

Boldt says I-5 corridor is a federal responsibility

Clark County commissioner **Marc Boldt** says that the Interstate 5 corridor is part of the federal highway system and that the cost of fixing the I-5 corridor—specifically, the Interstate Bridge—should be the responsibility of the federal government and federal dollars.

During a taped cablecast interview on CVTV's Clark County Focus program today, Boldt further argued that enlarging the Columbia River crossing at the current I-5 location may not be the best way to cross the river.

"I hope that the study being made with state transportation dollars will also look at other locations to cross the river," Boldt said.

Boldt did not favor any particular different route, although he agreed that a crossing in the east part of the county between Camas and Gresham at Lady Island deserves study, as does a route proposed some years ago that would cross the river in the vicinity of the Port of Vancouver.

The commissioners feel that all options should be studied, Boldt said.

According to Boldt, the county commissioners believe that their primary transportation priorities are to move people north and east in Clark County and not across interstate bridges.

Interstate 5, Boldt said, is the major north-south corridor between Seattle and Los Angeles. Moving goods across the west is a federal responsibility, not a local issue.

"Our responsibility," Boldt said, "is, first, to provide transportation within the county and, after that, to Oregon."

Evergreen students sponsoring meth awareness program this evening

Students from Evergreen, Heritage and Mountain View High Schools in the Evergreen School District are sponsoring and coordinating a methamphetamine awareness program at 6 p.m. this evening in Pacific Middle School, 2017 NE 172nd Avenue.

The Clark County Meth Action Team and the county Sheriff's Department will present information for parents and the general public on their efforts to keep methamphetamines out of the community. For further information, call **Donna Goodwin, 604-6705**.

Chuck Anderson gets top regional educator award

Chuck Anderson, retiring superintendent of schools for the La Center School District, Friday will receive the Award of Merit from the Association of School Administrators for the Columbia River Region 112, during a ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Education Service District 112 offices, 2500 NE 65th Avenue.

Anderson is being recognized for his leadership and dedication to schools and the community throughout the region.

Bonnie Lock, director of curriculum and instruction in the La Center district, is being recognized with the association's Student Achievement Award for her work in advancing school improvement initiatives locally and state level.

Leadership awards will be presented to The Evergreen School District Foundation, Southwest Washington Medical Center and **David** and **Patricia Nierenberg**, **Julie Downs** and **Allison Nightengale**, LSW Architects, the White Salmon-Bingen Rotary Club, and the Lyle Lion's Club.

People

Being honored at the Clark County Sheriff's Department spring awards ceremony at 7 p.m. this evening in the New Heights Church, 7913 NE 58th Avenue, are **Dave Nelson**, **Pete Muller**, **Jon Pound**, **Tim Gosch**, **John Armstrong**, **Matt Sciarretta**, **Bob Darnell**, **Kyle Kendall**, **Jean Passon**, **Mike Nolan**, **Tim Bieber**, **Daniel McPherson**, **Jim Payne**, **Bob Winsor**.

News briefs

A fund-raising blue grass musical for the Clark County commissioner candidacy of Democrat **Steve Stuart** is at 5 p.m. today in Woods Landing, south of the Evergreen Highway at 3507 Riverwood Drive. For further information, call **635-5490** or **892-8390**. 🏠 The final lecture in a series on growing a naturally beautiful backyard, sponsored by the Clark County Solid Waste Department, is at 6:30 p.m. this evening at Borders Books, Music,

Movies and Café, 811 SE 160th Avenue. The presentation is free. ☞ Clark County Auditor **Greg Kimsey** will answer questions about all mail ballot elections proposed for the county during the third and final town hall meeting on the issue at 7 p.m. this evening in the Fire District 11 station house at 21609 NE 72nd Avenue, Dollars Corner. ☞ The first Clark County Chamber of Commerce golf tournament begins with registration at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 20, at the Tri-Mountain Golf Course, 1701 NW 99th Street. Entry fees are \$125 and \$150, and include golf cart, lunch and post-tournament barbecue. For further information, call **258-1181**.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world:

[La Center residents oppose casino--Columbian, **Margaret Ellis**](#)
[Vancouver Chamber backs city tax increases--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Church's 'God Project' turns money into good deeds--Columbian, **Kelly Adams**](#)
[Signups underway for local version of American Idol--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Leslie Durst honored for her work--Columbian](#)
[County beginning rewrite of comprehensive growth plan while opponents say not so fast--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)
[County considering hiring land conservation organization to work with army to expedite transfer of Camp Bonneville county--Oregonian, **Foster Church**](#)
[King County election manager linked to false report--Seattle Times, **Keith Ervin**](#)
[Mortgage rates sinking, lowest since February--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[Indonesia quake shook earth's entire surface--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[South Koreans streamline cloning of human embryos--New York Times, **Gina Kolata**](#)
[US Airways, America West agree to merge--New York Times, AP](#)

Thursday on the air

Clark County Hall of Fame—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Memphis at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. Comcast 14, KKAD

Town Tabloids and the weather

Clint Page making phone call. ☞ **Wayne Clementson**'s friends missing May 18 Independence Day. ☞ **Brad Lothspeich** says some days are better than others. ☞ **Bob Durgan** getting an "E." ☞ **Thursday**, thunder storms, sunbreaks, 63. **Friday**, showers and sunbreaks, 62. **Saturday**, showers again, some sun, 65.