

Burned out bulbs will glow again

Visitors at the three-day 2007 Home and Garden Idea Fair, which opens at 9 a.m. Friday, April 27, at the Clark County fairgrounds, are encouraged to bring burned-out compact florescent light bulbs for recycling. Vouchers for free replacement CFL bulbs will be awarded.

Visitors are also encouraged to bring canned goods for local food banks, and to make cash donations for Clark Public Utilities' Operation Warm Heart, which helps low income customers pay electric bills.

Always a big draw at the annual fair is the largest nursery plant sale in the region. Eighty members of the Specialty Nursery Association of Clark County will be showing their wares in the horse arena.

New this year is the home of the future, designed by New Tradition Homes, set up in the huge exhibition center, where it will show off energy saving appliances, home automation devices and solar panels.

Hybrid automobiles will also be on display. In addition, there will be 300 commercial exhibits and demonstrations.

The fair will be open until 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 29.

There is no admission charge. However, there is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee.

Michael Green agrees to contract with Woodland School District

Michael Green, superintendent of the Nine Mile Falls, Wash., School District, has agreed to a contract offered by the Woodland School District to become its superintendent July 1, reports Woodland School Board chairman **Jim Bays**.

Green will succeed **Bill Hundley**, who is retiring. The Woodland School Board is expected to ratify Green's contract on May 14.

Green is a graduate of Central Washington University. He earned his masters degree in educational administration from Western Washington University and obtained his superintendent's credentials from Seattle Pacific University.

WSU Vancouver to study Vancouver Lake

Biologists from Washington State University Vancouver have begun taking weekly algae samples from Vancouver Lake as part of a \$100,000, one-year research contract with the Clark County Public Works department.

The contract is part of the information gathering process headed by the Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership, a public involvement group whose mission is to improve the total quality of the lake and the functions it serves in the community.

Recent years have seen frequent cyan bacteria (blue-green algae) blooms in the water. These appearances have closed the lake to swimmers and boaters.

"The algae can cause skin irritations in humans, and illness in animals when ingested," said **Steve Bollens**, director of science programs at WSU Vancouver. "The basic biology and ecology underlying these blooms are not well understood."

"We need to find out what organisms we have, why they grow here, and what factors—such as nutrients and grazers—affect them," said WSU Vancouver marine ecologist **Gretchen Rollwagen-Bollens**, also a researcher on the Vancouver Lake project.

Small gift blossoms

Samantha Ebert-Carte, Camas High School, who chose as her senior project raising money for the Holtzman Twins Special Care Nursery at Southwest Washington Medical Center, got a big surprise when she presented a check for \$1,125 to the medical center's foundation.

Over a period of three months the high school senior collected pledges and swam laps in the Lacamas Swim Club. Greeting her when she made the presentation was **David Nierenberg**, son and nephew of the Holtzman twins and member of the medical center's board of trustees. Nierenberg and his wife, **Patricia**, in 2005 gave the foundation \$2.5 million to create the neonatal intensive care unit.



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““You’ve earned more than that—you just don’t know it yet,” Nierenberg told Ebert-Carte. He then explained that his mother, **Lynne**, had just matched Ebert-Carte’s gift, which became \$2,250.

News brief

KGW-TV Newschannel 8 is featuring a story about Clark College’s Career Clothing Closet during the 6:30 newscast this evening. The feature is scheduled to appear during the *Your Money, Your Business* segment which generally airs around 6:40 p.m. The television crew interviewed staff and students, including some from Clark’s Displaced Homemaker program. **Lauren Calderera**’s Clark College Career and Employment Service staff coordinated clothing donations

Calendar

C-TRAN Citizens Advisory Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. this evening in C-TRAN administrative offices, 2425 NE 65th Avenue. The committee is accepting applications for additional members and will review current applications during the meeting. ✂ The La Center Float Committee meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in City Hall. ✂ The Columbia River Crossing Task Force is making a presentation at 7 p.m. this evening at the Andresen/St. John’s Neighborhood Association. The meeting is in the Public Works Maintenance Center, 4700 NE 78th Street.

Thursday on the air

City Minutes (5/12)—5 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Tucson (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Amnesty International Exposure of U.S. Human Rights Violations (4/4)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Benjamin Bryan Thomas Hagley joining parents **Juliette** and **Tom** in Southwest Washington Medical Center. Ben weighed in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces. ✂ **Craig Walker** offering condo advice. ✂ **Leif Bjerke** showing off artistic skills. ✂ **Ann Rivers** in town for the big event. ✂ **Marjorie Hornberger** returning car keys. ✂ **Thursday**, dry, cloudy, sunbreaks, 67. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 72. **Saturday**, hazy, 70.