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Superintendent's retirement is jeans and jawbone event

John Erickson, who has served as superintendent of Vancouver Public Schools since 2002, is being honored on his retirement from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in the commons in Hudson's Bay High School, 1601 E McLoughlin Boulevard.

Erickson, who has had a 40-year career in education, and who joined the Vancouver School District in 1994, is known as a down-home kind of guy.

Hence, sponsors of his retirement party, to which the public is invited, say dress is cowboy casual on a Western theme. Erickson will be roasted and toasted at the "O.K. Corral," reports **Kris Sork** in the district's communications office.

The event is sponsored by iQ Credit Union and LSW Architects.



John Erickson

Guided climbs added to Mount St. Helens seminar schedule

The Mount St. Helens Institute is adding seven guided climbs to its field seminar scheduled for this summer. The fee for climbs scheduled for July and August is \$100 per person.

The climbs, which begin at 6 a.m. and gain 4,600 feet in elevation, are 9.4 miles round trip and are accompanied by experienced climbers, who will also provide ecological information along the way.

Field seminar programs, held from June through September, range from astronomy to photography.

For further information, call institute executive director **Jeanne Bennett, 891-5107**.

Three Creeks Council to examine Highway 99 improvement, rapid transit

The Three Creeks Advisory Council will discuss long-term planning for the Highway 99 commercial corridor and high capacity transit planning for Clark County during its 10 a.m.-to-noon meeting Thursday, June 12, in the Clark Regional Wastewater District offices, 8000 NE 52nd Court.

The newly formed organization is charged with reviewing transportation and land-use planning and related issues in the Hazel Dell, Felida, Lake Shore and Salmon Creek neighborhoods.

Clark College concert choir and band offering American songs

The Clark College Concert Choir and Concert Band are offering songs from America in their appropriately named, considering the current weather, "Winter Concert" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 13, in the Royal Durst Theatre, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, 3101 Main Street.

Being premiered is *Fireflight*, a composition for the band written by concert band member **Christopher Alex. April Duvic** directs the choir. **Richard Inouye** directs the band.

There is no charge for the program. For further information, call **Peggy Winston, 992-2662**.

News briefs

The Clark County Democrats new office is at 10621 NE Coxley Drive, suite 103. The county Democratic Committee telephone number is **892-6052**. The *Daily Insider* somehow got the address wrong in a previous story. <> Clark County commissioners are calling for applicants to fill a vacancy on the 12-member Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Commission. Applications will be accepted through Friday, June 20. For further information, send an e-mail to **Jennifer Clark, Jennifer.clark@clark.wa.gov**. <> The glockenspiel in the Esther Short Park bell tower is operating again after being out of service for repairs since May 8.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council workshop session at 4 p.m. today is a closed executive session for discussion of possible litigation and labor negotiations. The council meets in regular session at 6 p.m. On the agenda is

discussion of a 500-plus-acre annexation north of SE 1st Street and east of NE 192nd Avenue. <> The Fort Vancouver Regional Library board of trustees meets at 6 p.m. this evening in the Goldendale Community Library, 131 W Bingen Street, Goldendale. <> The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meets at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Public Works Conference Room, 4700 NE 78th Street. A light dinner is being served. <> The Southern Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in the parking lot of Charter Communications, 521 NE 136th Avenue. <> Clark County commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 10. <> The C-TRAN board of directors meets in regular session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, in the Rose Besserman Room at the Fisher's Landing Transit Station. A discussion of high-capacity rapid transit as envisioned by the Columbia River Crossing Project is on the agenda.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Toronto (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Las Vegas (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Winning Ways to Run For Office (5/29)—9:15 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Fire Department Awards (5/29)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Kathy Scott buoyant. <> **Zac King** wins Mariners tickets. <> **Barbara Sheldon** gearing up for September. <> **Jesse Alexander** feted on special birthday. <> **Randy Alexander** giving showplace tours. <> **Monday**, a few showers likely, 49-59. **Tuesday**, showers, 51-59. **Wednesday**, dry spell begins, 51-63.