

COLESTIN VALLEY BUZZ

April 2004

Tunnel Repairs Proceeding

I spoke with Dan Laviolette, Foreman for L.R.L. Construction Company, Inc. They specialize in landslide and rock fall mitigation, soil stabilization, and tunnel failures. Currently, there is a crew of 32 working at three sites: Hilt and both ends of the tunnel. Repairs continue over four months after a fire of still undetermined origin caused severe damage to Tunnel 13.

It appears that the original Chinese laborers drove the tunnel without using timber supports. Occasionally laborers were distracted from the main tunnel work and instead followed veins of rock promising gold. There is evidence that some of the collapses inside the tunnel were timber raises opened up in pursuit of gold, then buttressed somewhat and covered over. In 1920, big redwood timbers were installed to shore up the tunnel.

When L.R.L. was called in, they made several attempts to put out the fire. Rock falls were created at both ends of the tunnel in order to starve the fire of oxygen. Big fans were also used reverse the airflow and blow the fire back onto itself. Ultimately, the crews waited until the fire quieted down sufficiently for them to work safely inside the tunnel. Even now there are still timbers smoldering. To keep the air from becoming filled with poisonous gases, they are using ventilation fans which suck the tunnel air out the top of the tunnel, with fresh air flowing in the bottom.

The tunnel was approximately 22' high x 15' wide x 3197' long. As the redwood timbers burned and weakened, great portions of the ceiling collapsed, filling the tunnel with debris. Additional cave-ins have been occurring as rock, weakened by weather and even by the action of the fire itself, fragments and crumbles (or spalls). Consequently, the ceiling is wider and higher than it once was, with one collapse daylighting out. (This one is a likely candidate for a gold shaft of yore.)

The basic procedure is to dig out about 20' of muck, check the tunnel rock for solidity and then spray "shotcrete" on the areas which are sound. Shotcrete is concrete with steel needles in it to increase strength, elasticity and durability. Many other mitigating techniques come into play if the rock isn't solid. Structural engineers and geologists are responsible for assuring that the repairs meet construction safety standards.

The various methods of reinforcing the walls and arch of the tunnel have been time-consuming but progress is being made. At this time there is still 1000' of tunnel which hasn't yet been seen, as it lies between the rock collapses at each end of the tunnel. The hope is that this portion of the tunnel is still sound. If it is, the rail line may be running in a matter of a few months. If it isn't, completion of repairs fades into the autumn or later.

Please Note: The tunnel is absolutely not safe for unauthorized people to enter. Rock falls are common and unpredictable and poison gases may accumulate. Stay Out!

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Spring Road Clean-Up a Grand Success

On Saturday April 3, 2004, Mt. Ashland Road residents and volunteers from Mt. Ashland joined together under the auspices of the County to pick up trash from the I-5 Interchange all the way up the "Ski" Road. Clearly, all of us who live hereabouts share a love for the land and are deeply dismayed at the annual litter that accumulates during the winter. Mt. Ashland Road residents decided to take action. Jack Sutherland wrote a Letter to the Editor, signed by many area residents, which led also to a front page story in the Daily Tidings about the on-going trash problem. A meeting with Mt. Ashland representatives and the County resulted in Saturday's efforts. We expect that the clean-up will become an annual event with volunteers from any and all groups who love the mountain and forest and even roadside and want to Keep It Beautiful. Kudos to the following participants: Rick Saul, Katharine Flanagan, both from Mt. Ashland's Marketing Department; Ty

A Memorial Gathering for Glen Archibald

Sunday April 18th at 4 PM at Indigo Ray's Home 482-4939

Please bring food to share, a candle, your love and acceptance.

Our thanks to all our many friends in the Coleson Valley for your phone calls, cards, flowers, plants, food and shoulders' to cry on.

You are a great source of comfort during this
unbelievable tragedy.

Sandra and Kira Archibald

FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Neighbors! I've been logging quite a few travel miles lately and didn't get out the Jan/Feb issue of the Buzz. This Mar/Apr issue is just squeaking in. There seemed to be a winter hibernation period for valley and mountain folk as well, as no submissions or ideas were coming in. Generally, the bi-monthly issues have been working well, but without input from you, I am now electing not to do an issue, making financial adjustments as appropriate. My interest in producing The Buzz is to *provide a forum for community involvement and expression*, not to share Lisa's Interests and Concerns with the valley.

Please help me in this endeavor by submitting informative articles, travel articles, humorous stories, poetry, short stories, news of neat upcoming events etc.

If you are interested in receiving The Buzz by e-mail, and have not been contacted by me, please email me at lbuttrey@starband.net. Presumably, email subscriptions will save on paper and on Buzz mailing expenses.

Volunteers Enjoy Valley and Offer Labor

Mouna Wilson has hosted about 30 Whole Earth Festival volunteers from Davis, California, at the Barnhouse this past weekend. This is their second visit. They worked for two Valley residents helping to clear a piece of property and helping to rebuild a dam. They also did gardening at the Barnhouse. The Whole Earth Festival is an event that has taken place on the University of California, Davis campus, every year on Mother's Day weekend since 1968. Phillip Thomas gave the group a very wonderful tour of the Statue Gardens and the Buddhist Temple. The group was impressed with the beauty and the peacefulness of the Buddhist land and the entire Valley. They look forward to returning at some point this summer and are willing to help with any projects here in the valley. If residents are interested, call Mouna 488-1469.

What the heck am I supposed to do with this stuff?

Recycling Options as found on Jackson County website www.jcrecycle.org

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			32" & over please call for quote.
Drop Off Fees:	\$15 - Washers, Dryers, Dishwashers	Drop Off Fees:	\$20 - 1 complete unit
	\$ 5 - The above without motors		\$15 - 1 Monitor
	\$ 5 - Stoves		\$ 5 - Hard Drive
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			32" & over - please call for quote.

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Appliances without motors, or that have the motor removed are \$5 each. Appliances with motors are \$15 each. Propane tanks (20 lbs. or less) with the valve in place are \$10 each. If the valve has been removed, Schnitzer will accept if free of charge.

- **Motor Oil, Anti-Freeze & Gasoline**

Large containers of motor oil can be taken to Garris Environmental, Inc. at 535 Industrial Circle, White City. They also accept anti-freeze, gas/oil mix and used gasoline. They are equipped to handle residential and commercial customers. There is a small per/gallon charge.

Call for current pricing: 830-1100.

- **Tires**

Burn's Tire Recycling, Inc. at 7070 Crater Lake Hwy., White City, will accept car tires with or without the rim for \$2 each. Truck tires without the rim are \$5 each and \$20 each with the rim. For more information call Burns Tire at: 826-5973

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Garris Environmental - 830-1100

*Also accepts PCB and non-PCB ballasts. Call for current pricing.

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*Also accepts PCB and non-PCB ballasts. Call for current pricing.

Mike Sabol - 535-2330 or 621-6636 Cell

Call for current pricing.

- **Clean Wood**

Biomass One, at 2350 Avenue G, White City, will take clean wood waste. For more information on what is accepted and current rates call 826-9422.

- **Paint***

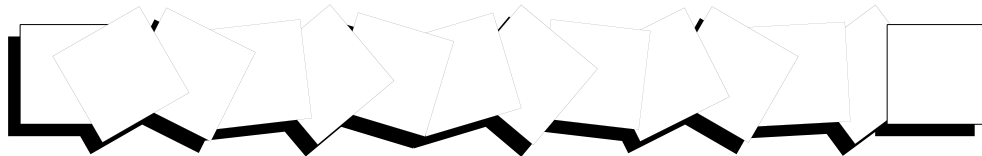
Garris Environmental - 830-1100

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*Please NO lead based paint.

*All prices are subject to change. Call for hours and current pricing information.

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Upcoming Events

Useful Trash Disposal Dates

For more information contact Kathy Ryan, Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator (541)774-6018.

- April 18-19 from 7:30-4pm, **Free Latex Paint Disposal** at the Valley View Transfer Station. They also have a great re-useable paint table.
- April, 19 **Chipper Day** at the Valley View Transfer Station. Russ will announce when more information is available.
- May 2-3 from 8-4pm, **Annual household hazardous waste event** at the Jackson County Expo.
- June 21 from 7:30-4pm, **Discount Date** at the Valley Transfer Station.

Services Available

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- **Propane wall heater**, thermostat remote control. Nice unit, hardly used. Through wall venting included. Perfect condition....asking \$195.
- **Hot tub**, propane heater, eight sided, six foot diameter, two speed motor. Older and in good shape. Asking \$300
- **Fiberglass shower stall** with glass door in pretty good shape. Asking \$50
- Oldie but goodie and priced just right: **'76 Chevy half-ton Van** with six wheels [two of them mounted snow tires with studs]. It is a manual shift, 250 cc six cylinder with power steering. The body is in decent shape, insulated and carpeted with a commercial grade roof rack. 160,000 miles, runs well and gets a constant 17 mpg. A good buy at \$600.

GOPHER TRAPS

Ask John Marin! These gopher traps work. So effective I can sell all but a few of mine! Cinch traps -- \$4 each. 10 for \$35. With \$50 worth, free lesson. Nancy 488-2377

F. Y. I.

Check It Out! Bookmark the Fire Department's website, www.crfd.org. Always chock full of community and fire news and safety info. Many thanks to Betsy Bradshaw.

Familiar Phrases

Turn a Blind Eye

Meaning: Deliberately overlook something

Origin: Goes back to the British admiral Lord Nelson, who was blind in one eye. In 1801, Nelson was second-in-command during a naval attack on Copenhagen. The commanding admiral signaled an order to cease fire. Rather than obey it, Nelson held his telescope up to his blind eye, turned toward the admiral's ship, and told a subordinate, "I don't see anything." The attack continued and the Danish eventually surrendered.

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