

Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



Port of Ridgefield commissioner Roy Randel dies

Long time Port of Ridgefield Commissioner Roy Randel lost his battle with cancer Wednesday afternoon October 22 at his home in Ridgefield.

For nearly three decades Commissioner Randel served on the Port Board of Commissioners starting his tenure in 1982.

Randel devoted himself to the economic development of the community in which he lived and loved so much and over the years his accomplishments included the Ridgefield Junction Industrial Park, Tri Mt. Golf Course, Discovery Point (future site of SW Washington Medical Center super-clinic) and the environmental clean up of the Ridgefield waterfront. Bruce Wiseman, Port of Ridgefield Board of Commissioners Chair said, "Roy had a sixth sense about this community, a vision of how things could be, should be and his enthusiasm for it was infectious, you couldn't help wanting to be a part of it and he wasn't afraid to let you know... considerately, if he disagreed with you on a point or two. A lot of people talk about integrity, Roy lived it and I respected him greatly for it."



Tonight's the night

Jimi (at left) is one of the scarecrows that will be auctioned off at the museum this evening at 6 p.m. in the Clark County Historical Museum. The voting period is over for the People's Choice and Mayor's Choice awards. Tickets are \$5 in advance; \$7.50 at the door. The museum is located at 1511 Main Street, Vancouver, 360-993-5679.

Arbitration panel postpones RiverWalk hearing panel until April

An arbitration hearing originally scheduled for December 1-5, 2008, between the Port of Camas-Washougal and RiverWalk on the Columbia, LLC, will be postponed to April 6-10, 2009, with the Judicial Arbitration Mediation Services (JAMS), headquartered in Seattle, Wash.

"The original schedule was ambitious, given the complexity of the case," said Port counsel, **Shawn MacPherson**. "The ongoing discovery process including numerous depositions, and document exchange necessitated the continuation of the trial."

In addition, the JAMS arbitration panel is requiring both parties to maintain confidentiality until the conclusion of the trial as provided by JAMS rules. The arbitration hearing will still be held in Clark County in closed sessions.

Young Professionals fundraiser to SWWDC youth programs

Young Professionals of Vancouver (YPOV) will host its "Reach for the Stars" scholarship dinner and silent auction Sat., November 15, 2008, to raise funds for local youth. Funds generated from the event will provide college scholarships for low-income youth enrolled in the Youth Workforce Program which is funded by the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) and administered by Educational Service District 112.

Organizers said the Reach for the Stars scholarship dinner and silent auction aims to raise funds for college scholarships for Clark County youth who may not otherwise have adequate resources to attend college. Scholarships are targeted toward low-income students who have overcome significant barriers to achieve academic success.

"As professionals and future business leaders of Southwest Washington, our organization is committed to contributing to Vancouver's prosperity. We want to give back to our community and we see college scholarships for disadvantaged youth as a way to do this," said YPOV President **Tina Vlachos**.

The fundraiser starts at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Vancouver Washington downtown. Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased online at www.ypov.org. Table sponsorships are \$500 each or \$1,000 with 10 dinner tickets. Silent auction items are also needed. Contact Tina at tinavlachos@aol.com for more information or to make a donation.

Skills Center opens to public

The Clark County Skills Center opens the doors of its campus programs to the general public, Fri., November 7 at the Skills Center, 12200 NE 28th Street in Vancouver. The VIP Tour and Luncheon is open to the public.

The event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. beginning with an all-campus tour of 13 programs, visiting classrooms and observing students. Following the tour, students from the Skills Center's (American Culinary Federation Certified) Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts Program will host, prepare and serve a gourmet lunch in the Skills Center Restaurant. The cost is \$5.

For more information and to make reservations, please call **Jan Strickland** at **(360) 604-1050** by Monday, November 3. Opened in 1983, the Clark County Skills Center, which is owned and operated by ten southwest Washington school districts, provides technical and professional training programs that prepare Clark County high school and college students for the workforce.

Calendar

Smart Environments: Artificial Intelligence at Home and Beyond is the title of the WSU Vancouver Chancellor's Seminar Series on Fri., Nov. 14, 12-1:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, www.vancouverusa.com or by calling **360-694-2588**. Tickets are \$30 per person and includes lunch and parking. The lecture by Dr. **Diane Cook** (WSU Pullman) will focus on how "Smart Environments" could relieve the emotional and financial burdens of our aging population.

Thursday on the air

Clark County Board of Health (10/22) —5:12 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (LIVE)—5:55 p.m. CVTV

Blazers against Utah Jazz—6 p.m. 95.5 FM

Clark County Disability Employment Awareness Awards (10/21)—9:00 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Minda Coombs tossing the sweet stuff. <> **Tony the Third** and **John the First** blowing out candles.<> **Dennis Grunes** right on schedule. <> **Tammy Williams** making her lists. <> **Shirley Ashcraft** on trick-or-treat watch. <>**Thursday**, sunny but cooler, 42-60. **Friday**, sun prevails, 45-66. **Saturday**, more autumn splendor, sunny, 44-67.