

Green is for Republicans, blue is for Libertarians, red is for Democrats, white is for nonpartisans

Primary election voting in Clark County and the rest of the state of Washington will be just a little bit different from the past 70 years because cross-over voting is no longer an option. Voters must select the ballot of the party of their choice and use that one only for partisan candidates. Ballots are color coded. The Republican ballot is green, the Democratic ballot red, and the Libertarian ballot is blue.

The white ballot is for nonpartisan candidates and for eight issues that will be decided in the Sept. 14 primary election. Although the white ballot is included separately, it is also appended to each of the colored ballots so that voters can do all of their voting on a single sheet of paper. In some counties a single ballot containing all names and issues is being used, but because Clark County provides voters with a voters' pamphlet, voters will select single ballots.

The county voters' pamphlet is already in the mail, according to county Elections supervisor **Tim Likness**.

Likness says that absentee ballots are expected to go into the mail the middle of next week.

The ballots differ from the punch-card style in that they are to be marked with pen or pencil.

The deadline to register to vote in the primary election is Monday, Aug. 30.

Vancouver Business Journal, CREDC saluting \$500,000,000 worth of construction in past year

Over half a billion dollars worth of construction in southern Washington will be recognized at a Blueprint for Growth Awards reception, 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in a 4th and Columbia Streets warehouse building, south of the Hilton Hotel and convention center under construction in downtown Vancouver.

The top 25 construction projects will be recognized at the function, sponsored by the *Vancouver Business Journal* and the Columbia River Economic Development Council. The top five projects will receive trophies. Other projects will be recognized by plaques.

Fifty-seven projects were submitted, according to the business journal's publisher, **John McDonagh**.

The building in which the reception is being held houses a full-size model of a room which will be part of the 226-room Hilton Hotel. The admission price of \$25, includes wine, beer, nonalcoholic beverages, and hors d'oeuvres catered by Applewood Northwest Cuisine and Catering. For reservations, call **Tena Walski, 695-2442**.

Chalk on the walk highlights Uptown Village Festival this weekend

The 11th annual Uptown Village Festival opens at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, with street painting. Street painters, from 13 years old and up, will begin competition on Main Street between 24th and 25th Streets. Judging begins at 3 p.m., and awards will be presented at 4 p.m. Registration is \$5 in advance, \$10 Saturday, provided there is space left. Registration includes chalk.

The festival continues until 8 p.m. Saturday, and runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22.

Attractions include a beer garden, live entertainment on three stages, food booths, a parade, and a display of automobiles. There is no admission charge.

Hunting permits for Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge available online

Applications for hunting permit reservations for the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge are available online at <http://ridgefieldrefuges.fws.gov>, according to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesperson **Yvette Donovan**. Notices are no longer mailed to some 700 duck and goose hunters.

Duck and goose hunting has been allowed in about 800 acres of the refuge during specified days, since the refuge was created in 1965. Deadline for submitting applications is Sept. 15. The duck hunting season begins Saturday, Oct. 16. The goose hunting season is expected to begin Saturday, Nov. 11. For further information, call **887-4106**.

People

Gary Thomsen, manager of Evergreen Public Schools' Transportation Department, has been named the region's Outstanding Transportation Person by the Washington Association for Public Transportation. Thomsen's department has been awarded the Washington State Patrol's outstanding rating consecutively for nearly 20 years.

News brief

The first of three public meetings to explain Clark County's new Home Business Ordinance is 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, in the 6th floor conference room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. The county Community Development Department will also hold an explanatory meeting from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, in the Dollars Corner Fire Station, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue. The third meeting will be 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in the Camas Police Station, 2100 NE 3rd Avenue.

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Friday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Detroit (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KKAD

Forgotten Oregon Trail Routes—5 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Sacramento (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Telecommunications Commission (8/4)—9 p.m. CVTV

Comp Plan Update (8/4)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town tabloids and the weather

Jilayne Jordan preparing motorists for ☞☞ **Kathy Condon** advising bookkeeper. ☞☞ **Dee Sandquist** getting inside information. ☞☞

Michael McCabe limbering up fingers. ☞☞ **Damon Hunt** getting deserved R & R ☞☞ **Marcia Fromhold's** nomination sticks. ☞☞

Friday, partly cloudy, 84. **Saturday**, few more clouds, some sunshine, 80. **Sunday**, cooling clouds may bring light showers, 74.