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**Dozer Day, an ultimate fun day for kids and parents**

Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. is Dozer Day—where kids drive huge mobile construction equipment to raise money for Vancouver Parks Foundation.

The location is at the CEMEX/Rinkler Materials site, 18208 SE 1st Street, between 172nd and 192nd Avenues. Admission is \$10 for adults, and \$8 for children under 13 and seniors over 60.

The rides are for kids, but they can be accompanied by parents.

Rides include the following: articulated haulers, Campbell cranes, earthmovers, fire trucks and remote controlled concrete pumpers. Other events are face painting, a kids dig, a dig for tools, a tire crawl, and snacking on food and beverages.

In the midst of the large operational earth-moving arena is a park, put together by Frontier Landscaping. The Nutter Corporation is a primary sponsor of Dozer Day.

For further information, go to <http://www.nuttercorp.com/home.htm>.

**Skills Center Announces Apprenticeship Pact with City**

The Clark County Skills Center today announced an agreement with the City of Vancouver to create apprenticeship opportunities for Skills Center graduates. The agreement maps out the entire entrance process from the Skills Center to apprenticeships and on to employment with the city.

The program will be adopted and implemented through the joint efforts of the City of Vancouver, AFSCME Local #307VC and Teamsters Local #58. The apprenticeship will establish and provide industry defined training, education and employment necessary to become a state certified journey level worker in the identified occupations.

Skills Center programs impacted by today's agreement include Construction Technology, Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, Electro-Digital Technologies, Legal/Medical Office Applications and Pre-Engineering Design Technology.

Currently, the Skills Center has apprenticeship agreements with the Willamette Carpenters Training Center, the National Electrical Contractors Association, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Western Oregon and Southwest Washington Regional Painters Apprenticeship Training Center, the HVAC & Metals Institute and the Firestop Containment Workers Apprenticeship.

An apprenticeship is generally a four-year program designed for an individual to learn the skills and knowledge of an occupation by attending related classes while working with and learning under the direction of a journey level expert

**Cleanup time in downtown Vancouver**

Vancouver's Downtown Association is inviting anyone with an interest in downtown Vancouver to join association members is cleaning up the downtown area Saturday, May 17. The cleanup project ends with a lunch and party in Esther Short Park, where workers will report at 7:30 a.m.

The cleanup area extends from 5th Street to Fourth Plain Boulevard and Columbia to C Streets. Grand marshal of the cleanup project is Mayor **Royce Pollard**.

**Adair Hilligoss is grand marshal of Hazel Dell Parade of Bands**

**Adair Hilligoss**, Vancouver musician and educator, is the grand marshal of the 2008 Hazel Dell Parade of Bands that gets underway at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, reports **Dellan Redjou**, parade co-chair.

The parade, billed as the largest in southwest Washington, is sponsored by the Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek



Business Association.

### News briefs

The Mount St. Helens' Spirit Lake Memorial Highway (State Route 504) to the Johnston Ridge Observatory was opened by the state department of transportation today. The Johnston Ridge Observatory will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from today on through the season. <> The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra quiz question is: *What other famous Russian composer was a roommate with Sergei Rachmaninoff during his conservatory days?* Hint: he was also a brilliant pianist, but he died relatively young. Send your answers to: [thevso@vancouverSymphony.org](mailto:thevso@vancouverSymphony.org). The first ten persons to return correct answers will each win a pair of tickets to this weekend's Vancouver Symphony concerts. <> The Vancouver Cab Company has been acquired by Radio Cab, Portland. Persons calling Vancouver Cab to request a taxi will notice that calls are being taken by Radio Cab. The transaction has received approval from the City of Vancouver.

### Calendar

*The Sound of Music*, produced by **Leslie Durst** and the Associated Student Body of the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, is being presented at 6 p.m. this evening and tomorrow evening, May 17, in the Royal Durst Theatre in the school at 3101 Main Street. Music is live. More than half the student body appears in the musical. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students. For further information, call **313-4603**. <> Washington State University/Clark County Extension and the City of Vancouver are holding a watershed enhancement project from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Burnt Bridge Creek Greenway trailhead at NE 18th Street and NE 65th Avenue. For further information, call **(800) 333-7658**. <> Internationally known soprano **Charlotte Pistor** sings Richard Strauss's *Four Last Songs* with the Vancouver Symphony at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17, and 7 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in the concert hall in the Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th Street. Music director **Salvador Brotons** conducts. Tickets range from \$22 to \$36. Student tickets are \$7 each. For further information, call **735-7278**. <> Bravo! Vancouver presents a concert version of Meredith Willson's *The Music Man* at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S Andresen Road. **Michael Kissinger**, Bravo! Vancouver artistic director, conducts the Washington Chamber Orchestra for the performance. Soloists are New York baritone **Charlie Baad** as Harold Hill and Seattle soprano **Mary Jo DuGaw** as "Marian the librarian" Paroo. Admission is \$20. Tickets are available at the door and through TicketsWest. For further information, call **906-0441**. <> The Jazzin' It Up Concert, a fund-raising event for Daybreak, which provides in-house treatment for teen boys addicted to alcohol and drugs, is at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in the Hilton Vancouver, Washington. Headlining the event is composer and pianist **Clay Giberson** and his Upper Left Trio. Admission is \$75. For further information, call **356-4991**. <> A tour of remodeled homes, sponsored by the Building Industry of Clark County, is Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18. For further information on the time and locations of the \$15 event, go to [www.remodeledhomestour.com](http://www.remodeledhomestour.com), or call **694-0933**.

### Friday on the air

Port of Vancouver commissioners (5/13)—5 p.m. CVTV  
**Las Vegas at Portland Beavers (live)**—7 p.m. KKAD  
**San Diego at Seattle Mariners (live)**—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN  
 Identity Clark County Annual Meeting (5/13)—7 p.m. CVTV  
 Citizens Corps Appreciation Celebration (5/6)—8:30 p.m. CVTV  
 Telecommunications Commission (5/7)—10 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Susan Wolff** handling fourth estate chores. <> **Becky Archibald** discovering roll locks. <> **Harry Weidmaier** reciting naval history. <> **Debbie Nelson** making smart choices. <> **Lisa Schmidt** handling P.R. chores. <> **Friday**, sunny and hot, 66-94. **Saturday**, mostly sunny and muggy, 58-87. **Sunday**, partly cloudy, 58-81.