People

Appert receives fourth composition award

Donald Appert, director of music at Clark College, has received another award from the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP).

The award was presented for international performances of Appert’s piece, Nara Variations. Orchestras in Romania, Italy and El Salvador performed the composition. The Oregon Sinfonietta plans to present Nara Variations on March 14.

Appert, who received ASCAP awards in 2005, 2006 and 2008, is in his 20th season as conductor of the Clark College Orchestra. The Vancouver resident has been an advocate of ASCAP since 1978.

DONALD APPERT

ASCAPPLUS awards are presented annually.

Clark County Fair vet honored by state 4-H

Dr. Jack Giesy, the Clark County Fair veterinarian for more than 40 years, has been inducted into the Washington State 4-H Hall of Fame.

Giesy, of Vancouver, served as a 4-H leader for more than 25 years. He was a member of the Executive Horse Council, the state 4-H Fair Board, the 4-H Equine Advisory Committee, the Clark County Fair Board, and the Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Committee. He has been a judge of the national 4-H contest for 20 years.

The horse arena at the fairgrounds bears his name.

Giesy was one of 11 Washington people inducted into the hall of fame on Oct. 16.

Nominations open for BG community leaders

Nominations are being accepted for the 2009 Business Person and Citizen of the Year by the Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce. New categories have also been added this year.

The Citizen of the Year selection is based on community service, volunteerism and leadership efforts, primarily in Battle Ground.

The Business Person of the Year must own or operate a business in the 98604 zip code and be a member of the Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce. The Business of the Year must also contribute to the local economy in a significant way. Selection is based on the businesses appearance, promotional work, involvement in business or professional organizations, customer service practices as well as any recent expansion, remodeling or construction work, efforts to benefit other businesses and respect for other business people.

For the first time, the Chamber will also give the following awards to community leaders:

A Teacher of the Year award will go to a Battle Ground School District teacher who has shown exemplary care and skills in performing their job and who has shared their philosophy and expectations of students. A similar award will go to a Coach of the Year.

The Service Person of the Year award will honor a member of the military, Battle Ground Police Department or Clark County Fire & Rescue who has served within Battle Ground. Also, a Volunteer of the Year award will go to an individual who has served the community or for a non-profit organization in Battle Ground or within Clark County.

Nominations must be received by Dec. 15. Voting will follow on a secret ballot and three finalists in each category will be announced and invited to the Chamber’s annual recognition banquet on Fri., Jan. 29, where the winner in each category will be announced and awarded a plaque in recognition of their contributions.

Submissions should be mailed to 2210 West Main Street #107-345, Battle Ground, WA 98604. Call (360) 687-1510 for more information.

Neighbors in the News

in Cave Junction, OR.

Ridgefield: Kathleen Davis (summa cum laude), Kristen Gifford, Angela Jennings-George, Jared Penga (cum laude), Vernon Veysey, from Woodland: Ashley Cormican (cum laude), Lonna Martin (magna cum laude), Teresa Young. From Yacolt: Elizabeth Walker.