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Bank of Clark County's east county banking center opens



Mike Cochran and Shelley Pierce head up east county Bank of Clark County branch

The Bank of Clark County has gone from one branch (two offices) to two branches, a drive-up window and an ATM machine—a big departure for the home-owned bank that has grown to over \$400 million in assets in nine years.

This month, Bank of Clark County's full service east county banking center at the southeast corner of SE 169th Avenue and SE 1st Avenue, opened for business in a 7,000 square-foot building in the same commercial complex as landmark Park Rose Hardware.

"We offer everything the main office offers," says **Shelley Pierce**, Bank of Clark County vice president and branch manager, "and then some."

The Bank of Clark County has gone without a drive-up window and without an ATM machine until now. Says **Mike Worthy**, the bank's chief executive officer, "Our directors' wives urged us to put up the drive-in window." The bank's first ATM machine is a little out of the ordinary, too, according to Worthy. It has an expanding deposit box to handle larger than usual merchant deposits. The bank's policy on business accounts getting free world-wide ATM service continues, according to Worthy.

Worthy will spend about 70 percent of his time in the east county center.

The bank's senior vice president, **Mike Cochran**, heads up the east county banking center. The east county bank also gives commercial customers free courier service, just as the main branch does.

Bank of Clark County's headquarters is at 1400 Washington Street. The Real Estate Division Office is at 1307 Columbia Street.

County sets Cowlitz casino MOU hearings for April

Clark County commissioners have scheduled three public hearings on a proposed memorandum of understanding between the county and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe spelling out how the county would be compensated for public costs associated with construction and operation of what would be the largest casino-resort in the Pacific Northwest.

An earlier MOU agreed to by both the board of county commissioners and the tribal council was invalidated by the state growth management hearings board. The tribal council shortly afterwards approved an ordinance substantiating the content of the MOU, but commissioners have indicated they will revisit the original to make certain that it covers anticipated costs, tax losses, code and building requirements and costs associated with emergency services.

According to Cowlitz Tribal Council chairman **John Barnett**, the proposed MOU provides more revenue and more support for the local community than any other agreement between other tribes and local communities in Washington. Barnett says the MOU exceeds the impact mitigation fund requirements of state tribal gaming compacts and that the Cowlitz is the only tribe in the state that has agreed to make payments in lieu of taxes.

The hearings are scheduled for Monday, April 7, Thursday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 15.



Inside Bank of Clark County's new 7,000-square foot east side banking center.

**Three Creeks planners
setting up work plans**

The newly established Three Creeks Advisory Council is expected to begin developing work plans for transportation, land-use planning and related issues at its second meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, March 27, in the Clark Regional Wastewater District offices, 800 NE 52nd Court.

The Three Creeks Special Planning Area includes unincorporated urban land in Hazel Dell, Felida, Lake Shore, Salmon Creek and the county fairgrounds.

Cyclists must wear helmets

Effective Tuesday, March 25, bicyclists of all ages must wear helmets while riding in Vancouver. The new law also extends to persons riding scooters, skates, skateboards and roller blades. Violators will be subject to a maximum \$50 fine.

According to city ordinances, bicycles are otherwise subject to the same rules and are given the same privileges as motor vehicles when being used on city streets.

Calendar

Governmental relations manager for the city, **Mark Brown**, will present an update of governmental legislative actions in 2008 to the Vancouver City Council during its workshop session at 4 p.m. today. <> Portland mayor **Tom Potter** and Portland radio personality **Bob Miller**, KPAM 960, are special guests this evening at the 6 p.m. Vancouver City Council consent agenda meeting in City Hall. Potter, who lost a bet to Vancouver mayor **Royce Pollard** during the last Christmas season KPAM fundraiser for U.S. military veterans families, will recite the top 15 good things about America's Vancouver. <> Master gardener **Yolanda Vanveen-Wilson** is the featured speaker at this evening's 7 p.m. meeting of the North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association in the community room of Three Creeks Library, 800 NE Tenney Road. <> The Puget Sound Blood Bank is holding a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Vancouver South Mom's Club, 12513 SE Mill Plain Boulevard. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 25. <> An open house to discuss master planning of Ridgefield's 18-acre downtown Abrams Park is from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the Bennett Kitchen at the park.

Monday on the air**Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV**

Northwest Indian News—6:30 p.m. FVTV

Vancouver City Council (3/17)—7 p.m. CVTV

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

Housing Council Roundtable (3/17)—9:45 p.m. CVTV

Women of Achievement (3/13)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Vanessa Stephens using light touch. <> **Alice Doyle** asking a good question. <> **Chris Redman** up to old tricks. <> **Bob Koski** getting fan mail. <> **Jeremy Kanooth** survives Easter. <> **Brenda Veldink** joining A-list. <> **Monday**, begins with sunshine, but clouds move in, 34-52. **Tuesday**, mostly rainy, 40-52. **Wednesday**, rainy again, 36-47.