

### **Kearney Breast Center opens August 3**

Southwest Washington Medical Center's Kearney Breast Center opens Sunday, Aug. 3. The 12,000-square-foot facility offers sufficient space to accommodate the community's need for sophisticated medical care and a host of other complementary services.

The new Kearney Breast Center is a unique community-supported project, says **Rainy Atkins**, the medical center's chief operating officer.

More than 1,000 community residents got personally involved in the Foundation's Pink Power campaign, donating \$4.1 million dollars to help make the Kearney Breast Center a reality. The total construction and equipment costs for the facilities were \$5.7 million.

Last fall, **Connie and Lee Kearney** were recognized for their gift of \$2.5 million in support of the new breast center.

Lee is a Southwest Washington Health System Board member, and Connie is a member of the Southwest Foundation Board and a 13-year breast cancer survivor.

### **VHA pumping in \$9.5 million in local construction projects**

Economic downturn has slowed construction throughout Clark County but with renovation projects at Vancouver Housing Authority properties are keeping local construction companies busy into the early part of next year, reports VHA executive director **Roy Johnson**.

More than 30 local construction and construction supply companies are involved in the \$9.5 million renovation of three VHA apartment complexes, Willow Creek and Cougar Creek apartments in Hazel Dell, and Fishers Mill apartments in East Vancouver.

Including all phases of the renovation work, more than 300 workers will have been involved before the last phase of renovation concludes in March 2010.

### **Pearson Air Museum and Pearson Field host 50th Annual Northwest Antique Airplane Club Fly-in**

The Northwest Antique Airplane Club fly-in that began at Vancouver's Pearson Field Airport fifty years ago is coming home this August 14 through 16 to celebrate its 50th anniversary with one of the largest antique/classic aircraft fly-ins in the Pacific Northwest.

The fly-in begins at noon on Friday, Aug. 14, with a welcome from Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** and ends at 5 p.m., reopening on Saturday, Aug. 15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 16, 8 a.m. to noon. Antique, classic and experimental airplanes will all be on display.

Cost to view airplanes on the field at the fly-in is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for ages 6 to 12, and children under 6 are admitted free. Additional admission applies for those who wish to view the exhibits inside Pearson Air Museum.

Pearson Air Museum is located at 1115 East Fifth Street. For further information, contact NWAAC President/Co-Fly-in Director **Carmen Eastman** at **892-1817** or visit [www.nwaac.com](http://www.nwaac.com).

### **Local Democrats and Republicans to hold charity softball game**

The leadership from the Clark County Republican and Democratic Parties announced plans for a Democrat vs. Republican charity softball game to benefit the local non-profit organization SHARE. The event will take place on Sunday, August 23, at Memory Field in Vancouver. The first pitch will be at 2 p.m.

The teams will feature rosters of elected officials, candidates, party leaders, and local activists. Republican Representative **Ed Orcutt**, Republican congressional candidate **David Castillo**, Democratic Senator **Craig Pridemore** and Democratic Representative **Jim Jacks** are among the many partisans planning to play. Democratic and Republican Party Chairs **Dena Horton** and **Ryan Hart** will also be taking the field.

Both Horton and Hart view the event as a great opportunity to help people in need. "There are a lot of hurting people out there," says Hart. "We [the two parties] have been working together to plan an event to help a local charity. Our political parties may be rivals on the political battlefield, but compassion knows no political party, and helping people in need is something we all have an obligation to do," he says.

Horton agreed and stated, "We felt it was important to show that both parties care about the real struggles people face right here in Clark County and that we could put aside political differences to help in a meaningful

way.”

Tickets for the event are available for a \$20 donation and can be purchased by contacting **Ryan Hart** at [clarkgop@comcast.net](mailto:clarkgop@comcast.net), or **Marsha Manning** at [info@bluedonkeys.com](mailto:info@bluedonkeys.com) or at **254-2158**.

SHARE leads the hungry and homeless to self-sufficiency by providing food, shelter, housing, and education. More information about SHARE and what they do can be found at their website, <http://www.sharevancouver.org/>.

### **Fort Vancouver releases episode through podcast**

The National Park Service at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site released the latest episode of the Fort Vancouver Podcast. The episode features **Tessa Langford**, park curator, and **Heidi Pierson**, museum technician, and takes listeners behind the scenes of the park's extensive museum collection to visit the vast array of more than two million items ranging from artifacts recovered during archaeological excavations to old photographs and textiles.

This free episode is available online via subscription or direct download, and is designed to provide a personal, behind the scenes look at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. This is also the first National Park Service podcast in the Pacific Northwest to be featured on iTunes, the dominant podcatching client.

The podcast can be accessed online through the park website [www.nps.gov/fova/photosmultimedia/fort-vancouver-podcast.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fova/photosmultimedia/fort-vancouver-podcast.htm) and through Apple's online iTunes Store. Visitors may also choose to subscribe to the RSS feed and have the episodes sent directly to their computer. The first three episodes of the Fort Vancouver Podcast are currently available; future episodes will be posted each month.

### **Vancouver Symphony Orchestra to hold auditions**

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will hold open auditions for its upcoming 31st season on Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27, 2009, from noon to 6 p.m. at the VSO offices at 1220 Main Street, Suite 410 in downtown Vancouver, WA.

For a list of all pieces to be played, or more information, contact VSO Orchestra Manager **Douglas Peebles** at **503-318-9137** or [orchestramgr@vancouverSymphony.org](mailto:orchestramgr@vancouverSymphony.org).

### **Calendar**

Six to Sunset concert features **Norman Sylvester** from 6 to 8 p.m. this evening in Esther Short Park. Additional information is available by going to [www.cityofvancouver.us/concerts](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/concerts) or calling **487-8630**.

### **Thursday on the air**

Election 2009: Vancouver Mayoral Candidates Forum (7-28)—4:45 p.m. CVTV 23

**Seattle at Texas (live)—5:05 p.m. FSN-710 ESPN**

Vancouver Planning Commission (7-28)—7 p.m. CVTV 23

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

**Dean and Roxane Sutherland** hooked <> **Linda Roberts** patiently waits. <> **Joe Clark** smelling fresh air. <> **Denny Heck** asking question of the day. <> . **Thursday**, sunny, 64-98. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 65-94. **Saturday**, partly cloudy, 67-94.