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### Clark welcomes newly tenured faculty

Clark College will start the new academic year with five newly-tenured faculty members: **Gothard Grey** (physics), **Sandra Haigh** (biology), **Susan Link** (nursing), **John Mitchell** (math) and **Bill Wheeler** (engineering).

Tenure is awarded to faculty members who have exhibited professional excellence and outstanding abilities in their disciplines. The granting of tenure is based on the recommendations of tenure review committees to the vice president of instruction which are then forwarded to the president, who presents a final recommendation to the Board of

Trustees. Recommendations are based on self evaluations, tenure review committee evaluations, student evaluations, supervisory evaluations, and peer evaluations. The final decision to award or withhold tenure rests with the Board of Trustees.



Five members of the Clark College faculty achieved a professional milestone when they were awarded tenure. They are (from left): John Mitchell, Dr. Gothard Grey, Dr. Sandra Haigh, President Bob Knight, Dr. Susan Link and Bill Wheeler.

"These five outstanding faculty members reflect our commitment to excellence and to supporting student success," says **Robert K. Knight**, Clark College president.

Dr. **Rassoul Dastmozd**, vice president of instruction, noted, "Earning tenure status is indeed a major career milestone and accomplishment. These student-centered faculty members have been recognized and celebrated by their peers and our institution for their accomplishment and dedication to teaching and learning at Clark College."

The newly-tenured faculty members were honored during a reception in the Penguin Union Building during spring quarter. The reception was jointly sponsored by the Clark College Board of Trustees and the College's Office of Instruction.

#### Community comes to aid of Lucky the Labrador; BOCC establishes special account

A special fund has been established to help raise money for Lucky, a blind Labrador that sustained a leg injury last month after being rescued from the Humane Society.

When the **Pura** family recently adopted a blind black lab from the Humane Society for SW Washington she became an instant member of their family.

In late July, Lucky jumped while playing, landing on her front leg and breaking it in 3 places. Lucky now has a metal pin and 15 screws in her leg and requires special care. This unexpected expense left the Puras with a \$6,000 vet bill, even after a generous surgeon donated 3 hours of his time.

The Puras have canceled a class reunion trip to California and taken out a loan to help with expenses but, like any young family, the unexpected expense is a financial hardship.

"Families such as the Puras are few and far between", says **Shannon Decker**, Bank of Clark County Vice President and active member of several animal-related organizations. "The love and commitment they have for this new member of their family is heartwarming and admirable. We have set up a fund-raising account at Bank of Clark County to assist the Pura family with the unexpected financial burden that they so willingly incurred when their beloved pet was injured."

Donations to help cover Lucky's medical expenses can be made in person at Bank of Clark County, 1400 Washington Street, Vancouver or mailed to Bank of Clark County, Lucky's Medical Fund, PO Box 61725, Vancouver, WA 98666-1725. Shannon Decker can be reached directly at 360-906-9537.

## Vancouver Lake reopens for swimming in time for Labor Day weekend

Clark County Public Health has lifted a health advisory for recreational use of Vancouver Lake following test results that indicate algae is no longer a threat to the health of people and pets. The lake is again considered safe for swimming and other activities involving water contact.

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"The latest tests show safe levels of blue-green algae," said **Alan Melnick**, Clark County health officer. Vancouver Lake has been closed to swimmers twice this year. The first closure took place July 16 through August 9. The latest closure began on August 21 and was lifted on August 31. Clark County Public Health conducts water quality testing every two weeks at Vancouver Lake, May through September each year. **Calendar** 

The Jim Parsley Community Center is partnering with Southwest Washington Medical Center on a class called "Body Works". Classes begin September 25. The free sessions are for parents and girls ages 9 to 13. "BodyWorks" is a 10-session health education program developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health. It provides parents and care givers of young adolescent girls with tools and information to help improve family eating and activity habits. Two 10-week sessions are offered, with classes on either Tuesday or Thursday evenings at the Jim Parsley Community Center (JPCC), 4100 Plomondon, Vancouver. Call **360-313-1060** by September 10 to register. Space is limited.

### Friday on the air

Top SW Washington Projects (7/19)—6:30 p.m. CVTV Animal Control Hearings (8/22)—7:30 p.m. CVTV Primary Election Night (8/212)—10 p.m. CVTV

#### **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

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