

## Welcome, **Salmon Creek** Grand Opening



**Members of the Todd and Maxine McClaskey Foundation joined faculty and administrators from Washington State University Vancouver for a groundbreaking ceremony yesterday. The foundation recently donated \$1.5 million to expand the WSU Vancouver Child Development Program into a full-day kindergarten. Students from the current preschool CDP helped in the groundbreaking. Photo courtesy WSU Vancouver:**



### **Cal Morris appointed Clark Public Utilities director of engineering**

Cal Morris has been named director of engineering at Clark Public Utilities, succeeding **Larry Bekkedahl**, who left the utility to become a vice president at Bonneville Power Administration.

Morris has been with Clark Public Utilities for the past six years, where he was manager of construction design. For the previous 21 years he was with PacifiCorp.

Morris is a engineering graduate of the University of Idaho.

### **Klineline Bridge opens this evening**

The Highway 99 bridge across Salmon Creek, the so-called Klineline Bridge, closed for nearly a year for reconstruction after December flooding forced closure, will open late this afternoon.

The bridge replaces an aging structure originally built in 1927. The new span has four travel lanes, a center median, bicycle lanes, curb/gutter, sidewalks and two pedestrian overlooks with views of Salmon Creek.

This new structure is wider, longer and much safer for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists, according to project manager **Linda Small**.

Ostrander Rock and Construction of Longview won the construction contract with a bid that included completing the bridge within 160 days from start to finish. Work started in April 2008. Cascade Bridge of Vancouver worked with Ostrander to build the bridge structure.



**New Klineline Bridge**

The Board of Clark County commissioners will host a dedication ceremony on Friday, Sept. 26 beginning at 10 a.m. This will be followed by a reception located in the Salmon Creek United Methodist Church parking lot north of the bridge on Highway 99. Residents and businesses are invited to attend.

### **Rail construction closes 39th Street in Fruit Valley**

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad will close the rail crossing at W 39th Street in Fruit Valley Monday, Sept. 29, due to construction of a rail bypass and 39th Street bridge that will replace the 39th Street



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grade crossing.

The closure will remain in place for two years, until completion of the new bridge, expected in late 2010.

The project is jointly financed by the Washington State Department of Transportation, the City of Vancouver and BNSF.

WSDOT and the City of Vancouver will hold an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, to inform the community about the construction work as well as additional closure and detour information. The open house will be in the Discovery Middle School, 800 E 40th Street.

### **Forum at the Library takes on death and dying initiative**

The Forum at the Library presents a program exploring the state Aid-in-Dying Initiative at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, in the Community Room in Clark Public Utilities, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way.

Panelists are as follows: **Kevin Myles**, clinical manager of Hospice Southwest; **Ken Stephens**, vice president of Physicians for Compassionate Care Education Foundation; **George Eighmey**, Compassion and Choices, Oregon Chapter; and **Linda Olson**, Washington Death with Dignity Campaign.

The moderator is **Greg Kimsey**. There is no admission charge.

### **News briefs**

Early registration ends today for the Columbia River Economic Development Council's "Keeping Manufacturing Alive" seminar being held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, in the Heathman Lodge. Individual seating is \$35. Tables for ten persons are \$300. The fee increases after today. Presenters are the following: **Scott Bailey**, regional economist for the state Employment Security Department; **Robert Baker**, factory manager, Tetra Pak; **Norm Elder**, executive director, Manufacturing 21 Coalition; **Rick Goode**, CEO, Columbia Machine; and **Lisa Nisenfeld**, executive director, Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council. For further information, call **Chris Vinther, 735-4475, Nigel Moore, 438-1146, or Jennifer Crooks, 546-9604.** <> Forest Road 23, a key route through the Gifford Pinchot National Forest from Trout Lake to Randal, reopened this week. The road was heavily damaged during the 2006 flood, provides access to Takhlakh Lake and other scenic areas on the north end of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Forest Road 83, also damaged during the 2006 flood, is to be reopened the first week of October, providing access to Lava Canyon.

### **Calendar**

The Mary Firstenburg Family Center will be dedicated by Innovative Services beginning at 3 p.m. today. The center is at 9414 NE Fourth Plain Boulevard. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in Three Rivers Mall, 351 Three Rivers Drive, Kelso. <> The annual POW/MIA Recognition Day will be celebrated on the Vancouver campus of the Portland VA Medical Center, 1601 E Mill Plain Boulevard at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. <> 1220 Main Street Restaurant presents a brew master's dinner at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20. The price fix tariff is \$65, which includes dinner, brews, gratuity and tax. Call **448-2020** for a discount package. <> A coalition of Portland technology groups is hosting a day of music and speakers as part of OneWebDay, an international celebration of the Internet. OneWebDay is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, in Pioneer Courthouse Square.

### **Friday on the air**

Congressional Federal Transportation Forum (8/6)—3 p.m. CVTV

First Walk (8/23)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Bringing Williamsburg to the West (8/15)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (9/10)—7 p.m. CVTV

**Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN**

Partners Celebrating Community (9/3)—8:15 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Planning Commission (9/18)—10 p.m. CVTV

### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Susan Burr** promoting free seminar. <> **Jim McLaughlin** submitting the best idea of the month. <> **Albert Angelo III** gives big hello, as usual. <> **Sheri Byrd** providing finishing touches. <> **Dennis Grunes** astonished. <> **Friday**, mostly cloudy, possible light showers, 56-74. **Saturday**, light morning showers, 57-71. **Sunday**, additional light showers, cooler, 52-63.