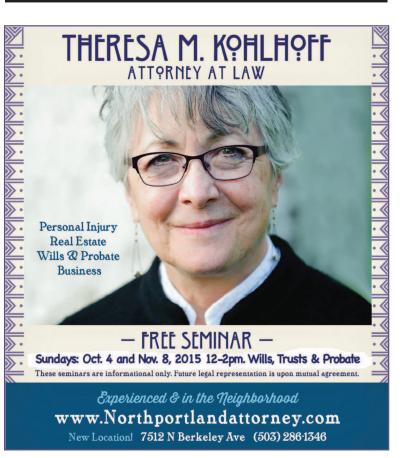
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First Annual Willamette River Revival is success

By Barbara Quinn

The Cathedral Park waterfront, with a slight breeze, was the perfect place to be on a warm summer day for the first annual Willamette River Revival which was held on August 2, 2015. The event was organized by Portland Harbor Community Advisory and Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association.

The event had a fun and casual, family-friendly vibe with live bands playing while giant bubbles entertained the kids. There were over 20 booths representing local environmental and community groups, complimentary smoked salmon from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, an aquarium featuring fish from the river, the christening and launch of hand-built boats by George School 7th graders, children's dance performances, face painting, science demos, free bike serial number registration, a local speaker on the Lewis & Clark river expedition, food vendors, and an Occidental Brewery beer garden among other activities.

The Willamette River Revival 2016 will return with more river activities to help reclaim and reconnect with the lower Willamette and its imminent clean up. Check the event website to stay tuned for more! The many local sponsors of the event are listed on the website at: WillametteRiverRevival.org.



Those attending the event had a great time and the weather was great



The Willamette River Revival stage where the audience heard great music



There were many booths offering great information.



The Bubble Boys provided some beautiful bubbles.

Story & Photos by Barbara Quinn

VFW announces essay contests for middle and high school students

<u>Grades 9-12</u>

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has announced its 68th annual Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition for high school students.

Those participating in the contest will have the opportunity to compete and win valuable scholarships and awards. The contest is designed to help students gain self-confidence, poise, better communication and self-expression skills. Interested students can compete by writing and then recording a three (3) to five (5) minute audio essay of this year' patriotic theme, "My Vision for America."

Prizes and awards are given at Post, District, and State levels. All state winners receive a four-day trip to Washington DC with a chance to win anywhere to \$1,000 to \$30,000 in scholarships.

Grades 6-8

For students in grades 6-8, the VFW sponsors the Patriots Pen Essay contest, which gives students the opportunity to creatively voice their opinion on the theme, "What Freedom Means to Me."

Interested students can compete by writing and submitting a 300-400 word essay.

Prizes and awards are given at Post, District, State, and National levels. The 46 national prizes range from \$500 to \$5000.

Local VFW Peninsula-PEP Post 1325 is sponsoring both competitions in North Portland. Contest deadline is No

Contact Commander Bruce Hall at 503-285-8468 for more information and an entry form, or go to the VFW website www.vfw.org.