



OPPORTUNITIES

New math-science high school on the horizon

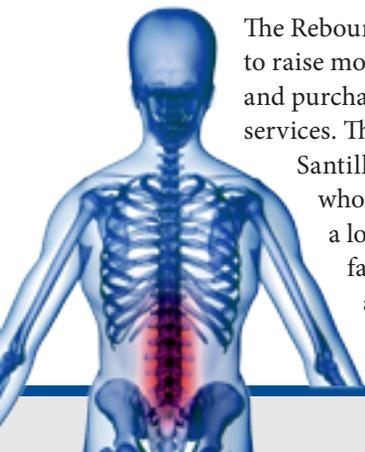
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Local foundation needs help to rebuild lives

The Rebound Foundation is seeking assistance to raise money to hire additional personnel and purchase a proper facility for rehabilitation services. The Foundation was established by Paul Santillie, a successful Tri-Cities businessman who suffered a spinal cord injury. In 2006, a local fundraising effort sent Paul, his family, and a trainer to Project Walk, a unique rehabilitation program in



California. Upon returning, Paul set up a rehab facility in his garage to begin helping other local residents with disabilities. The Rebound Foundation was organized to provide post-insurance rehabilitation to patients who have suffered spinal cord injuries, strokes, and other neurological ailments. If you would like to make a donation, please send it to: “Rebound Foundation” c/o Community First Bank, 6401 W Clearwater Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336. For more information on the Rebound Foundation go to www.rebound-foundation.org.

BUSINESS NEWS

Research District moving forward



A Day for Developing a Clean Technology Agenda

The Tri-Cities Research District is taking shape. Leaders in clean technology recently met at a workshop hosted by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory called *TechMagination: A Day to Imagine a Clean Technology Agenda*. Following the workshop, some of the ideas generated were incorporated into an application to have the Tri-Cities Research District designated as an Innovation Partnership Zone (IPZ) by Washington state. An IPZ is a geographic area that is designed to promote and develop the state’s regional economies. Workshop ideas included clean technology and sustainable development projects that could be developed and demonstrated in the Research District. Governor Chris

Tri-Cities by the Numbers

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| KENNEWICK | | |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | # of Schools | # of Students |
| 20 years ago | 17 | 11,074 |
| 10 years ago | 21 | 13,745 |
| Now | 21 | 15,255 |
| PASCO | | |
| | # of Schools | # of Students |
| 20 years ago | 11 | 6,217 |
| 10 years ago | 11 | 7,965 |
| Now | 16 | 12,516 |
| RICHLAND | | |
| | # of Schools | # of Students |
| 20 years ago | 12 | 6,993 |
| 10 years ago | 13 | 8,974 |
| Now | 15 | 10,207 |

Gregoire recently announced the designation of the Tri-Cities Research District as one of 11 new IPZs. To qualify for designation, applicants had to partner research, workforce training, and globally-competitive companies in close geographic proximity for a cooperative research-based effort that would lead to new commercially viable products and jobs. For more information go to www.pnl.gov/techmagination.

Area businesses earn technology development contracts

Three Tri-Cities companies won grant awards from the U.S. Department of Energy as part of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

- 1) **Infinia Corporation**, Kennewick, won a \$750,000 Phase II award to develop a high-capacity cryocooler for high-temperature superconducting applications. This project will be the first application of Infinia’s recently awarded U.S. patent for multi-cylinder, free-piston Stirling cycle

systems. DOE will use Infinia’s cryocooler for emerging applications such as high-temperature superconducting power lines and electric motors for ships. Contact Peter Brehm at (509) 735-4700.

- 2) **Kennewick-based Vista Engineering Technologies** won a \$750,000 Phase II contract to improve subsurface characterization in support of environmental characterization and cleanup at DOE sites. Partnering with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Vista Engineering will combine electrical resistance tomography and cone penetrometer technology to create high-quality subsurface images. Contact Wes Bratton at (509) 737-1377.
- 3) **Reeves & Sons**, Richland, won a \$750,000 award to further develop an ultra-sensitive radiation detector to identify extremely low levels of contamination. The company is partnering with Texas A&M University on the work, which takes place in the Soudan Underground Research Site in Minnesota. Contact Jim Reeves at (509) 438-5531.

WSU Tri-Cities boasts record enrollment



Just 10 days into the fall semester, WSU Tri-Cities recorded a preliminary count of 849 full-time equivalent (FTE) students and a headcount of 1,261 students,

shattering previous enrollment records. The semester began August 20 and marked the beginning of the four-year degree program on the Richland campus. The previous enrollment record was set in 2003 with 704 FTE students and a headcount of 1,192. “The recruitment of our first freshmen increased the overall awareness of our campus,” said Vicky Carwein, chancellor of WSU Tri-Cities. “We’re thankful to the Tri-City community for its support of our campus growth, and thrilled that so many students have chosen WSU Tri-Cities.” For more information go to www.tricity.wsu.edu.



TRI-CITIES NOW

New Pasco high school breaks ground

School district officials recently broke ground on the new Chiawana High School in Pasco. Lydig Construction, Inc of Spokane will build the \$66.5 million facility. The contract includes construction of the 341,000 square foot building as well as the completion of grounds and practice fields. Total cost for the school is estimated at \$72,058,921, making this by far the largest contract awarded in school district history. Planning Principal John Morgan expressed his excitement over the project saying, “By working with community members, students, and staff, the District Planning Team developed an aggressive plan of action that will give us the opportunity to open CHS in the fall of 2009.” Teri Kessie will serve as principal of the new school. For more information go to www.pasco.wednet.edu.



PNNL #2 tech business in Washington State

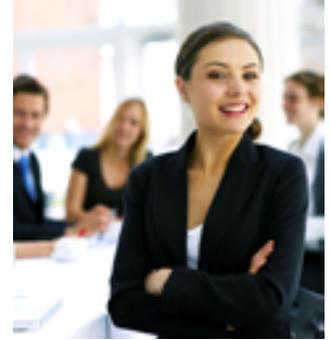
The Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, follows Microsoft as the state’s second largest high-tech firm, according to *Washington CEO* magazine’s August 2007 issue. With 3,900 employees in the state, the Laboratory maintained the same position as last year, ahead of companies such as Amgen, RealNetworks, HouseValues Inc., and Getty Images. To learn more about PNNL go to www.pnl.gov.

Young professionals groups taking shape in Tri-Cities

Local leaders are looking to attract and retain young professionals in our area through young professionals or young leaders groups. “Some individuals teamed with United Way and started the Young Leaders Society, which has grown

to more than 160 members today,” said Gail Greager of the United Way.

“The Young Leaders’ Society is an active, vibrant, and engaged group that has been a great resource for prospective board members and volunteers for United Way events,” said Greager.



The City of Richland asked intern Tara Kious to develop another young professionals group in the Tri-Cities.

“It was in Richland’s strategic plan to attract more young professionals to the Tri-Cities,” said Kious. “So I began to research what a group for young professionals might look like.”

The group would like to complement what the United Way has done for the community service sector and create something with a business networking and public involvement focus.

To contact the Young Leaders Society, call Sarah Murphy at 509-783-4102 or the Tri-Cities Young Professionals group, call Jason Meunier at jmeunier@columbiariverbank.com.

ALUMNUS PROFILE

Jonathan & Kristin Hunt

Current Business:

Jonathan is the Chief Financial Officer for IsoRay, Inc. and Kristin is busy (very busy) with our five kids and their numerous activities.



Time spent in Tri-Cities area:

My wife and I both grew up in the Tri-Cities – she lived in Richland and I lived in Kennewick. After high school we both went away to college at Brigham Young University where we met. We were married during college and after college we moved to Concord, CA; Bellevue, WA; and Scottsdale, AZ. About a year and a half ago I located a job opportunity in Richland, and we decided to move back here.



Accomplishments:

I worked for Coopers & Lybrand and then PricewaterhouseCoopers for a number of years doing financial auditing and consulting. After leaving PricewaterhouseCoopers, I worked for a few different companies (both start-ups and *Fortune* 500) doing various responsibilities including financial reporting, budgeting, operational analysis, and cash management. Kristin has a degree in special education and taught in a resource room at an elementary school until our first child was born. Since that time she has run a few home-based businesses as well as taking care of all five of our children that range from a first grader to a junior in high school.

Impression of the Tri-City area:

The area has definitely grown and changed since we last lived here 20 years ago. We have loved living here over the past year and have particularly enjoyed the smaller crowds, the many outdoor activities, the good weather, and being close to family. We have also been impressed with the close-knit community and the generosity we have observed.

We are looking for more former Tri-City residents to receive this newsletter. If you have an e-mail list that you would like to share or know of anyone who would benefit from receiving this newsletter, please contact Robin Conger at robin.conger@pnl.gov.

The Tri-City Alumni Update informs former Tri-Citians about current events and opportunities available “back home.” It is published in partnership with Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tri-City Development Council, Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. We’re hoping to reach as many former Tri-Citians as possible, so please forward this to others. It’s also online at www.pnl.gov/edo/business/alumni. To receive the newsletter via e-mail, add someone else to the mailing list, or to be removed from the list, please contact Robin Conger at robin.conger@pnl.gov or (509) 372-4328.



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