



In this photo are Steve and Jane Waddle.
Photo courtesy of **John Bacon**, staff photographer.

Waddle it be?

Should you stop by Ballew's Restaurant in Vancouver's Heights area this week you may just ask that same question. Over the next few days a transformation of sorts will take place at this great place for food and drink.

David Ballew, owner of Ballew's Restaurant, is moving on to other adventures while **Steven** and **Jane Waddle** move in with DuckTales Kitchen. On Wednesday, Sept. 9, DuckTales Kitchen opens for business.

Ballew's Restaurant opened at this location in 1996. Since that time it has become a traditional meeting and eating place on the east side of town, one well known for its fresh cuisine, simple menu, and fantastic happy hour.

"I don't know where my next pay check will come from," David says," so until then I

might do a little traveling. What the heck, no job, no kids, nothing to tie me down right now." David also has an enormous amount of gratitude when it comes to the thirteen years he has been at this location. "I thank everyone in the neighborhood and the community for supporting Ballew's Restaurant."

By the way, Steven Waddle is the kid who bused the carhop trays at Waddle's Drive-In Coffee Shop, his father's restaurant, at Jantzen Beach. After that closed, he continued as general manager for Applewood NW Cuisine & Catering the past seven years. Jane, whom Steve calls "the driving force," brings many years of experience in the restaurant business, along with sales and marketing experience. **Jason Forster** will be on board as chef and kitchen manager. Jason, who is Steve's son-in-law, graduated from Western Culinary Institute and, following a stint at the Hotel Coronado in San Diego, California, worked with Steve at Applewood.

While there are changes in store over time with new menu items and catering to be added, some things will remain the same. The great staff of Ballew's Restaurant will stay. This includes **Lisa Laurance**, who has been at Ballew's for twelve and a half years. David makes clear that "Ballew's wouldn't have been the success it is without the staff. Lisa was always the boss." Hours of operation and phone are the same: 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday; noon -8 p.m., Saturdays; closed on Sundays.

Yes, the name DuckTales Kitchen plays on the locally famous duck that sat atop Waddle's Drive-In sign. Stop by next week and say hello; Steven and Jane look forward to hearing some of your favorite duck tales.

For further information or a sneak peak at the menu, visit www.ducktaleskitchen.com. To contact **Steven** or **Jane Waddle**, call 735-7932 or email waddleitbe@ducktaleskitchen.com.

Sneak preview at Tex Rankin Theater

Fort Vancouver National Trust, Pearson Air Museum, and the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site will host a free public screening of a new documentary, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*, in the Tex Rankin Theater at Pearson Air Museum. Show times are at noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2. This screening is free to the public.

This is a new six-episode PBS documentary directed by **Ken Burns** and written and co-produced by **Dayton Duncan**. It was filmed over the course of more than six years at some of nature's most spectacular locales — from Acadia to Yosemite, Yellowstone to the Grand Canyon, the Florida Everglades to the Gates of the Arctic in Alaska. It will begin airing on PBS on September 27.

For further information, call the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center at 816-6230, or call the Pearson Air Museum at 694-7026.

Columbia River Crossing Project Sponsors Council meets Sept. 4

The Columbia River Crossing Project Sponsors Council will begin reviewing potential design refinements and related potential cost reductions for the project when it meets at 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Sept. 4, in the WSDOT SW Region building, 11018 NE 51st Circle, Vancouver, WA 98662. The meeting is open to the public.

As part of ongoing project development and financial planning, transportation officials and community leaders in the Portland-Vancouver area will consider ways to reduce anticipated project costs and still meet the project's overall goals. The Project Sponsors Council is expected to make a recommendation on refinements later this year to provide federal and state partners with updated project costs.

The Sept. 4 agenda also includes an update on project funding, development of performance measurements for the corridor, and a summary of public input received for the project's ongoing tolling study, and pedestrian and bicycle advisory committee's recommendation for the location of the improved bike and pedestrian path.

Meeting materials are available online at <http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org/ProjectPartners/ProjectSponsorsCouncil.aspx>.

More information can be found at <http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org>.

Calendar

City of Battle Ground is having an Old Town Revitalization Open House from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, in Battle Ground Community Center, Lewis River Reception Hall. For more information, call **342-5047** or visit www.cityofbg.org.

Monday on the air

City Council Workshop (8-24)—4 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Colorado (live)—5 p.m. KKAD

Our Personal Best Employee Award Program (8-20)—5:15 p.m. CVTV

Top Projects 2009 (7-23)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

LA Angels at Seattle (live)—7 p.m. 710 FSN

Vancouver City Council (8-24)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Planning Commission (8-20)—7:45 p.m. CVTV

Town Hall: Congress Brian Baird (8-18)—11:15 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Nancy Frick looking for insider news. <> **Bob** and **Karin Burns** delivering last of the berries. <> **Karen Liberty** having coffee before the birds were up. <> **Al** and **Katie Leland** eliciting votes for pumpkin carving. <> **Bill Knight** bringing the music back. <> **Monday**, a.m. clouds, p.m. sun, 60-84. **Tuesday**, partly cloudy, 59-80. **Wednesday**, sunny, 57-82.