



## Business briefing

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People in business

Kimberly Fuhrer, property manager for Norris, Beggs & Simpson, has obtained her certified property manager designation from the Institute of Real Estate Management. Fuhrer attended several months of study in eight courses and passed several exams.

Terry Stokesbary has been appointed senior program director for enrichment initiatives for the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. Stokesbary will direct, coordinate and facilitate the creation of initiatives that enrich the effectiveness of nonprofit institutions, organizations and their leaders.

Tara Wefers has been named chief development officer for The Holland Inc. in Vancouver. Wefers' new role includes leading expansion efforts and the development of strategic alliances for The Holland's Burgerville restaurants.

Vancouver resident Ian Tyler has been promoted to Small Business Administration business development officer for Wells Fargo's SBA Lending Group. He will provide entrepreneurs in Clark County and Portland with loans guaranteed by the SBA. Tyler will be based in Tigard, Ore.

Roggenkamp, Erickson & Associates, a Vancouver structural engineering design and consultation company, announced that Amy Metteer has been hired as administrative assistant and Beth McFarlin as financial administrator. Metteer is responsible for project support and general administrative duties; McFarlin is responsible for general financial management and employee benefits administration.

Recognition

Clark County administrator Bill Barron has been named Public Employer of the Year at the Developmental Disability Employment Awareness Awards. The event was co-sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and the Clark County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board. Under Barron's direction, Clark County recently launched a school-to-work transition program for young men and women leaving high school and entering the work force. Big Al's Family Entertainment Center has received the 2007 Brunswick Center of Excellence Award from Brunswick Bowling & Billiards for its outstanding business development, strategy and implementation of a world-class, bowling-based entertainment facility. The owners are Al and Sandee Kirkwood, Daniel and Melissa Kirkwood and Dean and Kelly Gaylor.


The Clark County Chamber of Commerce is soliciting entries for an awards program recognizing outstanding organizations that have successfully implemented an innovative business program in visibility, networking, public advocacy, business services or training programs. To qualify, submit a 150-200 word description of the program (brochures, ads and visuals in addition to the program allowed). One or more company representatives must be available to present the concept and accept the award on Dec. 11. Winners cannot have received the award within the past two years. To nominate candidates, submit name and contact information to [info@ClarkChamber.com](mailto:info@ClarkChamber.com) or call 360-258-1191. Include a short note about what impressed you

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the most about the program. You can nominate as many candidates as you wish. Nominations must be received by Nov. 30.

#### New businesses

Jeff Williams has opened Simple & Clear, offering design solutions for people who want to organize their businesses and their lives. Call 360-254-5365 or 360-903-5599, e-mail [jeff@simpleclear.biz](mailto:jeff@simpleclear.biz) or visit [www.simpleclear.biz](http://www.simpleclear.biz).

Steve and Barry's has opened at 7701 N.E. Vancouver Plaza, Vancouver, offering clothing and shoes all under \$20, for children, teens and adults. The senior store manager is Richard Wilke. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays. The store is a national retail chain, headquartered in Port Washington, N.Y. 360-944-3145.

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