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## Gorge Scenic Area stars in expanded Google Maps

With dramatic waterfalls, mountain peaks, alpine lakes and the magnificent Columbia River and Gorge, the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area in Oregon and Washington is one of the United States most spectacular natural areas. Google is celebrating this Earth Day by sharing the region with a global audience through the launch on Google Maps of panoramic images from 20 sites throughout the Columbia River Gorge and Hood River County.

The images were captured

through the Google Maps Trekker program, which outfitted volunteers from the Hood River Chamber of Commerce with wearable Trekker backpacks. The Chamber staff then set out on foot to capture some of the region's most spectacular (and car-free) areas, from the Wahclella Falls Trail, which takes hikers to one of the Gorge's most powerful waterfalls, to the side of Mount

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Where  
Trekker  
takes you.

Hood via the Cooper Spur Trail, to Rowena Plateau, with its spectacular views of the Columbia River Gorge. The Columbia River Gorge is the first region in the Pacific Northwest to be highlighted by Google Maps Trekker.

"We're thrilled that Google chose the beautiful Columbia River National Scenic Area for its first Pacific Northwest Google Trekker project. Now anyone, anywhere in the world, can explore this breath-

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Submitted photo

A HIKER mounts up with a special camera that will take panoramic images of the Columbia River Gorge for Google Maps.

## NEW HOME FOR FISH



**CALEB BELL** carries Irene Best's favorite yellow stool, one of the final items to depart the long-tike FISH food bank home in Concordia Lutheran Church on the Heights.

On Monday Bell and other Ryan Juice Company volunteers helped FISH volunteers move the last shelves, tables, chairs, bulletin boards and bags of food from the June Street location, home for the past 12 years, to FISH's new \$1 million headquarters on Tucker Road next to Asbury Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Food bank patrons now go to the Tucker Road location for food, where they will choose their goods in a supermarket shopping system (photo at right, as volunteers get a tour.)

The yellow stool has been at the food bank since its early days, and was the favorite perch of the late Irene Best, a food bank founder. New furniture, along with nearly-new equipment such as shelving donated by Hood River Supply, will be in use at the expanded food bank site. The Odell, Parkdale and Cascade Locks sites continue to operate on the same schedule. One of the Hood River freezers is being moved to the Cascade Locks site. Additional photo on A10.

Photos by Kirby Neumann-Rea



## Local doctor urges fluoridation at national conference

By **PATRICK MULVIHILL**

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A retired surgeon from Hood River, Dr. Charles Haynie, spoke at a national oral health conference in Kansas City, Mo., last Sunday, advocating water fluoridation for dental health.

Haynie filled in dental leaders from around the nation on the politics of fluoridation in community water supplies at the annual American Association of Community Dental Programs Symposium, part of the National Oral Health Conference held in Kansas City.

Haynie described it as "preaching to the choir," because most of the health professionals present supported fluoride as a water additive in some capacity.

"My fluoridation advocacy began as a small town surgeon and city councilor. I saw too many cases of dental devastation that could have been prevented by proper fluoridation," said Haynie.

The former surgeon argued that low-income families can't afford the costs of fluoride supplements, which are required to prevent expensive cavities. He said one molar cavity costs about \$6,000 to fill, while fluoridated tap water would cost a family less

than three cents per gallon.

Haynie is a former Hood River city councilor and surgeon. Haynie grew up in Milton-Freewater, attended Whitman College in nearby Walla Walla, then went on to study at University of Oregon Medical School and University of Mississippi at Columbia. He served nine years in the U.S. Navy, plying his surgical craft in Washington, D.C., before moving to Hood River in 1977.

Haynie served as a city councilor from 1999 to 2005. During his last year in office, Haynie introduced the idea of a ballot measure for water fluoridation at the November 2004 election, which asked citizens to vote on the additive.

The Hood River Drinking Water Protection political action committee, made up of Hood River citizens, asked that the city charter be amended to prohibit the addition of industrial waste by-products to city water and that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Maximum Contaminant Level Goals be applied to the water supply. The committee successfully passed the initiative in March 2005, and the ballot measure was dropped by the city in August 2005.

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## Trailer rollover closes I-84 near Hood River

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A flipped trailer closed westbound Interstate 84 near Hood River at milepost 49 for nearly four hours Sunday. Traffic was backed up for roughly four miles.

No injuries were reported. According to a report from Oregon State Police Lieutenant Josh Brooks, the trailer driver, Michael Glenn Mulks, 59, of Mesa, Arizona was traveling westbound in the fast lane, moving into the slow lane when he lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle smashed into the guardrail, flipped on its side, then came to rest in the way of traffic. The driver and the passenger, Laura Mulks, 57, also of Mesa,

were uninjured.

Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Transportation officials responded to the scene at about 2:15 Sunday afternoon and closed off both Westbound lanes. Shortly after, ODOT officials allowed traffic to pass on the right shoulder. All lanes were reopened shortly before 5:30 p.m., said ODOT spokesman Don Hamilton.

The vehicles were towed by River's Edge Towing out of Hood River. In another traffic hazard, a hole on westbound I-84 near Troutdale caused ODOT to close the right lane for safety reasons. Delays were expected and the lane was scheduled to stay closed until Tuesday.

### Four To Go

#### Bridge lane closures scheduled

The Port of Hood River announces that the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge will have single lane closures for the entire week of May 11-15 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Commuters using the bridge during those hours should expect up to 15 minute delays. Port of Hood River facilities maintenance crews will be performing maintenance welding to the bridge deck. Flaggers will be stationed on the northbound and southbound lanes of the bridge to direct traffic. For more information contact the Port of Hood River office at 541-386-1645 or via email to porthr@gorge.net.



#### FFA plant sale May 9

The Hood River Valley FFA chapter is hosting its annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Greenhouse, located at Hood River Valley High School, 1220 Indian Creek Road.

Students will have annuals to fill your baskets, bedding plants, vegetable starts and cedar plant identification stakes for sale.

#### Dine Out for a Cure May 11

In support of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of the Columbia Gorge team, Pietro's Pizza and Gallery of Games is donating 20 percent of the restaurant's proceeds all day on May 11. Diners — in and out — must say they are dining for Relay For Life for the group to receive the donation. For more info, contact Terry Joyer 541-399-2081 or tjoyer@charter.net.

#### Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale

The annual OSU Central Gorge Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Learning Garden on the OSU Extension Grounds, 2990 Experiment Station Road in Hood River, rain or shine.

Plants include over 3,000 vegetable starts, flowering perennials, native trees and shrubs, ground covers, herbs and ornamental grasses. Proceeds help to fund the Central Gorge Master Gardener Association and its programs.

