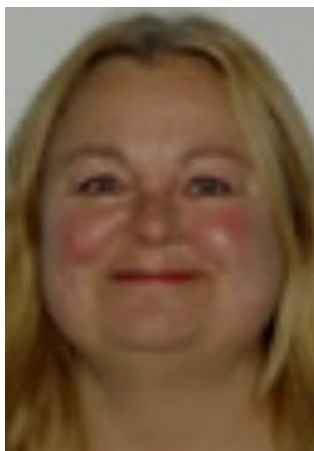




Bridget Schwarz will be an Independent candidate for Clark County commissioner



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Bridget Schwarz, Clark County native, today announced her intent to become an Independent candidate for the post of Clark County commissioner currently held by retiring Democrat **Betty Sue Morris**.

Schwarz, born in Portland to a pioneer Clark County family, has spent most of her adult life in the Fairgrounds neighborhood north of Salmon Creek, where she is a member of the Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association and is a former president of that organization. Schwarz is also a member of the board of directors of the national Neighborhoods USA organization.

In order to run as an Independent candidate for county commissioner, Schwarz will hold a nominating convention from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, in the Three Creeks Library. To be nominated, Schwarz must have signatures from 100 commissioner District 1 voters.

Schwarz graduated from St. Mary's Academy in downtown Portland and is a 1998 graduate of Leadership Clark County. She is the executive director of Friends of Clark County, a member of the Assistance League, Juvenile Justice Community Restorative

Service, Master Gardners, Soroptimist International of Vancouver and former member of YWCA Family Night.

Schwarz, who currently works for Vancouver physician **Kelly Lindgren**, is a former entrepreneur and manufacturers' representative for electronic products.

Jim Jacks hired by MacKay & Sposito

Jim Jacks, former southwest Washington public liaison officer for Gov. **Chris Gregoire**, has joined the MacKay & Sposito business development team, reports **Al Schauer**, president and CEO of the full-service civil engineering firm.

In addition to joining the private sector, Jacks recently announced his intention to run as a Democrat to succeed the 49th District legislative post held by retiring Democrat **Bill Fromhold**.

Jacks formerly worked for the City of Vancouver as the citizen advocate for nearly five years. During his tenure he received, responded to and solved over 4,500 citizen complaints and requests for information. He also was involved with public outreach for neighborhood associations, other local jurisdictions and the business community.

Jacks is a member of the Downtown Vancouver Rotary Club and member of the board of directors of Leadership Clark County.

Jacks is a graduate of Oregon State University, and earned a masters degree in peace studies from the University of Bradford, United Kingdom.

Founded in 1974, MacKay & Sposito employees 70 persons and has offices in Vancouver, Kennewick and Wilsonville.

First Friday starts at the Hilton

Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served in the Hilton Vancouver Washington from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 4, as the Vancouver art community celebrates with guided tours of downtown Vancouver art venues.

The free reception and tours are sponsored by Vancouver's Downtown Association and hosted by the



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Hilton hotel. Tours will be led by such notables as Mayor **Royce Pollard**, city council members **Pat Jollota** and **Larry Smith**, and city manager **Pat McDonnell**. To respond, call **Kristy Weaver** at **906-4270**, or email weaverk@wcb.com.

Pearson Air Museum is also participating in the First Friday event with its own display of aviation art that opens at 4 p.m.

Novardo Gallery celebrates First Friday in Camas

The Nevado Art Gallery presents art by Clark County artists **Vickie Nelson** and **Bev Jozwiak**, both nationally and internationally recognized artists, as well as live ballerinas from the Washington State Ballet, in full costume during the First Friday art celebration in Camas, Friday, April 4.

Nelson and Jozwiak art work will be on display at the gallery through Friday, April 18. The Gallery is at 428 NE 4th Avenue, Camas. For further information, call **833-4589**.

People

Democrat Gov. **Chris Gregoire** will be announcing her candidacy for re-election at 5 p.m. Monday, April 7, in the Firefighters Hall, 2807 NW Fruit Valley Road. This will be her third stop on Monday on her way to visiting ten cities next week. Reservations can be made by responding to vancouver@chrisgregoire.com. <> **Larry Bekkedahl**, who for the past seven years has been director of engineering and technical services for Clark Public Utilities, has signed on as vice president of engineering and technical services at Bonneville Power Administration. Bekkedahl, who has been in the electric utility business for over 20 years, will manage BPA's \$300 million capital construction program.

News brief

Washington State University's 2008 commencement ceremonies will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10, in the Amphitheater at Clark County, 7200 NE Delfel Road, Ridgefield.

Calendar

Led by **Rivkah Loewus**, a poetry workshop is being presented at 7 p.m. this evening in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. <> The WSU-Vancouver Chancellor's Seminar Series' "Sleeping Your Way to Success: Understanding Sleep in a 24/7 Society" is noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 4, at WSU-Vancouver. Admission is \$30. For further information, call **694-2588**.

Thursday on the air

West Precinct Community Forum (3/25)—4 p.m. CVTV
Clark County L and Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV
Fresno at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD
Houston at Portland Blazers (live)—7:30 p.m. TNT, KXL
State-of-the-City Address (2/28)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Nelson Holmberg delivering enchilada with pickle. <> **Anita Elliott** filling up dance card. <> **Gary Hollingshead** fulfilling third-time adage. <> **Stephanie Hadley** making number 70 look good. <> **Jeanne Bennett** reporting on Lucky Labrador events. <> **Bob Burnes** making the A-list. <> **Thursday**, partly cloudy, sunbreaks, 41-68. **Friday**, might be a little rainy, 42-52. **Saturday**, showers returning, 41-51.