



In the middle is Olivia Russell, student at Liberty Middle School. Photo taken by Carol Whitaker, CEF board member.

### **Camas Educational Foundation raises \$21,000 in pledges**

The Camas Educational Foundation's (CEF) 9th annual Phone-a-Thon brought in \$21,000 in pledges to fund innovation and curriculum enhancements across the district. These funds will be distributed to teachers, staff, community members, and students in the form of mini-and major grant awards.

For three evenings from March 2 and March 4, over 100 middle and high school students phoned over 1000 households across Camas to ask for donations. CHS Key Club and Math/Science Academy students worked alongside students from Liberty and Skyridge Middle Schools. Teachers, administrators, CEF volunteers, and Camas School Board members lent a hand to supervise,

organize, and feed the student volunteers.

"It was very exciting to work with enthusiastic student callers and a supportive Camas community," said **Marybeth Johnson**, the CEF board member who led this year's effort. "It was especially encouraging to witness firsthand the value that the Camas community places on education."

Community sponsors including Kohl's, Mansur Financial, Nies Insurance, Camas Produce, Georgia Pacific, Twilight Pizza, Riverview Community Bank, The Stewart Group, Safeway, and the Camas-Post Record supplied volunteers, funds, food, and materials to ensure a successful event.

### **Project Sponsors Council meets March 12**

The Columbia River Crossing Project Sponsors Council will discuss recommendations to manage traffic congestion during and after construction at its March 12 meeting.

The Project Sponsors Council will hear about potential strategies to provide options for travelers in the CRC project area during construction. Alternative strategies that could be implemented include increased transit service, detours or added support for vanpool programs. Some construction-related strategies could continue long-term.

The agenda also includes a report on new research conducted on the economic impact of freight to the Portland-Vancouver region, federal funding and progress on the Vancouver light-rail alignment.

Meeting materials are available at <http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org/ProjectPartners/PSCMeetingMaterials.aspx>. The meeting will be held 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Region 1 office of the Oregon Department of Transportation, 123 NW Flanders Street in Portland. It is open to the public.

The Project Sponsors Council is composed of representatives from the Washington and Oregon departments of transportation, cities of Portland and Vancouver, Metro, Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, TriMet, and C-TRAN, as well as two citizens who serve as co-chairs for the group. The governors of Oregon and Washington charged the Project Sponsors Council with advising the project on completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, project design, project timeline, sustainable construction methods, consistency with greenhouse gas emission reduction goals and the financial plan.

### **C-TRAN employee recognized for 35 years' safe driving**

C-TRAN's Employee Recognition Day provided an annual opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and teamwork demonstrated by employees throughout the year. This year's event on Friday, March 5, included a special commendation for outstanding performance behind the wheel of a bus. As part of the day's activities, Coach Operator **Allen Wiemer** was recognized for 35 years of accident-free driving. Wiemer, who began his bus driving career with Vancouver Transit in 1975, has been operating C-TRAN buses in and around Clark County since C-TRAN first began rolling in 1981.

"Al's remarkable driving record, demeanor and his many years of experience," said C-TRAN Executive Director/CEO **Jeff Hamm**, 'set him apart. And yet, Al Wiemer exemplifies the type of drivers that make C-TRAN great.'

**News Briefs**

Spend an evening with our county commissioners during March, April, and May Fairground Neighborhood Association meetings. Each of the county commissioners will give insight to county goings-on, and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions. The meetings are as follows: Thursday, March 11, with guest **Steve Stuart**, county commissioner from district 3; Thursday, April 8, with guest **Marc Boldt**, county commissioner from district 2; and Thursday May 13, with guest **Tom Mielke**, county commissioner from district 1. Attendance to all meetings are strongly encouraged. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Community of Christ Meeting Room, 400 NE 179th Street. <> This year's Battle Ground State of the City Address will be at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, in the Battle Ground Community Center located at 912 East Main Street in Battle Ground. Admission is free; however, attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable donation for the North County Community Food Bank. For more information or to RSVP, contact **Claire Lider** at **342-5008** or by email at [claire.lider@ci.battle-ground.wa.us](mailto:claire.lider@ci.battle-ground.wa.us). <> Columbia River Economic Development Council will have its quarterly event, "Washington's Energy Future," at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 25, Fort Vancouver Ballroom, the Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Drive. **Tony Usibelli**, director of Energy Policy, Washington Department of Commerce, will be the guest speaker. Usibelli will provide insight into the state's energy policy, work that the Clean Energy Leadership performs, and the impacts on economic growth and development. To register or for more information, [click here](#). <> Join the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce for an informal look at Microsoft® Windows® 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the GVCC office, 1101 Broadway, Suite 100. Industry experts from Creative Computer Solutions, Inc., will walk attendees through some of the program features. All Southwest Washington chamber and business association members are invited. There is no cost for this event. Call **694-2588** or visit [www.vancouverusa.com](http://www.vancouverusa.com) for more information. <> Slocum House Theatre is looking for directors for its 2011 season. They are asking that directors submit a short paragraph about why they like the show, what their concept is, and availability. Directors should also include a resume of directing experience. Slocum House is also looking for show suggestions. Submissions are due March 31, 2010. For more information, email [slocumdirectors@gmail.com](mailto:slocumdirectors@gmail.com). <> Friday, March 12, is the last day to register for the 26th annual Women of Achievement celebration. For over 25 years, Clark College and YWCA Clark County have honored local women and young women for their outstanding leadership, community involvement, and inspirational achievement in volunteer and professional roles in the Women of Achievement celebration. This year, on Friday, March 19, at the Hilton Vancouver, one has the opportunity to celebrate Writing Women Into History along with YWCA Clark County, Clark College, Women of Achievement honorees, and emcee **Kelley Day** from KOIN TV, local channel 6. Together, they will recognize a legacy of strength, commitment, service, and leadership of the outstanding women in our community.

**Calendar**

Vancouver City Council meets for workshops and an agenda meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. today, March 8, in Council chambers, 210 East 13th Street. <> Washougal City Council meets for workshops at 5:30 p.m. today, March 8, in Council chambers.

**Monday on the air**

Vancouver City Council (3-1)--7 p.m. CVTV  
Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Happy Hearts: Integrative Primary and Behavioral Health Care for Older Adults (2-26)--9:05 p.m. CVTV  
Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners (2-23)--10:10 p.m. CVTV  
Planning for an Aging Population (3-2)--11 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and Weather**

**Vanessa Jensen** taking it in stride. <> **Jenna Marie Holliman** looking forward to summer. <> **Monday**, partly cloudy, 52-33. **Tuesday**, p.m. showers, 51-37. **Wednesday**, showers, 52-37.