

## Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



### Vancouver educator honored with Golden Apple Award



**Debbie Renner, pictured with her students at Evergreen High School, is a 2008 Golden Apple Award recipient for her work as sign language interpreter and assistant to the Teacher of the Deaf.**

**Debbie Renner**, sign-language interpreter and assistant to the Teacher of the Deaf at Evergreen High School has been selected to receive a 2008 Golden Apple Award for her work in the classroom. Only eight individuals and two programs in grades pre-K-12 were chosen from over 200 nominees throughout Washington. The awards, which are sponsored by KCTS 9, PEMCO Insurance and the School Employees Credit Union of Washington, were created to "Honor committed professionals who are developing lifelong learners," said **Bill Mohler**, KCTS Television President and CEO. "The teachers and programs being honored are those who are setting the course of our state's future by the efforts they put forth today."

In addition to interpretation, Renner is committed to curriculum innovation to meet

individual student needs. Examples include personally learning German to help a student with socially appropriate communication challenges who wanted to participate in a mainstream German class, modifying the Washington Driver's Guide for a student with autism who used a motorized scooter and developing a curriculum that simulates real life math experiences where students receive an income, manage a checkbook, fill out job applications and complete tax forms.

"Due to Debbie's enthusiasm and hard work, these students are able to take advantage of both social and learning opportunities that they may not otherwise have had access to," said **Kathleen Larson**, Teacher of the Deaf at Evergreen High School. "She gives these students the skills and confidence to solve problems on their own in high school and beyond."

Renner and the other winners will be honored in a ceremony held in January 2009 in Seattle, which will be broadcast at a later date on public television stations statewide. Each winner will receive a "Golden Apple" statuette, \$250 and a \$1,500 grant to support their classroom from PEMCO Insurance.

### **Greater Vancouver Chamber announces giving campaign; inspirational athlete Craig Blanchette to keynote holiday breakfast Dec. 5**

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce (GVCC) will support all of its member 501c3 charitable nonprofits this holiday season with a brand new giving campaign and holiday breakfast. With more than 40 member charitable nonprofits, the GVCC ambassadors and staff have stepped up to generate support for them this year.

The month-long giving campaign kicks off on Nov. 3 and goes all day, every day until Dec. 1. The culmination of the campaign is a breakfast on Dec. 5 at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay from 7:30 – 9 a.m. Umpqua Bank will sponsor the giving campaign and breakfast.

Guest speaker at the breakfast will be **Craig Blanchette**, an eight time Olympic medalist and 21-time world record holder in wheelchair racing. A double amputee since birth, Blanchette has never allowed others to see him as anything but dynamic and free from barriers.

GVCC officials said all proceeds go directly to these nonprofits, and the donations are completely tax deductible. Donations of any size are welcome from individuals and businesses. A prize going to the top business donor.

Participants may donate in a variety of ways, including through online payments at the GVCC's website at [www.vancouverusa.com](http://www.vancouverusa.com); by calling 360-694-2588; through pledge cards; at the GVCC office (call to have a

**Winter Hospitality Overflow (WHO) to host benefit concert**

The 10th Annual Night of Song and Praise Benefit Concert, presented by Salmon Creek Kiwanis, will be held Fri. Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 8701 NE 119th Street, Vancouver.

"The Annual Night of Song and Praise is a key fundraising event for the Winter Hospitality Overflow Program," says Nancy Deibert, Salmon Creek Kiwanis. "WHO is a vital program for the street homeless, who often have nowhere else to go during cold, winter nights."

The evening's activities will include Master of Ceremonies Pete and Brenda from The Fish Radio (104.3 FM) Salmon Creek Methodist Praise Team, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Praise Team, Walnut Grove Community Church Praise Team, and soloist Letha Brandenburg.

WHO is a partnership between Council for the Homeless, Share, St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Andrew Lutheran Church and numerous faith-based communities throughout Clark County.

**Free Drop-off Program Helps Keep Streets Clean and Drains Clear**

City of Vancouver and Clark County officials are working hard during the leafy season to remind residents that while autumn foliage is beautiful on the trees, leaves can create an ugly problem once they hit the streets.

A free drop-off program is available through the city and county to prevent fall foliage from creating curbside trouble. Do NOT rake or blow leaves into the street. Instead, take advantage of a free leaf drop-off program, now through Dec. 20, at a variety of locations around the area.

This free program is for residents only, leaves only, and requires use of a coupon. All other types of yard debris or mixed loads of leaves and yard debris will be charged the regular yard debris price at all facilities. Coupons for free leaf recycling are included in City of Vancouver water and sewer utilities bills for September/October, Clark Regional Wastewater District bills for September/October, the fall Curbside Recycling newsletter and many neighborhood association newsletters.

Leaf coupons are also available at the free leaf drop-off sites:

\*H & H Wood Recyclers, 8401 NE 117th Ave. Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, except Thanksgiving Day.

\*West Van Materials Recovery Center, 6601 NW Old Lower River Road. Hours: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Sundays and Thanksgiving Day.

Don't want to haul leaves? Mow over them and use as mulch around trees and shrubs or to insulate perennials and rose bushes during the winter.

For additional coupons, information or recycling suggestions, please call Clark County's Solid Waste Program at **(360) 397-6118** ext. **4352**, or the City of Vancouver's Solid Waste Services at **(360) 619-4120**.

**Tuesday on the air**

Vancouver Planning Commission (LIVE) —7:00 p.m. CVTV

**Blazers Versus Lakers—7:30 p.m., TNT**

Clark County Disability Employment Awareness Celebration (10/21)—11 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Jennifer Kirby** bundling up for a pre-season trip to the tree farm. <> **Pat Mobley** reminding. <> **Devona Cook** fumigating books. <> **Jeremy Williams** waiting patiently. <> **Lisa Dow** in the loop. <> **Tuesday**, enjoy the day, sunny, 44-67. **Wednesday**, clouds and sun mixed 45-66. **Wednesday**, chance of rain, 44-64.