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Southwest Washington's Community News Service
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WSU Vancouver hosts fundraising run



Washington State University Vancouver Mascot "Butch"

The Washington State University Office of Student Involvement is offering an on-campus 5K run/walk at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 24. There are 100 participant spots still available. The public is welcome, and parking is free. Non-student registration is \$20. Student registration is \$5. Sign up at www.signmeup.com/68940.

All registration fees support the Student Leadership Award, which is presented annually in the spring.

The race/walk will feature official timing (AA Sports), water, sports drinks and food. There will be live music, and a photographer will be on hand. All participants will receive a gift bag, T-shirt and a finisher medal.

The Cougar Community 5K is a challenging cross country course. It has steep descents and inclines. Surfaces include concrete, curbs, bark chips, dirt, mud, gravel, uneven ground, grass, wooden bridges, and wooden boardwalks. There will be multiple wet, slippery, muddy, dirty and rough areas with many tripping hazards. Due to the variety of terrain, wheelchairs and strollers cannot be accommodated.

To learn more about the Cougar Community 5K, call **Shawn Romine** at **360-546-9532** or visit www.vancouver.wsu.edu/cc5k.

Clark County CASA remembers forgotten children Friday

Every year, more than 200 children enter the Clark County foster care system due to suspected parental abuse or neglect. Clark County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) trains community volunteers to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court. To raise awareness and support for these vulnerable children, the Clark County CASA Program will host "Forgotten Children: Partner with Us to Remember" on Friday, April 23, 2010, from 8 to 9 a.m. This free event will be located at the Clark County Public Services Building, Commissioners' meeting room, 1300 Franklin Street, 6th floor, Vancouver, WA 98666. A light breakfast will be served.

The event will also honor two Clark County residents who have provided outstanding support for foster children and their families. **Debbie Conway**, a birth parent who works with struggling parents, will be presented with the Honorable David Soukup Award, Washington State CASA's highest honor as Advocate of the Year. Clark County 20-year-veteran CASA volunteer **Judy Fortlage** will also be recognized. She will receive the G.F. Betteneski Award as the National CASA Child Advocate of the Year in Atlanta, Georgia on April 16th.

National sponsors of the Forgotten Children campaign are the Dr. Phil Foundation, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, and Jewelers for Children. Their support helps the national effort to bring communities together for foster children throughout the month of April, National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For more information on "Forgotten Children: Partner with Us to Remember" or how you can be a CASA supporter or volunteer, contact Clark County CASA at **360-696-0167** or visit www.ywcaclarkcounty.org.

Share-A-Bowl benefits hungry children

Share's 9th annual Share-a-Bowl fundraising dinner will feature hand-thrown bowls by local artist **Michael Metz**, plus a concert featuring renowned artists **Patrick Lamb** and **Michael Allen Harrison**. The event will be held Sunday, April 25, at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th St., Vancouver. Doors open at 3:45 p.m.; event begins at 4 p.m.

Dinner includes a variety of soup selections, salad, bread, beverages and dessert; plus each attendee will take home a ceramic bowl created by Metz. The evening's program will include the presentation of the 2010 Emily Marshall Volunteer of the Year Award.

Metz is a Pacific Northwest native whose work has been shown in galleries throughout the region for more than 25 years. Each bowl he creates is hand thrown; he makes his own glazes and creates his own colors; no two bowls are exactly alike. Learn more at www.metzstudio.com.

Cost to attend is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children ages five to 12, free for children under five; a

table of 8 can also be reserved for \$280. Proceeds will benefit Share's Children's Hunger Initiative, including the Backpack and Summer Lunch Programs, which provide food for children when school doors are closed.

To purchase event tickets, visit www.sharevancouver.org (click on the Share-a-Bowl link) or call **(360) 695-7658 ext. 3301**. If you are unable to attend the dinner, but would like to make a financial contribution to Share, please call **(360) 695-7658 ext. 310** or send a check to Share, P.O. Box 1209, Vancouver, WA 98666.

Subscriber input sought

The *Daily Insider* is making some changes and is interested in subscriber input. Your comments, compliments and complaints are welcomed. Drop us a line at tony@dailyinsider.info.

News Briefs

Online registration ends at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, for SW WA PubTalk, offered by the Southwest Washington Workforce Redevelopment Council and sponsored by Landerholm Law Firm & Eric Fuller & Associates. The event, whose theme is Pitch Night, will be on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 between 5:15 and 7:30 p.m. at AHA!'s office located at 415 W. 6th Street, Suite 605, Vancouver, WA 98660. Registration fee for Oregon Entrepreneurs Network members is \$15 and \$20 for non-members. Free parking is available in the lot across the street. <> Vancouver's Whole Foods Market at 815 SE 160th Ave. will donate five percent of sales on Thursday, April 22, to the Camas Roots Garden, a community and school garden located at J.D. Zellerbach Elementary in Camas. <> **Steven Johnson's** book *The Ghost Map*, about the 1854 cholera outbreak that ravaged London, will be the subject of a community discussion at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 21, at the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. **John Wiesman**, Public Health director for Clark County, and **Dr. Alan Melnick**, health officer, will present an overview of the book and invite the audience to discuss the issues it raises. <> The National Weather Service is offering free training for volunteer weather spotters starting at 7 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, April 20, at the Northwest Regional Training Center, 11606 NE 66th Circle in Orchards. For more information, visit <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/pqr/skytraining.php>. <> The Clark County Skills Center is hosting its annual Summer Country Barbecue at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14, in the skills center restaurant, 12200 NE 28th St. in Vancouver. The meal will be prepared by students of the center's culinary arts program. Tickets are \$25. Contact **Robin McColley** at **360-604-1054** or email robbin.mccolley@evergreenps.org. <> Admission to the Marshall Lecture on Thursday, May 20, is free, but tickets are required and seating is limited. **Jonathan Jarvis**, the director of the National Park Service, is the speaker. The lecture begins at 11:30 a.m. at Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 East Reserve Street in Vancouver. Tickets can be printed from the Fort Vancouver National Trust's website at www.fortvan.org. <> The Vancouver Watersheds Council is hosting an open house and ribbon cutting at the organization's new office space from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, at 215 W. 4th St.

Calendar

Tonight, Tuesday, April 20, members of the Evergreen Public Schools Board of Directors will host a coffee and conversation with the community at Shahala Middle School from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the media center. Shahala Middle School is located at 601 SE 192nd Ave., Vancouver. District instructional and operational staff will also be on hand to answer specific questions about district operations and curriculum. <> Tickets are still available for the Friends of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Spring Luncheon. The fundraiser is planned to begin at

11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, at the Royal Oaks Country Club, 8917 NE Fourth Plain Blvd. **Pat Jollota** is the guest speaker, with entertainment provided by singer **Jennifer Prescott**. For more information, visit www.vancouverSymphony.org. <> **Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt** and the Vancouver City Council will host an informal conversation with the public from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 21, at the Hudson's Bay High School Commons, 1601 E. McLoughlin Blvd. The evening will include an opportunity to converse with the members of the Vancouver City Council as well as Mayor Leavitt. "We appreciate the chance to talk with Vancouver's citizens about what is on their minds in a more casual setting," Leavitt said. <> The Columbia River Crossing Project Sponsors Council will hold a public work session with local partner agency staff from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday, April 23, at the Southwest Region office of the Washington State Department of Transportation, 11018 NE 51st Circle.

Campaign Events

Rep. Jim Moeller (D-Vancouver) kicks off his re-election campaign to represent the 49th Legislative District, position 2 tonight Tuesday, April 20 starting at 5 p.m. at The Academy, 400 East Evergreen Blvd.

A reception with **Brent Boger**, candidate for Clark County prosecutor and former **U.S. Senator Slade Gorton** is planned Thursday, April 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Historic Red Cross Building, 605 Barnes Road, Vancouver, Washington. **Ed Lynch, Vern Peterson, Ann Donnelly** and **Arch Miller** are presenting the reception. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. \$75.00 suggested donation

Tuesday on the air

Clark County Commissioners (4-20) — 7 p.m. CVTV 23

Center for Social and Environmental Justice Spring 2010 Conference Lunch Plenary Panel (3-27)
— 10 p.m. CVTV 23

Town Tabloids and the weather

Sen Hoss encourages support of Piano Hospital event. <> **Daily Insider** seeking input. <> **Tuesday**, cloudy, 58-46. **Wednesday**, showers, 58-46. **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 67-43.