

Christmas 1846 is being celebrated at the Fort Vancouver site Saturday

The Fort Vancouver National Historic Site brings the 1846 holiday season to life, in the replicated historic Hudson's Bay fort, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Admission is free.

Living history activities will be presented throughout the day. Story telling is scheduled for 10 a.m. Historic weapons and Christmas Day hunting will be demonstrated at 11 a.m. A reenactment of an Anglican Church service will be at noon. At 2:15 p.m. there will be dancing in the counting house.

Council for the Homeless presenting plan to end homelessness Monday

A ten-year draft plan to end homelessness in Clark County is being presented by the Ten-Year Planning Task Force at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, in the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way.

The task force was created by the City of Vancouver, Clark County and the Council for the Homeless. Presenters at the forum will include representatives of local service agencies and governmental representatives. Public input is encouraged. For further information, call **993-9570**.

Clifford the Big Red Dog appearing at Barnes and Noble to help library

Clifford the Big Red Dog will be greeting guests at the 7700 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard Barnes & Noble Bookstore from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, as part of the book seller's Holiday Book Fair. Children may have their pictures taken with Clifford.

And 15 to 25 percent of book sales to patrons who have Fort Vancouver Regional Library District vouchers will be donated to the library district foundation, to be used for programs and services. Vouchers may be obtained at any local library branch or may be downloaded by going to www.fvrl.org.

C-TRAN installed solar-powered bus stops

C-TRAN this month will begin installing solar-powered bus stops. Forty of the solar-powered will provide light for the stop and also a flashing signal light showing that a bus is approaching. Another 50 of the new stops will not be lighted but will be equipped with the flashing signal light.

The solar-powered bus stops are financed by a federal grant.

Beware of \$101 fine

Because of a significant number of cars being stolen as they idle unoccupied in driveways, the Clark County Sheriff's Department is reminding motorists of other legal consequences of unattended motor vehicles:

RCW 46.61.600: "No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key and effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any perceptible grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. The fine for leaving a car running without an occupant is \$101."

News briefs

Bicycle owners can donate bicycles and qualify for a suitable tax deduction when they give bicycles to The Community Cycling Center through Southwest Washington Medical Center this weekend. Bicycles may be dropped off at the medical center main campus's 92nd Avenue entrance between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and at the Memorial Campus, 3400 Main Street between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The Community Cycling Center distributes refurbished bicycles and new helmets to underprivileged children. ⚡ Access to NE 134th Street from Interstate 5 will be messed up most of Sunday, Dec. 10, as construction crews realign both north- and south-bound exit ramps. Lane closures on I-5 at the location can be expected, too. Motorists should seek alternate routes.

Calendar

As part of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial commemoration, traditional flute music and stories by **Keith Bear** and **Gary Statous** are being presented at 7 p.m. this evening in Fort Vancouver High School. The event is free. ⚡ The Tent of Many Voices ends its ten-day run Sunday, Dec. 11. Meanwhile, free presentations on the Lewis and Clark Expedition are offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in tents in the parking area of the O. O. Howard House in Vancouver Barracks. ⚡ An adaptation of Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* is being presented at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday night, Dec. 10, and at 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 11, in the Slocum House Theatre, 605

Esther Street. Admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors and students. For reservations, call **696-2427**. ☞ The West Columbia Gorge Humane Society is conducting a \$20 pet microchipping clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in Cascade Park PETCO, 305 Chkalov Drive. No appointment is necessary. ☞ The **Dave Friesen Quintet** presents a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fourth Plain and F Street. Admission is \$15. ☞ LSW Architects' Arts Competition winning art works will be on display in the LSW Architects Gallery, 2300 Main Street, from noon until 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, during Vancouver's Second Saturday Art Walk. ☞ The 104th U.S. Army Reserve Division annual holiday tree lighting is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, on the parade field in front of Division Headquarters in Vancouver Barracks.

Good workman shouldn't blame his tools

As the editor of the *Insider* began making resolutions to do better work during 2006, he discovered that one of two calendars he has relied on to keep days and dates correct during the past year was a 2004 calendar. Insider readers should find significant improvements in the *Insider* in the new year.

Any further suggestions and recommendations for improving the newsletter will be accepted with all the grace and humility the editor has left over in the waning days of 2005. Submit helpful suggestions to tony@dailyinsider.info.

Friday on the air

U.S. Rep. Brian Baird Town Hall Meeting (12/5)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Emergency Preparedness, State Rep. Deb Wallace (12/2)—5:18 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up (12/4)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (12/4)—5:59 p.m. CVTV
New Orleans at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KXL, KXMG
Portland Winter Hawks at Tri-City (live)—7 p.m. KCMD
Clark County Youth Town Hall (11/17)—7 p.m. CVTV
Bravo! Vancouver: Handel's The Messiah—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Friday headlines at home and from around the world:

[Meet the Dusenberys, who put the spark in downtown--Senior Messenger, Jane Elder Wulff](#)
[War mystery ends for one family, lives on for Ann Holland--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)
[Ridgefield city manager fires back at city government, asks for reinstatement--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)
[Suspended city manager requests arbitration--Oregonian, Holley Gilbert](#)
[Tavern patrons vent as tobacco ban takes effect--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)
[Tent near Tip Top Tavern is smoker's haven--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)
[Walk & Knock exceeds last year's total--Columbian, Kelly Adams](#)
[Pacific Lifestyle Homes opens new design center--Columbian, Gretchen Fehrenbacher](#)
[Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners to discuss controversial Grove Field upgrades Monday--Columbian, Gretchen Fehrenbacher](#)
[Oregon investors think unused Multhomah Greyhound Park would make a good casino venue--KATU](#)
[Former governor Booth Gardner now opposes WASL tests--Seattle Times, Linda Shaw](#)
[Twenty reported killed as Chinese unrest escalates--New York Times, Howard W. French](#)
[U.S. delegation walks out of climate talks--New York Times, Andrew C. Revkin](#)
[All you need to know about the Christmas Ships \(including maps\)--Columbian](#)

Town Tabloids and the weather

Judie Stanton sending hugs. ☞ **Becky Pettigrew** filling out agenda. **Gerry Link** getting favor. ☞ **Jack Daniel's** season greetings accepted. ☞ **Ann Tjersland** scheduling mush meeting. ☞ **Brandon Keenan** joining elite group ☞ **Bruce Holmstrom** giving leadership council imprimatur. ☞ **Ken Haydock** speaking up for widows, orphans and aliens. ☞ **Friday**, mostly sunny, 45. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 45. **Sunday**, all sunshine, 47.