

Sheriff's office getting six additional Deputies as a result of state contract

A new contract with the state Department of Corrections to house additional state prisoners in the Clark County jail will allow the Clark County Sheriff's office to hire six new deputies, who are expected to be on staff by early next year.

With the new contract the Sheriff's Office is able to hire a total of 23 new employees, including the deputies. Fourteen new hires will be jail staff personnel. Three will be support services staff.

Clark county which already houses 30 state Corrections Department offenders a day, will double that number to 60 per day as a result of a new contract that will bring the county Sheriff's Department an additional \$1.3 million a year.

The new contract will also allow the county jail to reopen 60 beds in the main jail that currently are vacant due to lack of funding.

"I am very pleased with the ongoing partnership we have with the Washington State Department of Corrections," Sheriff **Garry Lucas**, says. "The expansion of the contract will benefit our agency and the community immensely. Not only will we gain additional bed space in the jail, we will also be able to add some desperately needed deputy positions to our patrol units."

Discount ride and fair admission tickets available through July 8

Deep discounts on Clark County Fair carnival rides and 25 percent reductions on fair admissions are available from the county fair office through Friday, July 8.

All-day wristbands, good for unlimited carnival rides for one person for one day can be bought for \$20. Carnival ride coupon books that will sell during the fair for \$30 each, can be bought now for \$15.

All fair admissions are 25 percent off during this period. Regular admission to the fair is \$8, children 12 and under \$4 and seniors \$6.

The 2005 Clark County Fair runs from Friday, Aug. 5, through Sunday, Aug. 14.

Brief fireworks season begins next Tuesday

It will be legal to shoot off fireworks from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily, beginning Tuesday, June 28, through Tuesday, July 5. There are two exceptions. Fireworks can't be set off until 11 a.m. next Tuesday, but may be fired off until midnight on Monday, July 4.

Fireworks sales will also be allowed during this period. Except for this time and on New Years Eve, the use of fireworks in Vancouver is otherwise illegal.

The Vancouver Police and Fire Departments have formed fireworks enforcement teams this year. Fines for unlawful sale, possession or use of fireworks begin as \$250. Fireworks purchasers must be at least 16.

For further information, call **397-6180**.

Wine tasting, cigar and brandy nights on the veranda, popular at The Club

Membership at the Club at the Historic Reserve, on Officers Row, has climbed to 180 during the first year, reports club general manager **Bill Woodard**.

Popular events are theme wine tasting dinners, cigars and brandy nights on the veranda, Kobe beef burgers and book discussions, and group excursions to the Amphitheater at Clark County.

For additional information and to tour the facility, call Woodard at **695-2582**.

Calendar

A reception for Vancouver's First Citizens **Jan** and **Steve Oliva** begins at 4 p.m. today in the Vancouver Convention Center, adjacent to the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Admission is \$30. To register to attend, call **737-3433**. 🏠 Black Entrepreneurs of Clark County are holding a free business round table from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. this evening in Tiger's Garden restaurant, 312 8th Street. For further information, call **Shareefah Abdul-lah**, **604-8583**.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Vancouver wins diversity award--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)

[State to go ahead with transportation plans based on a three-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax increase despite an initiative that could bring the matter to a statewide vote--Columbian, Don Jenkins](#)

[County will consider unleashed dog areas--Columbian, Erin Middlewood](#)

[Fire engine restorer Dick Streissguth named Volunteer of the Year by the Clark County Fair Association--Columbian](#)

[Vancouver city official recruits Portland to build bicycle center--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)

[Bremerton airport site chosen for NASCAR track--Seattle Times, AP](#)

[Supreme Court in 5-4 decision says private property can be taken by local government for developments--NEW York Times, David Stout](#)

Thursday on the air

Flag Day Celebration--5 p.m. CVTV

NBA Finals, Game 7, Pistons at Spurs (live)--6 p.m. KATU, KFXX

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)--7 p.m. CVTV

Fresno at Portland Beavers (live)--7 p.m. KKAD

Town Tabloids and the weather

Bob and **Beth Lawson** earning bragging rights. 🗳️ **Richard Dobrow** helping move decimals. 🗳️ **Marilyn Westlake** announcing fireworks season. 🗳️ **Karen Savage** making things work. 🗳️ **Mark Bowyer** getting good information. 🗳️ **Kari Schulz** bringing in the number one story. 🗳️ **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 79. **Friday**, partly sunny, 74. **Saturday**, possible showers, 71.