

## Clark College to confer degrees and award certificates to 1,500



**Garry Presthus**

Clark College president **R. Wayne Branch** will confer associates degrees in arts, applied sciences, and science transfers, as well as certificates of achievement and proficiency in professional-technical programs, to 1,500 students beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9, in the Amphitheater at Clark County.

Clark alumnus **Garry T. Presthus** will deliver the commencement address. In a separate ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11, in Clark's O'Connell Sports Center, **Roberto Gutierrez**, Clark's vice president of instruction, will address 125 students who have successfully completed Clark College High School Completion GED programs.

Branch says that, each year, community colleges educate almost half of American's undergraduate students and provide training for millions of others seeking to upgrade their workforce skills.

"At Clark, we have built pathways to success for thousands of students over the years and we are grateful for the opportunity to touch their lives," Branch states.

Commencement speaker Presthus is retired from the World Health Organization, for which he served in Asia and Africa over a 32-year career. In retirement he continues to serve that organization through projects including tsunami relief in Indonesia and polio eradication in Africa. Presthus, a graduate of Battle Ground High School,

attended Clark before transferring to the University of Washington, from which he was graduated.

## Spenser Myles Theberge one of only 20 in the U.S. named Presidential Scholar

**Spenser Myles Theberge**, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics senior, has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education as one of 20 Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Theberge, who participated in a National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Arts Recognition and Talent Search Program, will attend recognition ceremonies in Washington, D.C., beginning Saturday, June 25, and will receive a White House-sponsored medallion.

## Concert to be heard in old library

**Jan Michael Looking Wolf Reibach** will perform a Native American flute concert of traditional, blues and jazz-fusion in the Clark County Historical Museum, which is located inside the 1909 Carnegie Library, 1511 Main Street, at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18. Reibach, who is a Grand Ronde Tribal member, has produced four CDs.

Seating is limited to 80 persons. Tickets, available at the museum, are \$15. For further information, call museum director **Susan Tissot, 993-5679**.

## SWIFT grant applications being accepted

Southwest Washington Independent Forward Thrust is accepting applications for grants from local nonprofit organizations through Thursday, June 30. Over the past 30 years SWIFT has provided grants totaling over \$ million for more than 1,000 local projects. For further information, call **Allison Cole, 619-4498**.

## News briefs

Blues acoustical guitarist **Terry Robb** performs at 7:30 p.m. this evening in the Old Liberty Theater, 115 Main Street, Ridgefield. Adult admission is \$10. For further information, call **887-7260**. 🚢 Tall ships Lynx and Lady Washington remain in port at the Port of Camas-Washougal through Sunday, May 29, then return to Vancouver Landing west of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay Monday, May 30 for one more day of tours and visits, before leaving Tuesday, May 31, for St. Helens, then on to the Port of Kalama on Tuesday, May 31. For tours and other information, call **(800) 200-5239** for the Lady Washington, **(866) 446-5969** for the Lynx. 🚢 Vancouver City councilwoman and Clark County historian **Pat Jollota** is the featured speaker at a celebration commemorating the Fern Prairie Cemetery's 150th anniversary at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 28. 🚢 **Jim West**, proprietor of the All American Deli and Ice Cream in the Vancouver Mall, is giving away ice cream cones from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 29, to help raise funds for returning Washington National Guard troops. The ice cream cones are free, but donations are expected. In addition, discounted merchandise packages are available, which also generate funds for the

troops. 🏠 F-15 Eagle jet fighters from the 142nd Fighter Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard will fly over the Woodland Veterans Memorial at 11:12 a.m. and the Washougal Cemetery at 11:20 a.m. Monday, May 30. 🏠 Clark County commissioners will continue their discussion of making changes to the 2004 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan at a 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, meeting in the Public Service Center. 🏠 The *Daily Insider* will not be published Monday, May 30.

Friday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Hearings by Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board on Clark County growth management plan begin in Vancouver Thursday, June 2--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)  
[Carl Click's last KGW newscast is tonight; Vancouver native joins KATU-TV's morning news anchor desk and will co-house AM-Northwest--Columbian, \*\*Mike Bailey\*\*](#)  
[Wenatchee judge says trial in governor election case will go on--Seattle Times, \*\*David Postman\*\*](#)  
[Columbian's best bets for entertainment](#)

### Friday on the air

Women in Action Spring Luncheon—3 p.m. CVTV  
**Seattle Mariners at Tampa Bay (live)**—4 p.m. FSN, KFXN  
Vancouver Symphony: Magic Voyage—5 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland Beavers at Colorado Springs (live)**—6 p.m. KKAD  
Animal Control Hearing (5/25)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Telecommunications Commission (5/4)—9:30 p.m. CVTV  
Prescription for Change—10 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Will Pollard** defining next generation. 🏠 **Steven Sechrist** getting results. 🏠 **Cheri Cole** planning a book-a-day. 🏠 **Bruce Hagensen** thinking Arnada Neighborhood Association. 🏠 **Bob Knight** opening ceremonies. 🏠 **Skeets O'Connell** getting more and more accolades. 🏠 **Friday**, nothing but blue skies, 86. **Saturday**, a few clouds possible, 84. **Sunday**, mostly sunny, 79.