

Ed's Trail Work Party Report

The Chinook Trail Association sponsored a Saturday, September 17th work party on Ed's Trail.

This trail is on the west side rim of Star Canyon on Silver Star Mountain, and is named in honor of Ed Robertson, the co-founder of the Chinook Trail Association. It is the premier trail in the Silver Star Natural Area.

The work involved brushing and tread restoration on a section of the trail just past the trailhead. The weather was wet and blustery, but an amazing amount of work was done.

The work party participants included Joy Robertson Maciel, oldest daughter of Ed Robertson; Marco Maciel and Grant Geisler, sons-in-law of Ed Robertson; Dante Maciel, grandson of Ed Robertson; and Duane and Karen Schaad, friends of Joy and Marco. Crew leader for the day was Ted Klump and a special thank you goes to Dick

Season's Greetings



Blackburn of the Washington Trails Association for volunteering to be assistant crew leader. Thanks also to Joy Robertson Maciel who recruited the crew members.

Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail Project Report

We are now accepting dues for 2012.



2.8 mile section of trail connecting Battle Ground Lake State Park and Battle Ground's Fairgrounds Park, this phase of the trail is roughly 1.0 mile in length. In order to access the trail, you must park within the Battle Ground Lake State Park. For more information visit . . . <http://www.clark.wa.gov/publicworks/chelatchie/index.html>

Construction on Clark County's Chelatchie Prairie Rail with Trail project is wrapping up, having reached substantial completion with the contracted work.

Additionally, Vancouver-Clark Parks's Americorps team and Clark County Public Works's staff recently completed the installation of the gravel shoulder for equestrian and passive use.

Originally planned as a

Hazel Defenbaugh Fund for Trails Grant



Hazel Defenbaugh

The Chinook Trail Association is pleased to announce a grant from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington through the Hazel Defenbaugh Fund for Trails. The grant has provided funds to upgrade

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and update some of CTA's trail building equipment inventory, preparing us for trail building seasons to come.

Many people of Southwest Washington knew Hazel Defenbaugh. She had a wry sense of humor and a wide array of interests. Her activities and interests ranged from active membership in American University Women to visiting the livestock barns each year at the Clark County Fair. She also had a passion for enjoying the outdoors through hiking. We are grateful to the Community Foundation for helping Hazel's passion for trails live on. She wanted families to share her enjoyment and her memory will be with us as we work on trails in Southwest Washington.

Newsletter by Email

This is a reminder that you can receive your Chinook Trail Association newsletter by e-mail. To make arrangements please contact the Chinook Trail Association office at 360-993-0040.

A big thank you to Chris Geraci for our new CTA Web Site

Some news is only news, but this is really very good news. Chris Geraci, with her many talents and generous spirit, now has the new Chinook Trail Association web site up and running and you can access it at . . .

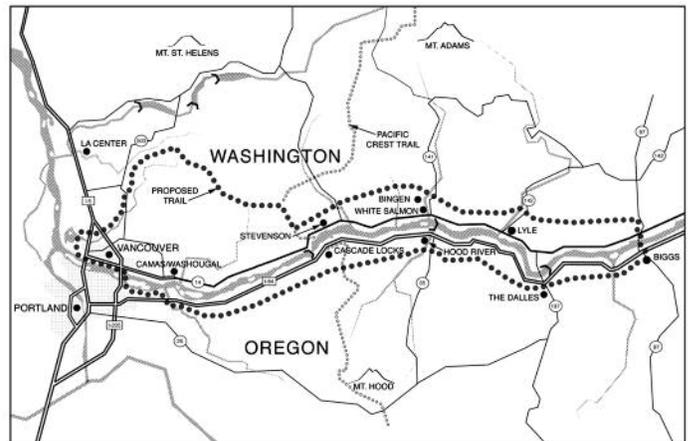
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Chris and her family are long-time county residents who have an equally long history of service to the community. Florence Wager, Chris's aunt, uses words such as "altruistic" and "a helper," to describe Chris, adding that she is one who wants to serve and in doing so, shows how important service is to her and her family. Chris loves the Northwest and is an outdoors person. The CTA is very appreciative of Chris and all that she has contributed to this part of her community.

Annual Meeting Jan. 22nd, 2011

Mark your calendar because it's almost 2012 and that is when the CTA will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at the Water Resources Center from noon to 2:00 p.m. It will be a time of genuine companionship featuring an exceptional presentation by the Friends of the Gorge, joyful music and wonderful food. Individual tickets are \$30.00, but if you invite and bring a friend, or come with a partner or spouse, the cost for a couple is \$50.00. Watch for your invitation coming soon.

And many thanks also to Jenny Cestnik for our new CTA Map



Larry Swatosh has conducted a committed search to develop a map that will provide trail information about the CTA.

This map, which is now the "official" map, was prepared by Jenny Cestnik, a CAD drafter and designer, and an intern architect. Jenny comes from a family of long-term Vancouver residents and she has chosen to continue her family's support of this community. For our Cougar readers, Jenny is a WSU grad.

We are very grateful for Larry's and Jenny's work which has given us such a readable map with effective information. This work was clearly challenging and we appreciate their solving so many problems so beautifully.