursday, potluck lunch; Peggy Berthold, 541-296-4000

Mosier Quilt Club: 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6:30 pm Joan Hamilton, 541-478-3391

HOOD RIVER GETS ANOTHER NATURAL FOODS MARKET

If you look closely driving past Rosauers toward Produce Kountry you'll see on your left a bright yellow house that is actually Hood River's newest natural food establishment titled The Farm Stand. Owners Dug and Robert have a modest offering of fresh produce, locally baked tarts and pastries, Mountain Shadow Natural meats, fresh fish on Fridays and a nice selection of gourmet cheeses and bulk foods. The place is very small and storage tight so the owners do their best to provide an interesting selection of items. It is definitely worth a stop particularly for the meats and fish, cheeses and tarts.

I interviewed co-owner Robert Wright about the new establishment:

Suzi: How did the idea for Farmstand come about?

Robert: We decided to open the Farmstand about a year ago with the thought of feeding my family.

Suzi: How do you choose what to carry out of the thousands of choices out there?

Robert: We cherry pick great food and try to cater to the dietary needs of others. We spent many years around the restaurant business and Dugs brother has a Farmstand in Vermont.

Suzi: What made you decide on Mt. shadow Meats?

Robert: We chose Mountain Shadow because not only is it a quality product but we are able to shake the hand of the farmer that grew the food, (Jim Hanna and family)

Suzi: You carry fish too, right?

Robert: Every friday if Fresh Fish Friday, we carry sushi grade Ahi,Dungeness Crabmeat, and dry packed Scallops every week. Then we will choose 3 to 4 other fish choices depending on what is in season. Halibut will be featured this week. Fish comes in in the morning, we are usually ready to sell it by 10:30 am.

Suzi: Are you happy so far with your choices?

Robert: Everything is selling right now, from the gluten free products to the fine cheeses we carry.

Suzi: What are the challenges in the business?

Robert: The biggest challenge for me right now would have to be the hours of operation (9-8pm) 7 days a week, and I am finding some difficulty with distribution of products. We are actually having a great time, we get the chance to meet many wonderful and interesting people. Bulk ordering.. tell me what you need and I will order it for you. Many, many cheeses....Cowgirl Creamery's Mt. Tam and ST. Pat, Bravo Sage Cheddar, Purple Haze , Humbolt Fog, Fresh Mozzarella, Camabert, to many to list.

Our address is 2035 12 st. next to Hood River Supply. Our phone number is 541 386 4203.

Mosier City Council Meets April 1

On the Agenda: **Public Hearing regarding review of a DRAFT Municipal Code (MMC) Book and proposed revised Charter.**
Meeting begins at 7 pm

MOSIER COMMUNITY SCHOOL ART AUCTION

Don't miss the Mosier Community School silent auction and extravangaza Saturday, April 25th at Erin Glenn Winery downtown The Dalles.

Titled "Made for Mosier" this event will include art and entertainment.

6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Benefit auction

Student art exhibition

local musicians

student performances

6-8 silent & live auction

8 - 11 dance party

Tickets include a beverage \$25.00

710 East Second Street, the Dalles

For Tickets call andrea kunz at 541-806-2370

Mid Columbia Wildflower Show

Mid-Columbia Annual Wildflower Show will be Sunday, April 19th, in the American Legion Hall, Mosier.

SPRING WINE & ARTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 * 6-9PM

COLUMBIA GORGE DISCOVERY CENTER

Local Wines

Local Art

Tasting Lessons

Silent Auction

Travel Package Raffle

Live Music

Hors d'Oeuvres by Baldwin Saloon

Call 296-8600 All Proceeds benefit the Discovery Center

\$50/person

Big Doin's in Mosier in April

MOSIER COMMUNITY SCHOOL will also be open on Saturday, April 4 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and will be serving cookies and coffee as well as DVD presentations for your viewing pleasure. For information contact Jan Leininger at 478-3429 or janl@mosierwifi.com. For handicapped accessibility, please use the "gym" door on the West end of the building.

MOSIER MUSEUM: Mosier First Christian Church and Friends of Mosier High School are cooperating to have a weekend Mosier museum at the church. There will be continuous DVD showings through out the afternoon. Hours for the museum will be 1:00 to 4:00 on both days April 4 & 5.

MOSIER VALLEY LIBRARY will also be open 1:00 - 4:00pm both days and is a good time to come in and browse around. Contact Joan Hudson at 478-3409-khudsonE@aol.com or Glenna McCargar at 478-3495 or gem@gorge.net if you have questions or comments.

FRIENDS OF MOSIER HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION, continuing the tradition established by the Teacup Club in 1948 will be hosting a dinner at the Church of the Nazarene, 2168 Belmont Street in Hood River on Saturday, April 4. The dinner will start at 6:00 pm. Previous to the dinner at 5:30, Doris Lewis Smith will be presenting her DVD of the 100th anniversary of the Ernest Evans and Edna Root wedding. Reservations must be returned to: Gloria Evans Kennedy, PO Box 231, Mosier, OR 97040 no later than April 1st. For more information about the FOMHS dinner or any of the above events, please call Addie Schwartz at 386-5891 (roynaddie@earthlink.net) or Glenna McCargar, 478-3495, gem@gorge.net

MCS Yoga Classes

Local Mosier resident, Jody Seaborn, now offering Yoga Classes at the **Mosier Community School, Tuesdays & Thursdays 4-5:20 pm**

Jody teaches an eclectic blend of yoga emphasizing breath with movement and creates a stimulating and supportive environment for All. You don't need to do more in Yoga than your body allows. Just showing up and getting a soft stretch has benefit. Jody's style is gentle and caring without expectation. Classes started on February 10th but you can still attend. Jody sells virtual punch cards so you can join any time. The first class is free.

Please bring a yoga mat and blanket jodysea@gmail.com (541) 806-4733

\$10 drop-in fee or 10-class punch card for \$80 starting Feb. 17

Please contact Jody at jodysea@gmail.com or 541.806.4733 with questions and to let her know you are coming.

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School Board Meeting April 8th

The April 2009 meeting of the Mosier Community School Board of Directors will occur on Wednesday, April 8 at 6 p.m. at the school. The meeting is open to the public. Please send agenda items to Brian McCormick, Board Chair, at jango@gorge.net prior to Monday, April 6.

Renewed Life for Mosier's Pioneer Cemetery

The sunlight falls gently here through the old oaks and pines. Native wildflowers mix with the lilacs and the purple-flowered vines brought by the pioneers. Moss and lichen color the old headstones green and yellow. Jonah Mosier, the founder of our city, was buried here in 1894. Mosier, Huskey, Prather, Phillips, Reynolds, Evans, Peterson...these are the names found in the Mosier Pioneer Cemetery.

Mosier Creek Falls cascades 100 feet down just a short walk to the west. Jonah recognized the value of this site next to the creek and erected a lumber mill there in the mid-1850's.

Jane Mosier, mother of seven children, died in 1865 at the age of 41 and was the first to be buried in what would become the Mosier Pioneer Cemetery. Loved ones planted lilac, vinca, and iris. Eagles and osprey still fly overhead. To the north the basalt walls of the Syncline rise powerfully as they must have done for those burying their dead in this place from 1865 to 1901.

Mildred Phillips, a granddaughter, was buried near Jane in December of 1901. She was the last person to be buried in the Mosier Pioneer Cemetery for over 100 years. It was not until December of 2004 that the Mosier City Council would vote to open the cemetery once again to those who wish to call Mosier "home" in life and in death.

Moved by the request of a Mosier family, the 2004 Mosier City Council recognized that the history of our town did not end in 1901 and that we who call Mosier home are still creating the rich history of our community. It was further recognized that there are new generations who might wish to be buried with their families...and that to bring life to our beautiful cemetery, we must allow it to live again.

The Pioneer Cemetery Committee, sanctioned by the City Council, is working to bring this vision to reality. We are working with the State to become certified as an operating cemetery and we are diligently researching all aspects of the cemetery's history. We are indebted to the work that has been done before by Willis Gholston, Anita Drake, Jim Deaton, and Elizabeth Daniels. Sally Donovan, a local Historic Preservationist, has donated hours of consultation work.

Do you have any information or stories about our Mosier Pioneer Cemetery? Do you want to help with the signage, the website, the fencing, or the native and heritage plant care? Come join the Pioneer Cemetery Committee in this exciting and beautiful project. This is a great opportunity to discover and create your own Mosier roots!

Contact: Kathy Fitzpatrick, 541-400-0124

SUZI'S CORRECTION: Also the plant which in last months MVN I called "Ginko" that was being removed from the Pioneer Cemetery was actually "Vinca Minor". This has different common names in different areas of the country, mostly called common periwinkle. It is considered invasive with periwinkle (pale lavender) colored blossoms. It can be native or introduced depending on location.

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PIONEER POTLATCH MOSIER DINING CENTER

April 2009

Mondays

6 Chicken -N- Dumplings
Scalloped Potatoes
Carrots & Peas

13 Chicken Fried Steak
Potatoes & Gravy
Salad
Veggies

20 Enchiladas and Rice
Mixed Veggies
Refried Beans
Salad

27 Spaghetti & Garlic Bread
Green Salad
Applesauce
Veggies

Wednesdays

1 Beef Stew
Corn Bread
Relish Tray
Jello w/ Fruit

8 Lasagna
Garlic Bread
Mixed Vegetables
Green Salad

15 BBQ Pork Sandwiches
Potatoes
Green Salad
Carrots

22 Baked Ham & Yams
Peas
Apple Raisin Salad

29 Oven Baked Chicken
Scalloped Potatoes
Coleslaw
Veggies

All meals also include Rolls or Bread, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Milk and Juice.

The last Wednesday of the Month is Birthday and Anniversary Day.

The last Monday of each month is the Seniors of Mosier Valley Board Meeting after the meal.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD APRIL 27. All please come and vote!

2009 Spring Humanities Series Presented by Columbia Gorge Community College and Gorge Literacy

Oregon's First People

April 1 - Karen Quigley at The Mint - Erin Glenn Winery, 710 E 2nd St., the Dalles
Executive Dir., Legislative commission on Indian Services-an overview of the history,
culture and present day realities of Oregon Tribes

April 8 - James Lavadour at Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Avenue, Hood
River

Confederated Tribes of Umatilla abstract landscape painter

April 15 - Robert Kentta, at Columbia Center for the Arts, 215 Cascade Avenue, Hood
River

Cultural Resources Director for the Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians traditional artist
(regalia and basket making)

April 22 - George W. Aguilar, Sr. at The Mint - Erin Glenn Winery, 710 E 2nd St., the
Dalles

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Author: When the River Ran wild!

Events start at 6:30 for Informal Chat on Writing and/or Artistic Process

7:15 Hors d'oeuvres

7:30-8:45 Presentation and Discussion of Work

No charge (donations gratefully accepted)

for more information call (541) 506-6047

Mother's Marketplace Gets Re-Arranged

Been to Mother's Marketplace lately? Check it out. Just when you thought you couldn't create more space.....

The interior of the store has been re-arranged; the cash counter has rotated 45 degrees, bulk foods are all consolidated, health products have moved, there's more space between aisles and simply a more Feng Shui feel to the place. By the way, Munk (he's another story for a future publication) for those of you who know of him and his unrelenting quest to provide fresh, whole, healthy grains to us, has created what I call "purple Porridge" that is delicious! I ran into him at Mother's one day and found out he'd created the concoction of beautiful ground grains including blue meal. I cooked up some and was delighted with the purple color but mostly the taste. Next time you are at Mother's ask for it. They may not know it by the name "purple porridge", though I did suggest to Margaret that she create a sign for it so they will probably know what you are looking for. It cooks up in about 10 minutes, stir frequently, it has a lot of protein from the whole grains so tends to stick to the bottom of the pan. I avoid that by cooking it in a double boiler.

Mosier Valley News thanks those individuals who contributed to printing costs. We are still over budget (ha, like we have a budget) but people actually responded to my request last month for donations. From a \$2.50 donation to \$25.00 donation, it added up and I am grateful, so are the good people of Mosier who either don't have email or whose email can't download the publication. Please keep your donations coming no matter how small. Mail to PO Box 228, Mosier, OR 97040. We received a donation from as far away as California and Jane, we thank you.