

ALBINA IN THE PEARL

The construction site at Northwest Tenth Avenue and Glisan Street is the future location of the newest Albina Community Bank, located in the Pearl District.

The Social Impact banking office, at 430 N.W. Glisan St., began construction this month, and plans to offer services for socially progressive individuals and institutions that have an interest in doing business with a bank that invests in the community.

The site will also house Fidelity National Title Company of Oregon.

In the future, Albina Community Bank will also open a Beaverton Branch at Northeast 41 Avenue and Fremont and a Rose City Branch at Northeast 57 Avenue and Sandy Boulevard.



Albina Community Bank team members Gregory Brown, vice president and commercial loan officer, (from left) Flo Maldonado, senior person banker of Social Impact Banking and Mary Edmeades, vice president and manager of Social Impact Banking at the future site of Albina Community Bank's Social Impact Banking office in the Pearl District.



These youth and volunteers are taking advantage of the Multnomah County Library's Ready to Read program.

Grant Nurtures Young Readers

Literacy skills begin before children enter kindergarten, according to library specialists.

Because of a Ready to Read grant, the Multnomah County Library has assisted children from birth to kindergarten with programs affecting literacy.

The Ready to Read grant has been used statewide to buy children's library materials, hire staff to provide programs, bring library services and materials to at-risk children and provide children's computer equipment to libraries.

Another area of concentra-

tion supported by the grant is in-home child care. Library specialists visit child care providers and train them in techniques supporting early literacy.

Since the grant totaling \$90,369 began in 1993, library services to children have increased by 80 percent, according to State Librarian Jim Scheppke.

"This program is really helping children develop early literacy skills, begin school ready to learn and develop a lifelong love of reading," he said.

Old Enough to Dance

Jeff PTA holding dance for middle schoolers

Neighborhood middle schoolers in the neighborhood of Jefferson High School can attend a chaperoned dance at Jefferson High School, at 5210 N. Kerby. The dance is from 6 to 8:45 p.m. Friday, April 23.

"We want potential Jefferson students to see what a wonderful, fun place our school is," said Barbara Lescher. "We've planned a great evening for middle schoolers. Disk jockey Ricky Pettiford will spin the tunes. Kids will dance and spend supervised time with their friends in a safe environment. And they'll be doing this at the same time they're raising funds for this year's

Jefferson High School Grad Night — the all night alcohol- and drug-free party immediately following graduation ceremonies that the PTA sponsors annually for graduating seniors."

To attend this well-chaperoned dance with security at the door, students must present their student identification card and a permission slip signed by their parent or guardian that requires an adult to pick up their student at Jefferson at 8:45 p.m.

Permission slips are available at Beaverton, Fernwood, Ockley Green, Tubman and Whitaker middle schools or by calling the Jefferson PTA Hot Line at 503-727-1700. Tickets, available at the door, cost \$2.75, including the 25 cents charge for mandatory checking of all coats, backpacks and purses. Refreshments ranging in cost from 50 cents to \$1.25 will be for sale at the event.

'College is Possible' Campaign Opens

Clark College in Vancouver is participating in a national initiative to motivate more students, particularly those from minority communities, to consider attending college.

The initiative emphasizes that a college education is an attainable goal and provides guidelines and resources to students.

A new resource is the College Is Possible Web site at www.CollegeIsPossible.org which provides information about finan-



Clark College President Wayne Branch

cial assistance and academic preparation for students.

"Over the next six months, Clark will be meeting with our K-12 colleagues to develop specific strategies to make college a possibility for more young people in our community," said Clark College President Wayne Branch.

The Web site will also provide information on activities for students, research, program models and events related to pre-college planning and preparation.

A Call for North Catholic Alumni

Alumni from North Catholic High School are searching for graduates or members of the 1964 class for a 40th reunion.

North Catholic, which burned down in the 70s, does not have an active administration or Alumni

Association. A database currently cataloguing 128 people is being built and those that were part of that class are urged to contact Mike Parker at mikpar@prodigy.net or 503-283-4060 for more information.

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