

Jon Dunaway named county fire marshal



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John Dunaway, who has been Clark County's interim fire marshal since last September, has been appointed Clark County fire marshal, reports county Community Development director **Rich Carson**.

Dunaway joined the Clark County Fire Marshall's office in 1992. A certified fire inspector, Dunaway holds an applied science degree in fire protection technology from Portland Community College and is working toward a bachelors degree in fire administration at Eastern Oregon university.

Cathlapotle plankhouse seven-day grand opening begins Wednesday

Although Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery first saw Cathlapotle plankhouses on Nov. 5, 1805, it wasn't until the explorers were on their way back from the Pacific Ocean, March 29, 1806, that the corps stopped for two days to "trade" with the Chinook Indians in the village of an estimated 800 people at what is now Ridgefield. Archaeological research suggests that Cathlapotle was continuously inhabited for at least 2,000 years, and possibly 5,000 years or longer.

A seven-day open house, beginning Wednesday, March 30, signals the opening of a replica of one of the long houses that was among several in the village 200 years ago.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has overseen a \$500,000 construction project that has created a replica of one of several plankhouses seen by Lewis and Clark.

The Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge will be showing off the new tourist attraction through Sunday, April 3.

The plankhouse is just north of Ridgefield in the Carty Unit of the wildlife refuge and can be reached by going north on Main Street and crossing the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks at the entrance of the refuge. For further information, call **887-4106**, or go to www.plankhouse.org.

Neil Simon's *Proposals* to benefit Junior Symphony of Vancouver

Vancouver OnStage Productions presents **Neil Simon's *Proposals*** at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in the Columbia Arts Center, 400 W Evergreen Boulevard.

The stage play is being performed as a benefit for the Junior Symphony of Vancouver. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For further information, call **666-4768** or **696-4084**, extension 5.

YWCA offering opportunities to volunteer

The YWCA of Clark County has scores of adult volunteer positions open and is actively trying to fill them, reports YWCA spokesperson **Al Flory**.

Flory says volunteers are needed to serve as advocates for those suffering the pain of sexual abuse, to mentor young people emerging from foster care, to facilitate support groups for domestic violence victims and to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children who are in the court system.

Other opportunities include helping in pre-school classrooms, visiting women in jail, and volunteering on YWCA committees for fundraising and staff activities.

A volunteer orientation program is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, in the YWCA Community Room, 3609 Main Street. For further information, call **Flory** at **696-0167**.

Vancouver School District senior projects need judging

As a requirement for graduation from high school, Vancouver School District seniors must complete acceptable senior projects. The district is seeking hundreds of volunteers to sit on panels to judge the more than 1,800 senior projects expected to be completed this year.

Senior projects reports show how students integrate knowledge and skills gained through the high school experience with community-based exploration and service. Many of the senior projects involve impressive presenta-

tions, including Power Point presentations.

Only a few hours are required from each volunteer, who will be asked to serve at judging sessions in May and June.

Volunteering as a panel judge is a wonderful way to see impressive student work, assist local high schools and learn about interesting topics, according to **Tammy Frieauf**, Fort Vancouver High School spokesperson.

Prospective volunteers are asked to call Frieauf at **313-4029**, or **Missy Hallead**, Columbia River High School, **313-3908**, **Lynn Fransen**, Hudson's Bay High School, **313-4400**, or **Dock Blastic**, Skyview High School, **313-4200**.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. 🏠 Ridgefield Mayor **Gladys Doriot** will lead a discussion about Lewis and Clark Bicentennial activities at 6:15 p.m. this evening in the Ridgefield Community Center. Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery spent two nights at Cathlapotle, now known as Ridgefield. 🏠 Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 29. 🏠 Clark County commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 29.

Monday headlines from at home and around the world:

[WSU Vancouver student named Miss Clark County--Columbian](#)

[Kirkwood family pursues \\$30 million commercial project in east Vancouver---Columbian, **Gretchen Fehrenbacher**](#)

[Riverboat may cruise Columbia River from Vancouver Landing--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[ODOT plans to widen I-5 through Delta Park to be previewed early next month; construction could begin in 2008--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)

[Hundreds feared dead after Sumatran Quake; no major tsunami reported--Washington Post, **William Branigin and Ellen Kanashima**](#)

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council (3/21)—7 p.m. CVTV

Washington at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. KXL, KXMG

Town Tabloids and the weather

Bill Boettcher waiting for driver. 🏠 **Nicole Reid** earns top egg-coloring recognition. 🏠 **Jesse Escareno** telling movie stories. 🏠 **Tracie Looney** replacing dog's week. 🏠 **Ken McCoy** sharing notes. 🏠 **Sophia Towne** staying ahead of the curve. 🏠 **Marty Clark** back on line. 🏠 **Monday**, crazy, showers and sunbreaks, 52. **Tuesday**, gray, gloomy, wet, 50. **Wednesday**, more gray, more precipitation, 54.