

Sen. Murray in Clark County tomorrow

U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) will be in Clark County tomorrow, Thursday, April 8, to highlight her priorities to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

Murray will be speaking to community members about her local and national priorities for which she is fighting to help businesses and families in Cowlitz County.

At 2:45 p.m., Murray will conduct a roundtable with small business owners to discuss how they can expand to offer more employment. The roundtable will be at **AHA! Alling Henning Associates, Inc.**, 415 W. Sixth St., suite 605 in downtown Vancouver.

Stromme rejoins Vancouver Public Schools



Dr. Mike Stromme

Dr. Mike Stromme is returning to Vancouver Public Schools as the chief information officer after a stint with Educational Service District 112 and as interim superintendent for the Green Mountain School District.

Stromme was the principal at Columbia River High School for seven years and the top administrator for secondary education for two years.

"Dr. Stromme left Vancouver Public Schools two years ago to broaden his career experience," says **Steven Webb**, superintendent. "We are absolutely delighted that he will re-join our team."

Stromme's wife, **Erin** is an art teacher at Lake Shore Elementary. The Strommes have three sons who attend Vancouver Schools.

Nominations for Youth Achievement Awards due April 16

Nominations for the 12th annual Youth Achievement Awards are now being accepted. An awards celebration is scheduled Sunday, May 23, at Skyview High School auditorium, 1300 NW 139th St., Vancouver. Nominations must be received by Friday, April 16.

Coordinated by the Clark County Youth Commission under the guidance of Clark County's Department of Community Services, the awards recognize county youth, ages 11-19 who have demonstrated achievement in any of 11 categories: courage, arts, business/enterprise, citizenship, leadership, family life, education, environmental stewardship, personal achievement, inspiration, tolerance. As many as 300 youth will be honored at the event.

According to the Center for Youth Development and Policy Research, efforts that help youth develop into healthy, resilient adults can result in a return on investment of as much as \$10.51 per dollar spent.

The Youth Commission is a youth-driven advisory board established by the Clark County Board of Commissioners in April 1998. Members, ages 11-19, from throughout Clark County provide a youth-oriented perspective to the work of the Board of County Commissioners, county departments and community organizations.

The Youth Commission informs these groups about important issues, makes suggestions on how to address the issues and provides direction on how to build positive partnerships.

Anyone may submit nominations and youth may nominate themselves.

Nomination forms are now online and may be found at <http://www.clark.wa.gov/youth-family/commission.html>.

For more information, contact the Clark County Youth House at (360) 397-2130, ext. 4122.

Bartell named CEO of Northwest Healthcare



Melissa Bartell

Melissa Bartell has been named CEO and partner of Northwest Healthcare, Inc., a Vancouver-based home healthcare business. She was previously the administrator for the company.

Founded in 1999 by gerontologist **Gail Haskett**, Northwest Healthcare provides in-home, skilled health care.

For more information, visit <http://www.northwesthealthcare.com>. Or call **360-574-5293**.

News Briefs

The Board of Clark County Commissioners is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the City/County Telecommunications Commission. The Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the commissioners and Vancouver City Council on telecommunications and cable television. It will advise on franchise renewal with Comcast Cable in 2011-2012. The city of Vancouver also is currently recruiting to fill three vacancies. Applicants must be county residents and cable subscribers. Quarterly meetings are conducted on Wednesdays starting at 7 p.m. at Vancouver City Hall. To be considered, applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to **Jennifer Clark**, Board of Clark County Commissioners, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, Washington 98666-5000. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, April 16. Applicants also can send information by fax to **(360) 397-6058** or e-mail to Jennifer.clark@clark.wa.gov. <> 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 Reserve Trust's Web site at www.fortvan.org. <> Market Place News on West Evergreen Blvd. in downtown Vancouver no longer offers C-TRAN tickets & passes. For other outlets, visit, www.c-tran.com.

Calendar

Clark County Public Works and Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation will present information about the North Sifton Neighborhood Park project at a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at York Elementary School, 9301 NE 152nd Ave. The project Web page address is www.clarkparks.org/projects/northsifton.htm. <> Clark County's Three Creeks Advisory Council will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, April 8, at the office of Clark Regional Wastewater District, 8000 N.E. 52nd Court, Vancouver. <> "Vision in 3-D" is the theme of the Vancouver Downtown Association's annual meeting at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. To RSVP, visit www.vdausa.org. <> Workshops and networking opportunities will be offered at Washington State University Vancouver on Tuesday, April 20, as part of the 36th annual Edward R. Murrow Symposium. For more information, visit <http://murrowsymposium.wsu.edu>.

Wednesday on the air

2010 State of the City (3-4) —7 p.m. CVTV 23

Clark County Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (3-11) — 8 p.m. CVTV 23

Town Tabloids and the weather

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