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Pink Power blows away one-day fund raising records

Planners for the Southwest Washington Medical Center's Pink Power Strikes Again fundraiser were warily out to come up with \$500,000 to complete a campaign to finance a \$4 million Breast Care Center in the medical center's Physicians' Pavilion.

To their delight they came up with an all-time record \$815,000 from a single fundraising event in Clark County, in this instance, for the party they threw at Big Al's Bowling Alley last Thursday.

More than 650 people attended the event that included major support from **Al** and **Sandee Kirkwood**, owners of Big Al's, First Independent, *The Columbian* and **Jan** and **Steve Oliva**.

Designed specifically for women, the new Breast Care center will provide better access to the many services they need in an environment that is easily accessible and comforting, according to medical center officials.

Mike Stromme named associate superintendent at ESD 112

Mike Stromme, formerly with the Vancouver School District, has been appointed associate superintendent for Instructional Services and Technology at Education Service District 112, reports district superintendent **Twyla Barnes**.

Stromme succeeds retiring associate superintendent **Jon Nelson**, who has been with ESD 112 for the past 25 years.

Stromme, who also was a Columbia River High School principal, will be working to improve student learning programs in ESD 112's 30 school districts.

Camas school district buys new site for elementary school

The Camas School District, which has owned a piece of property on McKeever Road for a new elementary school, has decided the site is inadequate and is purchasing a new site in the Hills at Round Lake planned community west of Crown Road.

The new 12.27-acre site will be bought for \$2,560,000. The new school is expected to be completed in May 2010.

Old-time barn dance to raise funds for historical museum

The 2008 Clark County Historical Society's fundraiser is a real hoe-down, reports co-chairs **Nadine Robertson** and **Dick Colf**.

It is an "old-time" barn dance in a real barn on the Dick and Bob Colf horse farm on Cedar Creek east of Woodland. The function, an auction and barbecue, begins with dance lessons at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 31.

The band, **Lincoln's Beard**, plays soft, southern country rock, according to **Susan Tissot**, executive director of the historical society's museum in Vancouver. She says, not necessarily western, more on the country side.

Tevis Laspa is the auctioneer. Dress is casual. Denim and boots are expected to prevail.

Admission is \$65 for members of the Clark County Historical Society, \$75 for non-members. Guests must be at least 21 years old. For further information, call **993-5679**.

Registration due for North County Business Opportunity Exposition

Registration closes Wednesday, May 21, for the first ever North County "The New Northwest" Business Opportunity Expo, featuring **Jerry Greenfield**, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream.

The day-long event, sponsored by the Cities of Battle Ground, La Center and Ridgefield and the Port of Ridgefield, is Thursday, May 29, in the Clark County Fairgrounds event center. The Greenfield keynote speech

is at 8 a.m.

The expo is designed to present business opportunities in the growing northern half of Clark County. The event includes a continental breakfast, lunch and space-available bus tours.

All-day admission is \$99. Admission to the keynote speech and lunch is \$50. For further information and to register, call **694-2300**. Additional information is available by going to www.2008bizoppexpo.com.

Freeman Keller memorial service is Saturday

A memorial service for long-time Clark County real estate businessman **Freeman Keller** is at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in the First United Methodist Church, 401 E.33rd Street.

Mr. Keller, who was born in North Dakota, spent most of his life in Vancouver. He died at the age of 91 on May 4.

Mr. Keller was well known in the business community and as a community servant. His later life was filled with rewards, including being named the community's first citizen in 1963. He was a member of the Liar's Club and a member of many civic organizations

Mr. Keller is survived by his wife, **Betty**, two sons, **Freeman Jr.** and **John**, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter, **Mary Pat Crawford**, and his brother, **Jim**.

Donations may be made to Medical Teams International, P.O. Box 10, Portland, OR 97207, or to Donate Life Northwest, P.O. Box 532, Portland, OR 97207.

Calendar

"Successful Exit Strategies: Maximizing the Value of Your Business—Preserving Your Wealth" is being offered by **Keith Cupp**, **Jeff Kraai** and **Randy Grove** from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, May 15, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. An advance \$85 registration fee is required. For further information, call **816-2481**.

Wednesday on the air

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (4/15)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
Port of Vancouver Commission (5/13)—5 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Commissioners (5/13)—7:30 p.m. CVTV
Growth Management Hearings Board (4/8)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Fellene Gaylord gets a write-up, too. <> **Ron Arp** amplifying. <> **Karen Ciocia** getting out dynamite pen. <> **Dennis Grunes** getting in last word. <> **Cal Clark** looking for autograph. <> **Wednesday**, possible showers, sunbreaks, 54-68. **Thursday**, sunny and warm, 60-84. **Friday**, mostly sunny and hot, 66-93.