

Chinook Trek #38

September 2002

# CTA's Fourteenth Annual Meeting set for Nov. 3rd

by Paul Clare

Washington Trails Association Executive Director Elizabeth Lunney is scheduled to speak at the upcoming CTA Annual Meeting and Luncheon on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2002 at 12 noon. We will again gather at the Water Resources Center. For those who have not attended previously, the facility is located on the Columbia River east of Columbia Way Industrial Park. Access is from Highway 14 at the interchange south of Ft. Vancouver Historical Site. Traveling east on Columbia Way just beyond the railroad underpass, follow the sign past Marine Park to the Water Resources Center at the end of the road.

Featured speaker Elizabeth Lunney is the Executive Director of

the statewide Washington Trails Association, a highly successful non-profit trail organization. She will address the importance of organizations like WTA, Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCT) and the CTA in making sure that trails are constructed and adequately maintained during this time of federal and state agency budget and manpower constraints.

The White Sturgeon Gallery at the Water Resources Center will be featuring the photo artistry of Al Florey in a show entitled "Along the Columbia." Local musician and songwriter Peter Dubois will entertain us with his Earth Friendly compositions.

You will be receiving a follow up invitation mailing with all the



Shown here at 2 years of age, Elizabeth Lunney's hiking career began on the volcanic plains of Iceland where her parents were stationed when she learned how to walk. To this day, her favorite places still remain those short on vegetation such as Mount St. Helens and the lava fields of Oregon's Three Sisters, although she can also be found searching out old growth forests, alpine meadows, and her very favorite thing: huckleberries.

details along with an R.S.V.P. card.

See you all there.

Call Megan at 360-906-6769 or Paul Clare at 360-892-8173 for more details.

## Discovery Trail Connector With Ellen Davis Trail Celebration Links Chinook Trail

by Don Cannard

The pedestrian-bicycle overpass over the I-5 freeway will be officially dedicated with a celebration on Saturday, October 5 at 9:30 a.m. Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Brian Baird will participate in this event along with local and transportation officials and the citizens advisory committee members. The completion of the WDOT I-5 Main Street to 78th Street improvement project marks a major help for users including numerous interpretive signs telling of the various aspects of the trails in the area. Other treats are in store for event goers. The

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*Mark Your  
Calendars*



- \* **I-5 Crossing Dedication**  
Sat., Oct. 5th, 9:30 a.m.
- \* **Make A Difference Day**  
Sat., Oct. 26th
- \* **Annual Meeting**  
Sun., Nov. 3rd, Noon



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by Roger Anderson, Project Manager

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Would your family, business, or any organization you belong to like to construct a bridge for us? A brass plaque with the builder's name on it will be affixed to each bridge when the Bells Mtn. Trail project is completed. Step forward and be a part of this legacy by calling the CTA office at 360-906-6769 to sign-up



DNR crew moving 25-foot beams for bridge #1 on the Bells Mtn. Trail



# Little Beacon Rock Trail Dedication

On June 8th the 1,000-foot, barrier-free Little Beacon Rock Trail from the Hadley Monument to the newly constructed Beacon Rock overlook was dedicated. This Chinook Trail Association activity finalized the restoration work on all phases of the federally funded National Recreational Trails Program (NRTP) grant administered by the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC).

Highlights of the dedication included tin whistle and bagpipe music reverberating through the forest above Beacon Rock provided by Gayle Gibberd. Joe Palena, a member of the Columbia River Gorge Commission, gave the invocation and commented upon the importance of continued efforts to assist in providing recreation and facilities in the Gorge. He emphasized the Gorge Commission's desire to continue to support recreation as a vital part of the Gorge economy. Cleve Pinnex, retiring Director of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, brought us greetings and commended CTA for their efforts to improve recreational offerings at



Don Cannard and wife Sue pose with flowers of appreciation.

Beacon Rock State Park. Paul Malmberg, Regional Parks Administrator, and Steve Johnson, Beacon Rock Manager, thanked Project Coordinator Don Cannard and presented him with an "Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2001" complete with commemorative lapel pin, coffee mug, and wall plaque. Awards were presented by CTA and Washington State Parks to

the Wyeth Forest Group and the Northwest Service Academy for their outstanding and continued work at Beacon Rock Park on a large variety of projects involving trail restoration and Hardy Creek projects. The event was followed by lunch complete with a celebratory cake and a hike on the newly constructed trails.

## CHINOOK TRAIL ASSOCIATION (CTA) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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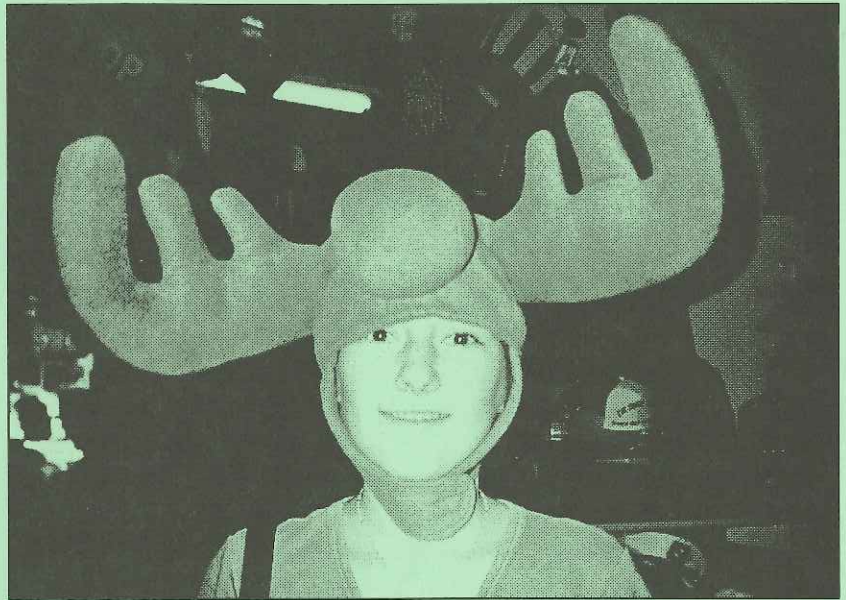
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# CTA Hires Office Staff Person . . .

by Ted Klump, President

Our Americorps person for last year, Megan Murray, whose tour ended in July, has been hired for three months. Beginning August 15 and running through November 15, she will help with a variety of things from membership to organizing the Annual Meeting. The board has been discussing at length how best to pursue our goal of moving forward from an all volunteer organization to a paid staff, something we feel is vital to the future health and growth of our organization. This is the first step in achieving that goal. Megan will be working an average of 12 hours a week and we look forward to working with her. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find an envelope for contributions to help offset her salary. Your financial assistance will be greatly appreciated.



Megan Murray, our new office staff person, shown here as "A.J. The Moose" at the Home & Garden Idea Fair in April where she entertained and educated the kids about trails.

## Megan's Reflections on her Year with CTA

by Megan Murray

I would like to reflect on my Americorps Service year with CTA. As I started out in September I mainly focused on office work, then began helping out on the trail, first working at Beacon Rock on the Hardy Creek Trail, and then spending a week with a Metro Americorps team camping and working on the Hardy Creek Trail. We planted about 100 ferns that week and did other trail work. This would have been more fun had it not rained on us three out of the four days we were there. It was also very chilly at night and the work was a real challenge as we fought the mud, rain, wind and cold. In the end however, spirits were high.

Another highlight was the new trail work party I started called Holiday Trails Day. At a trail work party in December, we worked on the Bells Mtn. Trail where we provided candy canes and wore

holiday clothing. I would like to do this again this year and get more volunteers to come.

I spent a lot of time in the office during the winter going over spring schedules and office work, but in February I was able to return to Beacon Rock and spend a week at the group camp with a Mt. Adams Americorps crew. We planted 1,000 trees and did some work on the Little Beacon Rock Trail.

After that spike camp I went back to Beacon Rock one month later for a spring break work party with Lewis and Clark College students from Portland Oregon. We spent four days working on trail maintenance and the Little Beacon Rock Trail.

From February through April I worked with many local schools on some of our trails and taught 6th through 12th graders about our trails and the uses of them. Also

along these lines, in April I brought out another talent of mine and created the puppet "A.J. The Moose" and took him to the Home and Garden Idea Fair to continue entertaining and educating kids about trails.

Work parties and National Trails Day took up most of May and June and for the last part I worked with the ESD 112 Youth Employment group on Moulton Falls, Chinook Ridge, and Silver Star Mtn. trails.

One of the best parts about this year was to be able to start on the bridges and hopefully I will get to be there when the trail is complete.

Thanks to all who helped me in my service year and I am now happy to be the first paid staff for Chinook Trails to help with reaching our goal of building the Gorge Loop Trail.



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# CTA Obtains New Trailer for Hauling Track Totes

by Ted Klump

With thanks to the generosity of Daryl Hoyt of Twin Oaks Construction, we have converted an old utility trailer donated by Silver Star Enterprises into a flat bed for hauling our track totes. Daryl was kind enough to donate the welding labor for this project. We can load all three totes on the trailer for hauling to various job site locations. We have used it several times recently for getting our totes into the trailheads for hauling materials for our bridge projects on Bells Mountain. It is a real asset to our organization. Thank you Daryl.

## Mission Statement

### The Chinook Trail Association (CTA):

- Advocates development of a Columbia River bi-state loop trail;
- Cooperates with appropriate local, state and federal agencies to develop this recreational resource;
- Monitors and participates in route selection, design standards, trail development and maintenance in an ongoing spirit of conservation to preserve the natural beauty of the Gorge;
- Provides information and education to develop public support.

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## Tidbits...

- ☺ **Kudos for Don Cannard** for his "Tree Saving" (watering) on St. Johns Road.
- ☺ **Margaret Zuke** – River Boat Cruise from the Seine and Rhone Rivers from Paris to Nice.
- ☺ **Phil Durkee** – On an extended hiking tour vacation across the country.
- ☺ **Columbian "Poster Boy" Bill Byrd** promoting walking.
- ☺ **Susan Saul** – Vacated on the Isle of Man and Britain's Lake Scenic District.
- ☺ **Roger Anderson** – Again represented CTA at a recent FWOC meeting.
- ☺ **Florence Wager** – Drumming up enthusiasm for Fit-Vancouver USA.



# 2002 Work Parties

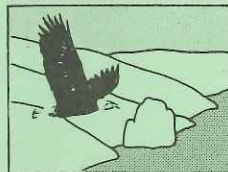
## Chinook Trail Association 2002 Work Parties

- Sept. 14 . . . Bells Mountain
- Sept. 21 . . . Bells Mountain
- Sept. 28 . . . Pick Up The Pinchot
- Oct. 5 . . . . I-5 Dedication**
- Oct. 12 . . . Bells Mountain
- Oct. 19 . . . Bells Mountain
- Oct. 26 . . . Make A Difference Day**

All work parties meet at 8 a.m. at the south parking lot of Clark Public Utilities, 8600 N.E. 117th Ave (SR 503).

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**ANNUAL MEETING**