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the MOSIER VALLEY NEWS

SO LONG STONE

Mosier

To those who've lived here, loved here, worked their fingers to the bone here we thank you for leaving us a beautiful legacy.



✧ Why We Live Here ✧

Is it the landscape? Is it the people? Is it the darling little library, the efficient Post Office and quaint City Hall? Is it two creeks running through town? Is it the river? Is it the beautiful orchards and vineyards? Is something in you, personal, deep you can't say?

CITY COUNCIL TO RESPOND TO CASINO

City Council took an intelligent approach this month to their approach to the question of a Casino in the Gorge. The BIA has asked towns to respond by letter to the consideration of a casino in Cascade Locks. Kathy Fitzpatrick suggested and the council agreed that the best way

to respond would be to take a look at Mosier's 20/20 plan, the Main Street Mosier study and Gorge Commissions Future Forum. By using these studies as guidelines the council can respond with reason and purpose. For example, if these studies show that Mosier values clean air



Too Much Zucchini?

Pick it young and feed the big bombers to the goats.

Shred as much zucchini as you want (or need). Sprinkle with salt, set aside 30 min. and drain. Rinse, pat dry. Butter a baking dish and add the zucc. Get creative with cheese, herbs, bread crumbs or just

put bits of real butter, salt and pepper on it. Bake 350° 25 min. or so. Serve as side dish.





Mosier and the Casino

quality in the Gorge then obviously bringing 3 million projected visitors to the Gorge would impact the goal for clean air. Another issue might be impacts on Mosier's strained volunteer fire department as pointed out at Council by Ron Carroll. Ron stated that Mosier is responsible for first response to all highway incidents between Rowena and Hood River and he's concerned about the additional traffic leading to stress on his fellow fire and EMT volunteers. There are other issues Council will look at in their consideration of how to respond. A draft of the letter will be created by Fitzpatrick and



Princehouse for the Oct. 1 council meeting then in 10 days council will look at the final letter and send it to the BIA. The final letter is due October 24th but Council is setting Oct. 15th as their goal for finalizing the letter. All communities within a 25 mile radius of Cascade Locks have been asked to respond to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. To see Mosier's two of these studies which Council will use as criteria for responding to BIA go to these web sites mainstreetmosier.org, gorgecommission.org (search "Future Forum")

Diesel Dump

Do you have any knowledge of historical land uses at the site of the Mosier sewer plant or near the vicinity? Specifically any uses which could have resulted in contamination of the soil with diesel oil. If you have some information please contact John Grim City Engineer at 509.365.5421 or jgal@gorge.net





IDEAS

I'm starting an idea corner on behalf of the Mosier Community School. Of course if no one sends me ideas it won't fly but I'm tossing out the first one and let's see where it leads. Our school is important to a majority of Mosier citizens

according to our studies. Fundraising is a lot of work but is necessary in this underfunded education day and age. Nigel Longland is channeling his positive and enthusiastic energy into helping MCS put together a fundraising

LOCAL CALENDAR

OCT. 1
City Council
7PM

OCT. 15
City Council
7PM

OCT. 31
Halloween



committee. I thought this column could generate some help for that committee in looking for just the right fundraiser or series of fundraisers for the school. No ideas here will necessarily go anywhere unless someone takes them on



and makes them happen and hopefully that will happen. If not, then at least the committee will have a bunch of ideas that can possibly be used in the future.

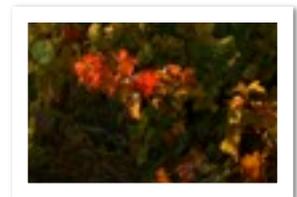


So put your thinking caps on and imagine a way we can raise money for our school. As I'm writing this I just heard on the news of a Teddy Bear parade in Gresham. There's a fun idea. Here's mine.

Photos

The internet is a huge tool for fundraising. I would create a web site called "Steal These Photos" On the site would be photographs taken by some of Mosier's serious amateur photographers.

The photos could be downloadable and used with the stipulation that



“Steal this Photo cont.”

an honor system be used with them. Where possible and appropriate the photographer would be credited and always a donation would be made to the Mosier Community School for use of the photograph.

I spend 20 years in the advertising business worldwide and know that these companies are used to spending hundreds even thousands of dollars for the use of one photos for a magazine ad, a brochure, publicity etc. They also tend to be responsive to creative ideas and like to reward them so this idea just might work.

It would take someone with computer technology savvy to create the site, make the photos downloadable. And of course the photos would need to be scanned and paperwork done to the local photographer's satisfaction. Not insurmountable and the way the internet goes, who knows who'll see the cause and help us out.

Don't forget....

Tai-Chi for Better Balance

Tai-Chi classes to be offered at the Mosier Grange Hall.

This class was designed for improving balance and movement in people over the age of 60, however is suitable for all ages and abilities.

The class will be offered two times per week beginning September 23, 2008 and run for 6 weeks. There will be a charge for the class as we no longer have the grant available.

We need at least 8 participants to continue the class.

Please contact Lucy Ward at 478-3511 or leave a message for Stan at 296-7202 to register.

Evans Family History

MOSIER HISTORY: THE EVANS FAMILY

The most well-remembered Evans families who settled around Mosier are those of Leander and Samuel (always called Dick) Evans. These men were brothers who moved to Mosier from Sumner County, Kansas. Leander and his family arrived in Mosier in 1887, and Dick moved his family to Mosier in 1897. Descendants of these two families have resided in this area since those dates.

The parents of these brothers were Samuel and Evaline King Evans from Bloomington, Illinois. Samuel was born in Ohio but moved with his parents to Illinois at the age of three. Samuel's father is credited with laying out the city of Bloomington. His grandfather, William Evans, fought on the American side in the Revolutionary War. Here is a quote from Samuel's obituary:

“Samuel Evans comes from a family who are proud to tell of an exploit of one of the mothers of our republic, when the nation was in its infancy, struggling for existence and its own autonomy. The father of Samuel Evans was a babe prematurely born through the heroic effort made by its mother to warn the revolutionary army led by Washington that the British were besieging Georgetown.”

Samuel and Evaline were the parents of many children: Calista, Henry, Ira, Leander, Martha, Frank, James, Elonzo, Mary, Estella, Samuel (Dick), Effie, George, Oskar, Elmer, and Lillie. Besides Leander and Dick, other children from the family who lived for a time in the Mosier Valley were Henry, Mary, George, Effie, and Ira. In order to be close to some of their children, Samuel and Evaline moved to Mosier in approximately 1895. They are both buried in the Mosier Cemetery.

Leander Evans married Mary Swasey in 1875, and their children were George, Walter (died in infancy), and Fred. He farmed and raised livestock in Kansas until 1881, worked in the mines of Colorado, and returned to farming in Kansas before coming to Mosier, where he took up a homestead of 180 acres one mile southeast of town. He cleared the land and began planting fruit trees. Leander was involved in many community organizations, including being a lodge member, serving on the school board, and helping organize the Mosier Fruit Growers Association (along with Amos Root and Perry Harvey) where he served as a director for many years.

Both of Leander's sons also farmed in the Mosier Valley. George married Elva Coyle, and their children were Lloyd, Florence, Leonard, Alvin and Alvy (twins), Ora, Flora, Mary, and Walter. Fred and his wife, Carrie Gray Evans, were parents of two sons, Darrell and Arlyn. Darrell and his wife, Lillie Hood Evans, became parents of Donald, Gloria, and Bonnie (who died in infancy.) Both Don and Gloria have spent their entire lives in Mosier and are well-known. Don and his wife Bernie reside in the home built by his great-grandparents, Leander and Mary. Don's children are Gilbert and Bonita. Gilbert's son Philip, wife Davina and children have continued the family tradition of owning a Mosier fruit orchard. Gloria and Bill Kennedy have four children: Rick, Terry, Penny, and Dale. The Kennedys run a local business and are involved in the Mosier community.

Samuel (Dick) Evans also farmed in Sumner County, Kansas before moving to Mosier with his wife

Evans Family cont.

Letitia Denton Evans, and their children Ernest, Lee Roy, and Maude. Another son, Forrest, was born in 1906. Dick and Letitia cleared land on Dry Creek and planted fruit trees. The farm is owned and operated today by Forrest (Denny) Evans, grandson of Samuel and Letitia.

Ernest Evans married Edna Root in 1908, and their children were Nedra Evans Rice, V'Ona Evans Blanchard, Audrey Evans Noble, Dolorous Evans Lewis Marsh, and Zelda Evans Herman. Although many of their descendants call Mosier their hometown, only Dwaine and Del Blanchard and their families actually reside here. Lee Roy Evans and his wife Valborg were parents of three children: Gerri Evans Morelli, Kenneth Evans, and Dale Evans. Maude Evans married Dick Wilcox, and their children are Jean and Bud (Richard Jr.) Forrest and Ardeth became parents of Forrest and Lydia.

The Evans families, arriving before the turn of the twentieth century, were involved in the growth of early Mosier. They took an active part in school groups, churches, fraternal organizations, and other social affairs of the town. The families worked hard on their farms, clearing land, building houses for their families, and raising fruit for income. Their descendants are proud of the legacy bequeathed to them by these Mosier pioneers.

Doris Lewis Smith

(Descendant of Dick and Letitia Evans)

Penny and Gloria Evans Kennedy

(Descendants of Leander and Mary Evans)

MAIN STREET MOSIER GETS A GRANT AND NEEDS YOUR HELP

Join Main Street Mosier now and help shape the future of Mosier. It's easy. You'll be kept informed and have more opportunities to participate. People from 'out there' love Mosier as we do. All indications are that growth will continue to come. Help shape Mosier the way you want it to be before these choices are taken out of our hands. Be on the train rather than standing between the tracks!

Main Street Mosier is forging ahead with a dedicated and varied board of local citizens and business owners. Two months of focus group public meetings have concluded with nearly 80 local people weighing in on two central questions: 1. What do you like about Mosier as it is and want to preserve? and 2. What changes will make Mosier an even better place to live, work, and play? Results of this massive input are collated and have been sent to the participants. Next this information will be sent to all Mosier area residents along with a survey.

MSM need your help. We are at a critical juncture in our grant requests. We have just received our first grant from the Oregon Investment Board. To be successful in securing other grants, MSM needs to show granting institutions local support in the form of membership or financial contributions. Now is the time, become a member today! Membership forms are available on line at <http://www.mainstreetmosier.org> or can be picked up at the Good River Restaurant, the Thirsty Woman Pub and 10 Speed East Coffee.

Here's how to help with the Mosier Community School Garden

There are some cherry bins at the re-build it center which would be ideal. I'd like to buy some hinges and some appropriately sized covers, and have 3 bins with covers. The existing piles should be moved to the other side of the garden, and placed in the new bins. This has been coming for awhile; neighbors complain about smell and skunks. So here's what I need:

1. Someone with a truck who can haul the supplies over to the garden by end of school Friday. (I'll have it paid for and organized, ready to go)
2. Someone to help attach the hinges and lids to the boxes, prior to end of school Friday, or right after school Friday.
3. A crew on Friday after school to move compost and dismantle old bins. Moving compost is heavy work. I hope you can help me. We have shovels, wheelbarrow and gloves. Just need muscle.

Please let me know if you can help. I do not have a truck and cannot move these things myself, and also, it needs to be done immediately as neighbors are complaining to Carole every day. I'd like to avoid asking our custodians if possible, so please call me soon if you can help. Sorry to be so pushy!

I'd be happy to entertain any other solution if you've got one....Just need to act now.

Thanks

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