



## GEARING UP AT TRAILGATE

44 Trails hosted its first ever "Trailgate" at the Billy Bob Snow Park in the Mt Hood National Forest. The gathering attracted over 100 people who learned about the trail expansion efforts that are being championed by the 44 Trails group. Music was provided by Cripple Hop, food was provided by Timberline Lodge, and Fat Tire Farm came with a fleet of demo bikes. Contributions came from Bell, Best Western Plus Hood River Inn, Camp 1805, Crankbrothers, Dalles City Cycles, Dakine, Dirty Fingers Bike Repair, Full Sail Brewing, Northwest Graphics, Ovino Market, Off-Piste Magazine, Pine St Bakery, pFriem Family Brewing, Solstice Café, TerraSpatial Technology, Hood River UPS, HRATS and the US Forest Service. 44 Trails is a non profit corporation that exists on donations and grants. "This was a great event enjoyed by all who attended. Stay tuned for future trail events, check out our website 44trails.org," said organizer Joe McCulloch.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE PARK



About 300 people gathered at Jackson Park Sunday, mostly in shady areas, for the sixth annual Worship in the Park organized by Columbia Gorge Fellowship of Churches. Emily Nagreen, above, speaks on her life and work in India, where she has lived for 14 years. Behind her is the worship band from White Salmon's New Beginnings Church. Nagreen, who attended high school in Hood River, and her husband, a native of India, are raising funds to build a school. (Information on her work is available through Shepherd of the Valley Church.) In her testimonial, Nagreen thanked the community of Hood River for its ongoing support for her work and said that whenever she doubts the good she is doing in India, she reminds herself that "God has been doing things, and I have had the privilege of witnessing Him doing things in ways that touch people, people who would never have known that He loves them. When I went to India I was just out of high school, I had no college education, I just said, 'I'm just going to go.' God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called, and along the way he gave me the skills to do the things I needed to do His work. If you think God can't use you, you might be thinking too highly of yourself, because God uses the weak."



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