

Share's upcoming dinner evening a bowl full of fun and entertainment

Share, which cares for the homeless and hungry in the greater Vancouver area, is holding its eighth annual Share-a-Bowl fundraising dinner, complete with live entertainment, Sunday, April 26, at Skyview High School. Doors open at 3:45 for the 4 p.m. event.

Dinner includes a variety of soup selections as well as salad, bread, beverages and dessert.

Those performing at the dinner concert include **Michael Allen Harrison**, the **Gunnar Roads Band**, the **Curtis Salgado/Alan Hagar Duo**, **Norman Sylvester**, and **Karen Therese**.

These "very talented local performers," says **Diane Christie**, executive director of Share, "believe in and support Share's mission," especially regarding "the hundreds of children who face hunger on a daily basis in our community."

To buy event tickets, call **Becky Parker**, **887-8556**, or click on the Share-a-Bowl link on Share's website, www.sharevancouver.org. \$30 for each adult (\$35 after April 10) and \$5 for each child ages 5-12. Children under 5 are admitted free. Tables of ten can be reserved for \$275 (\$300 after April 10).

Proceeds will benefit Share's Children's Hunger Initiative, including the Backpack and Summer Lunch programs, information about which is available at Share's website. Anyone unable to attend the dinner but wishing to make a financial contribution to Share may call **695-7658** extension **310** or send a check to Share, P.O. Box 1209, Vancouver, WA 98666.

Event sponsors for 2009 are Comcast, the *Columbian*, the *Vancouver Business Journal*, Radio Disney, Les Schwab, Albina Fuel, Nutrition Now, and 89.1 KMHD.

Share was founded in 1979.

Evergreen schools' Deeder holding community session

John Deeder, Evergreen Public Schools superintendent, will answer questions from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, during his monthly no-host brown bag lunch meeting with interested community members in the Evergreen Room of the Tan Complex at the district's Administrative Service Center, 13501 NE 28th Street, Vancouver.

The meetings, on the second Wednesday of each month, will continue until June 10.

A complete schedule of the meetings, including time and locations, is available on the district website at www.evergreenps.org.

Free Sunday hiking program continues

Popularity rules. The Mount St. Helens Institute's Sunday hiking program—with a single Thursday tossed in for good measure (May 21)—is about to launch for 2009.

Each of the 14 hikes is at a different location in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Some are easy, while others are more challenging; the hikes range from 4 to 10 miles round trip. The date for the first one, at Hamilton Mountain Loop, is April 19. The final hike of the year, on Oct. 25, is at Mount Mitchell.

The hikes are free, with a suggested donation of \$5 per person. These are family-friendly events; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Space is limited. To view the complete, detailed list of hikes and to pre-register for individual hikes, go to the Institute's website, www.mshinstitute.org.

Every litter bit hurts

On selected weekends this spring, Clark County Sheriff's Office patrols will be on the lookout for loose and uncovered debris loads that are being hauled on public highways.

The aim is to reduce roadway litter and the driving hazards it generates by increasing public awareness of the problem and greater compliance with the proper transport of loads of litter. The program of these enforcement patrols is being funded through a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology in cooperation with Clark County Public Works and the Clark County Sheriff's

Office.

Anyone wishing to learn more about the highway litter problem, and what one can do about it, should visit <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/maintenance/roadside/litter.htm>.

Food gardens subject of Wednesday forum

The Clark County Food System Council is sponsoring a community forum about creating food garden programs from 3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, in the First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main Street.

Community, neighborhood, church and school leaders will participate in panel discussions. For reservations, call **Kathy LaFon, 397-8000**, extension **7318**.

Folk Music at the Fries

Three Together and **Tom May** entertain in a 7 p.m., Friday, April 24, benefit concert for the School of Piano Technology for the Blind in Fries Auditorium in the State School For the Blind, 2214 E. 13th Street.

Admission to the "Folk Music at the Fries" concert is \$20. For further information, call **693-1511**.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. <> University of Georgia professor **Denise Lewis** will discuss cross-generational issues at 6 p.m. this evening as part of the Washington State University Vancouver honors program. The session is in room 110 in the campus administration building. Parking is \$3. <> At 7 p.m. this evening, the Vancouver City Council meets in regular session and will explore ways in which parking could be included for the proposed new Vancouver Community Library on Evergreen Boulevard. <> The Clark County Democratic Central committee meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the Carpenters' Hall, 610 E McLoughlin Boulevard. <> Clark County commissioners will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7.

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Minnesota (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KTRO
SW Wind Ensemble: Myths & Legends—5:30 p.m. FVTV
Michigan State vs. N. Carolina (live)—6 p.m. CBS, KFX
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Clark College Orchestra: France—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Kathy Scott having nice things to say. <> **Linda Martin** making **Michael Nutter** look good. <> **Jo Bartu** looking forward to the Fourth of July. <> **Bob Laws** pruning the orchard. <> **Jim Palmer** laying groundwork. <> **Monday**, warming, 44-75. **Tuesday**, a little warmer, 45-87. **Wednesday**, cooling, chance of precipitation, 45-60.