Northeast Hazel Dell: It may be cold outside, but work at the Hazel Dell School and Community Garden carries on. On a recent cool and dry afternoon, Clark College students assisted Washington State University Food $ense and 4-H Coordinator Jodee Nickel and WSU master gardeners Bobbi Bellomy and Barbara Nordstrom in planting raspberries, spreading bark, moving soil into beds, and removing weeds. The garden is being "put to bed for the winter" and prepared for the 15 new families and 10 returning families who will garden raised beds in spring. In addition, the children of the adjacent Boys and Girls Club and Hazel Dell Elementary School will participate in spring projects including Hazel Dell Elementary School's annual Enrichment Fair.

Central Park: Clark College communications studies professor and debate coach David Kosloski has been given the Community College Outstanding Educator Award by the National Communication Association. The award was presented in Chicago on Nov. 14 during the association's national convention. The award is given annually to an NCA member who has a minimum of five years' experience of teaching, scholarship, and service within the communication discipline. "I was both thrilled and honored when I was told I had received this award," Kosloski said in a news release. "Though teaching has its own rewards, it's icing on the cake when your colleagues recognize your efforts, as well."

Central Park: Clark College automotive technology professor Mike Godson was the highest scorer among nearly 15,000 people on the national LI (advanced engine performance) exam. In recognition of his achievement, Godson was awarded the LI Master Technician of the Year award by Automotive Service Excellence and Motor Age Training during the ASE board meeting, held Nov. 18-19 in New Orleans. This is the second honor Godson received in recognition of his performance on the exam. In July, he was named Educator of the Year during the 2008 North American Council of Automotive Teachers conference for excelling on all ASE automotive tests (A1-A8) and the LI exam.