

Caring Heart Awards to be presented April 1

Innovative Services NW, a 43-year old non-profit agency, will present its fourth annual Caring Heart Awards at a dinner Saturday, April 1, in the Heathman Lodge. The eight philanthropy awards honor individuals, businesses and organizations within the community that have had an impact on helping children, families and adults lead meaningful and productive lives.

Brett Bryant, executive vice president and director of private banking at First Independent Bank, is the keynote speaker. State Rep. **Jim Moeller** (D-49th) will provide opening remarks.

The honorees are as follows:

Brian and Karalee Ehline, the Children's Caring Heart Award. Karalee serves on the Corporate Board of Directors, and Brian serves on the Development Advisory Board for Innovative Services.

Gary Germer, the EveAnn Classen Leadership Award. Germer is a founding member of the Innovative Services NW Caring Heart Society.

Steve and Jean Hix, the Chairman of the Board Caring Heart Award. Steve and Jean are co-chairs of the Future for All, a \$6.5 Million-Dollar Capital Campaign.

Avril Massey, the Board of Directors Caring Heart Award. Massey is vice-chairwoman of the Development Advisory Board, for Innovative Services NW.

Ernie Veach-White, director of the Clark County Juvenile Justice Department, the Employment Caring Heart Award.

Kevin and Nicki Wann and Pacific Lifestyle Homes are the Development Caring Heart Award winners. The Building Industry Association of Clark County named Kevin the 2005 Builder of the Year, in part, for the "philanthropic spirit that he and Nicki Wann bring to the greater Clark County Community."

Nancy Zetlmaier will receive the Community Advocacy Caring Heart Award. She has served in a number of volunteer positions, including as a member of the Clark County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, a Board Member for the Vancouver Library, as well as of St. Joseph's Parish Council.

Safeway Stores will receive the Vancouver USA Hometown Caring Heart Award. On a yearly basis, Safeway supports three major corporate fundraising campaigns, and employees of Safeway also choose local charities, one of which is Innovative Services NW, which received \$29,000 from the employees last year.

For information on reservations for the dinner, call **Michael Wilson**, development director, at **823-5177**.

Port of Vancouver imports the fertilizer that grows the crops

Last year the Port of Vancouver was the principal port for importing fertilizer for northwest farm crops, reports **Nancy Baker**, president of the Port of Vancouver board. Across Vancouver's docks, 67,000 tons of fertilizer were delivered from the world's largest supplier of mineral fertilizer, Yara International, headquartered in Norway.

Star Shipping delivered the fertilizer in ships originating as far north as Glomfjord, Norway, near the Arctic Circle and which crossed the Atlantic Ocean before going through the Panama Canal and on to the Columbia River.

More than \$3 billion's worth of the state's top crops were grown with fertilizer imported from Norway, Baker said.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Washington's top crops are as follows: Apples, \$1.155 billion; wheat, \$521.2 million; potatoes, \$489 million; nursery and greenhouse products, \$313 million; and cherries, \$175.7 million.

Farm production amounts to 13 percent of the state's economy and provides jobs for 160,000 Washingtonians, Baker said.

People

A reception honoring **Judi Bailey**, for exceptional service as a former Vancouver's special events coordinator, is at 2 p.m. Friday, March 31, in the Indoor Farmers Market, 8th and Esther Streets. Bailey has been promoted to neighborhood coordinator for the City of Vancouver.

Calendar

Vancouver Business Journal business growth awards will be presented this evening during the awards din-

ner at 7 p.m. in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Doors open at 5 p.m. A no-host cocktail reception begins at 5:30 p.m. U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3) is a speaker. ☞ The first of three internet safety classes, sponsored by Heritage High School is at the school, 7825 NE 130th Avenue, at 7 p.m. Registration is not required. The class is facilitated by **Maggi Holbrook**, Vancouver Police Department forensics investigator. ☞ Congressman Baird is the speaker for the East Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Club at 7 a.m. Friday, March 24, in the Heathman Lodge.

Thursday headlines from at home and around the world

[Exhibition Hall at county fairgrounds does three times better than expected in the first year--Vancouver Business Journal--**Shane Cleveland**](#)

[Fixing I-5 bottleneck will come after ideas are narrowed down--Oregonian, **James Mayer** and **Bill Stewart**](#)

[Planners zeroing in on plans to improve Interstate Bridge--Columbian, **Thomas Ryll**](#)

[Can a tunnel cure I-5 traffic woes?--KATU, **John Capell**](#)

[County health officials set up bird flu plan--Columbian, **Tom Vogt**](#)

[Erickson's landmark farm to evolve into 142 home-site planned development--Columbian, **Thomas Ryll**](#)

[Pacific Continental Bank to open Vancouver branch--Vancouver Business Journal--**Shane Cleveland**](#)

[Pridemore will head state Pension Policy Committee--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)

[Think global, local companies urged--Columbian, **Courtney Sherwood**](#)

[Russian consul says cooperation key to success--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)

[U.S. official says Iraq has to rebuilt itself--USA TODAY, **Frank Thomas**](#)

Thursday on the air

Forum: Cowlitz Casino Project (3/1)—4 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearing (live)—5:55 p.m. CVTV

Portland Blazers at Phoenix (live)—6 p.m. KXL, KMUZ

Gonzaga vs. UCLA (live) 6:30 p.m. KOIN-TV, KFX

Baseball: Arizona vs. Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN

Archaeology in Clark County (3/16)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Mike Wilson setting stage. ☞ **Nancy Olson** inserting new words. ☞ **Azizah Bennet** attending to details. ☞ **Dave Miletich** handing out accolades. ☞ **Jocie Braaksma** proving to be faultless. ☞ **Bruce Gateley** expecting further discussion. ☞ **Thursday**, spring sunbreaks, 62. **Friday**, a little sun, occasional showers, 56. **Saturday**, sunbreaks and showers, 54.