

## **Wells Fargo Financial to add 115 persons in Clark County**

Wells Fargo Financial is increasing the size of its Vancouver service center staff by 34 percent, adding 115 new fulltime positions within the next four months, according to **Mike Hiber**, manager of the center at 521 SE Chkalov Drive.

“We want to hire as many people as we can as quickly as we can,” Hiber says.

The open positions are for collectors and supervisors. Collectors salaries range from \$25,000 to \$30,000, and supervisors can earn between \$36,000 and \$45,000.

“Spanish skills are preferred,” Hiber says, “but are not necessary.”

Information on job opportunities can be obtained by going to [www.wellsfargo.com/jobs](http://www.wellsfargo.com/jobs).

The expansion will increase employment at the financial center to 450 persons. Including Wells Fargo banking employees, the company will have 650 on the payroll by the end of the year.

Wells Fargo is also hiring in Oregon, according to Hiber.

## **State adds 53,500 new jobs for the year; Clark County adds 300**

According to the numbers in the Resident Labor Force in Washington State table issued as part of the state Employment Security Department’s monthly report on employment, the state added a total of 53,500 jobs during the year ending July 31. The same table, which includes, in addition, farm labor and self employment, shows that Clark County gained 300 jobs during the same period.

But that is just one way of reporting employment in the state. **Evelina Tainer**, chief economist for the department, today issued a news release stating that the state added 81,500 net new jobs for the same period.

Although the numbers are different, both are correct.

Non-agricultural Wage and Salary Employment table presents the 81,500 new job number. Neither Vancouver nor Clark County is represented in that table since Vancouver is part of the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area.

In any event, according to Tainer, employment growth in the state picked up in July, with employers adding 8,700 non-farm jobs over the month.

## **Don Russo elected to regional scout board**



**Don Russo**

**Don Russo** has been elected to the executive board of the Cascade Pacific Council Boy Scouts of America. The council is among the nation’s largest, serving 48,000 scouts in 18 counties in southwest Washington and northwest Oregon.

Russo, an attorney with Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, is a former chairman of the Vancouver Parks and Recreation and is on the steering committee of Loaves and Fishes.

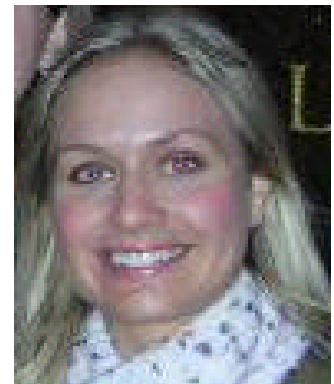
## **Merry Swanberg heading marketing and communications at Port of Kalama**

**Merry Swanberg** has been appointed marketing and communications manager for the Port of Kalama. Swanberg joined the port in June as a marketing consultant. She succeeds **Lyndsie Winter**, who has moved to Grapeview.

Swanberg is a graduate of Central Washington University.

## **Calendar**

Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, in conference room B in the Public Service center. The Columbia River Crossing Task Force meets at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16, in the southwest Washington Department of Transportation offices at 11018 NE 51st Circle.



**Merry Swanberg**

**Tuesday headlines**

[Julie DeSmith, who brought millions of dollars to Clark County, retiring from YW Housing--Columbian, Kelly Adams](#)  
[Census: Newcomers abound--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)  
[Oregon creeps up on America's diversity scale--Oregonian, Scott Learn and Esmeralda Bermudez](#)  
[Vancouver schools budget cut to increase reserve fund;23 jobs eliminated--Columbian, Margaret Ellis](#)  
[Skyrocketing real estate sales prices push residential values sky high in Clark County--Columbian, Courtney Sherwood](#)  
[Slow food group hosts three-day film festival in Vancouver--Columbian, Amy McFall Prince](#)  
[Court asked to ax some of Eyman's initiative petition signatures, including enough to kill \\$30 car tab initiative-Seattle P-I, AP, David Ammons](#)  
[Stocks surge \(up 130 points\) on good inflation news--USA TODAY, AP](#)  
[Israel begins to pull reserves out of Lebanon--New York Times, Steven Erlanger](#)  
[Hezbollah threatens to endanger fragile cease-fire--Washington Post, Edward Cody and Doug Struck](#)

**Tuesday on the air**

Thompson Annexation Meeting (7/26)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Thompson Oxford House Dedication (6/27)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
Addiction In The Home (8/10)—5:36 p.m. CVTV  
**Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV**  
**Portland Beavers at Las Vegas (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**  
**Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
Columbia Crossing Task Force (7/12)—10 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Diana Cruz** hosting important guests. ☼ **Tuesday**, partly cloudy, 72. **Wednesday**, mostly cloudy, 70. **Thursday**, warmer but still cloudy, 79.