

Vancouver to host citizen police academy

The Vancouver Police Department will be hosting another Citizen Police Academy beginning on Tuesday April 6, 2004. The academy will last thirteen weeks with classes being held each Tuesday evening from 7:00pm-9:30pm with the graduation celebration occurring on June 29, 2004. This is the sixth consecutive Citizen Police Academy the Vancouver Police Department has hosted.

The academy is free and open to the public and participants are asked to commit to attend the entire thirteen weeks.

Completed applications must be returned promptly as class size is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each application will be reviewed and a criminal background check will be conducted on each applicant. Participants will be notified upon acceptance or denial to attend the academy.

Additional information will be provided to all applicants who are accepted, including location where classes will be held, which has yet to be determined. For more information please contact **Judy Stewart**, Vancouver Police Department, at (360) 735-8869.

Skills center receives national accreditation

The American Culinary Federation has accredited the Clark County Skills Center Restaurant Management Program. The accreditation came following an on-site review in Vancouver of the Skills Center facility, curriculum and instructors. The ACF - the largest organization of chefs and cooks in the United States - advocates for American chefs worldwide through education among culinarians at all levels.

The Skills Center becomes just the second high school west of the Mississippi to be ACF-accredited. Not only will students will now graduate as certified graduates of the American Culinary Federation, but due to the quality of the Skills Center facility, instruction and curriculum, all graduates in the 21-year-history of the program automatically receive accreditation.

As part of its reality-based curriculum, the Skills Center operates a restaurant, open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Restaurant Management instructors **Andrew McColley** or **Greg Retchless** as well as Skills Center Director Dennis Kampe at (360) 604-1050.

Opened in 1983, the Clark County Skills Center is located at 12200 NE 28th Street in Vancouver. It is owned and operated by eight southwest Washington school districts providing technical and professional training programs to prepare Clark County high school and college students for the workforce.

BIA and Building Futures Foundation to award future industry leaders

The Building Industry Association (BIA) and their charitable subsidiary, the Building Futures Foundation, will

award eight future industry leaders with \$1,000 scholarships to aid them in their academic pursuits. The application process is open to students who are pursuing study in a field that enhances their education and benefits the building trades. Such fields may include construction management, architecture, engineering, business, association management or other building related studies. To be eligible for the scholarship students must also be accepted or currently enrolled at an accredited two-year community or four-year college or university for the 2004-2005 academic year.

The objective of the BIA Scholarship Program is to collect and distribute funds that will aid in the education and development of future industry leaders. Since 1996, building professionals have come together to support high school, undergraduate and graduate students seeking degrees in an industry related field of study.

The Scholarship Program is dependent upon contributions provided by community minded businesses.

Area high school students can find applications at their schools' career center or counselor's office.

Applications are also available by contacting the BIA at 694-0933 or e-mailing joel@biasw.org. All applications must be received by April 15th.

Camas School District continues struggle with growth, proposes third housing option

In a special meeting Wednesday, Camas School District board members reviewed and added a third student housing option to the two currently under consideration for the next two school years.

The district experienced an enrollment increase of almost 10 percent in the fall of 2003 and is rapidly moving forward to develop suitable housing arrangements for the projected 6 percent increase expected for the 2004-05 school year.

The newest option under consideration is to move fifth-grade students from Dorothy Fox and Prune Hill to JDZ, which currently houses Helen Baller's fifth grade and the entire sixth grade population.

The school district will have a parent survey for feedback on its web site:

www.camas.wednet.edu, from March 5 through March 19.

The board hopes to make a housing decision at its regular meeting on March 22.

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