

Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



Clark College Diamond Jubilee: 75 hours honoring 75 years

Clark College will celebrate its 75th anniversary and launch a year-long diamond jubilee with events over a 75-hour period starting at 9 a.m. Oct. 1, continuing through noon on October 4.

Founded by a group of educators and business people during the darkest times of the Great Depression, Clark College (originally called Vancouver Junior College) opened its doors in 1933. The college struggled through the early years and faced declining enrollments during World War II. However, the postwar years triggered a boom that has continued to this day.

Clark College president **Bob Knight** said, "Seventy-five years after the college was founded, our mission remains the same. We provide great educational opportunities to support the dreams of each person who joins our Penguin Nation. We foster lifelong learners who contribute to our region and the global community."

This year, Clark College opened its doors with enrollment up more than 9.5% from fall of 2008. Over 12,000 students are taking classes at Clark College this fall. Of those, more than 1,300 students have signed up for the Running Start program. In addition, the college is welcoming 78 students through its International Program.

Knight said that he looks forward to welcoming students, faculty, staff, supporters, and alumni to the celebration, as well as members of the greater community to events that include the lighting of the Clark College Chime Tower, a "Rock the Vote" rally, two dedication ceremonies, and a Penguin Oktoberfest with food and fun for the community as well as alumni hospitality suites.

Information about the college's 75th anniversary celebration and history is available on the college Web site: www.clark.edu/clark75.

Health Care Caucus opportunity to give feedback to state

Billed as a town hall meeting, the Healthy Washington Coalition is holding a caucus from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, Sept. 23, in the Clark Public Utilities community room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way, to get public input on health issues as a prelude to reforming the state's healthcare system.

This year the Healthy Washington Coalition promoted legislation that required the state to contract with an actuarial firm to analyze five health care reform proposals. The report from the actuarial firm is due by the end of December 2008. Each proposal will be analyzed to determine if it provides the people of Washington State with access to high-quality health care services in the most efficient way possible.

The organization is dedicated to ensuring that Washington State has quality, affordable health care coverage for all of its residents. For more information, or a list of all town hall meetings, go to www.healthywacoalition.org.

Interest-free loans available to county homeowners of failed septic systems

Clark County Public Health is offering deferred zero percent interest loans to homeowners with failing septic systems in need of repair or replacement, according to **Jonnie Hyde**, Clark County Public Health spokesperson.

To qualify, home owners must meet income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and be located outside the city of Vancouver. The maximum loan for a household of eight persons is \$71,700.

For further information, call **397-8428**, extension **7285.0**



OEN names nLIGHT**Growth Company of the Year**

Vancouver-based nLIGHT Corporation, a leading supplier of high-power semiconductor lasers and high-performance fibers, has been named growth company of the year by the Oregon Entrepreneurs Network.

“The judges selected nLIGHT as the growth category winner because the company exemplified entrepreneurial spirit by changing its strategy and re-inventing itself when success didn’t seem probable, which has resulted in dramatic growth,” according to **Linda Weston**, executive director and president of OEN.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council will meet in a workshop session at 4:15 p.m. today. The council will also convene a consent agenda session at 6 p.m. this evening. <> Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in port offices at 3103 NW Lower River Road. <> The Evergreen Habitat for Humanity’s 5th annual Building on Faith breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Admission is \$25. <> The Clark County board of commissioners meets in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drawing from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in front of the Firstenberg Tower at the Southwest Washington Medical Center, 400 NE Mother Joseph Place. <> Washington State University Vancouver’s Diversity Film Festival presents *Maquilapolis* at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in room 110 in the administration building. There is no charge for the series of films. <> The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce is holding an after summer luau party from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the iQ Credit Union, 7017 NE Vancouver Mall Drive. Admission is \$10 for chamber members; \$15 for prospective members. For further information, call **694-2588**.

Monday on the air**Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV**

Vancouver City Council (9/15)—7 p.m. CVTV

Los Angeles at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX

Animal Control Hearings (9/10)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Land Use Hearings (9/11)—9:45 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (9/4)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Stepping Up Partners (9/3)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ron and **Terry Greenen** putting victory in a tropical setting. <> **Dennis Duggan** reflecting on the easy life. <> **Jo Harris** radiating. <> **Jamie** and **Liesel (Dyar) Hunter** celebrating nuptials with friends and family. <> **Nancy** and **Jim Retsinas** making the rounds. <> **Monday**, early light showers, 50-66. **Tuesday**, partly cloudy, dry, 51-70. **Wednesday**, light showers expected, 52-63.