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the MOSIER VALLEY NEWS

IN LIKE A LION-OUT LIKE A LAMBCHOP



March

Wild Flowers

Women's History Month

St. Patrick's Day

*Adopt a Rescued
Guinea Pig Month*

✧ *It is here, March on!* ✧

MARCH BRINGS ON THE WILDFLOWERS

My first wildflower siting was at the Tom McCall reserve in early February. Grass Widows were popping up through very muddy terrain. Not surprisingly, Grass Widows were seen a week later at the Mosier Volunteer Fire Department clean-up of the Pioneer Cemetery. [story below].

By the end of this month wildflowers will adorn the entire area with Desert Parsley in two colors. The Grass Widows will be a thing of the past until next

February and several other varieties of flowers will be out.

In this issue, we feature the Pioneer Cemetery clean-up, ODOT's work on the Mosier bridge along I-84 and the on ramp area since it affects the wildflowers that were previously there, and general information about Mosier. There's also a heads up about a slave market related to the winter tomatoes we eat. Our issue is 16 pages long thanks all for your contributions. Suzi

Mini Recipe

If you aren't afraid of raw eggs the yolks make a great paint-like coloring for cookies that can be applied with a paint brush.

Simply mix raw egg yolks in bowls and add food coloring. You can paint Easter eggs with the colors and paint sugar cookies either directly or paint

over the white frosting in colored detail.



Pioneer Cemetery gets a trim by the Volunteer Fire Department

February can surprise us with warm sunny days just like the one on February 7th for the Volunteer Fire Dept. clean up of the old Pioneer Cemetery.

It seems for every community clean up Mosier has pretty much the same handful of folks come out to participate. Feb. 7th was no exception. Many volunteer fire fighters were cutting down dead trees, limbing others, while other volunteers cut back patches of Gingko.

Gingko is difficult to get rid of, but it's significant to Mosier's history. Another name for Gingko is "Marriage Plant" and it was given as a gift for newly weds to plant near their front door. The presence of the plant in the old cemetery is a reminder of Mosier's historic traditions. Grass Widows were in bloom.

Suzi Conklin and Kathy Fitzpatrick uncovered a gravestone base while cutting out Gingko from one bed. Jan Leininger noted that at one time vandals tossed headstones over the cliff into Mosier Creek and that they'd probably uncovered a base to one of those long gone monuments.

Before clean-up day volunteers had mapped out the site with stakes and ribbons so volunteers could tell which areas to clear and which to leave alone.

Rachel Mortenson made a delicious lunch for volunteers of pulled pork sandwiches. And thanks to the person who made the great chocolate chip cookies, but I couldn't find your name at press time.

The new (used) 4-wheel drive fire truck stood by. The truck was purchased from Hoodland, OR after it was retired from forest service duty. The truck will make it possible for our fire fighters to get up steep hills into Mosier's new developments in the city and other tough to reach areas during rain or snow.

Mike Igo was on hand to answer questions about local plants and about the ODOT project along I-84. (More about that later in this issue.)

Next time there's a community clean-up or event, please come on out. Even if you show up for an hour and take on one small section of the project many hands make light work. You'll get a lot more out of it than just the satisfaction of having helped, especially if you can stay until lunch!

The work done February 7th by the volunteers not only made the cemetery look better it also cut down on fire hazards from dead and untrimmed trees. Work continues March 14 between 8:30 and 3:30 and April 11.

EVENT PHOTOS ARE ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS ISSUE

City Hall Gets a New Email Address

OLD: Mosiercityhall@gorge.net

NEW: Mosiercityhall@mosierwinet.com

What's With the Modular Building at the Gas Station?



With the storms this winter, the Mosier School had water damage to the south wall upstairs. Snow melt overwhelmed the gutters which caused leakage through the soffits damaging the interior wall across the inside of the building. Insurance will cover the costs, but the primary classes are displaced in the meantime. The children are delighted according to Principal Schmidt. They see it as an adventure particularly crossing the make-shift bridge leading from the school yard to the new classrooms. The students pretend there is a troll under the bridge ala "The Billy Goats Gruff" fairy tale and they run across the bridge to avoid the invisible trolls. Gas station property owner Dolores Holzinger has kindly allowed the use of the space which is a great help in getting repairs completed efficiently without interrupting the education of the students too much. Says Principal Carole Schmidt "We're looking forward to having new interior walls and windows on the south side of MCS." Hopefully repairs will be completed by end of April.

Digital TV conversion got you worried?

Did you know that Mosier has a local communications company that has been in the area since the 1950's? Mosier Cable TV has been recently acquired by Mosier WiNet. You're probably familiar with Mosier WiNet, high speed internet- locally owned and operated by Todd Reeves. Not only can you get connected with wireless internet, you can also get cable television too. No need to worry about the digital conversion; get connected with cable TV!

We'd like to hear from you and get you hooked up!

For more information call Belenda or Todd at:

(541) 716-4548 E-mail us:

Mosiercable@MoWiNet.com

What's with the Construction on the Mosier Bridge by ODOT?

I remember the Mosier on-ramp area as the place where Mike Igo years ago seeded Barrett's Penstemon the indigenous wildflower of Mosier, so when I saw the area had been scraped and reconstructed I called Mike to see what was going on. As it turns out, Mike was gracious in his comments and actually somewhat pleased with a cautionary wait-and-see tone with much of what ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) is doing there and in the area just north of the Mosier lake along Interstate 84.

With the building of the Mosier bridge, ODOT has in its plan to leave the disturbed areas with new plantings. The original plan approved for about year and half ago called for mitigation planting. This means that since they would disturb some plantings in wet lands off the Mosier Creek side of the bridge for more space to get around, ODOT make up for the disturbance an area somewhere in the vicinity that promotes wetland plants. In order to meet this criteria, the landscape architect for ODOT Bo Marshall and David Evans and Assoc., the overall head of the project, decided the low spot in the inter-change could be used for wetland mitigation by creating a water capturing landscape thus turning it into a wetland. What you see is the ground work for trapping runoff water from the freeway and rains that will hopefully create conditions conducive for the existence of wetland plants. According to Igo, the community can expect a planting in the oval that generally reflects plants found in the mid-Gorge. Instead of listing all of the plants here, Mike will have copies of the planting plan at City Hall later in the first week of March. He did say there would be Upland planting for upland or higher elevations reflecting almost exactly the native bunch grasses found out here.

In lower elevations where they want to pull moisture they will have plants almost exclusive in wet lands. Whether that will ever become a wetland is up to the establishment of the plants so there s a chance to revisit the species they picked if it isn't wet enough down there.
(again, the planting plan will spell out where these elevations are sited.)

There is also a planting that goes along where the detour is being built on the N side of City Lake, and there will be an appropriate planting there of the right species and if installed correctly could be a very fine area complete with small Ponderosa pines and seed mixes.

Sometime in the mid to late 80's Mike Igo discovered Barrett's Penstemon in an area of the gravel pit about to be scaled down by Hood River Sand and Gravel that would have destroyed the plants. Barrett's Penstemon only grows in the Mosier area. Mike along with Russ Jolley, author of the definitive book on wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge and then long time Mosier resident and geologist/botanist Keith Chamberlin (passed away in 1998) got permission from ODOT to replant and seed the species in the oval/triangle areas at the Mosier off-on ramps. In 1991 along with Oregon's Native Plant Society shrubs and grasses were added to the area. Though the current area of excavation has displaced much of those plantings, the Native Plant Society will once again work with ODOT to re-seed the area.

The local ODOT inspector's name is Benny Cox 541 296-2215 for more information about the overall work that is going on in Mosier.

FIRE IN MOSIER

The Mosier Volunteer Fire Dept. responded to a structure fire in February which may be the first structure fire within the city limits in nearly 16 years. The cause was probably a wood stove. Fire Chief Jim Appleton actually saw the fireball released from a propane tank related to the fire before the call to 911 went in. Volunteer firemen were on the scene in minutes but within 5 minutes of initial outbreak flames were coming out of the windows and the house at 450 Center st. owned by Rockwell and Abel was fully engulfed in flames by 10 minutes. Renter Ryan Crammer lost all contents. His dog may have saved his life. He woke to his dog standing on his chest alerting him to the fire. According to Chief Appleton a few more minutes and it is most likely Crammer and his dog would have been overcome by smoke. Losses were in the thousands, \$75,000 for the house, \$100-\$150,000 in contents plus a \$30,000 vehicle next to the house.

Fire fighters had challenges getting to the house; a power line disconnected from the house lay loose and “hot” on the ground blocking fire fighters way and equipment left on the path to the house blocked fire trucks. Crammer met the firefighters and warned them that gun powder stored for packing shells was in the garage (firemen had to wait for the powder kegs to explode before going in to fight the fire but by that time the house was fully engaged.)

It's important to warn people in Mosier that Mosier's volunteer firemen cannot go into a burning house to save lives. Laws forbid firemen to enter burning buildings unless a minimum of 4 fully certified fire fighters are on the scene. This 2-in 2-out rule protects firemen's lives. In Mosier there is only one fully certified person.

For a volunteer, getting certified is a huge ordeal. It takes 200 hrs of training plus annual re-certification and even if 4 people in Mosier became certified it is unlikely all 4 would be able to respond to a fire at the same time. Appleton said he doesn't want to be faced with a fire in which children or anyone else were trapped in a house, it would be a devastating situation.

In addition to the house fire in February there were 2 vehicle fires both total losses; one a dump truck in the driveway of a residence and a car next to a house that an alert neighbor was able to push away from the house with a pick-up truck or most likely would have led to a structure fire.

2 medical calls at the same address were also 911 calls in February.

The fire department requests volunteers join them March 14 between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm for further clean up of the old Pioneer cemetery and Pocket park and again April 11th same time and place.

As always, the department needs volunteer fire fighters, check out what you can do by calling Chief Appleton at 478-3333

In the meantime, here's what you can do to assist in the event of a fire on your property:

MAKE SURE FIREMEN CAN SEE YOUR ADDRESS AT NIGHT FROM THE ROAD, DRIVEWAY AND ON THE HOUSE. MOSTLY THE DRIVEWAY.

BE CALM WHEN CALLING 911 THEY NEED TO KNOW IF THE EMERGENCY IS FIRE, MEDICAL OR WHAT AND THEY WILL NEED DETAILS.

IF YOU HAVE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ON THE PROPERTY, MEET THE FIRE TRUCK AS THEY DRIVE IN THE LET THEM KNOW.

AT NIGHT TIME IF THERE ARE TWO OR MORE OF YOU AT HOME, GRAB A FLASHLIGHT AND MEET THE FIRE TRUCK at the head of your driveway WAVING THEM IN AND GIVING THEM DETAILS.

Glenna's Mosier Roster

Later in the spring the 6th graders at the school will be taking a trip to England. Money from both events noted below will go to help defray the cost of the trip.

MOSIER AMERICAN LEGION POST #55 recently elected new officers. They are: Commander, Kelly McCargar, Vice Commander, Freda Curry, Adjutant, Mike Curry. John Ward is the chaplain and Claude Moore, the Sgt. at Arms.

The Legion is working with Mosier School on a benefit Bingo Night and Spaghetti Feed (see related article) and is planning to have a flag retirement ceremony later this spring. The public is invited to bring their no longer useable flags. Date and time will be announced at a later date.

MOSIER HOME EXTENSION STUDY GROUP has been having some lively meetings. Elizabeth Daniel recently represented the Master Gardeners and led a most interesting program. Upcoming programs include: lessons on Cheeses and Teas of the World, a plant sale in May, and an armchair travel program with Marilyn Shaw on her recent travels in Italy.

On March 19th at Hood River Valley Christian Church, there will be a timely presentation on Emergency Preparedness. It is open to the public at no charge. Registration starts at 9:00. There is no charge. For more information about home extension, please call Peggy Berthold, Mosier Chairman at 296-4000.

MOSIER VALLEY LIBRARY is now open 13 hours per week thanks to dedicated volunteers. We would love to be open more hours and would welcome more people to work a two hour shift once a week.

Hours for the library are:

MONDAY	1:00 - 3:00pm	Gerry Stevens
	5:00 - 7:00pm	Scott Baker
WEDNESDAY	10am - Noon	Lon Whitley
	1:00-3:00pm	Glenna McCargar
THURSDAY:	2:00 - 5:00pm	Wayne Haythorn
SATURDAY:	10:00am - noon	Joan Hudson

We received a \$25.00 donation from the Mosier Home Extension Study Group and were able to purchase a ceiling fan that was installed by Scott Baker our Monday evening guy. Scott has also procured two computers and monitors and has one of them hooked up, thanks to Todd Reeves and his company Mosier WiFi.

Homework help is available on Scott's shift from 5:00 to 7:00pm on Monday and again with Wayne on Thursday from 2:00 to 5:00pm.

We are constantly receiving new books and videos and invite you to stop in and check us out. We are working on getting more shelving and a book drop, so books/videos can be dropped off when we're not open. *Stop in and check us out!*

SAVE THE DATES!! Mosier will be having a "large" weekend on April 4 and 5. There will be lots going on that you won't want to miss.

MOSIER MUSEUM: Mosier First Christian Church and Friends of Mosier High School are cooperating to have a weekend Mosier museum at the church. If you have some historical items you would like to loan for the weekend, please contact Marilyn Shaw at 980-4444 or marilynns@gorge.net or Carole Root Seeber at

503-913-6556. E mail is: cjrseeber@aol.com. Each item loaned will be documented and carefully protected. 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.

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 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. There is a church service planned for 11:00 on Sunday, April 5th with special music provided by Luvilla Rice Sonstegard and Rob and Shirley Bagge. Remember the church has an elevator, so is handicapped accessible. For more information, please call Jeanne Reeves at 478-3368. Email is rosedaleff@gmail.com

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

MOSIER FIRE DEPARTMENTS ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM DINNER will take place at the Mosier Grange Hall on Sunday, April 5 from 11:30 to 4:00, so on Saturday, check out the library, the school or the museum, attend the dinner that evening, seat yourself in a pew at Mosier First Christian Church on Sunday morning, enjoy a wonderful dinner at the grange hall, and browse the museum or the library in the afternoon. It's going to be a great weekend. For information regarding any of the above activities you may also contact: Glenna McCargar at 541-478-3495 or gem@gorge.net or Addie Root Schwartz at 541-386-5891 or roynaddie@earthlink.net.

Basic Rights of Oregon is making their presence known at the Capitol in Salem to support House Bill 2599 the Safe Schools Act. This bill directs school administrators to take actions to protect students from bullies and their violent behaviors. The bill does not cost the tax payers anything and it is instructive to administrators about how to handle potentially violent behavior in students.



PRESENTS: Connie Lenzen

Saturday, March 14, 2009

**Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
The Dalles, OR**

(Take I-84 Exit #82 and follow signs to the Discovery Center)

Program

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration and welcome |
| 9:00-10:00 | Church Records for Genealogists |
| 10:00-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30-11:30 | Evidence analysis; how to break down brick walls |
| 11:30-12:30 | Lunch |
| 12:30-1:30 | Illustrating Family History When You Have No Photos |
| 1:30-2:00 | Break |
| 2:30-3:30 | Nothing but the Facts - But Where Did You Get Them? Cite Your Sources |

Connie Lenzen is a certified genealogist. She is actively involved in client research and lecturing. She has lectured at the national, state, and local level. She is a National Genealogical Society (NGS) director, president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, and on the education committee of her local genealogical society, the Genealogical Forum of Oregon.

COST: \$35.00 (in advance, \$40 at door) (including lunch....a \$10.50 value)

(Questions? Call or e-mail CGGS member Renee Briggs at rbriggs@gorge.net or 509-767-2316)

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Return Reservations to: [Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, 722 Court Street, The Dalles OR 97058-2270](mailto:rbriggs@gorge.net)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ e-MAIL _____

Please make checks payable to CGGS.

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.

Taste of the Tour

The Dalles Art Center

April 2 opening - show through April 27)

Sample some of the best art the Gorge has to offer and meet the artists who make it. This is the kick-off event for the 3rd annual Gorge Artists Open Studios Tour. This year 38 artists will be opening their studio doors to show and sell their work and talk about their inspirations and processes.

The "Taste of the Tour" show will be featured at The Dalles Art Center this year, providing a unique opportunity to meet the tour artists and sample their art. Ceramics, glass, fiber, metal sculpture, photography and painting artists will all be there with their work. Tour Guides for the Open Studios event will be available for sale. The Tour takes place on the weekend of May 2,3.

Come check out the art and find out who to visit on the Open Studios Tour.

For more information:

www.gorgeartistsopenstudios.com

www.thedallesart@embarqmail.com

National Do Not Call Registry

Register up to three phone numbers here: <https://www.donotcall.gov/register/reg.aspx>



OR

Call 1-888-382-1222.

If you register phone numbers online, you **MUST** follow **ALL THREE STEPS** in order to successfully register up to three phone numbers (it's simple and quick). <https://www.donotcall.gov/register/reg.aspx>

If you register a number by phone, you **MUST** be calling from that number in order to register it, i.e., if you are trying to register your cell phone, you **MUST** call the National Do Not Call Registry from that phone.

Visit <https://www.donotcall.gov/register/reg.aspx> OR call 1-888-382-1222.

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.

Out and About in Mosier

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

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 Leanna Harrison 541-478-3338

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 503-221-1884

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 Helen Huskey, 541-478-3344 or Joan Hamilton, 541-478-3391

Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign

The City of Mosier has formed a committee to improve street signage within the City of Mosier. The citizen committee will be recommending addition or replacement of parking, traffic and street identification signs. The City is responsible for all public signs within the city limits with the exception of 3rd Avenue east of Riverside Street, which is under the jurisdiction of Wasco County. If you know of a missing or damaged sign that needs repair or replacement, or if you would like to see a new sign at a particular location in order to improve traffic flow or parking needs, please call Carol Rodrick at 478-2203 or email her at rodrick@gorge.net.

20 UKULELES SING TO AN AMAZED AUDIENCE

by Suzi Conklin

Mark and I decided to check out a Ukulele concert at the Hood River Middle School Friday night expecting to see a cute program of high schoolers playing “Smoke On The Water” and Hawaiian songs for an hour or so but I had a feeling we just might be in for something special.

We entered the auditorium and saw 20 turquoise plastic chairs on the stage. After a brief introduction, out walked 12 young women dressed in chocolate satin suits with beige satin blouses and mocha colored pumps. 8 young men dressed in brocade vests with beige satin ties matching the girl’s blouses entered and suddenly the chairs were covered with 100% talent. The ensemble consisted of students aged 13 – 20, all playing ukes with the exception of a standup bass player.

The group came from Langley in British Columbia to participate in Hood River’s Ukulele weekend. Their director, a ball of energy, Paul Luongo with enough enthusiasm and talent to turn the most shy high school student into a virtuoso, kept the audience laughing and the program moving along with energy that matched their rendition of “Flight of the Bumblebee”. Not only could this group play ukuleles like Stevie Ray Vaughn could play the guitar, they sang like angels and were choreographed to boot.

From the very first note of the William Tell Overture, through Glen Miller’s “In The Mood” to the Beach Boys, the Beatles, Mozart, Eric Clapton, Hawaiian traditional songs and Tchaikovsky’s Nutcracker Suite, this group was tight. Everyone was astounded by the caliber of talent on that stage and there were smiles on everyone’s face through out the entire performance. This is a world-class group that performs worldwide. We couldn’t get enough. The Ukulele’s sang.

In Langley schools, Ukulele is on the curriculum from grade 3 on up. In the words of their Mission Statement “As is the case with the other honors groups, we aim to show young people the importance of being community-minded and responsible citizens. We use the ukulele as a means of bringing students together to engage in teamwork, embrace positive friendships, and understand the commitment needed to accomplish excellence.” **And excellence they have got, let me tell you!**

Evidently the Hood River Community had treated these performers very well. The musical Director expressed his gratitude for how welcomed and appreciated he and the students had been received and treated while here. The final song was a tribute to Hood River and to the experience the kids had while here. For me this was a reminder of how creativity and soul can manifest into notes that strum the heartstrings. We will never fully appreciate the hours of training, travel and discipline instilled in the Langley Ukulele program now 30 years old. Can you imagine thinking in 1979 that your school system should start a Ukulele program, let alone that it could turn into something like this?

By the way, the Ensemble we heard was the Honors Senior B group, the group preparing to become Senior A’s. I hope to hear the A Ensemble someday but can’t imagine them being that much better than what we heard Feb. 27th. Check out their web site at Langleyukes.com

The Ukulele celebration continued Saturday with workshops at the Middle School.

Next in the Oak Street Hotel Concert series is one of Nashville’s best Irish fiddlers Kevin Burke and Portland’s own Cal Scott [Oregon Trail Band member] both of whom are incredible in their own right, together they are magic.

<http://www.oakstreethotel.com/events.html> **March 27, 5-6:30pm at the Columbia Center Center for the Arts**

May 1,2,3 is the Columbia Gorge Fiddle Contest

go to Reservations@OakStreetHotel.com for tickets or call 386-3845 for more

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE GOOD RIVER AND
THIRSTY WOMAN IN MARCH????????????????

UNPLUGGED AT THE WOMAN

a series of acoustic music
from 5-7 pm
at The Thirsty Woman Pub
EVERY SUNDAY in March
Starts this Sunday MARCH 1st
Danny + David

Friday the **13th**
got luck?

Good River Restaurant + THIRSTY WOMAN PUB

Presents

Friday the 13th Luck O' The Irish Beer Dinner

Friday MARCH 13th 6:30

FIVE COURSES+ FIVE BEERS + LIVE MUSIC

\$29. per person

Featuring **Double Mountain**

+ other Pacific Northwest Beers

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Purchase tickets **online**-by phone -in person

478-0199 goodriverrestaurant.com

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Scrabble nights, beer dinners, Live Music, new menus????

Join the Good River + Thirsty woman on Twitter!



Jim Deaton's Falling Tree (Above)

Industrious Jim Deaton felled trees for the Mosier Volunteer Fire Department Clean-up of the Old Pioneer Cemetery February 7th. He then cut up the tree for removal and all within minutes.



FIRE SAFETY

TRIM

Cut lower branches from trees 12 ft up minimum

BORDER

Keep plants away from house

STORE

Store at least 1,000 gallons of water

THIN

Thin your land.



MOSIER PIONEER CEMETERY

Right is a photo of the grave stone base Suzi Conklin and Kathy Fitzpatrick unearth while cutting out Ginko. Above, Jan Leininger removes

Ginko from another plot.

Below left is Mosier's new used fire truck that will go up steep slippery slopes to fight fires.



Ron Carroll spent the day removing lower limbs from trees so they wouldn't catch fire in the event of a ground burn. He's below in his yellow safety suit. Larry



Sneed and Ken Hudson worked with Ron.

Winter Tomatoes are Tasteless in More Than One Way

If you want an other good reason to avoid tomatoes in winter it is that many of the tomatoes available off-season are picked by slave labor in Florida. This from an article in the March issue of Gourmet magazine that points out major abuses of farm labors working the tomato fields. The working conditions and unbelievable. The good news is that there is a “Campaign for Fair Food” that has signed on Yum! Brands owners of Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, KFC, Long John Silver’s and A&W agreed on a 1-cent raise in 2005 and pledged that no worker who picked its tomatoes was exploited. Another organization working to improve worker’s conditions is Coalition of Immokalee workers (CIW). Locally, we can all ask where the tomatoes come from and try to raise consciousness. The best thing we can do is buy in season locally and support our Gorge Grown Food Network

One last note: We give away about 25 hard copies of the Mosier Valley News each month. With generous donations we’ve been able to keep up with the printing cost which we have done at UPS. We could do printing at the Mosier Community School but it is just too time consuming when added on to the time it takes to do the newsletter itself.

We are going to try one more time to get donations by placing a jar at the Mosier Market where we place the Mosier Valley News. Please donate there and help us continue to provide the newsletter to those unable to receive it without email.

You can also send checks made out to Suzi Conklin and mail to PO Box 228 Mosier, OR 97040

If everyone receiving the newsletter via email sent us \$1.00 we could provide the newsletter for about 3 months.

Thank you very much to those who have already sent checks.

Suzi