

“Time never heals; we carry on because we have to,”

—Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA), from one of the letters he sent every year to the 177 Massachusetts families who lost loved ones in the Sept. 11 attacks.

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New name, familiar faces

Grandson of Waddles founder opens new restaurant

BY PAUL LEONARD | of the VBJ

Many a longtime Vancouverite has driven past the old clock on the I-5 through Jantzen Beach with a hankering for the hamburger baskets of summers past. Closed since 2005, Waddle's Drive-In and Coffee Shop remains a signpost in the Pacific Northwestern psyche, even with its trademark roadside sign taken over by the Hooters restaurant chain.

But for aficionados of Waddle's oven-roasted turkey and homemade meatloaf relief may finally be in sight. This week, Steve Waddle, grandson of

restaurant founder, Gene, opened DuckTales Kitchen in Vancouver in the hopes of recapturing some of the magic that kept his family's business a local fixture for 60 years.

Co-owned and operated with Waddle's wife, Jane, DuckTales Kitchen debuted Tuesday morning at the site of Ballew's Restaurant – a bistro which closed after owner David Ballew decided to move on to other opportunities earlier this month. “Normally, it would be a scary thing opening in this economy, but Ballew's was doing pretty well

at this location ... so we're not worried,” Waddle said.

Though the Waddle's brand is noticeably absent from this third-generation establishment, other signature touches have been brought back, such as the familiar duck, and perhaps most importantly, the food.

“To see the duck taken down off the clock, to see the restaurant close, it was just a sad day,” Waddle said of the old Jantzen Beach restaurant, where he once worked as a busboy. “But I think we're going to do pretty well here.”

Always be prepared

Agencies join forces to head off potential disasters for local businesses

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Like many other disasters, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 seemingly came out of nowhere, on a picture-perfect day under clear, blue skies.

With that sobering tragedy in mind, the Clark County Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Clark Regional Services Agency will present its Strive to Survive Disaster Business Resilience Workshop at the Vancouver Hilton from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

The free workshop will host geologists, public health and safety officials and business disaster planning specialists who will discuss earthquakes, the threat of pandemics and other hazards.

While it isn't the intent of organizers to alarm workshop participants, the day's activities will focus on preparing for disasters that may disrupt

business activities in the region – at least one of which could occur as soon as this flu season. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a swine flu epidemic could result in absenteeism rates as high as 40 percent, potentially leaving some businesses without workers.

Online registration, along with additional information about the workshop, is available at www.cresa911.org.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Jerry Hall, attorney, last week leased 866 square feet of office space from Jeff and Melanie Smith located at 12214 S.E. Mill Plain Blvd. in Vancouver. Deborah Ewing of Eric Fuller & Associates represented the landlord in the deal.

Innovative Pet Products, Inc. leased 1,400 square feet of office space Sept. 2 from EastRidge Associates, LLC at EastRidge Business Park, 13504 N.E. 99th St. in Vancouver. Eric Fuller & Associates' Adam Roselli and Byron Roselli represented the owners.

FROM THE PRESS ROOM

The Vancouver Landing outdoor amphitheater served as a backdrop for reflection during a gathering today at 8 a.m. to honor the victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Clark County Public Works will improve N.E. 99th Street in the Orchards area starting this fall, thanks to a \$2.5 million ARRA stimulus grant.

Beginning last Tuesday, the **City of Vancouver Development Review Services Permit Center** at 4400 N.E. 77th Ave. closes at 4 p.m. According to the city, the change ensures staff will have time to respond to customers.

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