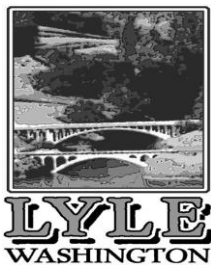


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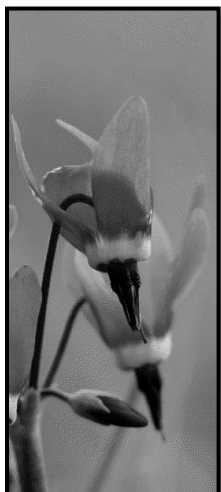
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Lyle’s Blog: <http://lyle-wa.blogspot.com/>

Lyle’s Website: community.gorge.net/lyle



Tour de Fleur

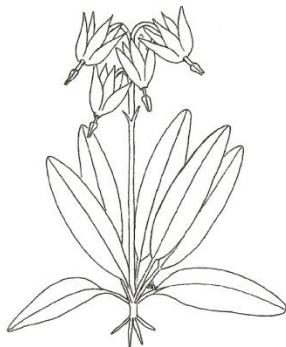
*Karen Stafford
Bob Hansen
Donna Enz*

The first annual Tour de Fleur will be held in Lyle, WA on Saturday, May 1, 2010. This event will showcase all Lyle has to offer: beautiful scenery, good food, great wines, talented

residents and a multitude of wild flowers in bloom.

Recreational groups from the Mid-Columbia are invited to plan a hike, ride or other event to take place in or near Lyle on this day. Participants who start the day early will be able to get a hearty breakfast at the Lion’s Club from 7:00-10:00AM.

In the afternoon, the Lyle Activity Center/Park Place will be the center of the action. Master Gardeners will be on



hand to answer questions and provide advice. Local merchants will be on site to sell lunch and snacks from noon until 6:00 with wine tasting and entertainment slated to start at 2:00. For more information, contact Marianne Lewis via info@lylehotel.com.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

Cathy Wood

May

*Alta Shields, Mildred Lykens
Danny Frey*

June

*Shannon Hess, Joan Frey
Harlin Wood, Joyce Bryan, Jim Havens
Jeannie DeHart*

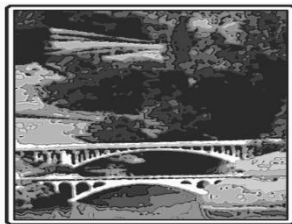
If you know someone who would like to have their special day acknowledged, contact Glenda at lovejoy@gorge.net

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What's Up in Town??

Alcoholics Anonymous: Monday nights at 7:30 at the High School Library.

Community Breakfast: 1st Saturday of the month, 7-10:00 a.m. at the Lion's Club.

Klickitat Trail Conservancy: hikes or bike trips on the 1st Saturday and 3rd Sunday of the month. See www.klickitat-trail.org for details.

Lion's Club: meeting & potluck on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month.

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

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

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

Lyle Grange: meeting & potluck on 2nd 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.



The Habitat House is Underway

Glenda Lovejoy

You may have noticed that folks have been busy on the corner of 4th & Washington Streets. The Habitat for Humanity's build in Lyle is now in progress. It's exciting to see! I contacted Janet Holen for an update; she advises that Stan Horak is the construction chairperson and he is on the building site when work is in progress. She is uncertain as to the need for volunteers, but Stan can be reached at (509)493-2429, or stop in at the job site. Janet shared a letter from the Habitat partner for whom the Lyle house is being built:

Having my own home has been a dream of mine for as long as I can remember. As a single mother with a limited income this dream seemed to be beyond my capabilities. Still, I continued to dream, hope and pray always keeping my eyes and ears open for a way.

When I found an article about Habitat for Humanity's plan to build four homes in Lyle, WA, my hopes were raised. After reading the qualifications I felt I fit into the criteria and decided to apply. One thing I have learned in my life is to not give up without an effort. It is easy to think you wouldn't be 'the one' chosen. I decided to remain optimistic.

I was so elated when I heard the news that I was selected to receive a Habitat home. I am profoundly grateful for this program and all the many volunteers that make this possible. This is a life-changing event for my daughter and me. I am so excited and happy to participate in all stages of this process and join the Lyle community.

Linda Scott



Janet reports that in time, the application process for the second house will be opening up and wants to clarify part of the eligibility requirements—the applicant “must have lived for one year within our service area which includes White Salmon, Bingen, Snowden, Husum, Underwood, Lyle and part of Hood River County”. The website (<http://midcolumbiahabitat.org/>) has complete information about the application process and eligibility.

Perusing the website, I found this about the Lyle project:

The most common image of Habitat for Humanity is, perhaps, Jimmy Carter pounding nails into 2X6's next to a family member who will occupy the house. Certainly walls coming together and a half-dozen volunteers tipping a section into place is dramatic. The actual construction, finish work and painting are some of the most rewarding and fun aspects of the Habitat endeavor. Volunteers love it.

What many people don't realize is the cooperation, coordination and community that make the house possible. Mid-Columbia



Habitat for Humanity has acquired, in conjunction with The Dalles Habitat for Humanity, a four-lot parcel in Lyle,



Washington. We could not have afforded the parcel on our own, but The Dalles Habitat joined our effort and the two affiliates now have joint ownership of the property. There was a strip of land adjacent to our parcel that was owned by the Lyle School District. Acquisition of that land would make building four houses more feasible given the required set-backs. The 25 foot strip of land was steeply graded and by itself not buildable. We approached the School Board, they declared the land "surplus," and gave it to us.

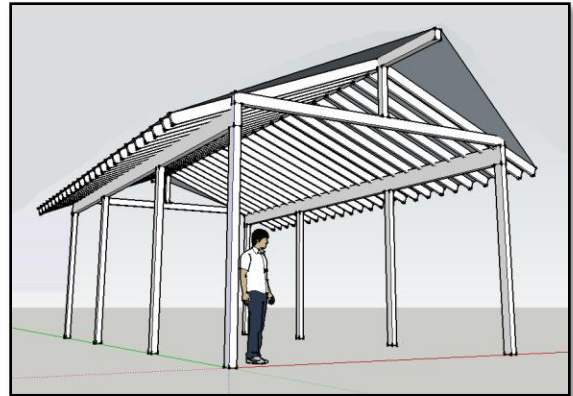
When the Klickitat County Commissioners got wind of the Lyle project they came forward and said they had money in their "affordable housing surcharge" fund. They have provided two grants of \$30,000 each for 2008 and 2009. Each summer the Mid-Columbia Realtors hold a fund raising event for Habitat for Humanity. This year Mid Columbia and The Dalles Habitats each received over \$3000 from that event. Throughout our planning process the Lyle Community Council and the citizens of Lyle have been supportive of our efforts. We also receive financial support from area churches and private contributors. We are now poised to break ground for our first house in Lyle. Our work building houses would not be possible without the broad support of all these entities here in the Gorge.

It takes a whole community to build a house.

*Roger Holen, President
Mid-Columbia Habitat for Humanity*

Picnic Pavilion in Lyle Park Place

Lyle community members have broken ground for the new pavilion that will serve as a covered picnic area at the Lyle Activity Center and Park Place. Estimated completion date is May 1—or sooner if more volunteers pitch in.



Join us for work parties and pavilion-raising fun every Thursday at 3 PM. Generally, we will work for 3-4 hours. Show up when you can, even just to gossip. We need painters and carpenters and strong backs. Any and all volunteers are welcome to take part. Show up, pick up a tool, and join the construction fun!



*Foundation work begins.
Photo by Mildred Lykens*

Big Green Barn

Wendy Dinnerstein

Are you curious about the big green barn at Souter road and Old Country Highway in Lyle? In late 2007, Marc and I purchased the big barn with high hopes for the future of horses. Since then we have made many improvements to the facility. You may have your own connection to the barn by way of riding lessons, 4-H

experiences or jus the staple outline of the landscape that it has become. We thank Sondra & Dennis Clark for erecting this awesome structure thirty years ago. It is because of their dream and dedication a building of this size is in the specially protected location.

Curly horses? Marc is very allergic to horses so when we discovered a breed that is hypo-allergenic it was love at first sight. Curlies, a registered breed, are the 'Poodles' of the horse world. We are now the proud stewards of nine Curlies; you know what they say—"you can't stop at just one." The two most recent additions to our herd are a pair of sisters that worked in a Therapeutic Riding program. The program fell on hard times and we agreed to foster them. They are progressing in their natural horsemanship training and one of them is currently in the process of being adopted into her forever home.

We have been active in our local horse community over the past year and now have a clear picture of what we want to do with this awesome facility—SHARE IT! Our Vision is to utilize this barn as a place to unite horse lovers and horses of all disciplines and breeds, to provide a safe and healthy environment for learning and to foster the skills. We will also invite a variety of equine health providers to conduct educational classes on all aspects of horse health.

The place will be called 'One With Horses' and we are seeking volunteers to help make this dream a reality. Could that be you? Let us know your talents, skills and interests, and we will look for the perfect place for you at the barn. There will be two paid part-time positions at 'One With Horses,' an Administrative Director and a Horse Health Specialist.

Fundraising will be part of the barn experience, with funding providing for the payroll or the two employees, expansion of the trails and training areas (i.e. a cross country course, an outdoor Dressage ring, trail training area, roping arena, etc.) Some of the ways we see to raise funds are membership dues, donations, boarding fees, training/coaching fees and grants. Other ideas are more than welcome.

We share the dream of "making this a better world for horses and humans." To support this dream, Marc and I offer this place for the benefit of our community, to foster Leadership, Co-operation, and Unity with horses and each other. We are at the beginning and invite you to 'join-up.' We welcome your input and effort. If you are interested, we will love to hear from you. We look forward to living the dream together. Keep it natural, safe and fun,



Wendy & Marc Dinnerstein
One With Horses, Natural Horsemanship Center
16 Sauter Road, Lyle WA 98635

(509)365-0064
Website Coming Soon

Grants & Awards

Fire Chief Peter Lovejoy

EDA Grant: The Lyle Volunteer Fire Department was again able to obtain some EDA grant funding this year. Sincere thanks to the Lyle Community Council for their support. We will be using that money to upgrade two truck radios and many hand held radios so we can maintain compliance with FCC regulations.

DNR Grant: Two years ago we acquired a used 6x6 dump truck from DNR through a no cost grant. We recently received a 50% matching funds grant from DNR to build that truck into a heavy duty wildland truck. It will live year-round at our Burdoin Mountain station and will be configured for both wildland and structure fires.

FEMA Grant: Due to the hard work of the Lyle volunteers we were able to obtain a \$37,000 FEMA grant this year for personnel and highway safety equipment.

Department Awards: This winter, the Lion's Club hosted our 2nd Annual Awards Banquet for the Lyle, Appleton and High Prairie fire districts. I would like to extend my thanks to the Lion's Club for this – it was again a great event. I would also like to publicly acknowledge, congratulate and thank the following 2009 award winners, who were determined by a vote of Lyle Fire Department membership:

- Firefighter of the Year:
David McCune
- EMS Responder of the Year:
Corey Ransier
- Rookie of the Year:
Christopher Kroeskop
- Chief's Award for Special Recognition: Roger Pearce

In addition, retired Fire District Commissioners Mike Sorensen and Don Brashers were each recognized for Lifetime Service. Don and Mike also served as fire fighters and EMS providers during their tenure with Lyle's Fire Department.

Years of Service pins were awarded for 5 year increments of service: Ken Thiemann 5 years, Nikki Thiemann 10 years, Brenda Sorensen 25 years. Fire Chief Peter Lovejoy received a hand carved duck decoy from the membership for "tireless commitment."



Sincere Thanks!

Wishram Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank Dr. Vern Harpole for his help. We recently went through an inspection that required all firefighters be evaluated for respirator use. Dr. Harpole made these evaluations at no cost and in a very short time frame. Had he not stepped up, these evaluations would have cost us a lot of money that a volunteer fire department can ill afford.

So--Thank You Dr. Harpole!--from Wishram Fire Department and all the residents of Wishram.

Horses on the Klickitat Trail

Donna Enz

There has been some confusion about horse use on the Klickitat Trail. The statement below is from Washington State Parks which clarifies this issue.

The Klickitat Trail is presently going through the Master Planning process. The basis of much of that planning work lies in the Environmental Assessment (EA) conducted by the USFS Hood River office. The EA evaluated and included horse use for the Trail. State Parks and the USFS are working on synchronizing USFS codes and Park codes so that the appropriate rules/regulations are parallel on the two separately managed halves of the Trail, so that there is little distinction to the user as to where the National Forest section ends and the State Park section begins.

WAC (Washington Administrative Code) 352-32-070 states "Use of horses, llamas, sled dogs or similar animals for recreation: None of these types of animals are permitted on trails in any state park area, except where designated and posted to specifically or conditionally permit such activity."

Once we have an approved Master Plan and accompanying management plan that permits horse use and those other similar animals, the Trail will be open to that use. Interested parties may check on the status of these trail planning efforts at

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/plans/klickitattrail/>.

Construction Begins on Lyle Trailhead

Hood River, OR – The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is pleased to announce that construction will begin on the Lyle Trailhead March 29th, 2010. The construction will be completed by R.L. Reimers Co. out of Albany, OR and is estimated to be completed by Labor Day. This project is funded by a grant from the Federal Highway Administration and the Western Federal Lands Highway Division through their Forest Highway Enhancement Program.

The Lyle Trailhead, the main access point for the Klickitat Rails to Trails is the result of a lot of hard work and dedication, and represents the beginning of a bright future of the Rails to Trails project. The USDA Forest Service and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission have worked in partnership to plan and develop the Rails to Trails project, a trail that follows the beautiful Wild and Scenic Klickitat River and remote Swale Canyon. The Klickitat Trail Conservancy has also played a key role in the process.

Parking will not be available at this location during the construction. Hikers wishing to use the trail are encouraged to park on National Forest System Lands near river mile 1. If you have any further questions, please contact the USDA Forest Service at (541) 308-1700 or Washington State Park at (509) 767-1165.

Klickitat Trail Conservancy Spring Schedule—Everyone is Welcome!

IMPORTANT The **Lyle Trailhead** will be under construction during 2010. The alternate meeting place is at the [Klickitat-Balfour Park](#), located off SR-14. Turn left onto Old Hwy 8 near Lyle. Follow Old Hwy 8 approximately 1/4 mile to the parking lot on the east side of the road. There is a restroom at the park. Please be safe and avoid the construction zone and workers. Visit www.klickitat-trail.org for more details, schedule changes and maps. Always remember to bring plenty of water and lunch or a snack. The trail has little elevation change so is a good alternative for hikers who cannot hike hills. It can be rocky in places so good hiking boots are a must. Dress accordingly for the weather. ***Pets and smoking are not allowed*** on KTC sponsored events. Please stay on the trail at all times.

Trail Head Locations

Klickitat-Balfour Park is located off SR-14. Turn left onto Old Hwy 8 near Lyle. Follow Old Hwy 8 for approximately 1/4 mile to the parking lot on the east side of the road. There is a restroom at the park.

Harms Road Trailhead is located just off the Lyle-Centerville Hwy. From Lyle, take the Lyle-Centerville Hwy., in the center of town. Head north approximately 15 miles. Turn left on Harms Rd. Drive one-half mile and park just north of the bridge. Portable toilet on site throughout the spring and early summer only.

Pitt Trailhead is located 10 miles north of SR-14 on SR-142. Parking area is across the street from a row of houses; portable toilet on site.

The Old Lyle School is located Lyle, WA on Hwy. 14 and Third Street.

Depot Park in Klickitat: From SR-14 in Lyle, head north on SR 142. Depot Park is about 13 miles up the Klickitat River, next to the Canyon Market in the town of Klickitat.

Hikes & Bike Rides

Sunday March 28 Hike

Upper Swale Canyon

Hike Leaders: Barbara Robinson & Sara Wu
Moderate: 7 miles round trip.

Join wildflower expert Barbara Robinson on this moderately paced early wildflower hike along Swale Creek in the eastern Gorge. Look for desert parsleys and rare Dalles Mt. Buttercups on this occasionally rocky and nearly flat trail. Dress for cool weather and bring a lunch.
Meeting Place: 9:30 AM at **Balfour Park**. We'll carpool 15 miles to the **Harms Rd Trailhead**.

Saturday, April 17 Bike Ride

Swale Canyon Wildflower Bike Ride.

Bike Leaders: Nancy Allen and Donna Enz.
Mod/Strenuous: 13 miles, 1,000-ft. elev. LOSS

Ride from the high prairie of the Goldendale plateau down to Wahkiacus. We'll stop frequently to admire miles of Pungent and Columbia Desert Parsley in bloom and a variety of other native wildflowers along Swale Creek through oak, pine and Douglas fir riparian habitats. Bring your camera. This is meant to be a slow paced ride to take in the wonderful scenery of Swale Canyon. Helmets, a spare tube and front suspension required. **Meeting Place: Balfour Park 9:00 AM.** *This is a one way shuttled ride. Contact Donna Enz: (509)365-9527 or denz@hughes.net, so that appropriate shuttle arrangements can be made in advance.*

Saturday, April 10 Birding

Walk Leader: Stuart Johnston

Birding walk starts at Harms Road

It's a good idea to get an early start when seeking out birds. We will make frequent stops to look and listen. Dress warmly, in layers that can be shed as the morning warms up. We will be alert for flight displays of newly-arrived Long-billed Curlews and singing Vesper Sparrows, among other species. We'll also have opportunities to identify many early spring wildflowers along the trail.

First Meeting place: 7:00 am at **Balfour Park**

Second Mtg Place: 7:45 **Harms Rd Trailhead**

Sunday, April 25 Hike

Swale Canyon--Hike leaders: Jim Denton and Bev Linde (Held jointly with Friends of the Gorge) (*continues on page 9*)

KTC Spring Hike & Bike Schedule

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Moderate/Strenuous, 13 miles.

This is a one way hike through remote and beautiful Swale Canyon. Early flowers should be at peak. Experience miles of yellow, fragrant desert parsley in bloom. The Trail is railroad gravel in places, so wear sturdy boots. There is no access to this section of Trail except at the beginning and end. Come prepared to complete the entire hike which should take about 6 ½ hours. This hike will involve a car shuttle on gravel roads. **Meeting Place: Balfour Park** at 9:00 AM

Saturday, May 1 Hike

Fisher Hill Bridge to Klickitat (Held jointly with Friends of the Gorge)

Hike Leaders: Bev Linde and Jim Minick
Moderate: 11 miles, rocky in places.

This is a very scenic route along the Wild and Scenic Klickitat River. It will be at wildflower peak, with balsam root, lupine, and much more. **Meeting Place: Balfour Park--** 9:00 AM.

Saturday, May 15 Hike

Klickitat to Pitt

Hike Leaders: Laura Bales and Barbara Robinson. Easy/Moderate.

This scenic stretch follows the Klickitat River the entire way. Barbara Robinson, a Gorge wildflower expert, will point out special wildflower viewing on some rocky seeps along the Trail. Depending on the weather, this will be either a one-way 3 mile hike or round-trip 6 mile hike.

First Meeting Place: 9:30 AM **Balfour Park.**

Second Mtg place: 10:00 AM **Pitt Trailhead**

June 5 - Saturday: Hike

Wahkiakus to Suburbia

Hike Leaders: Barbara Robinson and Cheryl Steindorf 5 miles round trip

An American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® 2010 Event—this is our last hike of the season. Wildflower expert Barbara Robinson and KTC President, Cheryl Steindorf, will take

you along the Klickitat River. This is a lovely and historically interesting stretch of the Klickitat Trail which takes us past an old Dry Ice Plant and natural mineral springs. Flowers will be in bloom. There are no houses along this stretch of the Trail so it feels very wild. We will continue south along the river to the Suburbia trestle. Parts of the Trail are rocky, so wear good boots. Bring water and a lunch. Dress for the weather. **Meeting Place: 9:30 AM Depot Park**

Bike Workshops

Portia Masterson will be holding her popular bike workshops again this spring. She is a retired bicycle retailer and professional bike mechanic with 25 years experience and is the author of Bicycling Bliss: Riding to Improve Your Wellness. Class fee is \$10 per class, which includes instruction and handouts. Class size is limited to 10. If you have a stationary trainer, bring it to class. For more information or to register, call Portia Masterson (509)281-0631 or email her at portia.masterson@gmail.com.

Class location: Old Lyle School

Saturday, March 27: 9:00 AM until Noon **Riding Posture for Cycling Performance and Health**

During this class you will learn how to

- use your back, neck, shoulders and arms to eliminate discomfort,
- pedal efficiently for more fun and less effort and
- adjust your bike to support this healthful posture.

You'll also learn the underlying principles and evaluate your riding position using your bike on a stationery trainer. Bring your bike and riding shoes. A short ride will follow the class.

Saturday, April 24: 9:00 AM until Noon **Bike Maintenance Basics**

In this two hour class, learn to evaluate your brakes, gears and wheels to prevent mechanical problems on the road. Bring your bikes, tools, and portable repair stands if you have them. We'll make adjustments to brakes and gears that would be appropriate before or during a ride.



No One Ever Tells Me What's Going On!

Marcia Buser

You can receive weekly emails about what is happening in Lyle by signing up for our weekly community update—email LyleCommunity@gmail.com. If you provide your email address, it will NOT be shared with anyone else or be used other than to inform you about events or issues in our community. You may request to be removed from the list at any time.

If you have an event happening in Lyle, please send information about it to LyleCommunity@gmail.com. The information will also be posted on the Lyle website, which features a “What’s Happening in Lyle” web page.

If you do not have email, please check the community bulletin board at the Post Office to see what is coming up. The Horizon’s Steering Team is looking into getting a community information kiosk installed to help us communicate better. Here are some upcoming and/or ongoing events:

APRIL 3. (SATURDAY)

Lion’s Club Breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. at the Lion’s Community Center. \$5, or \$2 for children 6-12, and free for children under 6. Great omelets, or ham & eggs, and all the pancakes you can eat—every month, on the first Saturday.

APRIL 9 & 10. (FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

Lyle Spring Clean Up This is free to you, but your monetary donation will help support projects of Lyle Community Council.

APRIL 9. (FRIDAY)

Game Night 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Lyle Activity Center (Old Lyle Elementary School). A

bi-weekly event, every other Friday, for kids of all ages!

APRIL 12. (MONDAY)

OLESS (Old Lyle Elementary School Supporters) Meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lyle Activity Center (Old Lyle Elementary School). Much is happening to create our community activity center and green space. Please come and get involved. As the weather breaks, there will be so many places that volunteers can give time and share their talents in these projects.

APRIL 22. (TUESDAY)

Columbia Gorge Transportation Summit will be held on April 22, 2010 at the Pioneer Center located in White Salmon. Registration is now open—visit <http://www.mcedd.org/cgts.htm>. Take part in this action-planning event to develop local solutions to transportation issues.

APRIL 24. (SATURDAY)

Bike Maintenance Basics 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the Lyle Activity Center (Old Lyle Elementary School). In this three hour class, learn to evaluate your brakes, gears and wheels to prevent mechanical problems on the road. Bring your bikes, bike tools, and portable repair stand if you have one. We’ll make adjustments to brakes and gears that would be appropriate before or during a ride. Cost is \$10; class size is limited to 10 people. Portia Masterson, a retired bicycle retailer and professional bike mechanic with 25 years experience, is the instructor. She also authored [Bicycling Bliss: Riding to Improve Your Wellness](#). For more information or to register, email portia.masterson@gmail.com or call (509)281-0631

The Lyle Hotel is now open for dinner Wednesday – Sundays, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Our talented Harry D. entertains diners on Friday & Saturday evenings with Hawaiian music. He donates gratuities to the Lyle Activity Center.

**Get Ready! It's the
8th Annual 13+ Mile Yard Sale!**

Joy Collins

On June 12th and 13th, 2010, Lyle will hold its 8th Annual 13+ Miles of Yard Sales. Bright orange Sellers Yard Sale flyers will soon be posted in the following places in Lyle: The Lyle Merc, The Country Café, The Country Store, Lyle Automotive, Lyle Lions Community Center, Full Throttle Espresso, and the Post Office. There is also a flyer in this issue of the newsletter. The flyer contains the information you will need to get your yard sale listed on the local map. The deadline is April 30th.

If you don't have a space for your sale, space is available at Lyle Park Place (on Highway 14) for those who need a highly visible, easy-to-get-to place to hold their sale. The fee for a space at the park, or your own location will be \$5.00. For information or to get your sale listed, please call Joy Collins at (509)365-5102 or e-mail ojoycoll@embarqmail.com.

**Lyle's Twin Bridges Museum is
Asking for Your Help**

Mildred E. Lykens

Twin Bridges Museum's major fundraising event is the annual 13+ Miles of Yard Sales, on the second weekend in June. We're reaching out to those who share our dream of keeping the history of our local ancestors and settlers alive, and asking for donations of any items we can use in our sale. (No clothes please, or computer items without accompanying software) We want to maintain our reputation of offering only high quality, workable, clean items at our space. Donations can be dropped off at the museum. Call Mildred at 365-0060 to arrange a drop off time (or one of the other board members).

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**Coming Soon
To a Location
Near You!**

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**It's the 8th ANNUAL
13+ MILES
OF YARD SALES**

To be on the Sellers Map, a participation fee of \$5.00 per location will be charged. The contacts for your individual towns are listed below:

- **Lyle-** Joy Collins-
(509)365-5102,
ojoycoll@embarqmail.com
- **Goldendale**
(509)773-3400
- **Bingen/White Salmon**
(509)493-3630

**DEADLINE FOR INCLUSION
ON THE MAP IS FIRM:
APRIL 30, 2010**

Sale Dates:
Saturday & Sunday
June 12th & 13th, 2010

Sale Time:
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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TIPS FOR A FUN AND PROFITABLE YARD OR GARAGE SALE

*Reprinted from Garage Sale America
by Bruce Littlefield, supplemented by Joy Collins*

It can be called anything you want to call it: Garage Sale, Yard Sale, Tag Sale, Barn Sale, Rummage Sale, or Stoop Sale. Ours happens to be “The Annual 13 + Miles of Yard Sales”. Mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, June 12th and 13th.

As always, there will be buyers’ maps of each community’s yard sales available for \$2.00. The cut off date for those who wish to be included on the map is April 30th–this is a firm date, no exceptions. There is a \$5.00 charge to get your address on your community’s map. Refer to the Yard Sale flyer in this issue for the contact number in your community.

Following are some tips on how to present your treasures to the public in a way that will get them to stop at your sale, browse, and maybe find something they want to buy. It is a lot of territory to cover in two days. Most people are looking for particular items and will scan your sale and move on to the next one if they don’t see anything that warrants a closer look.

- Arrows and directions should be clear, bright, easy to read and accurate.
- Greeting people is common courtesy.
- Bring cash. Have change.
- Clean items sell for more than dirty ones.
- Wash and hang clothes if you want to sell them. Don’t pile them on the lawn or a table.
- Honesty is the best policy. If you know it doesn’t work, say so.
- Don’t steal.
- Don’t say it’s real when you know it isn’t.
- Dangerous things should be labeled as such and kept out of reach of children.
- Obey the law.
- Price your items fairly and be ready to negotiate.
- Realize that you are getting rid of things you don’t want and price accordingly.
- Display items like you are a store. People need to see items to buy them.
- Have a tape measure and electric outlet available. People like to measure and check working condition.
- Provide bags.
- If you have other tips that work for you, pass them on to others. At the next year’s event, returning visitors will remember that you had a good sale and look for you.

The 13 Mile Yard Sale started up in 2003, its name coming from the distance between Lyle and Klickitat, which were the first 2 communities who came together for this event.

8th ANNUAL 13+ MILES of YARD SALES

Begin your journey at Bingen/White Salmon in the west or Goldendale in the east. Enjoy a leisurely journey over the highways and byways of beautiful Klickitat County. Find treasures you can't do without at the many participating sales along the way. Travel up the wild and scenic Klickitat River, marvel at the forested mountains, gaze at the magnificent cliffs along the Columbia River, and enjoy the beautiful wildflowers along the way.

**Saturday & Sunday—June 12th & 13th,
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Map Programs are \$2.00 & are available at the
following locations:**

Lyle: at the Park on Highway 14 at Council Booth,
The Lions Club & the Country Cafe
Joy Collins—(509)365-5102
(Appleton/Timber Valley sales are on the Lyle map)

Goldendale: at the Chamber Office, 903 E Broadway;
Highway 97 & Broadway Exit – (509)773-3400

Bingen/White Salmon: Mt. Adams Chamber Office; Highway
14, Milepost 65 – (509)493-3630

In Lyle: ojoycoll@embarqmail.com
<http://13milesofyardsales.weebly.com/>

L Y L E

Annual Spring Clean Up

Friday & Saturday, April 9th & 10th, 2010

9 am to 5 pm

Dumpsters will be located in the school bus yard.

- 2 light truck/passenger vehicle tires per pickup load.
- No car parts and no cement chunks over 6”.
- All loose garbage, like grass clippings, leaves or small bits of paper must be in bags.
- Recycling must be in clear/blue bags.

Targeted Waste: The target waste here is the fire hazard accumulating in the back of your garage, that old clothes dryer sitting out on the back porch, the broken chair you were going to fix eight year ago, the litter that collected under the snow last winter in front of your house, the brush and tree limbs from cleaning up your yard, (please shake the dirt off the root balls) or maybe even that burn barrel you will never need to use again. This is a clean-up event, so we do not accept garbage generated from normal household activity such as bathroom or kitchen waste.

Appliances & Scrap Metal: A local truck will be available to haul household appliances and scrap metal. A small fee will be charged for refrigerators, air conditioners, and freezers.

No Hazardous Waste: No hazardous materials including liquid paint, cleaning supplies, motor oil, aerosol cans with contents, batteries, etc.

Organized by the Lyle Community Council

Donations are welcome and will be used to fund future community projects.

For information, call: 365-5102 or 365-5374

Our thanks and appreciation goes to Republic Waste Services for their generous support of this annual community project.

▶▶▶PLEASE NOTE: We are being limited to 4 dumpsters this year. Efforts to unload your items in such a way as to conserve space will be sincerely appreciated.◀◀◀

Mt. Adams Parks & Recreation District

Glenda Lovejoy

Tom Wooding and Dana Sheffler came to the Lyle Community Council meeting on March 22 to provide an update on the proposed Mt Adams Parks and Recreation District (PRD) and to answer questions. They are currently in the process of gathering signatures to allow the proposition to be placed on the November ballot in order to see if citizens support the PRD. The following information is summarized from their flyer and the discussion:

What is this all about? Over a year ago a group of far-sighted civic leaders gave birth to a vision to create a Parks and Recreation District (PRD) for the region. Their goal was to create a PRD that could serve the residents with an aquatic center, along with recreational facilities and programs for youth and adults alike. Members of this growing grassroots movement are ready to take the next step, which is to place a measure on the ballot this November that will give citizens a choice as to whether they would support the formation of a region-wide Parks and Recreation District.

What is the purpose? To provide for the safety, health, and well being of our communities through quality recreation services such as parks, facilities, programs, and partnerships. The PRD will truly belong to all of us and it will be your voice and ideas along with the leadership of elected PRD Commissioners that will work together to develop a strategic plan.

What are the proposed boundaries? The geographical area would follow the same boundaries of our local school districts and serve the Western Klickitat County communities of Appleton, Bingen, BZ Corner, Dallesport, Glenwood, Husum, Klickitat, Lyle, Snowden, Trout Lake, Wahkiakus, White Salmon, as well as the Underwood area of Skamania County.

How will the district be governed? The district would be governed by 5 commissioners that are

elected by voters inside the district; they will be voted for at the same time you vote for the formation of the district. Commissioners are not assigned or appointed by anyone. Any registered voter in the district can run for commissioner. For more information contact Meghann Dallin at (509)493-6234.

What does my signature mean? Simply, it means that you support the idea of the proposal being on the ballot for a vote. Signatures of 15% of the proposed district's population are required for the proposal to be placed on the ballot. Locally, petitions are at Lyle Mercantile, Lyle Hotel and Restaurant, and the Country Café.

How much will the PRD cost? The plan is to request a levy of .08 per \$1000 of assessed property value. (The maximum allowed by the state is .60 per \$1000) For example, the tax on a \$100,000 property would be \$8 a year. This money would fund a team to develop and submit grants and help coordinate the work of the PRD commissioners. Our aim is to provide affordable services and to be fully accountable and transparent to the people we work with and serve.

How will the proposed PRD benefit me... and my community? *At this stage the possibilities are endless, and the leadership of the (PRD) commissioners will determine the plan and the process. Here are some examples that residents have suggested:*

- * Aquatic Center & Pool
- * Swimming Lessons for Kids
- * Recreational Facilities
- * Adult Athletic Programs
- * Youth Programs
- * Summer Special Events
- * After School Activities
- * Parks, Picnic Areas, Boat Ramps
- * Summer Day Camps
- * Fitness/Weight Loss Clinics
- * Summer Concerts
- * Youth Sports and Skills Program

For more information visit: www.mapard.wordpress.com or contact Tom Wooding at tomwooding@gmail.com.

Lyle Joins Other Washington Rural Communities

Marcia Buser

Seven Lyle residents participated in a conference in Moses Lake, March 19 & 20, as 40 rural Washington communities shared how they have come together to make their communities better and reduce poverty. Numerous workshops gave participants tools and information to continue their work back in their communities.

Lorie Hull, Risi Howard, Lisa Conway, Barbara Sexton, Mildred Lykens, Auzreal Howard and Marcia Buser spent a day and a half getting great ideas from other communities who have participated in the Horizons program and attending learning workshops.

Each community had a display table where they shared of the results of their Horizon's projects and where we could ask questions and pick up ideas. We were struck by how many other communities chose projects similar to ours, such as establishing an activity center and getting youth involved.

Experts presented workshops on such diverse topics as developing tourism, promoting youth entrepreneurs, achieving financial health and fundraising for non-profits. We have returned with many great ideas and information that will help us continue to make Lyle a better place to live long after our official Horizon's grant ends this spring. Our future actions will be inspired by the conference's theme:

“Movement and Change: From waiting to leading...from talk to action...from poverty to prosperity...from few to many...from despair to hope...from indifference to pride.”

Local Nutrition Notes (Cha cha cha CHIA?!)

Vern Harpole

I continue to keep pushing for more/better food for the Lyle community. If you haven't already stopped in at the Merc, please do and ask Lisa to start carrying your favorite nutritious food.

I am pushing for the Merc to start carrying Chia seed. What the heck is that you ask? Yes, it is exactly the same stuff you smear on a terra cotta head to grow "hair". But, as I recently discovered, it is also one of the most nutritious foods you can eat—pure omega 3 fat and protein! It can be used as an egg or oil or butter substitute. I learned about this amazing food while reading the recently published book Born to Run. Chia is an ancient Aztec food used by the reclusive ultra distance running natives in Copper Canyon, in Northern Mexico.

I found the seeds in a health food store in Portland, and have been having a tablespoon daily with fruit for breakfast.(As most of you know, it is important to get some fat and protein for breakfast, but mostly the choices are bacon or eggs.) Testimony of one is always worthless, but I will tell you, I have way less hunger the rest of the day after eating my Chia. Look it up on the Internet... it's fascinating!

Please send in your ideas on how to improve nutritious food access to me or To The Point editor. I'd love to get an ongoing dialogue about this topic in our local newsletter.

On a related note, there is plenty of ground, green house and water if you'd like to put in a plot at the community garden at the high school. Give me a call if you are interested in getting the garden going. (Vern Harpole 509 480 2607)

**The Birth of the
Twin Bridges Museum, the
Development of the
Lyle Activity Center
...Who Knows What's Next?**

Barbara Sexton, Glenda Lovejoy

Earlier this year, in preparation for application to the state for grant funding, Barbara Sexton, representing the Twin Bridges Museum, and Vern Harpole, representing OLESS (Old Lyle Elementary School Supporters) traveled to Olympia to speak at the Washington State Heritage Caucus. The Heritage Caucus meets regularly while the Washington State Legislature is in session to discuss heritage, arts, and other cultural and recreational issues.

Organized in 1990, the Heritage Caucus is a bipartisan gathering of state legislators and other elected officials; staff from state heritage, arts, and cultural agencies, and nonprofit organizations; and citizens interested in supporting Washington's culture, heritage, and the arts.

The Heritage Caucus is co-chaired by Sen. Jim Honeyford (R), 15th District, and Rep. Lynn Kessler (D), 24th District; and co-staffed by Lauren Danner of the Washington State Historical Society and Mark Gerth of the Washington State Arts Commission; it meets every Wednesday of the legislative session from 7:00 to 8:00 am in Olympia. This is Barbara and Vern's presentation:

*Senators Honeyford and Kessler,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

A long-time dream of several of us old time residents of Lyle was a museum to house historical information and articles about and from the community. In September 2006, Terry Mills—a Community Council member—went to the Lyle School Board and proposed that they let a group of us open a small historical museum in the old decommissioned school building, which was built in 1949. It is the oldest public building in Lyle, and located downtown on Highway 14.

Soon after, the Twin Bridges Museum was born. Seven residents stepped forward, by-laws were created; we formed a Washington State Not-for-Profit Board, and went to work! The room was cleaned and painted. Klickitat County Economic Development Department awarded the Museum a small grant to purchase new windows for the room, a computer and software to record donations. We were ready for business!

The first donation was a 1911 original plat map of Lyle when it was located down on the river. The second was a desk that had belonged to George Lyle—the son of J.O. Lyle, for whom the community was named. Over the past four

years, several Lyle family descendents have visited and donated family artifacts. The Museum has Lyle family Bibles, a christening dress, eyeglasses, jewelry, several pictures and even a Civil War Sword all once belonging to descendents of the Lyle family.

Other items of interest are tools (identified and unidentified) that cover about 6' of wall space, all coming from surrounding farms and businesses. An antique wooden washing machine sits alongside wash boards and plungers.

We have an entire wall filled with newspaper clippings and pictures covering the last 100 years of history of the area, lumber mills, the building of the tunnels, elected local government officials, current local businesses and those that have gone by the way side. We have an extensive history of the Columbia Grange #87, which is the oldest active grange in the State of Washington and was founded by the Lyle family. We have on loan from Maryhill Museum about 20 pictures of the Convict Camp in Lyle that was created by Sam Hill and housed the convicts brought in to build the first road through the area in 1910 and 1911.

There are many pictures, articles and annuals from the schools dating back to the early 1900's. They (continues on page 18)

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always create great interest with the visitors who play the "remember when" game. We even have a short row of desks from one of the old schools.

We have a small library of books that cover a lot of the history of the Gorge area including Bridge of the God's, written in 1919 by Frederick Homer Balch, whose family were pioneers in Klickitat County.

There are artifacts from families that worked for the railroad at the depot in Lyle. Also numerous items from the early days of our local volunteer fire department.

The Museum, which is run entirely by volunteers, has become a fixture in the community and archival donations come in regularly. We open in the spring, summer and fall at least one evening a week.

Visions for the future—we need an archival storage facility and hope to someday have our own building. In the meantime, we hope to remain as the cornerstone in the ole school building we are in, which is in the process of becoming the community's Activity Center

A year ago, the School District came to the community and stated that they had budgeted \$80 thousand and would be tearing the building down. Nothing had been done to keep this building in repair for the past 20 years. The structure is attached to the only green space in Lyle. The green space has a children's playground and skate park that were both built by volunteers with Economic Development Grant Funds from the county. This park is used by families on a daily basis during the spring, summer and fall. One of the fears was if the old school was to be demolished, would the community lose the green space along with the building?

At that time, Lyle had just completed the first two phases of the North West Area Foundation's Horizons project. (NWA Foundation partnered with Washington State University's Extension Program to implement a program whose mission is to help alleviate poverty in rural communities. Part of the process is to

have the community identify its needs and priorities. Out of this Horizons project, one of the highest needs identified was a community activity center.

The community members have since rallied around and are in the process of finalizing a lease with the School District for the building. It needs so much that we are seeking help with many of the projects: a new roof, new windows, and a new or repaired heating system. There are plumbing problems and much more. In the year the community has been using the facility, many projects have taken place. Hundreds of volunteer have worked hours and hours, cleaning, making temporary roof repairs, plumbing repairs, and basic landscaping/maintenance. There is an area that may be used as a community garden, and the small local grocer has agreed to market any extra produce. The building is being used for Girl Scout meetings, twice monthly community game nights, bazaars at Christmas time as well as various organizations meetings or gatherings are held there almost daily.

In partnership with local tribes, we held an extremely successful Cultural Exchange last May—it even made the Seattle Times. This event will be repeated this coming May. In addition to the Cultural Exchange, military veterans, and state and local government officials will be honored. You are all invited to attend on Saturday May 15, noon to 7 p.m.

Last fall, all the eateries in our community came together and provided a free community dinner at the new Lyle Activity Center—there was music in the park that evening for all to enjoy. We held a 'Come See Santa' night in December, which included music by the Lyle High School jazz band and a Caravan of Lights led by volunteer fire departments in the area. Donations of food and clothing were collected for needy families in Lyle at the same time, and there was cocoa and goodies for all, of course, served by volunteers.

We hope one day to have a place where information is available to those who need assistance or services. For example, someone may need help in their yard and could be matched with a person (continues on page 19)

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a person who has time and energy to do this work. A senior citizen may need someone to pick up medicine for them and someone going to town and could do this.

The ultimate goal is to have a place where young and old can come to feel safe, enjoy card games, quilting, music, board games etc. and for sure visit the Twin Bridges Museum.

Lyle is quickly becoming a vibrant community again with the old timers and newcomers working together on projects that will benefit the town for years to come.

That last comment is so true, don't you agree?? Join in the fun; come see what's going on in your community! Some places to find out more information are (dates and times of these activities are given elsewhere in this issue): OLESS meetings, Game Night, Community Council Meetings, Pavilion building, local hikes and bikes, Saturday breakfast, Lyle's blog.....

The Next Issue...

Glenda Lovejoy

...of To The Point is scheduled to be delivered on or about July 1st. 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 (their names and contact information is on the back page of this issue) or Glenda Lovejoy at 365-6831 or lovejoy@gorge.net. Deadline for submission will be June 20th; earlier is just fine too!

Lyle Hotel—New Hours

The Lyle Hotel's Restaurant is open on Wednesday thru Sunday evenings for dinner, with seating available from 5:30 - 8:00 pm; and on Sundays from 9:00 to 1:00 for Brunch.

The new spring menu includes nightly (and vegetarian) specials. Please note that Lyle Hotel has a 10% discount on lodging for families of Lyle residents. Steve and Marianne are also open for lunch for parties of 8 or more with reservations made in advance.

Contact Steve or Marianne at (509)365-5953 or toll free at (800)447.6310, or visit the website for further information [www.lylehotel.com], or to make reservations.

April 3rd

First Saturday Breakfast

Lyle Lions

Community Center

7-10 am

\$5.00

(\$2.00 for 12 and under)

Ham & Eggs or Omelettes

All the Pancakes You Can Eat

Blueberry Compote

Orange Juice

Coffee

Proceeds go to fund eyeglasses, hearing aids, scholarships and humanitarian projects.

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To laugh often and love much;
to win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
to earn the appreciation of honest critics
and to endure the betrayal of false friends;
to appreciate beauty;
to find the best in others;
to give of one's self;
to leave the world a little better,
whether by a healthy child,
or a garden patch
or a redeemed social condition;
to have played and laughed with enthusiasm
and sung with exultation;
to know that even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived—
this is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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