

Columbia River Crossing Project schedules April open houses

To provide to and get feedback from the general public, the Columbia River Project has scheduled two open houses in Vancouver and Portland in mid-April. The three-hour open houses also offer children's entertainment in an effort to broaden the organization's audience.

The Vancouver open house is at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, in Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 E Reserve Street. The Portland open house is at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, in the Red Lion Inn Jantzen Beach, 909 N Hayden Island Drive.

The Columbia River Crossing Project is sponsored jointly by the Washington and Oregon Departments of Transportation. The bi-state organization's focus is on improving a five-mile stretch of Interstate 5 between Highway 500 in Vancouver and Columbia Boulevard in Portland.

The organization is studying how to fix that I-5 corridor, which includes the Interstate 5 bridges. The studies do not extend to any other Columbia River bridge crossings.

Further information is available at the Columbia River Crossing website at

www.columbiarivercrossing.org.

County to accept testimony on proposed wetlands changes

Proposed changes in Clark County's procedures for identifying wetlands and protecting water quality, water quantity and habitat functions will be discussed at a public hearing at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, in the Public Service Center.

The proposed changes in the draft ordinance are based on a new system developed by the state Department of Ecology for categorizing wetlands and establishing buffer areas where limited land-use activities may occur. For further information, call **Pat Lee**, 397-2375, extension 4070.

Historical museum offers hosts program by fiber artist Pat Courtney

Pat Courtney, Wasco-Wishram fiber artist and lecturer, is presenting a discussion of the connection between Wasco tribal basket weaving and the Lewis and Clark expedition at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6, in the Clark County Historical Museum, 1511 Main Street.

Admission to the museum is free, during the 5-to-8 p.m. First Thursday After Hours Program.

Courtney's work is on display and available for sale as part of the museum's Native Perspectives on the Trail exhibit.

InterACT to tackle affordable housing

InterACT, the free Vancouver forum, where the audience is the panel, will discuss whether affordable housing exists in Clark County at its noon, Friday, April 7, meeting in My Friends and I, 1010 Broadway.

Lunch is available as a modest cost.

People

Merlin Hawkins, Ridgefield resident for the past 72 years, was recently presented with a Ridgefield Lifetime of Achievement Award. Hawkins, 84, long-time businessman, was a volunteer fireman for 32 years, a fire commissioner for six years, and a charter member of the Ridgefield Lion's Club. *✉* **Julie DeSMith**, executive director of YW Housing, and **Armando X. Estrada**, assistant professor of Psychology at Washington State University Vancouver, have been appointed to Partners in Careers, the private nonprofit agency serving Clark County job seekers and employers, reports **Beth Taylor**, PIC executive director.

Calendar

Concert violinist **Angela Svendsen** entertains in Commanders Bar in the Restaurant at the Historic Reserve at 7 p.m. this evening. There is no cover charge. *✉* Clark County commissioners, meeting in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 4, will discuss proposed new fireworks sales stand regulations. *✉* Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in conference room B in the Public Service Center. *✉* The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets in regular session at 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, in the Public Service Center.

Monday headlines from at home and around the world

[Jury rules that Zacarias Moussaoui is eligible for death penalty--Washington Post, **Jerry Markton, Timothy Dwyer** and **William Branigin**](#)

[Innovative Services NW announces gifts of over \\$500,000 during Caring Heart presentations--Columbian, **Jose Paul Corona**](#)

[Heathman Lodge to expand by 25 to 50 rooms, add spa--Oregonian](#)

[City expects to buy Pietz building it currently leases at 610 Esther Street--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)

[Bidding over on Boise Cascade riverfront property; winner not expected to be announced for 90 days--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)

[Two local women going to Miss Washington Finals--Columbian, **Trisha Jones**](#)

[C-5 crashes, 'miraculously' all 17 aboard survive--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Nine more U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq--Columbian, AP, **Vanessa Arrington**](#)

Monday on the air

Los Angeles Angels at Seattle Mariners (live)—2 p.m. FSN, KFX

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

UCLA vs. Florida (live)—6 p.m. KOIN-TV, KFX

Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Brett Bryant explaining Life Savers trick. ✂ **Lee Stenseth** repaired and raring to go. ✂ **Hannah Ariella Stone**, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, recently arrived at the Mercer Island home of **Scott** and **Rachael Dobrow Stone** reports new grandfather **Dick Dobrow**. ✂ **Barbara Howard** getting well-deserved credit. ✂ **Heidi Wilson** making festivities all the more pleasant. ✂ **Monday**, gray and rainy, 52. **Tuesday**, partly cloudy mostly dry, 60. **Wednesday**, .