

### Lee Coulthard elected president of the Clark County Skills Center Foundation



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**Lee Coulthard**, Washougal, a Clark County business entrepreneur and outdoorsman, has been elected president of the Clark County Skills Center Foundation. Coulthard succeeds **Mike Anderson**, a Clark County Sheriff's Office commander.

Coulthard is Northwest Regional ServiCenter manager for Boise Paper Solutions, a division of Boise Cascade. Coulthard has owned his own business in Clark County and has extensive experience locally and nationally in the paper industry. He earned bachelors degrees from Oregon State University and a masters degree in mechanical engineering from Oklahoma University. He also studied at Harvard University.

Coulthard is a former marathon runner and sail boar racer. He has climbed Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens and is working on Mt. Baker.

Also elected to the foundation board were vice president **Jeff Williams**, Jeff Williams Marketing; treasurer **Al Deming**, financial management consultant; and secretary **Terry "Tim" Parsley**, educational consultant.

The Skills Center, which is owned and operated by nine southwest Washington school districts, provides technical and professional training programs to prepare high school and college students for the workforce.

### Give 'em the Pickle author Robert Farrell to keynote neighborhood associations forum

**Robert Farrell**, author of the nationally acclaimed business motivational book *Give 'em the Pickle*, will keynote the neighborhood associations' forum 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Water Resources Center.

Farrell, who founded Farrell's Ice Cream Parlors and is former chair of Pacific Coast Restaurants, will discuss the value of partnerships at the session sponsored by Vancouver, Clark County, and the Vancouver and Clark County Neighborhood Associations.

Farrell, who went on to found Engine House Pizzas, was also involved in the opening of hundreds of successful restaurants, including Stanfords, Newport Bay, Portland City Grill, and Henry's 12th Street Tavern, in Portland's Pearl District.

A panel discussion on successful community partnerships, moderated by **Adrie nne DeDona**, Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods, features panelists **Eric Nolan**, Clark County Sheriff's Office, **Lee McCallister**, Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association, **David Judd**, Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation, **Kari Stanley**, Legacy Health System, and **Bud Van Cleve**, NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association. The forum concludes with a workshop on partnering led by **Jennifer Reed** and **Doug Ballou**.

### Economist says Internet will help small businesses thrive

**John Mitchell**, Western Regional economist for US Bancorp, told an audience of 75 small business owners today that the continuing drop in the cost of information and communications would enable many smaller businesses to reach more customers and customers in different geographic areas, and to expand their markets using the internet.

Mitchell addressed the Grow and Thrive in 2005 workshop, which was presented by the Washington State University Small Business Development Center and sponsored by the *Vancouver Business Journal* and Byrd Financial Group.

Mitchell said that he expects the national economy to continue to grow during 2005 and that inflation should be between two and three percent.

### Volunteers presented Spirit of Clark County Awards

Clark County commissioners today presented annual Spirit of Clark County Awards to 13 local volunteers. Leading the list was **Ina Moritz**, who has served as a volunteer for the Clark County Health Department twice a week for the past 25 years. The value of her volunteer hours was estimated, conservatively, at \$325,000.

**Bridget Schwarz**, president of the Fair Grounds Neighborhood Association, was honored for having put together a group of about 50 volunteers, who on 48 hours' notice, put together a reception in the Clark County Sheriff's Office, West Precinct, for the over 1,000 public safety personnel from 13 western states, who attended a memorial service for County sheriff's officer Brad Crawford, who died in the line of duty.

Also honored were a group of 11 volunteers who collectively staff the local guardianship monitoring program. More than \$1 million improperly removed from guardianship accounts has been restored due to their efforts. Working with county clerk **Jo Anne McBride** and attorney **Linda Langsdorf Johnson**, they are **Paul Fischl**, **Anne Freeman**, **Maryalice Gordon**, **Willa Grey**, **Diane Hanke**, **George Haussmann**, **Beverlymae Isaacson**, **Carol Nufer**, **Eugene Robertson**, **Helen Sovec** and **Judy Walls**.

### People

**James Swanger**, Clark County District Court commissioner, will teach a Street Law class at Hudson's Bay High School. Hudson's Bay is one of five schools in the state offering the class in which a judge and a teacher team up to present courses on the local justice system. Hudson's Bay teacher **Lynn Butts** is the teacher partner in the course. Swanger is a 1972 graduate of Hudson's Bay.

### News briefs

The 2005 Women Moving Forward Conference is 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in Gaiser Hall at Clark College. Admission,

which includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack, is \$30, and \$20 for students and seniors. Walk-in registration will be accepted. 📍 The Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce annual Recognition Banquet is at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in the Cedars Golf Club. 📍 Bravo! Vancouver presents “The Best of the Baroque” in its 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, concert in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Road. Headliner is trumpeter **Gerald Webster**. Admission at the door is \$12 and \$15. 📍 Additional police officers are being assigned driving under the influence patrols following the Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6.

### Friday headlines from at home and around the world:

[State's economic outlook shines--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)  
[Angry, noisy Salmon Creek crowd opposes methadone clinic--Columbian, \*\*Kathie Durbin\*\*](#)  
[Surprise \\$200,000 donation gives Washington State University Vancouver permanent endowment fund--Columbian, \*\*Tom Vogt\*\*](#)  
[\\$11 million retail center planned for Woodland--Columbian, \*\*Gretchen Fehrenbacher\*\*](#)  
[John Karpinski wants state to weigh in on local growth management plan--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)  
[Judge refuses to dismiss lawsuit over governor election--Seattle Times, \*\*David Postman\*\*](#)  
[Rice says attacking Iran is 'Not on Agenda', Washington Post, \*\*Robin Wright\*\*](#)  
[Columbian's best bets for entertainment](#)

### Friday on the air

2005 Clark County Economic Forecast—5:30 p.m. CVTV  
 Animal Control Hearings (1/26)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland Winter Hawks at Seattle (live)—7 p.m. KUPL**  
**Charlotte at the Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KXL, KRMZ**  
 Telecommunications Commission (2/1)—9 p.m. CVTV  
 13th Annual Scholar Athlete Awards Banquet—11 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Barbara Miller** getting credit for artistry. 📍 **Katie Foehl** coming through. 📍 **Greg Flakus** offered humongous raise. 📍 **Kelly O'Neill** getting generous. 📍 **Gregg Herrington** offering appropriate congratulations. 📍 **Friday**, gray and rainy, but a few afternoon sunbreaks, 48. **Saturday**, mostly gray, some precipitation, 46. **Sunday**, mostly rainy, with a few drunks on the highway, 45.