

Observing Vancouver



Lindsay Griffin (right) and her family are the proud owners of a Habitat for Humanity home in Vancouver's Patten Park development.

Community Builds Habitat Home

Community members attended a recent groundbreaking ceremony for the last of seven homes in the Patten Park housing development built by the local non-profit Evergreen Habitat for Humanity.

Since 1991, the organization has worked to improve living conditions for low-income Clark County residents by working with people in

need from all walks of life to develop communities by building safe, affordable housing.

"I would like to thank Evergreen Habitat for Humanity for helping me realize my dream of owning a home," Griffin said. "Knowing my children and I will have a place that we can call home is something I'll never be able to express enough gratitude for."

Time for Clark County Fair

The summer fun is in full swing with music, activities and more at the 143rd annual Clark County Fair, now running through Sunday, Aug. 14 north of Vancouver at Ridgefield.

The Clark County Fair Association said this year's event is filled with new features, family fun and wild adventures, including a new truck pull extravaganza and various artists who will perform inside the Sleep County Amphitheater.

Returning this year is also the Jest in Time Circus of Fools who will perform on the Family Fun stage, which is one of the several kids' activities.

To purchase fair or concert tickets, go to www.clarkcofair.com.



Foods delicacies are a big draw at the Clark County Fair now underway at the fairgrounds in Ridgefield north of Vancouver.

Shout Out to Clean Water Practices

In an effort to promote clean water practices throughout the area, Clark County is working with local school districts to mount more than 500 medallions adjacent to storm drains in school roads and parking lots to remind students and residents to never put anything down a storm drain.

The 4-inch, blue and gray, metal medallions, read: Protect Water, Only Rain In Drain in an effort educate residents that rain is the only thing that should go down the drains to prevent pollutants dumped or carried into swimming holes and drinking water and protect the



Clark County and Vancouver area schools are mounting medallions to storm drains to keep pollution out of rivers.

county's streams, lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater.

The instillation project was catalyzed by Storm Water Partners of Southwest Washington, which is comprised of Clark County and the cities of Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver and Washougal.

Although 280 medallions have already been installed at 28 schools, and 100 placed at Washington State University, Vancouver. Over the next several weeks new medallions will be installed at 16 schools in the Vancouver School District.

Bricks, Bricks and More Bricks

Architectural walking tours of remarkable brick buildings in downtown Vancouver will be held each Friday this month and Friday, Sept. 2, beginning at 12 noon at the his-

toric Carnegie Library built in 1909, which is now home to the Clark County Historical Museum.

The 40 minute, 1 to 2 mile walks, are sponsored in part by the

Vancouver Business Journal and the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission, and are part of the museum's annual walking tour program.

A longer Saturday walking tour, that is 2-3 miles long, is scheduled on Aug. 20 at 9 a.m.

The Clark County Historical Museum is located at 1511 Main St. For more information call 360-993-5679 or visit cchmuseum.org.

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