increase by a very healthy 11 percent year-on-year.” The chip industry represents an important piece of the Clark County economy with such employers as SEH America and Linear Technology.

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**Packaging company announces dividend**

Bemis Co. Inc., which operates a commercial bag plant in Vancouver, declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 22 cents per share. The dividend is payable June 2, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 16. Wisconsin-based Bemis Company is a major supplier of flexible packaging and pressure sensitive materials used by leading food, consumer products, manufacturing, and other companies worldwide. Founded in 1858, the company reported 2007 net sales of $3.6 billion. Bemis employs about 15,700 individuals in 56 manufacturing facilities in 10 countries around the world.

**Mortgage rates stay above 6 percent**

Rates on 30-year mortgages remained above 6 percent this week, edging up to the highest level in seven weeks and reflecting continued financial market concerns about inflation. Mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported Thursday that 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 6.06 percent this week, up slightly from 6.03 percent last week. It marked the second week in a row that 30-year rates have been above 6 percent and was the highest level since these mortgages averaged 6.13 percent the week of March 16. The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, however, dipped to 5.59 percent this week, down from 5.62 percent last week.

**New blog offered to women planning for retirement**

Women interested a comfortable retirement and in sharing ideas for how to get there are invited to join the discussion at The Columbian's new blog 60 & Single at [http://www.columbian.com/business/60andsingleblog](http://www.columbian.com/business/60andsingleblog). Hosted by Julia Anderson, Columbian business editor, the blog is intended to help baby boomer women manage their money, save for retirement and get the most from retirement. Current blog topics: Shopping with coupons, Social Security Web sites, managing credit card debt and volunteer work opportunities.

**People**

Gail Liberman, director of Clark College's Teaching and Learning Center, has been named a recipient of the 2008 Anna Sue McNeill Teaching, Learning and Assessment Award. The award recognizes an individual's contributions at public two- or four-year colleges in Washington. Liberman will be one of seven honorees statewide on April 30 during the Pacific NW Higher Education Teaching and Learning Conference in Spokane.

**If you missed it**

**Little Leaguer back in play**

Five days after a 12-year-old Vancouver boy was told he could not play Little League baseball because he wears an oxygen tank, his baseball career is back on track thanks to a decision by the governing committee of Little League.

**Boring but important**

**Campus on the rise**

Clark College's $27 million east Vancouver campus is gradually taking form at 18700 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd.

**Quote of the Day**

“The world’s favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.”


**Tonight**

**Watch the story of WWII women shipyard workers**

The Clark County Historical Museum’s First Thursday lecture series continues tonight with a free viewing of “Good Work Sister.” The video illustrates the history of women shipyard workers during World War II. It begins at 7 p.m. at the museum, 1511 Main St. Information: 360-993-5679 or here.