



Ruth Bennett

### **Former Bonneville C.O.O. joins Southwest's board of directors**

**Ruth Bennett** has been named to the board of directors for Southwest Washington Health System, parent company of Southwest Washington Medical Center.

Bennett's career has spanned more than 30 years at Bonneville Power Administration. She held the position of C.O.O. from 2003 to 2007, before retiring and forming an independent consulting firm.

As C.O.O., Bennett was responsible for daily operations of BPA, which included almost 3,000 employees and \$3.5 billion in annual revenues. Her background includes management of legal, finance, human resources and information technology.

In addition to Southwest's board, she has served on the governance boards of the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette and First Independent Bank.

The governing board consists of 15 community members who volunteer to guide Southwest Washington Health System, which consists of the Medical Center, health plans, physician practices, and a myriad of integrated services throughout Clark County. Learn more at [www.sw-health.org](http://www.sw-health.org).

### **County to consider parking restrictions near WSU Vancouver**

County commissioners decided yesterday to hold a public hearing at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, on proposed restrictions concerning daytime parking on some residential streets west of Washington State University Vancouver.

Residents living near the 350-acre campus have voiced concerns about parked cars, mail delivery, garbage collection and pedestrian safety since many areas do not have sidewalks and residents routinely walk in the street.

Neighborhood representatives distributed surveys and circulated petitions to gauge where parking restrictions would have the most residential support.

During an Aug. 11 open house, county officials heard comments generally supportive of parking restrictions but also heard some opposition.

The proposal would prohibit all on-street parking during specified times, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, excluding holidays, on sections of the following roads: Northeast 147th and 148th streets, from Northeast 29th Avenue west to Northeast 26th Avenue; Northeast 150th Street, from Northeast 29th Avenue west to its end near Northeast 25th Court; Northeast 26th and 28th courts, north of Northeast 150th Street; Northeast 26th Avenue, between Northeast 147th and 148th streets; Northeast 27th Avenue, between Northeast 150th Street and Northeast 152nd Circle.

If county commissioners approve the proposal, anyone ignoring the restrictions could receive a \$38 citation.

### **Vancouver Food Cooperative announces target date for store opening**

The board of directors of Vancouver Food Cooperative has set a target date of October 2011 for opening its grocery store while at a board planning retreat on September 19th. VFC also launched its new logo, vision statement, and guiding principles at the Fall Harvest Celebration on October 3rd.

An exact site for the store has not been chosen yet, according to **Marj Casswell**, VFC's president, though the target location area is downtown Vancouver to Upper Main Street. The organization's site and feasibility committee is gathering information on available and suitable sites, analyzing size needs and criteria for success.

VFC's current concentration is on building the member base necessary to support the financing necessary to open a store and on developing a solid business plan. For more information, visit [www.vancouverfood.coop](http://www.vancouverfood.coop), email [questions@vancouverfood.coop](mailto:questions@vancouverfood.coop), or call 694-8094.

### **Library district reports district-wide online survey results**

Fort Vancouver Regional Library District has posted the results of an online survey taken by 3,979 library cardholders on Sept. 14-22. An invitation to participate in the survey was sent to 72,000 email addresses provided to the library by cardholders 16 years of age or older.

The purpose of the survey was to gauge the level of library patron support for initiating late fees for items returned after the due date, assess opinions of FVRL performance, and identify new services or changes in services in which patrons are interested.

The survey report is available at <http://www.fvrl.org/aboutus/files/FVRLOnlineSurveyReport-Sept2009.pdf>.

The survey was conducted by Conkling Fiskum & McCormick Inc. of Portland.

### News Briefs

Oregon Chef de Cuisine Society is hosting a Chef of the Year event at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, in Hudson's Bar and Grill, Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive. Dinner tickets are \$50.00, with the exception of senior chefs, who are invited free of charge, and their spouses, who are welcome at a reduced rate: \$25. Contact **Robbin McColley** for tickets: **604-1054**; cell, **901-5189**. <> VSO Board Chair **Betty Sue Morris** has announced that The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra has received a gift of \$7,500 from U.S. Bank for the purpose of encouraging students and young people to attend VSO concerts. With its gift, U.S. Bank is encouraging music appreciation by offering free vouchers for students to attend any of the six VSO concerts this season. These vouchers are distributed through music teachers and local educators. Call **735-7278** for more information. <> The Washington Department of Ecology is holding a workshop from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Ecology's Vancouver Field Office, 2108 Grand Blvd., to help the state's largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions get ready to start reporting their releases next year. For more information about the workshops, call **Nancy Pritchett** at **407-6082**, email [nancy.pritchett@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:nancy.pritchett@ecy.wa.gov), or call **Neil Caudill** at **407-6811** or email him at [neil.caudill@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:neil.caudill@ecy.wa.gov).

### Calendar

Partners in Careers is having a ribbon-cutting and mixer at 6 p.m. tonight, Oct. 15, 111 West 39th Street, Suite B. The event is to kick off the new Veteran Women's Program and to introduce the new executive director, logo and Web site. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available. <> The play *Wait Until Dark* will be performed at the Magenta Theater at 7 p.m. tonight, Oct. 15, 606 Main Street. Call **635-4358** to purchase tickets or visit <http://www.magentatheater.com/>. <> The public is invited to view potential designs for the Community Connector Project, which will reconnect Fort Vancouver National Site with downtown Vancouver, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E. Fifth Street.

### Thursday on the air

#### Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:24 p.m. CVTV

The Clark County Latino Leaders Summit-Morning Session(10-3)—11:29 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Peggy Furno** earns blue ribbon for her apple torte. <> **Nancy McKibbin** getting an email address update. <> **Lenore Prato** sharing an inside view. <> **Jesse Batty** sending in request. <> **Thursday**, showers, 56-63. **Friday**, rain, 59-67. **Saturday**, more rain, 53-62.