



Pearson Air Museum volunteers Vera Jean and John Kalde, 2009 Volunteer of the Year, who is wearing his Volunteer of the Year bomber jacket.

Pearson Air Museum recognizes John Kalde as Volunteer of the Year

Volunteer **John Kalde** was named Volunteer of the Year at the Pearson Air Museum's Dec. 10 volunteer recognition dinner.

Kalde, who will be 91 years old later this month, accrued more than 470 hours as a museum docent this year. In total, Pearson volunteers gave more than 3500 hours of their time in 2009.

The Pearson Air Museum and the Fort Vancouver National Trust appreciate the museum's dedicated team of volunteers. It is through their generous contribution of time and energy that the Pearson Air Museum is able to continue to serve the community.

The Pearson Air Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 1115 East Fifth Street, Vancouver, Washington, at the Fort Vancouver National Site just

east of historic Fort Vancouver. Pearson Air Museum tells the story of Pearson Field, the oldest active airfield in the United States. The museum is operated by the Fort Vancouver National Trust. Those interested in volunteering or in visiting Pearson should call the museum at **694-7026** or visit www.pearsonairmuseum.org.

A celebration of life and reception for Jim Justin is Monday, Dec. 14

A celebration of life and reception for Jim Justin will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 S. Andresen Road, followed by a reception at 11 a.m. and graveside internment at 1p.m. at Park Hill Cemetery, 5915 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA.

Jim Justin, longtime Vancouver resident and former mayor of Vancouver, passed away on Monday, December 7, 2009. Jim was a longtime friend and supporter of the *Daily Insider*. He will be missed.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to Columbia River Mental Health Services, 6929 NE 4th Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98666.

City Council keeps Battle Ground property taxes at 2009 level

The Battle Ground City Council, at their Dec. 7 meeting, voted to keep City property taxes at the current 2009 level.

By state law, cities are allowed to increase their budget by up to 1% with an increase in property taxes. Currently, in 2009, the City will collect an estimated \$2,253,991 in property taxes. Through the passage of Ordinance 09-15, the council elected to collect \$0 over the 2009 level with a 0% increase. Holding property taxes to the current level will reduce the amount collected in 2010 by approximately \$22,500.

New construction and annexations occurring in 2009 will add an additional \$97,626 to property tax revenues, to make the total estimated property tax collected \$2,351,617 for 2010.

For more information about property taxes in the City of Battle Ground, contact finance director **Cathy Huber Nickerson** at **342-5025**.

Christmas celebration at the Playhouse

Loves Street Playhouse presents *A Christmas Pudding* by **David Birney**, 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday Dec. 11 and 12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. This is a Christmas celebration told in songs, stories, poems and tales by Dickens, Mark Twain, Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson, Shaw, Longfellow, St. Luke and many others collected with a host of familiar and some not-so familiar carols and holiday songs.

Several actors, musicians and singers from the Woodland and Vancouver area will come together to present the show. Actors include **Brad Batten**, **Jennifer Eichler**, and **Don Smith** from Vancouver, **Tom Golik** and **Melissa Mitchell** from Woodland, **Michael McElliott** of Longview and **Leslie Slape** of Ranier, Oregon. The talented choral ensemble, directed by **Chrystal Anderson** of Woodland, includes **Drew Anderson**, **Laurel Anderson**, **Whitney Anderson**, **Chuck Baker**, **Matthew Lindekin**, **Ruth Lindekin**, and **Jamie Smith**.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance. Advance ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors age 62 and over and youth under 18. Call **263-6670** or visit www.lovestreetplayhouse.com to purchase tickets.

News Briefs

Support the Parks Foundation by purchasing a gift by visiting <http://www.parksfoundation.us/contribute.php>. <> Cascade Park Community Library is having its grand opening from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, 600 NE 136th Avenue.

Calendar

Magenta Theater presents *Every Christmas Story Ever Told*, a performance whose three characters decide to perform every Christmas story ever told and every carol ever sung, as well as present Christmas traditions from around the world and seasonal icons from ancient times to today's pop culture. Performances are 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, in the Magenta Theater, 606 Main Street. Tickets cost \$10-\$15. To purchase tickets, call **635-4358** or email tickets@magentatheater.com. <> *Dad's Christmas Miracle*, a play by **Pat Cook** and directed by **Niel Chamberlin-Wolfe**, is playing at Slocum House Theatre at 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday, Dec. 10-12, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 605 Esther Street. Call **696-2427** for more information. <> Join The Compassionate Friends, an organization that assists families in their grief following the death of a child of any age by providing information and support, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 East Fourth Plain Blvd. Gathering time is Sunday, Dec. 13, 6:30 to 6:54 p.m., candle lighting at 7 p.m., and reading of children's names and music at 7:10 p.m. There will be a reception immediately following. For more information or to have your child's name read, contact **Kathy Deschner** at **573-3206**, email kathy_deschner@yahoo.com, or **Lorna Bradford** at **213-9587**, email_lorna979@hotmail.com. <> Water Resources Education Center is having a Holiday-Go-Around, which includes making crafts from recycled and repurposed items, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. Call **487-7111** for more information. <> The Marshall Community Center's Five Star Holiday Bazaar is being held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 1009 E McLoughlin Blvd. For more information, call **487-7096**. <> Auditions for *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife*, by **Charles Busch** is at 6:30 Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 14-15, at the Slocum House Theatre, 605 Esther Street. For more information, visit <http://www.slocumhouse.com/auditions.htm>. <> Vancouver City Council meets for workshops from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a consent agenda meeting, Monday, Dec. 14, in Council chambers. <> Washougal City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, in council chambers. <> Neighborhood Council of Clark County meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, Public Works Conference Room, 4700 NE 78 Street. <> Clark County Fire & Rescue is hosting its third annual Rides for Toys event to benefit children of low-income families through the North County Community Food Bank, 4 to 7 p.m. today, Dec. 11, at the Battle Ground Fred Meyer store located at 401 NW 12th Avenue. Receive a ride in a fire engine, meet Santa, and enjoy cookies and cocoa all in exchange for a new, unwrapped toy. The toys will be donated to the North County Community Food Bank for distribution to children of families in need this holiday season. Donations of non-perishable foods will also be gladly accepted. For additional information, call **887-4609**. <> Vancouver Farmers Market is holding its Holiday Market at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, and Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Hilton Vancouver, 6th and Columbia. The event is free and will include Santa's Elves and live music.

Friday on the air

Vancouver Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (12-3)--4:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (12-3)--5:59 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (12-10)--6:30 p.m. CVTV
Standing Together Against Domestic Violence in Our Community! (12-10)--10:30 p.m. CVTV
Bravo! Vancouver: Messiah--An Oratorio (12-6)--11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Jeri Hunt out and about. <> **Susan Holton** sends a good one.<> **Friday**, mostly sunny, 37-26. **Saturday**, rain, 41-33. **Sunday**, showers, 44-38.