

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Commissioners hear results of Clark Public Utilities' Columbia Springs partnership

When the state of Washington was putting the venerable Vancouver Fish Hatchery at 12208 SE Evergreen Highway on the auction block in 1997, Clark Public Utilities, feeling a need to maintain environmental partnerships, stepped in with a plan, and \$275,000 in cash, to save the historic hatchery and its 44 bucolic acres in Vancouver's high-rent district.

Today, the hatchery property, now known as the Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center, is producing again—trout and steelhead, valued at a million dollars a year—and is a magnet for environmental studies at both the K-12 and college levels. During the past year nearly 8,000 students pursued in-class and laboratory studies in the center. Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center has expanded to 156 acres of trails, creeks and springs, fauna and flora.

The center has grown to have its own corporate board of directors and has a full-time executive director, **Jan Van Dyke**, who was a utility district commissioner when the center was first envisioned.

While the center's budget has grown to \$648,000, Clark Public Utilities is still the primary source of support (331,000 this year), although the partnership that began between the utility and the department of fisheries has grown to include Vancouver, Clark College, the Clark College Foundation, the Evergreen School District, Columbia Springs, and Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center Foundation.

The utility commissioners, revisiting their participation in community programs, today heard one of their managers, **Dean Sutherland**, who is also a member of the center's board and president of the center's foundation board, outline a possible new partnership in which the environmental center would be the focus.

Today's workshop is preliminary to the utility's developing its 2004 budget.

Sutherland, who was the utility's point person in developing the original partnership, conducted today's review.

"Clark is involved because the center complements our utility work, is a reinvestment in our community, demonstrates our commitment to the environment, provides local recreational opportunities for our customers and has saved a valuable community asset," Sutherland stated.

The decision to form the initial partnership came at the time when the utility diversified its power supply, generating half its power from its natural gas turbine and buying the remainder on the open market. When the utility bought power from Bonneville Power Administration, BPA earmarked hundreds of thousands of dollars from the utility's bill for fish restoration.

The utility viewed saving the fish hatchery as an opportunity to maintain its environmental commitment, according to Sutherland.

The center is open to visitors between 7:30 a.m. and

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dusk daily. For further information, call 882-0936.

People

Battle Ground High School graduate **Christopher Dow**, with a perfect score of 100 percent, has won the state Trig-Star competition and has qualified for national competition later this year. Trig-Star is an annual trigonometry competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors. ~~SES~~ The top Clark County Fair Association scholarship winner is **Mariel Klauber**, Battle Ground High School graduate, whose award is \$3,500. Awards announced today also went to **Jackie Rademacher**, Heritage High School, \$3,000, and **Kristen Smith**, Skyview High School, \$2,500. Also earning scholarships were **Kathleen Walker**, **Casey McDonald**, **Vanessa Bisbee**, **Megan Smith**, **Leah Hardwick**, **Miranda Wannamaker**, **Tim Schoen**, **Christine Laxson**, **Lisa Streissguth** and **Mari Kennedy**. The fair association awarded a total of \$25,600 in scholarships this year.

News briefs

A public meeting to discuss a proposed ballot measure for .25 percent real estate excise tax to finance acquisition of open space and farmland is at 7 p.m. tonight in the La Center High School Commons, 725 Highland Road, La Center. ~~SES~~ Free movie: Regal Cinema, Hazel Dell, *Scooby Doo*, 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 2. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 2.

Tuesday on air

First Citizen Award—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Youth Achievement—5 p.m. CVTV
County Real Estate Tax Proposal—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Tacoma (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KOTK
Portland Timbers at Vancouver (live)—7 p.m. KKPZ
County Commissioners Comp Plan Hearing (6/30)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT Tuesday, July 1, 2003

Alaska Air Group	21.64	+19	Linear Technology	33.04	+.66
Alcoa	22.50	unch	Microsoft	26.15	+.51
Amazon.com	37.25	+93	Nautilus	12.15	-.25
Bank of America	80.00	+97	Nike	53.88	+.39
Bank of Clark County	15.60	unch	Nordstrom	19.79	+.27
Bemis	47.00	+20	PepsiCo	44.39	-.11
Boeing	34.65	+33	Precision Cast	31.15	+.05
Boise Cascade	23.84	-.06	RLRN	21.31	-.39
CenturyTel	34.93	+08	Starbucks	25.33	+.78
Costco	36.51	-.09	TSM	10.40	+.32
Expeditors Intl.	34.33	-.13	Tektronix	21.57	-.03
Georgia Pacific	19.06	+11	US Bancorp	24.72	+.22
HPQ	21.18	-.12	Wash. Mutual	41.90	+.60
Intel	21.41	+.60	W. Coast Bancorp	17.73	-.48
Kyocera	58.91	+1.91	Weyerhaeuser	53.07	-.93

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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Eric Fuller clearing his throat. SES	Acapulco	91/79
Jeff Easterly and John Griffin getting all-stars ready. SES	Athens	91/76
Jill Yates announcing the prizes. SES	Chicago	86/64
Erin Dunbar names a winner. SES	Dallas	92/73
Martha Howe showing city clickers down home hospitality. SES	Hong Kong	86/77
Diane Liefke making connections. SES	Los Angeles	82/62
Tuesday , mostly sunny, 72.	London	65/49
Wednesday , sunnier, 74.	New Orleans	86/76
Thursday , blue sky and sunshine, 78.	New York	85/71
	Orlando	90/73
	Paris	62/45
	Phoenix	110/84
	Rome	94/67
	Seattle	68/50
	Sydney	61/37
	Tokyo	82/64
	Washington	86/71