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OPPORTUNITIES

Tri-Cities college students can now pick classes straight from the vine

Washington State University Tri-Cities (WSU-TC) and Columbia Basin College (CBC) are jumping on the bandwagon of the area's wine industry by offering classes for wine making and tasting. WSU-TC has programs tailored to grape growing and winemaking. One program includes a 4-year Bachelor of Science degree in Viticulture and Enology and another is a certificate program on wine grape growing and winemaking. CBC's tasting class includes a history of wine, international wine varietals, and appropriate food pairing.



For more information about WSU-TC's classes, visit: <http://www.wineducation.wsu.edu/>. For more information about CBC's classes, e-mail: Donna.Campbell@columbiabasin.edu.

Tri-Cities farmers' markets serve up food and fun

A community deeply rooted in agriculture, the Tri-Cities proudly celebrates the bounty of harvest with food festivals and farmers' markets like no other. Each of the cities has a farmers' market, with Pasco's being the largest open-air, fresh produce market in the state! Farmers' markets are a chance to sample and



purchase fresh fruits and vegetables directly from the grower. In addition to produce, the markets offer plants, flowers, hand crafted items, and specialty foods.

Kennewick Farmer's Market: Open Thursdays, 4 pm – 8 pm, June – October. (509) 585-2301.

Pasco Farmer's Market: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8 am – 12 pm, May – October. (509) 545-0738.

Richland Market at the Parkway: Open Fridays, 9 am – 1 pm, June – September. (509) 946-3349.

Tri-Cities art association seeking sponsors for 58th annual event

Put on your walking shoes and head to Howard Amon Park in Richland for the 58th Annual Allied Arts Association Art in the Park, July 25 – 26, 9 am – 7 pm. Art in the Park showcases more than 300 artists and craftsmen offering an unique array of photography, jewelry, metal art, furniture, pottery, paintings, glass art, and more.



Art in the Park is the main fundraiser for Allied Arts Association. Proceeds are used for exhibits and other Association programs, maintenance of the existing gallery and education wing, and art scholarships. If you are interested in sponsoring the event, visit: <http://www.alliedartsrichland.org/> or call: (509) 943-9815.

Reminder! The 43rd annual Water Follies will be held this July 25 - 28 at Columbia Park. If you are interested in being a sponsor of this event attended by 60,000+ people, contact (509) 783-4675.

Tri-Cities by the Numbers

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150+ wineries in Tri-Cities region

8 museums and visitor centers

99% of Washington's wine grapes come from the Columbia Valley

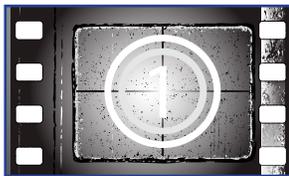
5,020 movie theater seats in the Tri-Cities

BUSINESS NEWS

Unique Tri-Cities restaurants offer best of both worlds to customers

Tri-Cities restaurants with distinctive flair are increasing in popularity. Blending great food with a unique atmosphere have made the following eateries hot spots in the area:

A new wine bar is using the building's theatre history as inspiration for its décor. The **Roxy Wine Bar** plays silent black and white films from decades ago on a 200-inch screen on the interior wall. www.roxywinebar.com.



Bella Italia, a local Italian restaurant serves up food and *art* to patrons. The cozy, Tuscan-style atmosphere boasts a mini-art gallery on the bottom floor of its newly built establishment. (509) 374-0451.



If you're interested in a dose of humor with your food, the **Sage Port Grille** should be on your menu. The eclectic, "ma and pop" breakfast and lunch restaurant boasts a serving of attitude with every side dish. Staff are unapologetic about the time it takes to cook the food, but ensure it's worth the wait. A local favorite and must-see for tourists. (509) 783-9105.



After more than 60 years in business, Richland is home to the oldest coffee stop in the Tri-Cities, **The Spudnut Shop**. If you think potatoes and donuts don't mix – think again. These donuts are made from potato flour and then deep-fried to perfection. The shop was even featured on the *Travel Channel* earlier this year. (509) 943-3000.



To be or not to be ... a franchisee; signature chains come to Tri-Cities

Along with summer, the Tri-Cities restaurant climate is heating up. Popular chains are popping up all over the area. It's only been three months since Kennewick's first



Sonic America's Drive-In opened, and cars are still lining up to get a taste of their famous cherry limeade. In April, Tri-Cities' Sonic was ranked by *Entrepreneur* magazine as one of the busiest in the nation. A second Sonic is now open in Pasco.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro has opened a franchise in Kennewick. This is the company's 179th restaurant in the United States, and third in the state of Washington. The chain extensively researched the Mid-Columbia, and believes there's a strong market for high-end Asian cuisine.



TRI-CITIES NOW

Tri-Cities entertainment borrows a bite from the ‘Big Apple’

The entertainment choices in the Tri-Cities keep getting better and better, offering an ever-widening array of touring musicals, comedy shows and concerts.

Over the past year, the Tri-Cities Toyota Center has showcased Broadway hits like *Hairspray*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Rent*, and even a performance by Cirque Dreams. For more information, see the events calendar at: www.yourtoyotacenter.com.



Additionally, local acts are leaving audiences laughing and word-of-mouth traveling. **The Richland Players Theatre**, a group of local actors, puts on five plays per year with seven performances for each play. The **Ye Merrie Greenwood Players** are popular local actors who perform interactive plays, English Country dancing, singing, and story telling, as well as put on the annual Greenwood Faire.

The **Academy of Children’s Theatre** is a local organization that presents four family plays each year and mentors children in all aspects of theatre, including acting, lighting and sound, stage managing, assisting the director, and learning make-up skills. For information on The Richland Players, call: (509) 943-1991, Ye Merrie Greenwood Players (509) 783-7727, and Academy of Children’s Theatre (509) 943-6027.

‘Catch the Crush’ this September

Known as “The Heart of Washington Wine Country,” the Tri-Cities region is home to more than 150 wineries within a one-hour drive. Visitors can sample award-winning wines, or enjoy breathtaking views of vineyards and the Mid-Columbia. The number of Washington wineries has increased 400% in the last decade, attracting two million annual visitors to

Washington wine country and creating a two million-dollar wine-tourism industry. On average, a new winery opens each week in Washington.

Join the Columbia Valley wineries in celebrating this year’s wine harvest at the 22nd annual “Catch the Crush” event, September 27- 28.

Each of the wineries offers its own events including grape stomps, harvest, and crush activities, winery tours, hors d’oeuvres, live music, and of course—wine tasting! For more information, visit the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau’s Golf and Wine section on: www.visittri-cities.com.



Things to do this summer in Tri-Cities

July

- 7/6: Columbia Crest Vineyard Tours
10am - 12pm, (888) 309-WINE
- 7/11: 17th Annual Lourdes Classic Golf Tournament
1pm - 8pm, (509) 546-2301
- 7/20: Folk Arts Fiesta 2pm – 7pm, call: (509) 545-2361
- 7/25: 58th Annual Art in the Park Show
9am - 9pm, (509) 943-981
- 4th Annual “Hot Jazzy Nightz” Smooth Jazz and Wine Festival 7pm – midnight (509) 430-5862
- Lamb Weston Columbia Cup Hydroplane Races
8am – 6pm (509) 783-4675

August

- 8/9: Wild Refuge Event 9am - 12pm, (509) 543-8322
- 8/14: Kiwanis Salmon Bake 6pm - 9pm, (509) 586-0541
- 8/16: Louie Louie Party with The Kingsmen
4pm – midnight, (509) 586-0541
- 8/23: Chateau Champoux’s Sunset Dinner
7pm - 10pm, (509) 894-5005



ALUMNI PROFILES

Travis Senger

Current title: Principal, LT Production Group

Time spent in the Tri-City area: 1980-2000, graduated from Kamiakin High School.

Accomplishments: “I’ve produced a feature length film entitled “The Sidewalk Never Ends,” Senger said. “This has allowed me to work with high profile producers like former Columbia/TriStar executive, Larry Estes. I also recently directed music videos for the bands The Blakes and The Saturday Knights. The Blakes video is still on rotation on MTV2 and The Saturday Knights video should go on rotation this fall.”

Impression of the Tri-Cities: “I grew up in the Tri-Cities and a lot of my family live here, so it’s home. Some of the backers for my film live here as well. The Tri-Cities is growing and changing a lot, which is exciting. With my work, I like to think that I’m creating an opportunity for a select group of Tri-Citians to be a part of the film business and I’m hoping they’ll have a profitable experience. In the not so distant future, I am going to start a scholarship with fellow Tri-Citian, Travis Vogan, for Kamiakin High School students called “The Travis and Travis Scholarship for the Humanities.” (Vogan is currently a Cultural Studies PhD Candidate at Indiana University.)

Recent activities: “I’m staying busy with work and in the market to buy a Whippet puppy.”



There are a number of Tri-Cities businesses and entrepreneurs looking for advisors, board members and investors. Additionally, there are one-time seminars and presentation opportunities for you to share “lessons learned” and your expertise with others. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities to give back to the Tri-Cities, please contact Robin Conger at Robin.Conger@pnl.gov.

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