

### **Gregoire appoints Phillips to Clean Energy Council**



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Gov. **Christine Gregoire** has appointed Columbia River Economic Development Council President **Bart Phillips** to the newly created Clean Energy Council.

The council, created in the 2009 legislative session, will focus on getting Washington's energy policies, technologies and capital aligned to ensure that Washington continues to be a leader in clean energy development. The council will deliver recommendations for clean energy strategies to the governor by December 1, 2010.

"The ticket to green energy is creating renewable energy products and services that are exportable," said Phillips. "Ultimately, the council is about creating jobs. Technology created today should be exported to create jobs for Washington's citizens."

As the only Certified Economic Developer appointed to the council, Phillips brings more than 20 years of economic development experience to the council. President of the CREDC for the past nine years, Phillips is an expert in the field of renewable energy and has executed renewable energy trade missions to Asia and Europe.

### **Commissioners present Our Personal Best awards to county employees**

The Board of Clark County Commissioners and County Administrator **Bill Barron** presented Our Personal Best awards to county employees in a ceremony on August 20.

The Our Personal Best Employee Recognition Program was created to celebrate Clark County's employees and the many services they provide to the community. Employees were nominated by their peers for individual and team OPB awards. The commissioners also presented a special award this year to the employees of the Community Development Department. Here are the employees honored: **Margie Johnson**, civil unit supervisor, received the above and beyond the call of duty award; **Pete Capell**, public works director and county engineer, received the community service award; **Mike McCabe**, outreach sergeant for the sheriff's office, received the cultural diversity; **Joe Ellingson**, environmental health specialist for public health, received an award for customer service; **Bart Arthur** received an the innovation award for ingenuity in researching and recommending a rarely used method for bidding public works projects; **Mark McCauley**, director of general services, received the leadership and management award; **Tony Golik**, a deputy prosecuting attorney, received the quality award; **Peggy Muhly**, employee relations manager for the public works department, received the working relationships award; **Ken Price**, operations superintendent for public works, received the multiple achievements award; and **Bart Arthur, Louie Benedict, Julie Christian, Lisa Hemesath, Mark Jenicek, Rob Klug, Jim Lester and Linda Small**, who were part of the Highway 99 Bridge Replacement Team, received the team award.

A special award was also given to the employees in the department of community development by the commissioners during an OPB ceremony.

### **WSU Vancouver extends additional financial aid to students**

WSU Vancouver is awarding nearly \$300,000 to needy students to provide support and access to higher education. The Washington State Legislature mandated that one percent of any tuition increase above seven percent - WSU Vancouver's tuition increase is 14 percent - this year-be set aside for financial aid. The leadership at WSU Vancouver decided to match that requirement two to one.

More than 160 students received a letter from the university letting them know they had been granted an Access Award of \$1,000 or \$2,000 in additional financial aid for the 2009-2010 school year, which begins today.

The additional support is making a difference. **Michael Bock**, 32, is a biology major starting his second year at WSU Vancouver this fall. He plans to go on to medical school and currently works full time as an emergency room technician at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, OR. He is also dealing with a medical crisis that's left him juggling a mountain of bills.

"Receiving the Access Award was a huge blessing and a fantastic surprise. It's radical!" said Bock. "I'm going to school on loans, and I don't get paid too much as an ER tech. This money will allow me to pay some bills right off the bat, keep the collectors from calling and still eat."

### **Woodland entrepreneurs head a new company that will deliver books electronically**

A new local publishing company headed by Woodland entrepreneurs with extensive careers in publishing and Internet marketing will release the first of a series of electronically delivered books in September.

UWS Publishing, a Virginia limited corporation, is the brainchild of veteran book and software publisher **Tim Welch**, of Woodland, WA. Welch is joined by co-founders **Tom James**, an Internet sales and marketing executive, also of Woodland, and **Rob McClellan**, of Clifton, VA.

"We live in a digital society," said McClellan, currently a naval officer serving in Washington, D.C., with a technology and leadership background. "We cannot afford to hang back. This is like the move from vinyl records to the iPod. Digital music is so much richer and convenient than the old record player. For the reader and writer, the digital world also opens all new possibilities."

"We aren't looking to take traditional print materials and just import them," Welch said. "Electronic versions must be written and designed specifically for electronic media."

The company will generate revenue by providing publishing and production services for those in the social network who want to work in related genres, and those services will be marketed and sold through the UWS web sites, James said.

### **News Briefs**

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** will hold a press conference at noon Wednesday, Aug. 26 at Turtle Place, 7th Street between Main and Washington. The Press Conference will present comments from representatives of Labor, the Sierra Club, and small business as well as Mayor Pollard. <> The La Center Centennial Festival and Clark County Fire & Rescue Firefighters Association is sponsoring a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the La Center Fire Station, 414 East Cedar Avenue in La Center. Adults are \$5.00; Children under 12 are \$3.00. Call **887-4609** for further information. <> Council for the Homeless is having its 10th annual Hope & Action Recognition Luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 25, at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, 301 W. Sixth Street. To register please visit [www.icfth.com](http://www.icfth.com).

### **Calendar**

The Vancouver City Council meets from 4 to 5 p.m. today, for a workshop on the 18th Street Update, and continues with a consent agenda meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. <> Planning Commission will meet for a workshop from 4 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, followed by hearings at 7 p.m.

### **Monday on the air**

**City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m.**

**Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m.**

**Oakland Athletics at Seattle (live)—7 p.m. FSN**

**Portland Beavers at Sacramento (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**

**Columbia River Crossing Vancouver Working Group (7-23)—11 p.m.**

### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Deborah L. Meyer** checking email notifications. <> **Jon Russell** making suggestions. <> **Judy Davis** tracking down "the" signature. <> **John Alexander** with "little trailer" hospitality. <> Don Russo expecting mail. <> **Monday**, sunny, 57-81. **Tuesday**, partly cloudy, 54-73. **Wednesday**, mostly sunny, 58-84.