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SAVE THE DATE: Sing Fourth Competition

We are once again a sponsor of the Sing Fourth Teen Vocal Competition held on the 4th of July on the Main Stage at Fort Vancouver. Every year the

Teen Vocal Competition kicks off the action at the Fort Vancouver Independence Day Celebration with a bang! Ten outstanding youth compete for their chance to win one of three scholarships. Interested students need to contact the organizers at the Fort Vancouver National Trust: events@fortvan.org or 360-992-1804. Tryouts will be held at Beacock Music on May 16th from 1-5pm. Don't let a talented youth you know miss out on this awesome opportunity to earn a scholarship for their future!

TRYOUTS: Beacock Music, May 16th, 1-5pm. Contact the organizers at the Fort Vancouver National Trust for more information: events@fortvan.org or 360-992-1804.

Last year's top performers were:

- **MIKAYLA MERRELL**, CAM Academy, "Morning Person" from Shrek the Musical
- **DAMARIS NANCE**, Union High School, "The Girl in 14 G"
- **JARVIS KINGTARO**, Mountain View High School, "All of Me" and **NICKI ROLLER**, Skyview High School, "Don't Rain on My Parade"

The winners were selected by a panel of musician judges: Willow Casella of Jet Set, Rebecca Brown of Jet Set, Evan Shely of New Social Outcasts, Sophie Shely solo artist, Gary Fountain of 5 Guys Named Moe, and Kenny Davis of Hit Machine. Contestants were judged on originality, skill, poise, audience appeal and family-friendly content.

The first place winner received a \$1,000 scholarship and a trophy. Second place took home a \$500 scholarship and third place received a \$250 college scholarship. (Last year we had two 3rd place winners). Each of the winners also received a Beacock Music gift card.

Other vocalists competing were Michael Ash, Columbia River HS; Sarah Demsky, CAM Academy; Nicole Furlow, Battle Ground HS; Rachel Murphy, Mountain View HS; Bella Olsen, Battle Ground HS; and Austin Williams, Union HS.



Join Us for March of Dimes March for Babies

On Saturday April 25th, Davidson & Associates Insurance will once again be sponsoring and walking in the SW Washington March of Dimes March for Babies. This will be our 4th consecutive year participating in this event. We would love to have YOU join us! When you walk in March for Babies, you

give hope to nearly half a million babies born too soon each year. The money you raise supports programs in our community that help moms have healthy, full-term pregnancies. And it funds research to find answers to the problems that threaten babies. Supporters have been Marching for Babies since 1970 and have raised an incredible **\$2.3 billion** to benefit all babies.



- **Event Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2015
- **Walk Distance:** 3.1 mile
- **Start Time:** 9am • **Registration Time:** 8am
- **Chapter:** SW Washington and Oregon Division
- **Start & Finish Location:** Esther Short Park

Join Our Team!

Contact Scott Knight Scott@davidsoninsurance.com or 360-514-9550 Ext. 310 to sign up or to ask any questions or register online bit.ly/1FE4SI5
Friendly pets welcome.



MARCH OF DIMES MISSION

To improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

FUNDING RESEARCH:

To understand problems and discover answers leading to prevention and treatment

HELPING MOMS: Have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies

SUPPORTING FAMILIES:

Providing comfort when their baby needs to survive and thrive

MARCH OF DIMES STATISTICS

Last year:

4 MILLION BABIES benefited from March of Dimes research, vaccines, education and breakthroughs

2.3 MILLION moms, dads and health professionals received community services and education to improve babies' health

16,000 BABIES received lifesaving surfactant therapy, developed by March of Dimes researchers

5 STATES reduced their preterm birth rate by at least 8%

90,000 FAMILIES in **131 HOSPITALS** were offered information and comfort through NICU Family Support

\$23 MILLION was invested in research to defeat premature birth and other infant health problems



Referral Rewards Partner of the Month: Columbia Springs

Columbia Springs was created in 1997 through partnership agreements with Clark Public Utilities, Evergreen School District, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, City of Vancouver, Clark County and Clark College. Since its inception, Columbia Springs has provided outdoor learning opportunities for more than 100,000 children and adults through field studies, workshops, service learning projects, summer day camps, community events and more!

Their mission is to provide our community with a unique setting where educational experiences foster a greater awareness of the natural world, inspiring stewardship.



Ways to Volunteer: Volunteer Leads, Stewardship Saturdays, Special Event Volunteering, Student School Projects, Scout Projects, Group Projects, Environmental Education Internships and Volunteers, Restoration Internships and Hatchery Volunteers.

About the facility: Columbia Springs is located within the Vancouver City limits on more than 100 acres of urban natural land. They offer environmental education programming and services to the community through on-site education for local students in grades K-12 and college and off-site through outreach programs. The facilities and programs are available to all public and private schools in Clark County and to interested adults. They will also do programs for home-school groups, community groups and others. The site is open to the public daily from dawn until dusk and is located on the site of the historic Vancouver Trout Hatchery.



Columbia Spring Features: Hiking trails, grist mill stone display, Lewis & Clark garden, compost demo site, sustainability demo site, fish-rearing ponds, a fish-feeding pond, viewing decks, wildlife blinds, picnic areas and community events that encourage exploration of nature.

PHILOSOPHIES:

Personal Connections: When people develop personal connections with nature, through memorable, positive experiences, they also develop respect and accountability for the environment.

Children in Nature: Children are inherently drawn to nature, and when given the opportunity, will effortlessly connect with their natural surroundings.

Life Long Learning: People can continue to develop respect and understanding of nature throughout their lives, through education and experiences.

Modeling Behavior: By modeling environmentally responsible behavior, respect for the environment can be passed from one person to the next.

Sense of Place: Knowledge of a site's history leads to a greater understanding and appreciation of its value to past, present and future generations.

View a video and learn about the many volunteer opportunities at www.columbiasprings.org



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Check Web sites for admission fees and exact times

Kline Kids Fishing

Friday, April 10th, Special Needs Day, 6:30am-4:30pm
Saturday, April 11th, 6:30am-6pm
\$5 per participant
Kline Pond in Salmon Creek Park
www.kline-kf.org

NW Legacy Law Estate Planning Workshops

Thursday, April 16th, 6-8pm,
Tuesday, April 28th, 11am-1pm
610 Esther Street, Suite 202 Free
www.nwlegacylaw.com/workshops

Share's Annual Gala Springtime in Paris

Saturday, April 25th, 5:30-11pm
Vancouver Hilton \$75 per person
www.sharevancouver.org/shares-annual-gala-2014/
Gala features dinner, casino-style gaming and both silent and live auctions



Our Referral Program

For every person you send our way, we will give \$25 to a local non-profit. This is a great way to give even more back to our community! This month we are donating our referral rewards to **COLUMBIA SPRINGS**. The more referrals you send us, the more we can give, so spread the word! The finest compliment we can receive is the referral of your friends, family and business associates.

Rewards are open to everybody, whether or not you are a client of our agency, and regardless if your friend or family member purchases protection from us. For more info please visit: davidsoninsurance.com/referral-rewards

Jan./Feb. Referrers

- Steve Altergott
- Amy Asivido
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- Kim Blahnik
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- David Christian
- Edene Coleman
- Heather DeFord
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- Rochelle Gano
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- Lori Hostetler
- Jessica Johnson
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- Brandee LaPointe
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- Barbara Macnab
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- Kameron Manyrath
- Jim Martin
- Linda Miller
- Chris Robertson
- Debbie Schlinkmeier
- Theresa Springer

Q. What is put on a table, cut, but never eaten?

Respond to scott@davidsoninsurance.com with the correct answer by April 30th, 2015 to be entered in to WIN a \$25 Beaches Gift Card!



Last Month's Riddle Winner: Skylar Skikos
Last Month's Answer: It was Day-Time



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

Red Cross Blood Drive

Slots are filling up for our upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, April 16th. We are excited to have our clients and friends join us as we help the Red Cross garner much needed blood donations. We will host the Blood Drive in the Community Room at our new office. Demand for blood donations has soared over the past few decades due to the increase in life expectancy, the creation of specialist intensive-care units and the essential and

ongoing needs of certain patients suffering from diseases that were previously considered to be incurable. To see if you are qualified for blood donations or for answers to frequently asked questions, visit:

www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood/why-donate-blood

We would love to be able to recruit 25 blood donor volunteers in recognition of our 25th year of service. If you would like to join us on April 16th, or if you would like more info regarding blood donations, please contact Scott Knight at scott@davidsoninsurance.com or 360-514-9550 Ext 310.



Savannah hands off the Referral Rewards check for February to Debbie Ham of SELF.

