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David E. Kenny to retire from First Independent Bank

The world is waiting for **David Kenny**.

After serving his employer and the community for 43 years, Kenny will officially retire from First Independent Bank on October 31. But there is no armchair waiting for Kenny. He has big plans and the world is waiting.

For starters, the longtime community volunteer plans to continue serving with local organizations.

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--David E. Kenny
on his sports officiating career**

Over the years, he's stumped for schools, helped start the now-famous Vancouver Fireworks celebration, served at senior luncheons, worked as Vancouver Chamber president, and hosted foreign exchange students. And that's just the beginning of a list that fills pages.

The volunteer work will continue, Kenny says, and he's especially excited to have more time for some of his biggest passions -- sports, grandchildren and his grandchildren's sports.

Inducted in 1995 into the American Softball Association Umpires Hall of Fame, Kenny, who also has officiated and coached all levels of youth and adult sports, including soccer, volleyball and baseball, says he will continue his whistle work. "I've gone 31 years without making a mistake, why quit now?" he says.

Kenny says he is looking forward to spending more time with his six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and to enjoying the various sports they are involved with.

But with the world waiting, Kenny will be doing some traveling as well. Long active with the Rotary's foreign exchange program, Kenny and his wife **Patricia**, (high school sweethearts who wed in 1959), have become friends with students and families they've hosted. They plan to



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head to Santiago, Chile followed with a trip to Hungary and Poland. And Archbishop **Nicodemus Kirima** of Nyeri, Kenya has invited the couple to his seminary and school for mission work.

As for his long career with First Independent, Kenny says he feels like the luckiest guy on earth.

"The thing I really enjoyed about the development of my banking career was being able to deal with people from a position of honesty...and the ability to get to know my customers....One of the reasons for my success is the support I've received from the ownership of the bank, the Firstenberg family, employees, my spouse and my family. They've been an integral part in everything I've done."

"In my 43 years in banking I've met a lot of wonderful people -- I've made some great friendships and had a lot of successes. I consider it a privilege to work for a community bank, Kenny says."

Since he started with First Independent on May 18, 1958 as a teller, bookkeeper and proof machine operator, "technology has certainly gone light years into warp speed."

But some things haven't changed, he says, thanks to First Independent's commitment to the community.

"We still don't have a 1-800 telephone wait," Kenny says.

A celebration of Kenny's 43 years of service and devotion will be held on Wednesday, October 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the 5th Floor of First Independent Bank's Main Street location. The world is invited to attend.

Ragamuffin deli plans free Thanksgiving dinner

The owners of Ragamuffin's Deli, 6305 NE Highway 99, Vancouver, will serve a free Thanksgiving dinner to all who can use it on Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Nov. 27, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A full turkey dinner complete with pumpkin pie will be served by families of Ragamuffin's owners and Vancouver's mayor, **Royce Pollard**.

Customers and the public can help fund the deli's "Free Feast of Thankfulness" by donating \$2.02 per meal.

Call **Max** or **Linda Winterroth, 693-3920** or **Lee Grover, 696-8399** for more information.

Thursday on the Air

Vancouver Police Department Recognition Ceremony—5 p.m., CVTV
Game 5 World Series—5 p.m., Channel 12/Fox
Clark County Planning Commission(LIVE)—6:30 p.m., CVTV

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Royce Pollard riding for his lunch <i>☼☼☼</i>	Acapulco	82/71
Jessica Lighthouse settling in. <i>☼☼☼</i>	Athens	69/56
Alison Wesockes moderating. <i>☼☼☼</i>	Chicago	52/44
Jeremy Williams keeping watch over sprouts. <i>☼☼☼</i>	Dallas	68/51
Tiffany Bosket enjoying the gleam. <i>☼☼☼</i>	Hong Kong	80/72
Thursday , cooler, showers possible, pleasantly autumnal, 65. Friday , cool but sunny, 66. Saturday , more of the same, 67.	Los Angeles	76/61
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