

Children's Center event raises \$64,000



On April 29, 2010, the Friends of Children's Center hosted their annual luncheon chaired by **Mary Hunter**. KINK.FM's **Shelia Hamilton** was the featured speaker, talked about the effect of mental illness on the entire family, the redemptive quality of choosing life over retreat, and the value of recovery. More than 200 people attended, and over \$64,000 was raised. All proceeds from the luncheon support the mission of Children's Center to provide quality mental health care for children and youth in Clark County. To learn more, visit www.thechildrenscenter.org.

Bravo! sings Duke Ellington



The 16th Season of the Bravo! Vancouver Concert Series continues with a performance of **Duke Ellington**'s choral composition *The Sacred Concert* on Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 400 S. Andresen Road in Vancouver. The concert features the 60-voice Bravo! Vancouver Chorale and the 16-piece Pacific Jazz Orchestra. The program will also include jazz band arrangements of classic hymns and gospel music. Tickets are \$20 for Reserved or General Admission seats. Tickets are available at www.bravoconcerts.com or the Bravo! box office at 360-906-0441 or www.ticketswest.com.

Duke Ellington was a devout Christian. Growing up on northwest Washington, D.C., Ellington attended two churches every Sunday. Ellington's first Concert of Sacred Music premiered in 1965. It was presented at New York's Cathedral of St. John the Divine in January 1968, before an audience of six thousand people. "I regard this concert," Ellington would write in 1973, "as the

most important thing I have ever done. The sacred concert we perform is people talking to people about God."



Disability services director honored by state association

Tami Jacobs

Clark College Disability Support Services director **Tami Jacobs** has received the Ben Webinger Meritorious Service Award from the Washington Association on Postsecondary Education and Disability (WAPED). Jacobs received the award on April 15 during the spring 2010 WAPED Conference in Leavenworth, Wash. Jacobs joined Clark College in 1997.

WAPED provides support and training for professionals working in disability support services at postsecondary institutions throughout the state. The Ben Webinger Meritorious Service Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated years of service and leadership to WAPED.

Bill Culwell, immediate past president of WAPED, said that Jacobs received a standing ovation as she accepted the award. "Tami is a trusted friend and colleague who is one of the most reliable people I have ever worked with. Her communication and organizational skills are exemplary," he said.

Skills Center students take national stage

Four students from the Clark County Skills Center hit the road next month to compete in the national SkillsUSA competition after capturing state championships last month in Yakima.

They are: **Michael Rymar** of Battle Ground High School, enrolled in the Skills Center Auto Technology program, who won the Automotive Service Technology Event; **Dalton Wells**, from Ridgefield High School, also enrolled in the Skills Center Auto Technology program, who finished first in Job Interview; and the team of **Brandyn Burbank** and **Ben Rodriguez** from the Skills Center Electro-Digital Technologies program who were the state's best in Web Design. Burbank is a student at Union High School; Rodriguez attends Battle Ground High School.

The national SkillsUSA competition begins Monday, June 21, and runs through Saturday, June 26, in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, contact the Skills Center dean of students, **Margaret Rice**, at **360-604-1050** or at margaret.rice@evergreenps.org.

Opened in 1983, the Clark County Skills Center is owned and operated by ten southwest Washington school districts providing technical and professional training programs that prepare Clark County high school and college students for the workforce.

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News Briefs

- More than 200 volunteers with work gloves and rakes will gather for Vancouver's Downtown Association's fourth annual Sweep-Up, Rake-Up, Wash Up, Pick-Up, and Clean-Up Day, Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Property owners, merchants, and residents also will lend a hand to greening up our downtown by picking up trash, removing weeds, and sweeping sidewalks. The annual clean-up covers the area from 5th Street to Fourth Plain and Columbia to C Streets in downtown Vancouver. Check-in is at 8 a.m. at Turtle Place on Seventh Street between Main and Washington. Location assignments and light refreshments will be given out at that time.
- Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation has released a new publication called the "Discovery Guide." The guide includes maps and offers information about free or low-cost parks and recreation in Clark County. The new guides are available for free at the following locations: Firstenburg Community Center, 700 N.E. 136th Ave.; Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd.; Vancouver Tennis Center, corner of 18th and Stapleton Road; Esther Short Building, 610 Esther St.; Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St.
- The Mount St. Helens Institute hosts its second annual "It's a Blast: Volcano Science in Your Backyard" on Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Johnston Ridge Observatory in the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. With the volcano as a dramatic backdrop, this day of hands-on learning will include presentations by scientists, guided walks with experts, a kid's science discovery area, aquatics exploration and viewing of the new 2010 documentary *Mount St. Helens: Life From Zero*.
- Is traffic too fast in your neighborhood? The City of Vancouver is offering three free "safe streets" clinics to teach the public about calming traffic on its way through their areas. The first is Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Visit http://www.cityofvancouver.us/News.asp?submenuID=16578&Id=74049 for details.
- The Clark County Board of Health is seeking applicants to fill a youth representative vacancy on the Clark County Public Health Advisory Council. The vacancy is open to representatives of the Clark County Youth Commission and Clark County Youth House

as well as students from local high schools and colleges. The youth selected will fill an unexpired term that ends Sept. 30, 2011. The council is a direct link between the Clark County Board of Health and the community at large. The panel focuses on public health issues such as access to care, health disparities, obesity, sustainability/food system, violence prevention, climate change and healthy growth. To be considered, applicants must submit a resume and/or letter of interest to **Jennifer Clark**, Board of County Commissioners, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000. The Board also will accept applications faxed to **360-397-6058** or emailed to jennifer.clark@clark.wa.gov. Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, May 14.

• Tickets are still available for the Thursday, May 20 Marshall Lecture, featuring **Jon Jarvis**, director of the National Park Service. The Marshall Lecture is the cornerstone of the Fort Vancouver National Trust's Celebrate Freedom programs. This is a free public event, but tickets are required. The lecture is scheduled for 11 a.m. at Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 East Reserve Street, Vancouver. Print free tickets on the Trust's website at www.FortVan.org/pages/Marshall Lecture or call the Trust office at **360-992-1800**.

Calendar

- Southwest Washington Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will host a Grand Opening and 20th Anniversary Ceremony from 3 to 8 p.m. today, Friday, May 7 at 301 SE Hearthwood in Vancouver. For additional information, contact **Daryl Schriner** at **360-263-3396**.
- The Friends of The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra present a lecture by **Dr. Melissa Brotons**, entitled "Music for Health and Education," on the different applications of music therapy, in education, medicine, mental health and gerontology. The lecture is at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver, 4505 E. 18th Street in Vancouver. A \$10 donation per person is suggested. Proceeds from the event go to funding the symphony's concert season and music education programs in Southwest Washington.

Friday on the air

Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners (4-27) — 7 p.m. CVTV 21

Southwest Washington Business Growth Awards (4-29) — 7:30 p.m. CVTV 21