

Sunshine Mill makes first urban renewal loan payment

THE DALLES — Sunshine Mill Winery's owners made their first payment on a \$600,000 urban renewal loan Friday.

With the loan through Columbia Gateway Urban Renewal Agency, the Martins have worked for the last five years to reshape the landscape of the industrial east end of downtown The Dalles and add jobs to the former abandoned mill that had once housed Cheez-It Crackers — creating a flourishing tourist destination in the once desolate spot.

Sunshine Mill and Copa Di Vino employ 76 people at the site.

"This has been among the most exciting and rewarding experiences of our family," said Martin.

"Given our strong track record, I'm confident it will continue to flourish. We are grateful for the opportunity to help start something so innovative and valuable to our community here in The Dalles. We appreciate the support we as a family have received from our incredible staff and those in the community that we are proud to be part of and we will continue to foster the rebirth and resurgence that will continue to bring more jobs and innovation to the area and our community."

James and Molli Martin, President and CEO of Copa Di Vino and Sunshine Mill, celebrated the fifth anniversary of their Sunshine Mill Urban Renewal Project last week. On Friday, May 15,

they made their first payment on the loan, which allowed them to bring a historic landmark back to life.

"My family and I have strong ties to The Dalles. It's where I grew up and where we raised seven generations of Martins. This is a chance for us to return to a community that is a rich part of the fabric of our family; we love that we have been able to create 76 jobs and created a strong resurgence within the town that we call home," Martin said.

For more information about Sunshine Mill and Copa Di Vino at 901 E 2nd St., The Dalles, visit www.sunshinemill.com or www.copadivino.com or call 541.298.8900.



Photo by Sunshine Mill

SUNSHINE MILL and Copa Di Vino are transforming a desolate spot in the east end of downtown The Dalles into a tourist destination, part of their extensive urban renewal project.

Mount St. Helens 'Crater Glacier View Climb' offers view like no other



Photo courtesy of Mount St. Helens Institute

MOUNT ST. HELENS Institute will be leading guided trips to the scenic Glacier View Climb atop the mountain.

Amboy, Wash. — Mount St. Helens Institute is leading multiple guided trips this summer to an up-close view of Crater Glacier from a vantage point on the north side of the mountain.

The eight-mile hike begins at Windy Ridge and crosses the Pumice Plain—ground zero during the 1980 eruption and an area that has seen a remarkable resurgence of life in the past 35 years. Participants then climb to a vantage point at 5,300 feet with an eye-level, panoramic view of Crater

Glacier, the lava domes formed during the 1980 to 1986 and 2004 to 2008 eruptive periods and spectacular the Loowit Falls cascading out of the crater.

Along the way, Mount St. Helens Institute guides share natural history knowledge of the resilient landscape as participants enjoy views of nearby Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, Spirit Lake, Mt. Margaret Backcountry and Goat Rocks Wilderness.

"The Crater Glacier View Climb offers a perspective

from the opening of the horseshoe shaped crater and an experience like no other on Mount St. Helens. The view of glacier, lava domes and crater walls and will take your breath away," says Peter Frenzen, Mount St. Helens monument scientist. "Other than by helicopter, there is no better view of what's happening inside the Mount St. Helens crater than this one," Frenzen said.

Crater Glacier View Climbs are offered week-ends from July 25th through September 12th. These climbs are available by guided trip only; the cost of this adventure is \$195 (\$145 is a tax-deductible donation). The Mount St. Helens Institute operates under a special use permit from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

For more information and to sign up for this climb visit: <http://bit.ly/CraterGlacierViewClimb>. For a preview of the beautiful sights, watch the Mount St. Helens Institute's video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTjG0sfUKFM>.

Washington man dies in White Salmon River kayak accident

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Post Independent

Vail, Wash. — Area residents were saddened to learn over the weekend of the death of 20-year-old Logan Jauernigg, of Edwards, Wash.

Jauernigg, a 2013 graduate of Battle Mountain High School, drowned Friday in a kayaking accident on the Green Truss section of the White Salmon River in Washington state.

As of Sunday, official reports had yet to be released from the Klickitat County Search and Rescue. A kayaker who was with Jauernigg at the time of the incident said Jauernigg was separated from his kayak in the Zigzag Canyon rapid, and his body was subsequently pinned underwater.

Jauernigg was the third in a group of three kayakers who entered the rapid one at a time.

The Green Truss section of the White Salmon River is classified as Class V, or most difficult whitewater by American Whitewater. The Zigzag Canyon rapid consists of Upper Zigzag and Lower Zigzag, both approximately 200 yards long requiring expert navigation.

"He was always putting 100 percent into everything he did. I have never met anyone like him," said Annika Heid, a student at Battle Mountain High School.

"They are the type of rapids where it is difficult to offer any assistance, so you are pretty much on your own until you get to the recovery pool at the bottom," reads the rapids description on the American Whitewater website.

Jauernigg lived in the Columbia River Gorge area from September to December of 2014 and was very familiar with the Green Truss

section of whitewater, having completed the run approximately 20 times.

A kayaker who was with Jauernigg on Friday and also with him throughout his stay in the area in 2014 said Jauernigg was very confident in the rapid and knew every move well. The had group already descended what is considered more challenging rapids on the Green Truss, such as Big Brother—a 30-foot waterfall—and Double Drop, a set of ledge drops that stack on top of one another.

Despite being regularly paddled for more than 20 years, at least three other deaths have occurred on the Green Truss, including two in Zigzag Canyon, one in 1994 and one in 2012. The other death occurred upstream on Big Brother falls in 1997. Kayakers in all three incidents were described as being of expert ability.

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