College’s Columbia Tech Center opening on Clark’s 76th anniversary

In the fall of 2009 students and learners of all ages will be offered classes, corporate training events, and continuing education at Clark College’s $27 million Clark College Columbia Tech Center, now under construction on Mill Plain Boulevard near SE 192nd Avenue in Columbia Tech Center.

“The project began as a dream of enhancing our service in the eastern portion of our district and will be the culmination of years of planning and hard work,” says college president Bob Knight.

According to Knight, Clark at Columbia Tech Center will serve the Evergreen High School student who takes a college class, the corporate executive taking a professional training seminar, the new retiree who has always wanted—and now has time—to learn how to paint.

The 18 classrooms and eight science and computer laboratories will house classes for both professional development and personal enrichment. In addition, facilities are available for business and nonprofit group events. In all, Clark College will have 183 classrooms and 31 laboratories. There are 120 classrooms and 19 labs on the main campus, 27 classrooms and 3 labs in the Clark College building on the Washington State University Vancouver campus, and 18 classrooms and one lab at the Town Center Campus on Mill Plain Boulevard.

The center extends Clark College’s mission to reach eastern Clark County, including Camas and Washougal, and beyond to Skamania and Klickitat Counties, both part of Clark’s service district, according to Knight.

Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for Oct. 1, 2009, the college’s 76th birthday.

Fair board member John Morrison named Clark County Fair manager

John Morrison, long-time Clark County Fair Board member and 2008 Volunteer of the Year, has been appointed manager of the county fair, effective immediately. Morrison succeeds Tom Musser.

Morrison, who has been involved with the Clark County Fair since 1993, has served on numerous committees and will now oversee the operations, management and production of one of the Pacific Northwest’s best attended, top rated and most popular fairs. Morrison is a retired Air Force colonel.

“We did a brief national search for a new fair manager; it became obvious that the best candidate was right in our own backyard. John is truly the perfect fit for where we are taking the fair in the next few years,” stated Justin Kobluk, executive director of the Clark County Event Center, which includes the county fair.

Benton calls for public vote on Columbia River Crossing plan

State Sen. Don Benton (R-18th) today said he is sponsoring a bill to require a public vote before any state funds can be spent on the construction of the proposed Columbia River Crossing.

“This billion-dollar plan needs to go to a vote by the people of Clark County,” Benton said. “Putting it on the ballot will ensure a focused debate and give voters a voice in whether or not to make this enormous expenditure of tax dollars.”

Benton’s bill has been referred to the Senate Transportation Committee.
Wells Fargo delaying foreclosures at least until March 13

Wells Fargo Co-President Mike Heid today said, “To give at-risk customers time to explore the new solutions in the Administration's mortgage refinancing and foreclosure plan, with us for loans Wells Fargo owns, we will not proceed with home foreclosure sales until at least March 13, 2009.” According to Heid, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage supports the spirit of the Administration’s plan. He added that at the end of last year 90 out of every 100 Wells Fargo customers mortgages were current.

Wells Fargo has nine branches and a call center in Clark County.

Calendar

The Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon is at noon tomorrow, Feb. 19, in the Camas Meadows Golf Club. For reservations, call 834-2472.

Wednesday on the air

Port of Vancouver Report (2/5)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (2/15)—4:15 p.m. CVTV
NFL Foundation College Scholarship Hall of Fame (1/21)—5:02 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Animal Control Hearings (1/14)—6:45 p.m. CVTV
Memphis at Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. CSN
Portland Winter Hawks at Everett (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Columbia River Crossing Working Group (2/5)—9:27 p.m. CVTV
Clark College Jazz Festival—11:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather


Wednesday, partly sunny, 38-55. Thursday, partly cloudy, evening showers, 36-57. Friday, warming, partly sunny, 38-60.