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Vancouver firefighters kick off annual coat drive

For the fifth consecutive year, Vancouver Fire Department firefighters are collecting coats for needy people. The drop-off site is at Station 86, 400 E. 37th St. (adjacent to the Safeway on Main). Last year this effort led to the collection of over 1,000 coats for people in need.

According to Capt. **Duane Schuman**, the city firefighters are looking for donations of clean, usable coats in all sizes. "Anybody who wants to donate a coat can bring it by the station," he urges.

Drop-off times are every day of the week, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Jan. 1.

"During a typical day running emergency calls, we see a lot of people who need warm coats and can't afford them," Schuman says. With coat donations by the community, during the course of their workday, firefighters can offer warm coats to people in need. Any leftover coats are delivered to local shelters, schools and the YWCA in January.

In 2004, the first year of this effort, they collected 700 coats; in 2005, 1,000; in 2006, 1200, in 2007, 1000.

Station 86 serves the following City of Vancouver neighborhoods: Rose Village, Shumway, Carter Park, Lincoln, West Minnehaha and Northwest.

WSU Vancouver business faculty to repeat popular public panel on economic crisis impact to Southwest Washington at a forum Dec. 3



Business professor U. Umesh chats with students at Washington State University Vancouver

Back by popular demand, a panel of WSU Vancouver business faculty will again present its discussion about the significance of the current U.S. financial status for the Southwest Washington community. The session will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 12-1 p.m. at WSU Vancouver, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave., in the Multimedia Classroom Building, Room 22. Panelists will include WSU Vancouver Business Programs faculty and a local banking industry leader as follows:

- **-John Becker-Blease**, Assistant Professor of Business <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/programs/bus/beckerblease.html>
- **-Joe Cote**, Professor of Business to lead discussion http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/fac/cote_joe/home.htm
- **-Sheen Liu**, Assistant Professor of Business <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/programs/bus/liu.html>

- **-Paul Thiers**, Associate Professor Political Science <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/programs/pa/thiers.html>
- **-U. Umesh**, Professor of Business <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/fac/umesh/facumesh.htm>
- **-Ronald Wysaske**, President and C.O.O. of Riverview Bancorp, Inc.

The panel was held previously on October 10 before a stand-room-only crowd.

For more information about the event, contact **Erin Dengerink Madarang**, Business Programs, **360-546-9551**.

Rotary to host second annual New Year's "Ring-In" fundraiser

Dubbed the "2009 Rotary Ring-In," the Greater Clark County Rotary Foundation is kicking off its second annual New Year's Eve party. Organizers say the event is the only local fund-raising New Year's Eve party this side of the Columbia. It will be held at the Hilton Vancouver Washington starting at 8:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008.

The Ring-In is \$100 per person. The event will include a full "swing" dance band, food, piano bar, casino lounge, food, champagne, martini bar, food and balloon drop (at "the stroke" PST). Participants may have a complimentary photo taken at the event. There will also be party favors, wine, a no-host bar and Arthur Murray

dancers providing dance lessons. The Hilton will offer special rates for Ring-In guests.

Want more for your buck? A \$1,000 donation will get you listed as a sponsor and get you six complimentary tickets! Go to www.RotaryRing-In.com for details. Send email to **Lynn Rullman**, lrullman@aha.edu, for more information.

Historical Advisory Committee Seeks Names

The City of Battle Ground has formed a Historical Advisory Committee that has been tasked with creating a list of historically significant names for use by City Council for the naming of City sites, streets, facilities, etc. Committee members are **Ruthie Brown**, **Jackie Spurlock**, **Louise Tucker**, **Georgia Williams**, and, representing City Council, Deputy Mayor **Alex Reinhold** and Councilmember **Bill Ganley**.

In order to create a comprehensive list, the committee invites citizens to submit names, historically significant to the Battle Ground area, for consideration. Submissions must be made in writing and include the submitter's name and contact information, the proposed name for consideration and information as to the name's historical significance.

Submissions are due no later than Tuesday, December 16, 2008 and should be mailed or delivered to **Claire Lider**, City Clerk at 109 SW 1st Street, Suite 221, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Submissions may also be faxed to Claire's attention at **360-342-5050** or e-mailed to claire.lider@ci.battle-ground.wa.us.

The public is invited to a Public Hearing regarding the list of historical names on Tuesday, **December 16th**, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at Battle Ground City Hall Council Chambers, 109 SW 1st Street in Battle Ground. Those who have submitted names and information to the committee in writing may also speak about their submissions at the public hearing.

For more information about the Historical Advisory Committee or submissions to the list of historically significant names, please contact Claire Lider at **360-342-5008**.

State official to speak on "formula for success" at Camas-Washougal Chamber event

George Sharp of the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Development (CTED), will be the Keynote speaker. tomorrow, November 20 at a Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce luncheon event at Camas Meadows. He will speak on: "The formula for success in these challenging economic times. How communities, organizations and businesses can succeed," Email chandra@cwchamber.com to register. The cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for non-members. Doors open for networking at 11:30 a.m.

Calendar

11/27--Sixth Annual Clark County Turkey Trot Thurs., Nov. 27, 9 a.m. Start and finish at Kline Pond. The event includes a 5K Run/Walk and a 10K run (as well as food, a piñata and the traditional Polar Bear swim in Kline Pond after the race). Proceeds benefit The Children's Trust Fund to help disadvantaged children in Southwest Washington. Primary event sponsor is First Independent. Register at: <https://www.signmeup.com/site/reg/register.aspx?fid=7G2V8K7> Questions about the event may be directed to: Patti Bryant at turkeytrotclarkcounty@gmail.com or by calling 360-737-9486.

12/4—Divine Holiday Home Tour benefitting the hungry among us in Clark County through the Walk & Knock program. [Click here](#) for additional information and online signup via paypal.

12/8—Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees meets in regular session on Mon., Dec. 8, 2008 at the Vancouver Community Library (in Library Hall) 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver. An executive session is scheduled for 5 p.m. The public meeting begins at 6 p.m.

12/9—The Vancouver Library Capital Facility Area Board will hold a special meeting on Tues., Dec. 9, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clark County Commissioners Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver, for review and approval of the final design for the New Main Library. Call Bruce Ziegman for more information at 360-695-1561.

Wednesday on the air

Clark County Land Use Hearings (11/13)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Board of Commissioners (11/18)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Dallas at Houston--5:00 p.m. ESPN

The Regional Economic Outlook: Resilience or Recession? (11/13)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Chicago at Portland--7:30 p.m. CSN, ESPN

Celebrate Freedom Veteran's Day Parade (11/8)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Planning Commission (10/28)—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Jeff Jennings holiday cheermeister. <> **Kim Capeloto** enjoying southern exposure.<> **Rhona Sen-Hoss** lifting spirits.<> **Shay Shinall** announcing good news.<> **Debbie Deane** ringing bells. **Susan Holton** linking. <>**Wednesday**, rain in late afternoon, 42-59. **Thursday**, wet and cool, 41-55. **Friday**, wet pattern continues, 43-58.