

Skills Center gets \$200,000 bequest



Dale Lang

Dale Lang, founder and co-owner of Lang Brothers Enterprises, has made a \$200,000 bequest to the Clark County Skills Center Foundation endowment fund. It is the largest single gift ever made to the foundation, according to executive director **Katie Foehl**.

Income from the Dale Lang Endowment Fund will be used to purchase equipment, provide scholarships, and advance Skills Center programs.

The bequest was announced last Friday during the Skills Center's annual dinner, which grossed a record \$23,000.

Lang Brothers is a general contractor for residential and commercial construction and has helped build the Skills Center's Construction Technology Program. The company has also employed many Skills Center graduates.

The Skills Center is owned and operated by ten southwest Washington school districts, and provides technical and professional training programs preparing high school and college students for the workforce. For further information on the Skills Center, call Foehl at **604-1050**.

Joanne Rossi named accounting director and CFO at International Air and Hospitality Academy

Joanne Rossi has been appointed director of accounting and chief financial officer for International Air Academy. Rossi will be responsible for all finance and accounting functions for the organization, including the academy, the Restaurant at the Historic Reserve, Academy Properties, The Bakery at the Historic Reserve, and the Inn at the Historic Reserve, according to **Lynn Rullman**, academy co-president.

Rossi received her training in accounting at Clark College and has operated her own accounting company.

The academy, founded by **Arch Miller**, has placed over 25,000 graduates in jobs with airlines and in the hospitality industry.

Task force to discuss

4th I-5 bridge option

At its 4 p.m. meeting Tuesday, March 27, the Columbia River Crossing Task Force will consider subcommittee proposals for a 4th alternative of bridge and transit options for study as part of a draft Environmental Impact Statement process.

The task force had proposed three alternatives for study, one of which was to do nothing. The other two alternatives called for replacing the twin Interstate 5 bridges

across the Columbia River with larger structures, differing only as to whether additional lanes for mass transit would be used for light rail or high-speed buses.

At issue is whether additional bridge crossings should be considered.

The subcommittee is chaired by Clark County commissioner **Steve Stuart** and Metro counselor **Rex Burkholder**.

The meeting is in the Washington State Department of Transportation offices, 11018 NE 51st Circle. **Vancouver Farmers Market opens Saturday**

Vancouver's outdoor Farmers Market opens at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 31, just west of Esther Short Park and adjacent to Vancouver's indoor Farmers Market that is open year-round.

The outdoor market, which often has more than 200 food, arts, crafts and specialty vendors, is open weekends through October 27. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays.

In its 17th year, the market is one of the largest in the region and is said to be Southern Washington's #1 visitor attraction. For further information, go to www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com.

Calendar

The Columbia River Crossing Project's I-5 bridge plans are expected to occupy the two-hour Vancouver

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Monday, March 26, 2007

City Council workshop that begins at 4 p.m. today in City Hall. \measuredangle The Vancouver City Council will meet in a formal session at 6 p.m. this evening to consider a consent agenda. \measuredangle The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today \measuredangle Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 27. \measuredangle Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 27. \measuredangle Community Choices 2010 will deliver a report card on the health of Clark County during a presentation that will include a panel discussion of how the community can become healthier. The session is from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in Gaiser Hall on the Clark College campus. A \$10 donation is suggested. For further information, call **567-1067**. \measuredangle The Columbia River Crossing Task Force meets from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in Washington State Department of Transportation offices, 11018 NE 51st Circle. For further information, call **737-2726**. \measuredangle An open house to provide information on the widening of Highway 502 from Battle Ground to an interchange with Interstate Highway 5 is from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in the Battle Ground High School cafeteria, 300 W Main Street.

Monday on the air Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV Portland Blazers at Chicago (live)—5:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL Seattle Mariners vs. Texas (live)—6 p.m. FSN, KFXX Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV 49th Legislative District Town Hall (3/17)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Arch Miller picking a winner. *E* Linda Martin sharing seaside treats. *E* Marty Clark busting buttons. *E* Dean Sutherland ready for another 365. *E* Marge Martel staying up past midnight to make connections. *E* Betsy Rogers making easy connections easy. *E* Stephanie Colletto handily taking care of details. *E* Monday, mostly cloudy, chance of late showers, 59. Tuesday, sunbreaks, 60. Wednesday, cloudy, sunbreaks, 62.