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Peter Frampton headlines Friday's Hot July Nights

Entertainer and musician **Peter Frampton** headlines Friday's opening of **KC Fuller's** Hot July Nights in Esther Short Park. Gates open at 4 p.m. Admission is \$35.

Norman Sylvester opens at 4:30 p.m. Following an 8 p.m. introduction, Frampton comes on at 8:30 p.m.

Frampton, a late 1960s entertainer, came into his own in the 1970s with a hit 1976 album *Frampton Comes Alive*, which included hit singles, "Baby I Love Your Way," "Show Me the Way," and "Do You Feel Like We Do." Frampton's most recent album is the 2007 *Fingerprints*, which was awarded the 2007 Grammy for the Best Pop Instrumental Album. Frampton, born in England, became a U.S. citizen just after 9-11.

Saturday's Hot July Nights headliner is the perennial 1960s singing group the **Beach Boys**. Opening for the Beach Boy's 8 p.m. concert is local favorite **Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts** at 6 p.m.

The final Hot July Nights performance is a special concert by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra under the direction of guest conductor **Ron Daniels**. Featured soloists are vocalist **Katie Harman**, Miss America 2000, and violinist **Aaron Meyer**.

Symphony tickets are \$5 per person, \$10 per family, and \$40 for a VIP dinner.

For further information on Hot July Nights, call **706-4331**.

Clark Public Utilities ranked highest in customer satisfaction in the west

In a report issued today by J.D. Power and Associates, Clark Public Utilities ranked highest in customer satisfaction for residential electric service among midsize electricity providers in the western United States. Midsize utilities in the report serve between 125,000 and 499,999 residential customers.

This is the first time the utility has been included in the study. Clark Public Utilities also scored fifth highest in the nation for residential customer satisfaction regardless of utility size or region.

The study, designed and independently financed by J.D. Power and Associates, is a standardized measure of satisfaction available for the electric residential utility industry. Based on about 35,500 online responses from residential electric utility customers throughout the U.S., the study compared 120 electric utility brands, collectively serving some 92 million households.

Clark Public Utilities' overall highest ranking in the west midsize segment is based on its strength in power quality and reliability, price, billing and payment, corporate citizenship, communications, and customer service, the study found.

Byron Hanke, president of the utility board of directors, attributed the utility's unmatched success in the study to the strong performance and dedication of utility employees, as well as close ties the utility has had with the community for 70 years.

Clark Public Utilities is a customer-owned public utility district that provides electric service to more than 181,000 customers throughout Clark County. The utility also provides water service to more than 30,000 homes and businesses in the Hazel Dell, Salmon Creek, Lakeshore, Hockinson, Brush Prairie, La Center, Meadow Glade, Amboy and Yacolt areas.



Peter Frampton

Bank of Clark County reports strong growth, earnings

The Bank of Clark County reported today that the bank had strong growth and higher earnings during its second quarter ended June 30, 2008.

Mike Worthy, the bank's president and chief executive officer, reports that the bank's loan portfolio increased by 12.3% so far this year and also had strong deposit increases from local clients.

"We are very excited about our deposit increases in recent months, already growing more than all of 2007," Worthy said.

According to Worthy, loan growth came from segments other than construction and development loans, further diversifying the bank's portfolio.

Worthy credited much of the deposit growth to the opening of the bank's East Clark County Branch in March 2008.

Overall, the bank achieved record levels of assets and capital by June 30, 2008. Earnings were \$0.96 per share for the 12 months ending June 30.

People

Two Clark County Skills Center graduates finished among the top in the nation in recent skills center academic competition. **Michael Yonemoto**, also a Lewis and Clark High School graduate and Washington State champion in architectural drafting, finished 10th in architectural drafting in national competition. **Cameron McLeod**, a Hockinson High School graduate took 15th place nationally in computer programming.

Calendar

The **Patrick Lamb Band** entertains at this evening's 6 p.m. Riverview Community Bank Six-to-Sunset concert in Esther Short Park. The concert is free. Food vendors are in attendance. <> **Gregg Herrington** moderates the Clark County commissioner candidates Forum at the Library at 7 p.m. this evening, in the Clark Public Utilities' community room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. The program is co-sponsored by the Clark County League of Women Voters. District 1 county commissioner candidates scheduled to appear are as follows: **Pam Brokaw**, Democrat; **Brad Lothspeich**, Republican; **Tom Mielke**, Republican; **Robert Nichols**, no party preference; **Bridget Schwarz**, Independent; and **Matt Swindell**, Republican. <> The musical *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* is being presented by the New Blue Parrot Theatre at 7 p.m. this evening, tomorrow, July 18, and Saturday, July 19, in Mountain View High School, 1500 SE Blaimont Street. For ticket information, call **696-1155**. <> Friends of the Battle Ground Community Library are conducting a used book sale through Sunday, July 20, in the library in Battle Ground Village, 1207 SE Rasmussen Boulevard.

Thursday on the air

Clark County Commissioners: Columbia Crossing (6/23)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Northwest Indian News—4 p.m. FVTV

Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers vs. Minnesota (live)—7 p.m. CSN

Sustainable Vancouver (6/3)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Christine Webb politicking among old duffers. <> **Lorna Ingenthron** promulgating diversity news. <> **Melissa Simmons** getting local votes. <> **Ted Van Arsdol** pursuing ancient port relics. <> **Jim DeLong** pursuing ancient summer styles. <> **Bill Marshall** telling used car stories. <> **Onofre Contreras** checking in from Portland. <> **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 55-80. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 56-78. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 57-84.