

Clark College gets \$244,000 grant for specific job skills training

Clark College's Corporate Education unit has been awarded over \$244,000 in Job Skills Program grants to provide customized training for eight Clark County businesses during the 2007-08 fiscal year.

The grants include \$108,000 in Lean Manufacturing training for Columbia Machine; \$104,000 in Six Sigma training from six local manufactures, Isonics Semiconductor, Commercial Vehicle Group, KASO Plastics, Bemis Company, New Edge Networks, and Pacific Die & Casting; and \$32,000 in ISO Certification training for AIMMco.

Clark College President **Robert K. Knight** said: "By partnering with subject matter experts like Washington Manufacturing Services and the ETI Group, Clark College Corporate Education has been able to act as a bridge between the needs of local industry and subject matter expert organizations. We've been able to secure funding sources available through the State Board of Community & Technical Colleges to benefit local businesses and our community as a whole."

Bryan Goodman, vice president manufacturing at Columbia Machine, said, "We truly believe that training employees, and empowering them to implement improvements in all areas of the value stream, are key to our long-term global competitiveness."

According to **Todd Oldham**, executive director of Clark's Corporate and Continuing Education, "In the past two years, the college has stepped up its efforts to facilitate greater access for the businesses community to funds available through the State Board of Community & Technical Colleges."

"This year's awarded funds," Oldham continued, "represent a 38% increase over last year's funding. It's the highest level of JSP funding we've received in at least five years."

Through dollar-for-dollar matching grants, the Job Skills Program finances industry-education partnerships to deliver customized, short-term and job-specific training. The program supports skill training or education that is separate from and in addition to existing workforce education programs.

Extreme Big Air Motorcycles and MX Challenge roar at fair

Extreme Big Air Motorcycles and MX Challenge is featured fair entertainment at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today and this evening. Both events are free with fair admission.

A demolition derby highlights Friday, Aug. 10, entertainment. The free derby is at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

The ten-day county fair concludes Sunday, Aug. 12. General admission is \$9 per person. Senior tickets are \$7, and children 7 through 17 are \$5 per child. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. C-TRAN is offering shuttle service from the Vancouver Mall, Fisher's Landing, Salmon Creek, Ridgefield and La Center for \$1 each.

The fair is open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. except Sundays, when the fair closes at 10 p.m.

For additional fair information, go to www.clarkcofair.com.

People

Dan Heine, whose main preoccupation is running the Bank of Oswego (he is formerly of Vancouver, where he was president and CEO of TODAY's Bank), made it to the quarter finals of the National Indoor Hard Court Tennis Tournament at Club Green Meadows today, only to be defeated by a former national champion in the 60 and over division. Heine's incredible run began Monday and included a dozen victories over ranked players. <> **Tom Nadal** has been named director of elementary education, and **Mark Ross** has been named director of secondary education, for Evergreen Public Schools. They respectively succeed **Bill Bentley**, who has been appointed superintendent of the Sequim School District, and **Rebecca Fleming**, who has retired.

News briefs

The 30th reunion of the Hudson's Bay High School Class of 1967, is from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, in Club Green Meadows. A tour of Hudson's Bay High School precedes at 2:30 p.m. For further information, call **Lee Schultz**, 573-5597, or **Ken McCoy**, 696-4699. <> The *Daily Insider* almost had an error-free day yesterday, except for the telephone number for the WYCA Clark County October benefit luncheon. For further information on tickets for the event headlined by Dateline NBC Emmy-Award winning reporter **Chris Hansen**, call 696-0167. Calendar

Popular Portland reed jazz personality **Patrick Lamb** belts out fast-paced Six-to-Sunset concert jazz sets in

free concert in Esther Short Park at 6 p.m. this evening. Lamb's band is expected to throw in soul, R & B and funk numbers, too. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are available. <> The final three performances of **Steve Martin**'s comedy *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* will be presented at 8 p.m. this evening, Friday, Aug. 10, and Saturday, Aug. 11, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. A full bar opens at 7:15 p.m. each evening. Tickets range from \$10 to \$24. Dinner-theater packages with the Restaurant at the Historic Reserve are \$55. For further information, call **695-3770**.<> The C-TRAN board of directors meets in a retreat session at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, in the Summit Lodge near La Center.

Thursday on the air

Seattle Mariners at Baltimore (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX

Clark County Commissioners Work Session (8/8)—7:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (8/5)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (8/5)—10:15 p.m. CVTV

Downtown Revitalization (8/7)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Tamara Wilde making news reporting easy. <> **Darby** and **Angela Bacon** surprised. <> **Peggy McClellan** getting double dip.<> **Arlene Johnson** sharing arts calendar. <> **Nancy Barnes** celebrating with candles. <> **Rose Hart** adds 2. <> **Tom** and **Kari Guthrie** have so far served 13,600 cups of water to guests at the Clark County Fair. <> **Thursday**, partly sunny, 76. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 77. **Saturday**, partly sunny, 79.