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## Jazz Festival leads off with Judy Collins headlining Friday

Headlining the opening day of the 2008 edition of the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival in Esther Short Park this weekend is **Judy Collins**, internationally acclaimed folk, blues & ballad singer-songwriter.

Advance tickets for the three-day event are \$50. They will be \$60 at the gate. Single-day admission is \$20 at the gate for Friday, Aug. 22; \$25 at the gate for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23 and 24. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by a parent or guardian. Festival hours are 4 to 10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

In addition to food and beverage vendors, 30 wineries are represented at the festival, and at least 50 artists will have their work on display and for sale.

Other heavy hitters in the worldwide jazz and music scene are as follows: Saturday **Nicholas Payton Quartet**, **The Brubeck Brothers**, **BeauSoleil Quartet avec Michael Doucet**, **Melissa Manchester** and **The Rippingtons**; Sunday, **The Gospel Hummingbirds**, **Rita Coolidge**, **John Pizzarelli Quartet** and **Preservation Hall Jazz Band**.

For further information, go to [www.vancouverwinejazz.com](http://www.vancouverwinejazz.com). Advance tickets may be had by calling (503) 224-8499 or (800) 992-8499, or by going to Safeway TicketsWest outlets or participating Albertsons stores.

## Realtors endorse Brokaw and Lothspeich

The Clark County Association of Realtors' political action committee has endorsed Democrat **Pam Brokaw** and Republican **Brad Lothspeich** for Clark County Commissioner, District 1, reports Realtor board president **Linda Nielson**.

Brokaw and Lothspeich are two of seven candidates for the county position being vacated by the retirement of **Betty Sue Morris**.

Nielson says that the endorsement in the Aug. 19 primary comes because "both Pam and Brad have a keen understanding of the many complex issues facing our growing community and, more specifically, the issues facing our industry."

The other five candidates for position 1 are as follows: **Tom Mielke**, Republican; **Robert Nichols**, no party preference; **Craig L. Williams**, Republican; **Bridget Schwarz**, Independent; and **Matt Swindell**, Republican.

## Primitive roads near Sara getting recycling treatment

Clark County road crews this week are expected to begin grinding up surfaces of three "primitive" roads near Ridgefield in the Sara area so that the roads can be resurfaced with a combination of the old roadway, new gravel and oil.

According to county public works operations superintendent **Scott Wilson**, the focus of the road project is to build something that lasts longer and ultimately saves money by using less oil and reducing labor costs.

The current roads began as gravel surfaces, and about every two years more gravel and oil were added.

The recycled surfaces and new road base should last seven to ten years before resurfacing is necessary, Wilson says.

The roads are NW 169th Street and NW 51st and 61st Avenues.



New Orleans' Preservation Hall Jazz Band wraps up three-day Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, in Esther Short Park.

**Bank of Clark County ranked among top 200 banks nationally**

The Bank of Clark County has been ranked among the Top 200 community banks in the nation by *US Banker Magazine* for multiyear financial performance among banks with assets below \$1 billion.

For the past six years and seven times all totaled, the bank has been named by *Washington CEO Magazine* as one of the Best Places to Work in Washington. Regional business magazines have listed the bank as one of the fastest growing companies five years in a row.

The Bank of Clark County, founded in 1999, has over \$450,000,000 in assets, reports bank president and CEO **Mike Worthy**.

**News brief**

Anyone needing assistance with voting between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, should call the Clark County Elections Department, **397-2345**, says county auditor **Greg Kimsey**. An accessible voting unit is available for those with limited mobility. The county elections department is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday to accept ballots for the primary election. Ballots may also be returned at several polling locations in the county and at the drive-up voting box at 1408 Franklin Street. If returned by mail, primary ballots must be postmarked by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19.

**Calendar**

Port of Camas-Washougal commissioners meet in regular session at 4 p.m. today in port offices at 224 S. A Street, Washougal. <> The Vancouver City Council opens its workshop session at 4:15 p.m. today with a discussion of train whistle quiet zones. At 5 p.m. the council meets jointly with the Vancouver Planning Commission. The council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Community Resources Fair, 1009 E. McLoughlin Boulevard.

**Monday on the air**

**Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4:15 p.m. CVTV**

**Seattle Mariners at Chicago (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFX**

Northwest Indian News—6:30 p.m. FVTV

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

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

Federal Transportation Forum (8/6)—11 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Katie Leland** back on A-List. <> **Marybeth Nelson** pondering educational blog. <> **George Welsh** says fishing was incidental. <> **Ruth** and **Larry Paulson** lovingly toasted. <> **Bruce Bosch** looking for a drink of water. <> **Ed Kote** politicking. <> **Herb Westby** waxing philosophical. <> **Diane Hanke** giving good hair-style marks. <> **Monday**, gloomy, thunderstorms and scattered showers, 60-77. **Tuesday**, scattered showers, 64-73. **Wednesday**, dark and rainy, 55-69.