



Lindsey Elhart

Lindsey Elhart of Hudson's Bay High School is awarded 2010 General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award

Lindsey Elhart, a senior at Hudson's Bay High School, has been named the recipient of the 2010 General George C. Marshall Youth Leadership Award presented by the 40 et 8, Voiture 99. The announcement was made by the Fort Vancouver National Trust and the Marshall Youth Leadership Award selection committee. She will be recognized at a public award ceremony to be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, at the Marshall House on Officers Row.

Lindsey will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship, \$500 paid summer internship in the Fort Vancouver National Trust Celebrate Freedom office, a biography of General George C. Marshall, the opportunity to meet with local elected representatives and the opportunity to participate in Celebrate Freedom events including the Flag Day Ceremony, Independence Day at Fort Vancouver, and the Veterans Parade.

Janet Elliott, a Hudson's Bay High School teacher who nominated Elhart for this award, said, "Lindsey is a natural leader and serves as a role model for those around her. Her smile is infectious, her dedication to her leadership projects is unsurpassed and her integrity is undeniable."

"The young people nominated for this award had compelling stories to tell about their exceptional leadership and service," said **Tom Hagley, Jr.**, co-chair of the selection committee. "They earned our respect and gratitude for their many contributions at school and in the community."

The other 42 nominees for the award were following: Battle Ground High School: **Alisha D. Miller**; Camas High School: **Hannah E. Jones, Kathryn J. Christopher, Samuel J. Kent, Lisa M. Nicholson, Connor M. Sullivan**; Columbia River High School: **Riley P. Gaffney, Alan (Thomas A.) Grove, Melissa J. Brown, Katherine (Katy) A. Williams**; Evergreen High School: **Neomia R. Lawrence, Lindsey M. Rogers, Kathryn L. Simovic, Quwontae Jordon Wallace**; Heritage High School: **McKenna J. Hoecherl**; Hockinson High School: **Ryan Belisle, Mariah A. Blackwell, Matthew P. Kirschenbaum**; Hudson's Bay High School: **Lindsey J. Elhart, Billy (William Scott III) Henry, Cameron H. McCallum**; La Center High School: **Jessica C. Murray**; La Salle Catholic College Prep: **Lindsey Leann Allais**; Mountain View High School: **Sean C. Fraser, Rona Ding, Bradley W. Lan, Sara K. Rauch, Kyra L. Smith, Jing Xue**; Prairie High School: **Christine Sonners**; Ridgefield High School: **Molly A. Boyle, Hannah L. Grenz, Holly S. Vogel, Bruce B. Walker**; Skyview High School: **Sarah Abebe, Jessica A. Williams**; Union High School: **Kala J. Kirnak, Elodie L. Nierenberg, Elizabeth Reeves**; Vancouver School of Arts and Academics: **Michelle J. Taylor**; Washougal High School: **Jessandra M. Dinius, Patrick M. McCarthy, Cynthia E. Mace**.



Lee Rafferty

Vancouver's Downtown Association hires Rafferty as new executive director

Vancouver's Downtown Association has announced that **Lee Rafferty** has been hired as executive director. Rafferty, a longtime business owner and small business advocate, has been an active VDA board member.

Commenting on the board's decision to offer the position to Rafferty, VDA President **Lee Coulthard** said: "Lee is an excellent choice for our organization. She understands the complexities of our downtown landscape, appreciates the importance of working in concert with other business districts, and has a real love for the work that our organization does. Above all, she believes that a vibrant city center is important for the overall vitality of the community as a whole. Her collaborative leadership style will serve us well."

Making good things happen in the heart of Downtown Vancouver, VDA has an active volunteer board of directors that is committed to invigorating our central business district. Its initiatives include the development of a downtown retail strategy, helping to improve downtown's safety and security, investing in urban gathering places such as Turtle Place on the former bus mall property on 7th Street, and sponsoring many events throughout the year. A signature event enjoyed by hundreds each month is the popular First Friday Artwalk.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve as VDA's executive director," Rafferty said. "The scope of

our work is significant, and it will be tremendously gratifying to work with VDA's talented volunteers as we continue to strengthen our downtown core. I can't think of anything I would rather do. I can't wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work."

For more information about Vancouver's Downtown Association, go to www.vdausa.org. Rafferty can be reached at 258-1129 or director@vdausa.org.

Southwest partners with Legacy Health on maternal fetal medicine services

Southwest's Family Birth Center and Legacy Health's maternal fetal medicine program are growing to better serve patients and medically fragile newborns in southwest Washington. To support the birthing services at Southwest's Medical Center campus, Southwest has entered into a new partnership with the maternal fetal medicine specialists at Legacy Health.

Maternal fetal medicine specialists are obstetricians who specialize in the diagnosis, treatment and care for expectant mothers whose unborn babies may be at high risk for special health problems. Services provided by maternal fetal medicine specialists include maternal and fetal care, monitoring, ultrasound examinations, genetic counseling, diabetes management, and state-of-the-art diagnostic testing.

The new agreement supports Southwest's obstetrical program which in November '09 added an OB Laborist Service, which provides a dedicated obstetrician in-house 24 hours to support safe and quality labor and delivery care. Both the maternal fetal medicine program and OB Laborist service will support the planned expansion of Southwest's Holtzman Twins Special Care Nursery. The hospital is adding eight Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit beds to care for medically fragile newborns.

The maternal fetal medicine specialists of Legacy Health started providing 24/7 inpatient and outpatient prenatal care and consultation for the Family Birth Center on March 1. Legacy Health specialists will work closely with Southwest Medical Group Neonatology Associates on NICU consults. Legacy physicians who will practice at Southwest as part of the new partnership include the following: **Fred H. Coleman, III, MD, Carey Winkler, MD, and John Buckmaster, MD**.

Other Legacy maternal fetal medicine specialists providing coverage on nights and weekends include Drs. **Patty Robertson, Tom Jenkins, and Andy Merrill**.

News Briefs

Mayor **Tim Leavitt** delivered his first State of the City Address this morning, March 4, 2010, to an estimated crowd of more than 300 at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Asking the audience and Vancouver residents to "rededicate" themselves to service for the "common good" of the community, Leavitt underlined his theme of "We Are Vancouver," saying that all citizens have a role to play in the city's future. Leavitt called on the community to join him as "architects of change," "not its victim." Video replays are available at www.cvtv.org, and replays will air on CVTV on the Comcast cable system in Vancouver/Clark County.

Calendar

The Vancouver Volcanoes shared fundraiser for Dancers & Hough Foundation is at 4 p.m. today, March 4, in the Atrium Lounge, 606 Broadway, downtown Vancouver. This is a free event. Call **624-826-4352** for more information.

Thursday on the air

2010 Annual Port Re:Port (2-4)--4 p.m. CVTV
City/County Telecommunications Commission (3-3)--5 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (2-25)--7:30 p.m. CVTV
A Short Course on Local Planning (2-16)--8 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (2-18)--11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and Weather

Laurie Giacomini delivering kind words. <> **Sue Vanlaanen** graciously administers correct information. <> Editor would like to make a correction to yesterday's story about Get Job Help @ Your Library. The netbooks will be available for use in libraries by April 1, not *until* April 1. <> **Thursday**, showers, 56-39. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 57-41. **Saturday**, a.m. showers, 61-37.