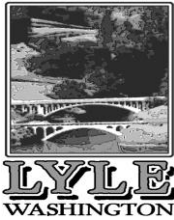


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Lyle's Website: [community.gorge.net/lyle](http://community.gorge.net/lyle)

### Lyle High School Community Garden is a Senior Project

*Sherri Starkin*

Four students are getting the Community Garden back up and running at the High School. We have 4 very enthusiastic seniors cleaning up this neglected area. They are taking the garden on as their senior project. They really want to see this garden flourish and are committed to putting in more time than the senior project requires.

When the school year is over we hope to have the greenhouses and shed back to working order and a crop of vegetables waiting to grow! So, if you need a small garden area, want to help or just stop by with encouragement please do so! (We don't have a set schedule yet.) If you have a question, contact Sherri, 360-608-5916. I am proud to be mentoring these four young men!

### Lyle Area Will Make or Break the Park & Recreation District

*Vern Harpole*

The Mount Adam's Park and Recreation District vote will be on the ballot coming mid-October. Please take time to consider your vote. The Lyle area (Dallesport, High Prairie and Lyle) are key in getting the district initiative to pass and be funded. The creation of the district only takes 50% plus one, but the levy will require 60% plus one, so our vote will be critical. You will need to vote 'Yes' twice to create and fund the new district.

The District is NOT just about a swimming pool for White Salmon. Many people from areas

around the county are running for commissioners, and they will decide what the money will be spent for.

There is complete consensus amongst all the candidates for commissioner that if the pool is to be built, it will be a year around pool that will be dedicated to swim lessons for all schools in the tax district and will have price breaks for admission for all people in the tax district.

In addition, there is complete agreement that the recreation district revenue will also go towards community ball fields for inter-district children's leagues like soccer, softball, Little League and kick ball for the "older" kids to get together.

The cost is only .8 mil, that is \$8 per \$100,000 assessed value. Most folks will pay less than \$20.00/yr but should get back many times that investment in health and fun benefits for our West end of Klickitat county.

### *What's Inside??*

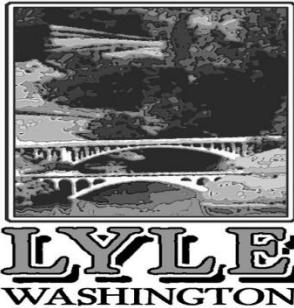
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## **The Next Issue...**

...of *To The Point* is scheduled to be delivered on or about January 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have information, a story or an idea you'd like to see included, you may contact any one of Lyle Community Council members (names and contact information are listed above) or Glenda Lovejoy at 365-6831, or [lovejoy@gorge.net](mailto:lovejoy@gorge.net). Deadline for submission will be December 20<sup>th</sup>; earlier is just fine too!



## **What's Up in Town??**

**Community Breakfast:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 7-10:30 a.m. at the Lion's Club.

**Lion's Club:** meeting & potluck on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month.

**Lyle Celebration Center:** 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. on Sundays

**Lyle Community Council:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 7 p.m. at the Lion's Club, 5<sup>th</sup> & State Streets.

**Lyle Fire Department:** Business meeting is open to the public on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 8 p.m. Drills on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m.

**Lyle Grange:** meeting & potluck on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

**School Board Meetings:** next to the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the High School

**Senior Meals:** Tuesdays at noon at the Lion's Club.

**United Methodist Church:** Sundays- 10:00a.m. Adult Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.



Information re: upcoming events can be found at

<http://www.lyle-wa.blogspot.com/>

## Helping the Fire Department Helps You

*Chief Scott Brewer, KCFPD #4*

**Help us by creating defensible space**—As people move out of city, the boundaries of wild lands and development continue to blur. Fire-fighters call this area the wildland urban interface (WUI). Lots of attention is being paid to the WUI these days as the property losses can be catastrophic (for example, the recent fires in Colorado). Your local fire department is physically and mentally prepared to fight these fires, but there are things you can do to help:

- Keep access roads clear of vegetation
- Maintain a 30' defensible space around your home
- Pile firewood and other flammables well away from your home
- Prune trees up 15' and remove excess ground fuels
- Clean out needle chocked gutters
- Screen crawl spaces, attics and decks to keep flying embers out
- Consider a fire resistant roof and exterior siding

**Will rescuers find you in an emergency?**—Many private roads and driveways in our district remain unmarked or poorly marked. Although they are attractive, wooden signs can blend in with surrounding vegetation or can be obscured by snow. A reflective house number sign is a cheap investment that will facilitate a quick and timely response should you have an emergency.

You can make one, buy one on your own, or you can buy one from our department. We make them up in-house for a donation of \$20, and we'll deliver it to your door so you're sure we know exactly where your house is. The reflective sign should be placed where your private road or driveway intersects the county road system.

**Help us get from the county road to your house**—Many of our vehicles are just over 11' tall. Our water truck is 30' long, and has a very wide turning radius. Our Aide vehicle and most

of our structure fire vehicles are 2-wheel drive. You can help us by:

- keeping overhanging trees trimmed
- remove trees right next to the road that limit maneuverability for big trucks
- Minimize snow and ice buildup on your driveway in the wintertime.

For reference, the Fire Code requires 13' 6" of vertical clearance and 20' of horizontal clearance. New roads must have 20' of surface width. For more information and resources on these topics, refer to our website: [www.lylefire.com](http://www.lylefire.com).

## Lyle Park and Activity Center News

*Vern Harpole*

I hope you all have enjoyed the Picnic Pavilion that is now standing tall in our Park. It has been used quite a bit this summer and we hope to have many more activities there next year. The Porta Potty will be leaving the end of October, but will be back next year. We also are hoping to have running water and a grilling table built next summer.

We now have reliable electricity in the Activity Center and by the end of fall, hot water in all the rooms. Before winter cold starts we hope to have heat in at least one of the classrooms and both bathrooms! Please consider using the building for Christmas Parties and Family events this fall, winter and spring. We also have FREE Wi-Fi in and around the building and hope to start some Yoga and Thai Chi classes soon. Contact Joy Collins at 365-5102 if you are interested in renting space in the Lyle Activity Center.

Our Supporters group will be changing board of directors at the December meeting. Please consider becoming a part of the OLESS group, or at least attending the December meeting and voting for your favorite neighbor. If you show up at the meeting, you can vote!

Watch for the meeting date in the **What's Happening in Lyle** email or the flyer version that will be posted in the usual businesses and Post Office.

## River People Cultural Exchange Study Circle

*Sherri Starkin*

Start your day in Lyle with the First Saturday Pancake Breakfast. Afterwards, join the River People Cultural Exchange Study Circle at Lyle Activity Center. All ages are welcome and encouraged—we would love to have participation from all local High Schools!

**When:** Once a month, following the Lions Club's First Saturday Pancake Breakfast. The first program is November 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am to 11:30am.

**Why:** Expand your knowledge of historic and contemporary events impacting the Native American communities of the Mid-Columbia Gorge.

**Where:** Lyle Activity Center, at the corner of Hwy 14 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**What:** *River People*, a documentary film of the SoHappy Fishing Trial. A question and answer period will follow. *River People* uses SoHappy's case to explore the historic conflict over the resources of the Columbia and the political controversy involving fishing rights and the right to religious freedom. Behind the controversy is the story of a man caught in a conflict between two cultures, and two seemingly irreconcilable ways of looking at the world. (Oregon Historical Society)

December 4<sup>th</sup>: a DVD interview with Andrew Fisher, the author of Shadow Tribe: the Making of Columbia River Indian Identity. Andrew Fisher is an Associate Professor of History at the College of William and Mary in Virginia. Dr. Fisher discusses issues that affect the Mid-Columbia Gorge—historic, Native American, and environmental. The interview was conducted in Lyle by John Hardham and Michael Friend of Lightwave Communications.

February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and April 2<sup>nd</sup>: we will continue this educational journey as a book club, reading selections of Shadow Tribe: the Making of Columbia River Indian Identity. Please mark your calendars for these free events. Coffee/tea provided. For information or IF you need transportation please call, Sherri (360)608-5916.

## A Warm Lyle Welcome to the Abrams' family

*Janet Holen*

Tabatha Abrams is latest addition to the Habitat Partner Family and will soon be moving in to Lyle's first Habitat House. She is a single mother of 3: Breanna is 11 and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Riley is 9 and in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and Austin is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 7 years old.

According to Tabatha "we love fall and spring sports, camping, and hiking, a day at the park or playing inside. We are all very excited to be a part of something so great and can't wait to meet everyone!"

## Good Deals at the Lyle Hotel

Book now for holiday parties—it's getting to be that time of year! Also, call and ask about reduced rates for booking 8 rooms and in-house catering for friends and family. (509)365-5953

Thursday Dinner Deals: buy one, get second dinner for half price. (Beer and wine not included.)

Join our Sunday Night Supper Club featuring theme dinners, starting Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign up at our email ([stay@lylehotel.com](mailto:stay@lylehotel.com)). This will be an R.S.V.P. function and will be fun for all. Menu will be sent via email.

## Interested in Girl Scouts?

Lyle/Dallesport Troop #3425 is a mixed age Troop and will be welcoming new members this fall. In addition, adult volunteers are needed. As a Girl Scout volunteer, you'll add meaningful days to girls' lives and to your own. Your gift of time will help the girls grow into active and engaged members of their community and discover how they can make the world a better place.

Please contact Lisa Conway at [lisaconway@gorge.net](mailto:lisaconway@gorge.net) or 541-980-0041 for information on the Lyle/Dallesport Girl Scout Troop.

## Klickitat Trail Conservancy Fall 2010 Hiking and Biking Schedule



Meeting points are given for each event. The public is invited to all the following events. **Lyle Trailhead** is located at the west end of Lyle, just off Hwy 14,

immediately east of the bridge over the Klickitat River. The entrance to the trailhead is a couple hundred yards up on the left side of Hwy 142 as it goes north from Hwy 14. Coming from Portland and I-84, take Exit 64 in Hood River and cross the bridge north over the Columbia. Take a right on Hwy 14 and proceed east through Bingen, and then 9 miles on east to Lyle. Use Hwy 142 to reach the Klickitat Town Park. It is 13 miles north of Lyle in the town of Klickitat. The park is just west of the parking lot for the Canyon Market, the only grocery in town. For more info, check out [www.klickitat-trail.org](http://www.klickitat-trail.org). Please note that smoking and pets are not allowed on KTC sponsored events.

### **Saturday 10/ 9/10—Swale Canyon Bike Ride**

**Leaders:** FoG Outdoor Program Coordinator Maegan Jossy & Jim Denton, KTC Works Chair. *[Advanced registration required. This is being held jointly with Friends of the Gorge. To register, call 503-241-3762, ext 103, or go on-line to [www.gorgefriends.org](http://www.gorgefriends.org) and click on hikes. When you register, details about meeting times and places will be emailed to you. If you do not have email, call Barbara at 541-296-5334.]* Moderate/Strenuous: about 13 miles, 1,000 ft. elevation LOSS. Pace of the ride will be moderate. Come with us, enjoy the ride and refresh your soul in the fall air. We will ride from the high prairie of the Goldendale plateau down to the Klickitat River. Experience early fall colors as we follow Swale Creek through the oak, pine and Douglas fir riparian habitats. The trail surface varies from small gravel to large gravel, packed soil, and some obstacles to walk around. It also includes a few trestle crossings. This event will involve a car shuttle. You will

need a mountain bike, helmet, spare tube, and front suspension.

**Sunday 10/ 1/ 10—KTC 8th Anniversary & New Lyle Trailhead Celebration Hike** (Fisher Hill Bridge to Pitt) **Leaders:** KTC Board Members Jim Denton, Bev Linde & Barbara Robinson. **Free tailgate breakfast before the hike!!** Come to the Klickitat River Valley, enjoy the fall colors, and join KTC members for their 8th anniversary hike. We will meet at the new Lyle Trailhead and KTC will treat everyone to a tailgate breakfast before the hike. There will be two hiking options. The first will be a strenuous 8+ mile hike one way from Fisher Hill Bridge to Pitt. This hike involves a car shuttle. The second is a shorter hike, four miles round trip looking at plants, also beginning at Fisher Hill Bridge. The hikes follow the river through oak woodlands. Both hikes are flat on a rocky trail, so sturdy shoes are required. Bring water and a lunch. **Meeting Place:** 9:30am at the Lyle Trailhead

**Saturday 10/23/10—Geology Auto Tour and Hike** **Leader:** Jim Denton. Meet at Lyle and drive up the Klickitat River at least as far as Wahkiakus, and possibly to Harms Rd and Warwick, stopping at points of geological interest along the way. The auto tour will be followed by a 2-4 mile hike either from Wahkiakus to the Klickitat Mineral Springs or on the section of trail between Harms Rd. and Warwick. Bring water and a lunch. **Meet at:** 9:30am at the Lyle trailhead.

**Sunday 10/31/10—Wahkiacus to the old Dry Ice Factory Hike** [A joint hike FoG & KTC] **Hike Leaders:** Plant expert Barbara Robinson & KTC President Cheryl Steindorf. Easy: 2 miles round trip. A very scenic hike along the Klickitat River starts 16 miles upriver; the beautiful drive upriver with the maples and oaks at the peak of Fall color will be part of the fun. The hike is flat, but the path is rocky in places and there is poison oak near the trail, so please wear sturdy shoes. **First meeting place:** 10:00 at the new Lyle Trailhead. **Second meeting place:** 10:30 at Klickitat Town Park.



## **PetSmart Charities® Grant Benefits Lyle With a Spay/Neuter Program**

*Tracie Hornung*

It will probably come as no surprise to cat lovers in the Columbia River Gorge that we have a huge population of free-roaming cats.

In an effort to significantly reduce that population, PetSmart Charities® recently awarded Catlink, a division of Rowena Wildlife Clinic, a \$35,000 grant to fund spay/neuter clinics around the Gorge over the next two years. Lyle is one of the communities targeted to provide free spay/neuters for free-roaming cats.

The goal of this program is to achieve zero-population growth of free-roaming cats through education, a humane trap-neuter-release program, and accessible sterilizations in isolated rural areas.



The grant funds will be used for veterinary supplies, traps and carriers. All labor for the program, including that of the veterinarians, will be volunteer. Approximately 1,800 cats will be spayed or neutered over the length of the grant period, which begins immediately. In the first 12 months, Catlink will concentrate on free-roaming cats in Dallesport, Goldendale, Klickitat, Lyle and Wishram. The second year will focus on Mosier, Dufur, Bingen, BZ Corners, Husum and White Salmon.

Last year Catlink spayed or neutered more than 1,500 free-roaming cats. Catlink is an all-volunteer organization with a mission to spay and neuter as many cats as possible, as quickly as possible for the least amount of cost, while giving wild cats the best quality life possible and putting no animal at risk.

The new program will also educate local people on the benefits of spaying and neutering free-roaming cats, as well as provide training and equipment to residents to trap cats.

Susan R. Kerr, a veterinarian on the Rowena Wildlife Clinic board of directors and the WSU-Klickitat County Extension director says, "This grant will improve public health because

fewer stray cats mean less excrement in yards, gardens and water; address public safety as more cats will be vaccinated for rabies; and – because many low-income people care for stray cats – it will address poverty by reducing the number of stray cats people have to feed."

Kerr is one of five local veterinarians who have agreed to take part in the program.

Volunteers are needed in every targeted community. If you would like to participate in making this program a success in Lyle, please email Catlink at [catlink@mac.com](mailto:catlink@mac.com) or call Marcia Buser at 509-365-2798. Learn more about Catlink at [www.catlink.org](http://www.catlink.org).

Established in 1994, PetSmart Charities, Inc. is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that creates and supports programs that save the lives of homeless pets, raise awareness of companion animal welfare issues, and promote healthy relationships between people and pets. The largest funder of animal welfare efforts in North America, PetSmart Charities has provided \$110 million in grants and programs benefiting animal welfare organizations and, through its in-store adoption program, helped save the lives of more than 4.2 million pets. To learn more about how PetSmart Charities is working toward its Vision of a lifelong, loving home for every pet, visit [petsmartcharities.org](http://petsmartcharities.org) or call 1-800-423-PETS.



Elena Graebener, a veterinary intern at Rowena Wildlife Clinic, holds this handsome fellow from Lyle who was the first cat neutered through the grant assisted spay/neuter program in Klickitat County.

## Lyle Fitness Center at the High School

Vern Harpole

Lyle High School is in the process of creating a fitness center for the school. Principal Phil Williams is converting the old weight room next to the gym into the fitness center. Since this room has an access door separate from the rest of the school, the plan is to have this fitness center accessible to the Lyle community once it is finished and equipped. The plan is to charge only for the cost of a key and sign a use agreement/liability waiver.

**The school is looking for exercise equipment to be donated.** They are particularly looking for aerobic machines



with heart rate monitors, like elliptical and stair steppers, treadmills and stationary bikes. Please look at that seldom used equipment you have in

your home and consider a tax deductible donation to the school. It will help clear up your home and help the childhood obesity epidemic sweeping our town, state and country. (We already have a brand new cable weight machine donated by Bev and Jack Hitchman).

Contact Phil Williams (509) 365-2211 or Vern Harpole (509) 480-2607 to setup a time to either drop off your machine or schedule a time for a pick up. THANKS!

## Random Thoughts

*[Editor's Note: This was forwarded to me by a friend. After an internet search to try and find the author, I found it on a blog with the rest of the title being: "...from 25-35 year olds." I bet a lot of us a little longer in the tooth can relate to a lot of these too!]*

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.

2. Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. MapQuest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. 9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blue Ray? I don't want to have to restart my collection...again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page research paper that I swear I did not make any changes to.
14. "Do not machine wash or tumble dry" means I will never wash this --ever.
15. I hate when I just miss a call by the last ring (Hello? Hello? Darn it!), but when I immediately call back, it rings nine times and goes to voicemail. What'd you do after I didn't answer? Drop the phone and run?
16. I hate leaving my house confident and looking good and then not seeing anyone of importance the entire day. What a waste.
17. I keep some people's phone numbers in my phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
18. My 4-year old nephew asked me in the car the other day "What would happen if you ran over a ninja?" How the hell do I respond to that?
19. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.
20. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet on any given Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller-Lites than Kay.



## POSTAL PATRON



*[As always, **sincere thanks!!!** to Klickitat County's Department of Economic Development for their support in publishing this newsletter.]*

### Thoughts on Renters Insurance

*Glenda Lovejoy*

Most people carry at least some insurance on their owned homes and cars. As accumulations of personal possessions grow, it's rare that people recognize the total value of their property (clothing, furniture, television or entertainment system, a computer, iPod, musical or sporting equipment or jewelry) is actually quite high and often beyond their means to replace overnight. Thankfully, family, friends and neighbors in our small community tend to help out considerably in times of need, but it's worth thinking about renters insurance.

Renters insurance would not only be useful in the case of loss due to a fire, but potentially also in cases of theft or things like water damage from leaky pipes or a broken water heater. Most auto insurance carriers offer renters insurance and many now offer quotes over the Internet. Call your auto insurance company or do an internet search on 'Renters Insurance' for more information.



### Burn Ban...

...will be lifted as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, unless the County decides that outdoor burning is still too risky. Check with Klickitat County Commissioners or the fire

department to see if the burn ban is lifted before you light your burn pile!

Remember that to be legal, burn piles should be no bigger than 4 feet x 4 feet at the base, natural vegetation only, no construction debris, old furniture, or house hold garbage. The burn pile should be at least 50 feet from any structure. There should also be a charged hose (meaning water is on) or a 5 gallon bucket of water at the ready, and it should not be unattended.

### Don't Forget!



There are all kinds of elections coming up, so be sure and exercise your right to vote. Along with the usual federal, state and county positions on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Lyle Community Council and OLESS elections will be held at their respective November meetings

### Christmas Bazaar

Lyle's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lyle Activity Center, on the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Hwy 14 in downtown Lyle. Contact Laurece Bonham at (509)365-2011 or Sandy Doolin at (509)365-3140 for more information.