

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Brett Rogers named associate director of state small business development group

Brett Rogers, who for the past two and a half years has been director of business expansion and retention for the Columbia River Economic Development Council, has been named associate director of the Washington Small Business Development Center, headquartered in Spokane.



Brett Rogers

Prior to joining CREDC, Rogers was owner of The Echo Group, an international economic development consulting firm.

Bart Phillips, CREDC executive director, credits Rogers for helping CREDC become more engaged with existing businesses and manufacturers and, as a result, helping to bring in at least \$13 million in new investment in the community.

Phillips says a recruitment process to replace Rogers begins Friday.

Transportation expert prescribes regional financial planning for I-5 choke-point cure

“Now is the time for the region [Washington and Oregon] to find ways to finance transportation improvements at the I-5 choke-point [the Columbia River],” Lance Grenzeback, author of a study detailing economic effects of declining Interstate 5 corridor freight mobility, told a Vancouver audience this morning.

The alternative is to be prepared for increased congestion and increased economic costs, Grenzeback stated.

“Congestion at the Columbia River crossings is not just a local problem, it is a Pacific Northwest Problem,” according to Grenzeback. “The region’s economy is built on transportation-intensive industries. As a consequence, the Washington-Oregon economy is more dependent on transportation and spends more proportionally on transportation than the nation as a whole.”

Grenzeback said that the region has an efficient transportation system today, but if the region loses reliable and cost-effective access to its businesses, farms, ports, airports and trade partners, the regional economy loses.

Without action, he continued, the duration of peak-period congestion at the Interstate Bridge will double from four hours today to nearly 10 hours in 2020. The congestion will spread into the midday period, delaying commercial traffic by 140 percent.

The rail network within the Vancouver-Portland area is equally congested, he said. “Rail congestion adds about 40 minutes to every train move, twice the delay in Chicago, the nation’s largest rail hub.”

The study Grenzeback conducted for the Oregon State Department of Transportation did not suggest specific

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fixes for local congestion, but it did allude to the proposals already made by the bi-state I-5 Trade and Transportation Partnership.

These include rail as well as such highway improvements as additional highway lanes and light rail access across a new or expanded I-5 crossing at the existing location.

VE Day anniversary will be celebrated in Vancouver Barracks ceremony Thursday

A 6 p.m., Thursday, May 8, celebration of the 58th anniversary of VE Day, which concluded World War II, will be celebrated in the Vancouver Barracks auditorium.

Speakers are Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard and chair of the board of Clark County Commissioners, Craig Pridemore.

The Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Oregon will have vehicles on display.

The public event is sponsored by the Southwest Washington Veterans Memorial Museum, a local group of veterans who plan to raise money to create a museum commemorating the history of World War II and the wars in Korea and Vietnam.

City sets 3rd transportation finance meeting

Vancouver’s Transportation Finance Task Force is holding its 3rd meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, in the Port of Vancouver board room, 3103 NW Lower River Road. City staff will present funding options to address a current \$14 million annual shortfall in transportation funding.

Thursday on the air

What a Difference a Greenway Makes—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Nez Perce Memorial Ceremony—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Focus—5:30 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Yankees at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Thursday, May 8, 2003

Alaska Air Group	19.06	+01	Linear Technology	35.01	-.24
Alcoa	22.74	-.32	Microsoft	25.75	-.24
Amazon.com	30.45	-.25	Nautilus	13.40	-.07
Bank of America	73.69	-.57	Nike	53.37	-.75
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	16.10	-1.51
Bemis	45.75	-.31	PepsiCo	43.10	-.08
Boeing	28.14	-.24	Precision Cast	28.80	-.21
Boise Cascade	23.77	-.11	RRLRN	19.80	-.43
CenturyTel	31.40	+15	Starbucks	23.00	-.60
Costco	34.95	+61	TSM	8.23	-.31
Expeditors Intl.	34.09	-2.50	Tektronix	19.03	+18
Georgia Pacific	16.92	unch	US Bancorp	22.19	-.64
HPQ	17.09	-.13	Wash. Mutual	40.17	-.03
Intel	18.87	-.29	W. Coast Bancorp	15.90	+18
Kyocera	50.46	-.40	Weyerhaeuser	49.15	+21

DOW: 8491.22 -69.41 NASDAQ: 1489.69 -17.07 S&P: 920.27 -9.35

Town Tabloids and The Weather

Nancy Nellor and Jim Retsinas planning “small” ceremony in August.	Acapulco	90/75
🌩️ Vinton Erickson getting platform share. 🌩️ Rick McMillan going after class-A ticket. 🌩️ Roger Qualman saying hello first. 🌩️ Mike Worthy using big words. 🌩️ Thursday, more clouds, possible rain, 58. Friday, Cloudy, sunbreaks, possible light showers, 64. Saturday, sun to follow clouds, 66.	Athens	78/62
	Chicago	63/53
	Dallas	92/74
	Hong Kong	86/75
	Los Angeles	66/53
	London	60/40
	New Orleans	91/75
	New York	64/52
	Orlando	92/70
	Paris	67/45
	Phoenix	84/60
	Rome	82/63
	Seattle	58/44
	Sydney	74/57
	Tokyo	75/50
	Washington	82/56