

Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



Skills Center's Andrew McColley named chef of the year

Andrew McColley, executive chef and instructor in the Clark County Skills Center Culinary Arts Restaurant Management program, has been named the Chef of the Year by the American Culinary Federation's Chef de Cuisine Society of Oregon.

He will compete in the Western Regional ACF culinary competition in April in Seattle against 12 other Chefs of the Year for the right to enter the national competition at the ACF convention next July in Orlando, Florida.

McColley was recognized for being an "outstanding culinarian who works and cooks in a full-service dining facility, has demonstrated the highest standard of culinary skills, advanced the cuisine of America and given back to the profession through the development of students and apprentices."

A graduate of the Skills Center's first Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management class in 1984, McColley has been the program's instructor for the past 17 years.

McColley is a graduate of the Western Culinary Institute. He worked as executive sous chef for the Portland Airport Sheraton, opened Andrew's Restaurant and Catering in Vancouver, and published a northwest regional cuisine cookbook, "Andrew's Secrets" in 1996.

In 2002 McColley was awarded a Washington State Award for Excellence in Teaching. Many of his students have become managers, chefs, corporate executive chefs, internationally recognized chefs and corporate trainers.

Friday, Oct. 24th, his current culinary class presents a gourmet *Harvest Dinner* open to the public beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Skills Center restaurant located at 12200 NE 28th Street in Vancouver. Call **604-1050** to make reservations.

Blanchett and Petracca join Vancouver chamber staff



Anita Blanchette



Jenny Petracca

Anita Blanchette has been hired as an administrative coordinator and **Jenny Petracca** as a sales assistant at the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, according to chamber president and CEO **Kim Capeloto**.

Blanchette will coordinate and administer all operations of the Chamber and provide overall support for staff and CEO. Prior to joining the Chamber, she worked as a bookkeeper for Summit View Church. Blanchette is a graduate of the International Air Academy. Her career includes positions as bookkeeper, administrative assistant and bank teller.

Petracca will be responsible for prospecting and networking with potential Chamber members and

and selling chamber memberships.

Previously, Petracca spent eight years at Shelter Products, Inc., a Portland-based wholesale lumber supplier. where she assisted the sales team and general manager. Petracca is enrolled at Clark College.

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce has served the Southwest Washington business



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community since 1890.

Columbia Credit Union wins marketing awards

Columbia Credit Union has won two Spectrum marketing awards from the state credit union league, reports **Colleen Boccia**, senior vice president of marketing and chief deposit officer.

The awards were for “green” branding in corporate practices, community outreach, member education and rewards, and for its website for creativity, content and ease of navigation. The website can be found at www.columbiacu.org.

Red Cross calling for real hero nominations

The American Red Cross of Southwest Washington is asking for nominations of persons for real heroes awards to be presented in March 2009. Categories, in addition to an open category are as follows, medical rescue hero, animal rescue hero, youth good Samaritan hero, adult good Samaritan hero, workplace hero, educational hero and professional rescue hero.

For further information, call **David Fenton, 693-5821**, extension 135.

News brief

The Camas School Board is seeking applications for a District V school board position. Interested individuals who currently reside within the District V boundaries are encouraged to apply. Applications, as well as a map of District V, may be obtained by going to www.camas.wednet.edu or by calling **Lynette Marshall, 833-5412**. Applications are due by Wednesday, Nov. 5, and interviews will begin Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council has scheduled a four-hour meeting today to consider the 2009-2010 budget. The meeting begins as a workshop at 4 p.m. this afternoon in City Hall. <> Clark County auditor **Greg Kimsey** and secretary of state **Sam Reed** are holding a reception and fundraiser for Republican candidate for state treasurer **Allan Martin** from 5 to 7 p.m. today, in the Academy, 400 E Evergreen Boulevard. For further information and to confirm attendance, call **521-6685**. <> Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners will discuss proposed 2009 hangar rates for Grove Airport at the commissioners’ regular meeting at 4 p.m. today. <> The High Capacity Task Force, charged with selecting future high-capacity transit corridors within Clark County, meets in the 6th floor training room in the Public Service Center at 6:30 p.m. this evening to discuss potential priority corridors. For further information, call **397-6067**. <> Clark Public Utilities commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, < Oct. 21. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. John Medical Center, 1615 Delaware Street, Longview.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at Sacramento (live)—7 p.m. KXTG

Candidate Forum (10/7)—8 p.m. CVTV

Candidate Forum 10/8)—9:30 p.m. CVTV

WSUV: Building Sustainable Fisheries (10/10)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Randy Alexander’s unaided eye spots offending 40-watter. <> **Karen Liberty** moving fan club to Shorewood address. <> **Alan Jackson Leland** checking up on comrades. <> **Ozzie Coats** settling on fifth Thursday of the month. <> **Al Hicks** expecting company. <> **Monday**, occasional sunbreaks, showers, 42-55. **Tuesday**, mostly cloudy, 42-61. **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, 46-67.