



Renata Fusso presented Gen. George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award



Mayor Royce Pollard, left, presents Renata Fusso with 2008 General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award.
—Barbara Kerr photo

Renata Fusso, Skyview High School senior, who also is in the Running Start program at Clark College, yesterday was presented the 2008 Gen. George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award by Vancouver mayor **Royce Pollard**.

Fusso is a member of the Clark County Youth Commission, which nominated her for the award. Fusso also volunteers at a nursing home, the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, Friends of Trees and the Steps Leadership Team of Clark County. Earlier, she received the Girl Scout Gold Award for developing a Web site to promote healthier lifestyle choices for teenagers.

As the Marshall Youth Leadership honoree, Fusso received a \$1,000 scholarship and other gifts, including a biography of General Marshall. Fusso plans to study nursing at the University of Portland in the fall.

The Marshall Youth Leadership Award is presented by Celebrate Freedom, a program of the Vancouver National Historic Trust. ShinEtsu was this year's presenting sponsor.

Prosecuting attorney to lead discussions on Cowlitz MOU

Clark County commissioners have called for three public meetings to obtain public comment on the invalidated 2004 memorandum of understanding between the county and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe that limited the financial and environmental impacts of the proposed Cowlitz Casino Resort near La Center on I-5.

The 2004 MOU was invalidated by the state Land Use Hearings Board, partly because it lacked sufficient public input.

Troy Rayburn, spokesperson for the commissioner's office, says that the commissioners are looking for ways of improving the first memorandum of understanding.

County chief deputy prosecuting attorney **Curt Wyrick** will lead the discussions in meetings at 6 p.m. Monday, April 7, in the La Center High School Commons, 725 Highland Road, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in the Maple Grove Middle School, 12500 NE 199th Street, Battle Ground, and 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 15, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The original MOU can be seen by going to www.clark.wa.gov, and clicking on Cowlitz Casino.

Sales tax hike would update emergency communications systems to digital

Clark County voters will have an opportunity to bring Clark County's 11-year-old analog emergency communications system into the digital age by approving a one-tenth of a cent sales tax increase at the countywide special election Tuesday, April 22.

Current analog communications systems, including television and radio, are being phased out over the next four years.

Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency, which runs the 9-1-1 system in Clark County, would oversee the change over to digital communications used by 2,500 responders and dispatchers throughout the county and in the county's seven cities.

The proposed new system would take up to four years to install at a total cost of \$45 million. The sales tax increase would raise about \$6 million a year.

Sleeping your way to success is WSU Vancouver lecture topic

Gregory Belenky, director of the Sleep and Performance Research Center at Washington State University Spokane, presents “Sleeping Your Way to Success: Understanding Sleep in a 24/7 Society” in the first of a series of Chancellor’s Seminars at Washington State University Vancouver at noon Friday, April 4.

The \$30 seminars are being held in the Firstenburg Student Commons on WSU Vancouver’s Salmon Creek campus.

To reserve tickets by Friday, March 28, call **694-2588**.

News briefs

The deadline for submitting applications for a full-term on the Vancouver Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is Tuesday, April 1. For further information, call **Jan Bader, 735-8870**, or go to www.cityofvancouver/boards.

<> Use of snow tires has been extended one week, to Saturday, April 5, by both Washington and Oregon Departments of Transportation.

Calendar

The annual meeting of Vancouver's Downtown Association is 5 to 8 p.m. this evening in E.B. Hamilton Hall in the Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes Road in Vancouver Barracks. <> The C-TRAN Citizens Advisory Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. this evening in C-TRAN administrative offices, 2425 NE 65th Avenue.

Thursday on the air

Northwest Indian News—4 p.m. FVTV

North Carolina vs. WSU (live)—4:25 p.m. KOIN-TV, KFX

Clark County Board of Health (3/26)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Cooking with Class—5:30 p.m. FVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners vs. San Francisco (live)—7 p.m. FSN

Portland Blazers at Golden State (live)—7:30 p.m. TNT, KXL

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (3/18)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Bob Durgan opining for appreciative audience. <> **Pat McDonnell** getting peer plaudits. <> **Kristy Weaver** taking names. <> **Paul Quimbly** answering 100th anniversary questions.<> **Bob Schwarz** putting party together. <> **Thursday**, early cold showers, afternoon sun breaks, 36-48. **Friday**, gnarly March rain, possible thunder storms, 37-47. **Saturday**, mostly rain, snow in some places, 32-49.