

Home & Garden Idea Fair draws largest plant sale in the region

The largest plant sale in the Vancouver Portland metropolitan area is one of the main draws of the annual Home & Garden Idea Fair presented by Clark Public Utilities at the county fairgrounds this weekend.

In addition to the huge plant sale, scores of vendors have displays along the midway and in the giant Exposition Hall. Other activities include workshops and presentations from such names in the gardening world as **Ed Hume**, **Dulcy Mahar**, and **Robb Rosser**. Environmental and energy-savings exhibits and workshops abound.

Admission is free, but parking is \$5 per vehicle. Free bus service is provided from both C-TRAN's Salmon Creek Park and Ride and the Westfield Vancouver Mall transit station. It is suggested that fairgoers may want to contribute canned food goods for area food banks or make a monetary contribution to the utility's Operation Warm Heart, which helps subsidize electric bills for low-income customers.

The fair is open until 8 p.m. this evening and between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 30.

Four posters from nearly 1,000 entries selected for billboards

Four Clark County student's posters have been selected for outdoor billboard advertising this summer as part of the county Public Works Clean Water Program.

The winning art work will be previewed at 4 p.m. Monday, May 1, in the 6th floor hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. The billboard advertising program begins May 15 and lasts most of the summer.

The poster winners are as follows: **Ryan Bittner**, kindergartner, Felida Elementary School; **Carly Marshall**, 4th grader at the Helen Baller Elementary School; **Olga Pilipchuk**, 7th grader, Lewisville Middle School; and **Zachary Thompson**, 10th grader, Homelink School.

The annual contest attracted 983 entries.

Farmers Market chef's demos open with Nathan Read Saturday

In what will become a regular Saturday feature at the downtown outdoor Vancouver Farmers Market, **Nathan Read**, chef at the Gray's At the Park Bistro & Bar in the Hilton Vancouver Washington will demonstrate the use of local food products in cooking from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

Read's demonstrations will be in the Rose Garden Area in Esther Short Park, adjacent to the Farmers Market each Saturday Through May 20.

Read is known for buying and preparing produce, meat, fish, cheese, wine and bread from local farmers and producers. "The flavor, freshness and crispness of local foods are unbeatable," Read says.

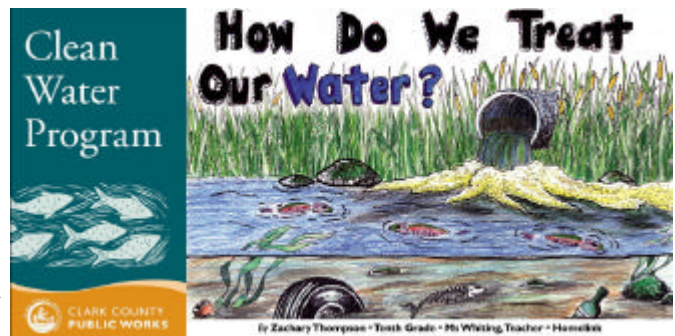
Vancouver's outdoor Farmers Market is open on Saturday and Sundays through October. The adjacent indoor Farmers Market is open seven days a week.

News brief

Expect delays of up to 15 minutes this weekend and next at Vancouver's Marine Park boat ramp due to scheduled water line installation work.

Calendar

Oregon novelist **Molly Gloss**, *The Jump-Off Creek* and *Wild Life Outside the Gates*, is the luncheon speaker for the Friends of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, meeting in the Water Resource Education Center. There is a \$10 luncheon charge for nonmembers. Call **699-8846** for reservations. ✍ Jazz Guitarist **Charles Crosman** entertains in the White Salmon Valley Community Library, Town & Country Square, White Salmon. ✍ Three Creeks Community Library book sale, 800-C NE Tenney Road, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29. ✍ Earth Day is celebrated with self-guided earth-science activities for kids in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29. ✍



Zachary Thompson's poster, one of four that will be part of Clark County's billboard advertising clean water promotion.

A ceremony unveiling a watercolor painting of the Salmon Creek **Al Bauer** farm as it looked 50 years before it became the site of Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital is at 2 p.m. in the first-floor lobby of the hospital. ☞ The Vancouver Fire Department Fire Cadets are holding a garage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 29 and 30, in the Cascade Park fire station, 213 NE 120th Avenue. Sale proceeds will help send students on a field trip to New York City to visit Ground Zero. ☞ Water Resources Education Center is holding a critter count from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Members of the public are invited to help survey reptiles and amphibians on the grounds at 4600 SE Columbia Way.

Friday headlines from at home and around the world

[Community clogs McDonald's drive-through, raising almost \\$80,000 for Svidersky family--Columbian, **Justin Carinci**](#)

[La Center wants new lawyers to study Cowlitz issue--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Kenny Vilkin describes silver market--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)

[Ron Wyden tries to stop Senate Republican "giveaway to the oil industry"--Oregonian, **Jeff Kosseff and Jim Barnett**](#)

[Microsoft shares fall to 52-week low--Seattle P-I, **Allison Linn**](#)

[Chevron profits soar 49 percent--USA TODAY](#)

[Mexican Congress votes to legalize small amounts of heroin, marijuana and cocaine--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Bush says national anthem should be sung in English--New York Times, **John Holusha**](#)

[Economy rebounds in first quarter--Washington Post, **Fred Brabash and Bill Brubaker**](#)

Friday on the air

Waging Peace and Non-Violence in the Holy Land (4/20)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners at Baltimore (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX

Capital Perspectives (4/18)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Home Ownership Orientation (4/12)—6 p.m. CVTV

Animal Control Hearings (4/12)—7 p.m. CVTV

Fresno at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Town Hall: Let's Talk Prevention (4/18)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

Storyteller Will Hornyak (4/20)—9 p.m. CVTV

County Commissioners: Habitat Conservation (4/24)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Kathy Lipp making special delivery. ☞ **Alex Meinig** getting really good marks. ☞ **Judith Davis** sharing nature's paint brush. ☞ **Don Doran** offering to work cheap. ☞ **Marie Sullivan** late with report. ☞ **Friday**, hazy, cloudy, 72. **Saturday**, mostly cloudy, possible sprinkles, some sun, 64. **Sunday**, mostly cloudy, 68.