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With less than \$80,000 to go, construction begins on \$3.8 million Battle Ground Library

Friends of Battle Ground Library are holding a 9 a.m.-to-5 p.m. book sale, and a community celebration at noon Saturday, April 19, marking the beginning of construction Battle Ground's new Community Library in Battle Ground Village, 1207 SE Rasmussen Boulevard.

When finished next year, the 14,345-square-foot public library is expected to draw nearly 1200 visitors daily. The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District and the Gold Medal Group are co-developing the new library to replace the city's nearly 50-year-old library.

The new library, part of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, is a present-day example of community spirit. Total construction cost of the two-story library is \$3.8 million. The library district contributed \$1.4 million to the project. The Gold Medal Group, developers of Battle Ground Village, a 21-acre retail section of its 108-acre mixed-use Battle Ground Center, contributed \$1 million. The rest, about \$80,000 that is still being rounded up by the Friends of Battle Ground Library, has come from the Friends' community fund drive, which so far has brought in over \$1.3 million.

"We want to provide an opportunity to honor the community for its hard work in achieving its fundraising goals," says **Dennis Pavlina**, president of the Gold Medal Group.

The new library is in the heart of Battle Ground Village, an open-air, mixed-use retail center that combines a classical European feel with contemporary, upscale retailers and restaurants reflecting the lifestyles of the Pacific Northwest. Battle Ground Center also includes The Oaks at Battle Ground Village, 40 live/work condominium units, Battle Ground Corporate Center, a 38-acre business park, and Commerce East Industrial Park and Sixth Street Station, which includes 167 new single-family homes and duplexes.

For further information on the library, call **Jane Higgins**, president of the Friends of the Library, at **666-1480**. For further information on the Battle Ground Center, call the leasing agent, The Management Group, **892-4000**.

Robert J. Mouw promoted to colonel



Robert J. Mouw, Vancouver, has been promoted to colonel in the Oregon National Guard and will serve as deputy commander of the 82 Brigade, Troop Command headquartered in Lake Oswego.

Mouw's promotion comes after more than two decades of military service, which began in 1983 when he joined the North Dakota Army National Guard. He served four years as a construction equipment repairer before graduating from North Dakota Military Academy and receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant Air Defense Artillery Officer. He transferred to the Oregon National Guard in 1991.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Port sets special meeting for East Industrial Park

The Port of Camas/Washougal is holding a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, to review and receive public input on the future uses for the eastern portion of the port's East Industrial Park. Analysis is available on the Port's website at

www.portcw.com/ipd.php.



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Options for the 127 acres at the east end of the port's industrial park include a range of light and heavy industrial uses to a wider range of employment uses, such as a business park with accessory uses, including limited retail and professional services to serve business park tenants. The commission is also expected to determine conditions under which it would sell all or a portion of the property.

For further information, call **Mary Murphy, 835-2196**.

People

Ray Barney, celebrating his 80th birthday yesterday, sent weather balloons aloft from Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School. Notes inside the balloons encourage finders to respond to the school. Balloons carried signed photos of all five 5th grade class students

Calendar

The 9th annual kids fishing event in Kline Pond, in Salmon Creek, is from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Saturday, April 12. Registration is closed. <> The 12th annual Senior Connections EXPO, sponsored by SNAP, *The Senior Messenger* and Southwest Washington Medical Center, is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. More than 125 interactive and informative exhibits will be available. A \$3 donation per person is suggested.

Friday on the air

Arbor Day (4/9)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Salt Lake (live)—5:30 p.m. KKAD

Clark County Close Up (4/6)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (4/6)—6:15 p.m. CVTV

Neighborhood Light-Rail Forum (4/9)—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at Sacramento (live)—7 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL

Los Angeles at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX

Animal Control Hearings (3/26)—9 p.m. CVTV

Clark County-Cowlitz Tribe MOU Meeting (4/7)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Gerald Baugh back on the A-list. <> **Kim Capeloto** passing out dimes to the needy. <> **Bruce Paris** mimes trunk-cleaning act. <> **Jenifer Crooks** offering early learning donation possibilities. <> **Karen Diller** offering scholars Salmon Creek campus opportunities. <> **Bill Barron** impeccably tying up loose ends. <> **Val Ogden** staffing private zoo with donkeys, elephants, cougars and penguins. <> **Friday**, weather changing, mostly sunny, 47-68. **Saturday**, Sperry Topsider weather, 49-76. **Sunday**, still warm, but clouds roll in, 44-67.