

Dr. Remy Eussen to receive 2009 Public Health Award

Vancouver dentist **Remy Eussen** has been named winner of the 2009 Public Health Community Award, for significant contributions in promoting and protecting community health.

Eussen will be recognized for helping to narrow the gap in dental health equity in Clark County at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, in the Clark County commissioners' hearing room in the Public Service Center. The presentation takes place at the start of the Board of Health's monthly meeting and is open to the public.

When he arrived 10 years ago, it was difficult to find dental care for young children covered by Medicaid, a federal and state medical assistance program. Dr. Eussen immediately began serving those children. Currently 80 percent of his patients are children covered by Medicaid.

Dr. Eussen has mobilized community support for the Access to Baby and Child Dentistry program and has trained more than 60 dentists in techniques necessary for treating and preventing dental diseases in young children.

Selected for special recognition awards were the following: Clark College Healthy Penguin Nation; Clark Public Utilities Water Services, for stewardship programs to protect water quality and provide watershed restoration; Dr. **Desiree Hellegers** for increasing understanding of social and environmental justice locally, nationally and globally; and Community Choices' Walking.

Washougal hotel's grand opening on the Columbia River this Friday

The ribbon will be ceremonially cut Friday, April 24, for the Grand Opening of the Best Western Parkersville Inn and Suites, a new hotel on the Columbia River at 121 South 2nd Street, Washougal. The 5-to-7 p.m. event includes tours, appetizers and beverages, is hosted by the hotel in partnership with the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce.

Mayors **Stacey Sellers** and **Paul Dennis**, of Washougal and Camas, respectively, will be on hand.

The 79-room hotel includes 54 suites. Hotel amenities include an indoor heated swimming pool, hot tub, sauna, fitness room and complimentary breakfast. Each room is equipped with a refrigerator, microwave, coffeemaker, 32-inch flat screen television, and complimentary hardwired and Wi-Fi high-speed Internet access.

For the business traveler, the meeting space in the 24-hour business center can accommodate up to 50 people.

High school students should plan now for Running Start

Now through April 30, high school sophomores and juniors interested in getting a head start on their college education can test for fall 2009 entry into Clark College's Running Start program.

Running Start allows eligible juniors and seniors to take classes to earn college credit while they fulfill their high school graduation requirements.

To be eligible, students are required to earn college-level scores on writing and reading placement tests in order to enroll in the program. Students who wish to take math classes, or a class requiring a math placement score, such as chemistry, must also take a math placement test.

Testing opportunities, however, are limited. Students must sign up in advance through the Clark College web site: www.clark.edu/runningstart. There is no cost to students who have not previously tested for entry into the program.

Students who have questions about their eligibility for the program are encouraged to call Clark College's Running Start office at **360-992-2366**.

City to set speed limit based on percentile of driver speeds

The speed limit on NE 162nd Avenue between NE 65th and NE Poplar Streets will be set at 45 miles an hour by the Vancouver City Council this evening.

Speed limits are generally determined by speeds recorded by motorists using the street. In the case of NE 162nd Avenue 85 percent of the motorists were recorded travelling an average of 53.5 miles an hour northbound and 46.8 miles an hour southbound.

According to city officials, the 45-mile-an-hour speed limit assumes that 85 percent of motorists are satisfied with 45 miles an hour. Only 15 percent are expected to exceed that limit.


Airport Way interchange gets airing

The Port of Portland and the Oregon Department of Transportation will share three proposed improvement alternatives for the traffic congestion problem at the Airport Way-Interstate 205 interchange, and solicit public input that will be instrumental in their final determination of the best alternative, at a joint open house this Wednesday, April 22, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. It will be held at the Multnomah Educational Service District, 11611 NE Ainsworth Circle, Auditorium "E," Portland.

News brief

The Camas High School Science Olympiad team competed against 20 high school teams from across the state of Washington, placing third in the tournament last weekend. The competition was held at Clark College this past weekend. The Camas High School team was coached by **Ron Wright**.

Correction

The fickle Friday Insider misspelled BergerABAM, the newly shortened name of the former Berger/ABAM Engineers Inc. To help keep the right prospective, here is the company's symbol:  BergerABAM

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council will review first quarter financial results during its 4 p.m. workshop session today. The council will go into an executive session at 5 p.m. and will convene in open session at 7 p.m. <> Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners meet at 4 p.m. today in port offices at 24 S A Street, Washougal. <> The Battle Ground City Council meets at 7 p.m. this evening. On the agenda is an update on medical service in Battle Ground and the north county from the executive director of Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, **Jonathan Avery**. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, in the Southwest Washington Medical Center, 400 NE Mother Joseph Way.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—3:55 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver City Council (live)—6:55 p.m. CVTV

Fresno at Portland Beavers (live)—FSN, KKAD

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (3/17)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ed Little pulling away in Cougarmobile. <> **Andy Geisler** smoothly switching gears. <> **Andy Nichols** promoting athletics. <> **Karyn Criswell** getting attention. <> **Royce Pollard** getting Facebook mileage. <> **Bill Turlay** preparing to toss hat. <> **Monday**, all sunshine, 50-81. **Tuesday**, sunny, 51-80. **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, 42-60.