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Columbia crossing task force meets in Vancouver January 22

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force, meeting from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, will discuss environmental findings and financing options for four alternatives being considered as possible replacements of the twin I-5 bridges linking Washington and Oregon.

The task force is not expected to take any action at the meeting in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. There will, however, be a period set aside to accept public comment, beginning at 4:40 p.m.

Four options are being considered by the task force, ranging from doing nothing to replacing augmenting the Columbia River bridges.

In addition to focusing on the I-5 bridges, the task force is also considering improvements to the I-5 freeway on both sides of the Columbia River from Highway 500 in Vancouver to Columbia Boulevard in Portland.

For further information, call **737-2726**. Detailed information is available by going to [www.columbiarivercrossing.org/File Library/GraphicsandPhotos/Draft Concepts.pdf](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org/File_Library/GraphicsandPhotos/Draft_Concepts.pdf).

Clark County Chamber of Commerce scholarships deadline is January 31

The Clark County Chamber of Commerce is offering six college scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000, according to chamber president and CEO **Walt Ronish**.

Clark County high school seniors are eligible for the scholarships which will be awarded March 11, Ronish says. For further information, go to <http://www.clarkchamber.com/golf/ScholarshipApplication.pdf>.

Reception tomorrow opens museum's exhibit on artists and American farms

A reception tomorrow, Jan. 17, opens the Clark County Historical Museum's three-month exhibit "Sustaining Change on the American Farm: An Artist/Farmer Exchange." The reception is from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibit runs through April 30.

The traveling exhibit is from the Maryhill Museum of Art. The exhibit is an artistic interpretation of how farms conserve natural resources and cultural heritage while making allowance for a growing population. The exhibit also features local art and museum artifacts and tools from Clark County.

The Thursday event is free, according to museum executive director **Susan Tissot**. For further information, go to www.cchmuseum.org.

Dentist sought to fill advisory council position

The Clark County Board of Health is seeking applications for two positions open on the Clark County Public Health Advisory council, one of which is to be filled by a practicing dentist. The other position is open to a public health services consumer.

The advisory council identifies community health needs and evaluates the impact of proposed public health policies and programs.

For further information, call **Julie Grimm, 397-8477**.

People

Named students of the month for December at the Clark County Skills Center were **Roman Chmut**, Heritage High School, and **Ashley Lockwood**, La Center High School. Chmut is the first first-year student to operate the Skills Center iQ Credit Union branch. Lockwood is the 2008 class president.

News brief

The Port of Vancouver's 2008 Port Report is at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. Port officials will review marine and industrial activity of the past year, as well as future plans of the "major economic engine" in southern Washington. The breakfast is open to the public, but limited to 300

attendees. Early registration for the \$20 event is recommended. For further information, call **695-2588**.

Calendar

Tom Milne and **John Wiesman** headline the Forum at the Library presentation “Who’s Attending to the Public’s Health?” at 7 p.m. this evening in Library Hall of the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. There is no charge. <> Puget Sound Blood Center blood drive is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in DSHS offices, 5411 E Mill Plain Boulevard. <> Clark College president **Bob Knight** presents the State of the College message at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in the Gaiser Student Center on the main campus. Knight is expected to signal the college’s 75th anniversary year and to discuss a college-wide health and wellness initiative. <> The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council is holding a briefing on the Columbia River Crossing Project at noon Thursday, Jan. 17, in the 6th floor training room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. The meeting is open to the public.

Wednesday on the air

Portland Blazers at Boston (live)—4:30 p.m. CSN, KXL

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (1/13)—5 p.m. CVTV

Portland Winter Hawks at Prince George (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Legislative Outlook Breakfast (12/14)—7 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Green Ribbon Panel (12/7)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Inspiration Awards (12/18)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

John Lindberg enjoying march with co-publisher. <> **Lori Hall** learning acronyms. <> **Heather Allmain** getting compliments. <> **Judie Stanton**’s ears aflame. <> **Pete Anderson** circulating PEG petition. <> **Wednesday**, sun obscured by clouds, 30-41. **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 32-49. **Friday**, mostly cloudy, 35-49.