

## **Tom Bashwiner Joins Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust**

**Tom Bashwiner** has joined the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust as director of gift planning reports reserve trust president and CEO **Elson Strahan**.

Since January 2004, Bashwiner has been director of gift planning for Daybreak Youth Services in Vancouver and Spokane. Previously, Bashwiner was executive director of the St. John Medical Center Foundation in Longview. For more than a decade Bashwiner was associated with Christus Health System in Houston, Texas. He also directed hospital foundation programs in Lake Charles, Galveston and Long Beach.

Bashwiner, a *cum laude* graduate of Creighton University; is a fellow in the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy and a member of the Northwest Planning Giving Roundtable and the Southwest Washington Estate Planning Council.

## **Jordan Meade hired as BIA public relations director**

**Jordan Meade** has been named public relations manager for the Building Industry Association of Clark County, according to BIA executive director **David Rowe**. Meade will coordinate the BIA Remodelers Group, the Building Futures Foundation, BIA education and BIA website advertising.

Meade most recently was public relations and communications manager for the Port of Ridgefield. She is a graduate of the University of Washington.

The BIA is a 1,050-member trade association representing the interests of all businesses involved with land development and construction.

## **Vancouver to begin charging for fire safety inspection in 2008**

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 1, the Vancouver Fire Department will charge fees for fire safety inspections and special use permits for commercial buildings in the city. Inspections are required by the International Fire Code and are intended to protect employees and the public.

Fire marshal **Jim Crawford** says the program is similar to that of other jurisdictions in Washington. Typical business inspections include a review of emergency exits, sprinkler systems, fire alarms and restaurant hood suppression systems. Fees range from \$60 for a small business such as a barber shop up to \$485 for a large retail outlet. Businesses that engage in high-fire risk activities such as welding, fuel dispensing and compressed gas storage will pay a fee for special permits due to the need for staff intensive inspections.

The city council adopted the new fees in November 2006 as partial cost recovery for the city inspection program.

## **People**

**Lauren Hopson**, principal of Image Elementary School, has been named planning principal for Evergreen Public Schools' newest, and as yet unnamed, elementary school, reports Evergreen superintendent **John Deeder**. The school, at NE 28th Street and NE 119th Avenue, opens in the fall of 2008.

## **News briefs**

For its high standard of stroke care, Southwest Washington Medical Center has received the Silver Performance Award from the American Stroke Association. According to **Louise Jenkins**, Stroke Center Coordinator at Southwest, the hospital has developed a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients. This includes always being equipped to provide brain imaging scans, having neurologists available to conduct patient evaluations and using clot-busting medications when appropriate. The Comprehensive Stroke Center is southern Washington's only comprehensive stroke program. <> Washougal School District's Canyon Creek Middle School students are conducting a food drive called "Line the Halls with Cans and Boxes of Food" to help support flood victims in Vernonia. The students' goal is to line the main hall of



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the school with cans and boxes of food stacked two high. For further information, call **Pete Forgey, 954-3541.**

## **Calendar**

The Magenta Theater presents *Little Women* in performances at 7 p.m. this evening and at 3 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church, 108 W 27th Street. For ticket information, call **635-4358.** <> The final three performances of **Willy Russell's** musical *Blood Brothers* are being presented by Arts Equity Theatre at 8 p.m. this evening and tomorrow evening, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Admission is \$15 to \$24. For further information, call **695-3770.** <> The Firstenburg Community Center's Holiday Winter Carnival is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec.15. Events include pictures with Santa, a ride on the Polar Express train, face painting, music, carnival games and prizes. Admission is \$5 per child ages 11 and younger. Older siblings and adults who accompany paying children get in free. There's a free Hoop Shoot for ages 8 to 13 in the gym, sponsored by Vancouver Elks Lodge 823. The Firstenburg Center is at 700 N.E. 136th Avenue. For further information, call **487-7100** or **487-7001.** <> Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners meet at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17. <> Pearson Air Museum is presenting a history of flight, *At the Control's*, consisting of life-size color photographs of historic airplanes and spacecraft from the Smithsonian Institutions collection tracing a century's worth of changes and refinements in aviation technology from the pilot's point of view. The show opens Saturday, Dec. 15, and continues through February 8. For further information, call **694-7026.**

## **Friday on the air**

Vancouver Green Ribbon Panel on Climate Change (12/7)—7 p.m. CVTV

**Utah at Portland (live)—7 p.m. CSN, KXL**

Clark County Planning Commission (11/15)—9 p.m. CVTV

Port of Vancouver Commissioners (12/11)—10 p.m. CVTV

## **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Bud and Marlene Seifert** bringing a little sunshine to Cougar. <> **Bruce Romanish** putting on spin. <> **Chris Redman** back at the old stand. <> **Jennifer Crooks** covering all the bases. <> **Bill Fromhold**, eschewing cravats. <> **Brandi Rasmusan** taking care of details. <> **Craig Pridemore** eschewing photography. <> **Friday**, showers likely, 41-46. **Saturday**, showers likely, 39-44. **Sunday**, ditto, 40-45.