

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Song Contest Opens



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Registration is open for auditions for this year's Sing Fourth Teen Vocal Competition presented by Davidson & Associates Insurance and Pemco Insurance Company. Auditions will be granted to the first 45 Clark County high school students who register online or contact contest organizers at the Fort Vancouver National Trust, at 360-992-1804 or email events@fortvan.org, by May 13. Auditions begin at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 16. Contest information including the registration form is available on the Trust's website, www.fortvan.org/fourth.

- Social Security Numbers for each person you are applying for OR a certificate of naturalization or U.S. citizenship

To schedule an appointment, call 503-546-4991.

Scholarships Available for Executive Training

Funding is available to help pay tuition costs for a limited number of Oregon DBE firms to participate in this year's Minority Business Executive Program at University of Washington's Foster School of Business in Seattle, Washington, June 14 - 19.

The intensive program focuses on a variety of subjects that are critical to business success including finance and accounting; leadership; brand and marketing strategy; strategic thinking, and human resource management.

The Oregon Department of Transportation will sponsor a limited number of Oregon DBE firms to participate in the training. Selected recipients will receive their tuition costs paid in full (\$4,250 value). To apply for an ODOT scholarship please submit your company name, participant name, phone and email address to OCRINFOREQUEST@odot.state.or.us by May 1, 2015. A third party firm will review the interested companies, interview the person who would like to attend, and create a short list of firms they recommend.

Bring the Black Baccalaureate Back in 2015

In a commitment to honor the Bridge Builders historic celebration of Black scholarship among high school seniors from 1997 through 2009, members of the Portland African American Leadership Forum (PAALF) are organizing to bring the Black Baccalaureate back in June of 2015. The Black Baccalaureate exemplifies the importance of recognizing people of the rich, diverse cultures that make up the African diasporas for attaining a high school diploma. This recognition will offer an opportunity, for some, to graduate in preferred surroundings. We commit to honoring their experiences and unyielding perseverance which we believe would otherwise go unnoticed in the other commencement ceremonies.

If you are interested in planning in this endeavor, in any way, able to provide support or resources, please contact the coordinators: Ebony Oldham at 503-302-2322 ebonyoldham@gmail.com and Sah'Rah Kisha Kelsey Bey sahrahstylz@gmail.com 503-286-2064.

Foster Care Forum on April 8

The Multnomah County Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Citizen Review Panel hosts a public forum on foster care, Wednesday, April 8, 4 to 6 p.m. at the PCC Training Center, Auditorium Building #2, 5600 NE 42nd Ave., Portland.

The Panel invites the public to share recommendations to ensure that children who must be placed in foster care are placed with relatives whenever possible. The CAPTA Panel is supported by the staff and volunteers of the Citizen Review Board, Oregon's Foster Care Review Program.

For more information, ADA accommodations, or interpreter requests, contact Dave Smith, J.D., Citizen Review Board Field Manager, at 503-731-4356.

Help with Health Insurance Sign Ups

Thousands of Oregonians are eligible for free or low-cost health insurance. Adults earning up to \$47,000 per year could qualify for financial assistance. Learn more about your health insurance options and get help signing up at one of the following CCHC enrollment events:

April 13, Woodstock Elementary School, 5601 SE 50th Ave., Portland, 5:30 -7 p.m.; April 27, Coalition of Community Health Clinics; 619 SW 11th Ave., Portland, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; April 25, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 8101 N. Fiske Ave., Portland, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Make sure to bring:

- Pay stubs for the last 30 days OR your most recent tax return

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Thursday – Friday April 2 – 3

BLOOMFEST. Bloomfest is an annual tulip fundraiser in its 25th year! Money raised during Bloomfest directly supports East Seals of Oregon. Stop by and purchase 10 tulips for \$5. 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Friday April 3

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS. Walk, pray and reflect on the hope and power of Christ's Resurrection! We will walk through the city streets with stops to listen to stories of people experiencing some of the structural, social and economic suffering in Portland. Noon. St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 3400 SE 43rd.

Saturday April 4

LEACH BOTONICAL GARDEN PLANT SALE. In addition to a wide range of trees, shrubs, perennials, and NW natives, plant enthusiasts will find diminutive bonsai, lovely carnivorous plants and much more. 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Floyd Light Middle School, 10300 SE Washington St.

8TH ANNUAL CULLY NEIGHBORHOOD EASTER EGG HUNT. Age groups (ages 2 – 4), (ages 5 – 6), and (ages 7 – 8) candy prizes. Arrive 15 minutes prior to posted time for each group staging! **IMPORTANT –** Adults can only help kids hunt in the 2 – 4 age group. The first group starts hunting at 10 a.m. Trinity Lutheran Church & School, 5520 NE Killingsworth St. For more information 503-288-6403.

ALPENROSE EASTER EGG HUNT: 53RD ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. Chocolate eggs will be hidden across the Alpenrose grounds and kids can redeem sticker wrapped eggs at the prize booth for a special prize! Plus the Easter Bunny will be there: The day's excitement begins at 10:30 a.m. This is a free event hosted by Alpenrose. 6149 S Shattuck Rd.

OPENING DAY CELEBRATION: A BENEFIT FOR

FRIENDS OF BASEBALL. Open to all who love the game. All leagues, team families, neighbors and friends are welcome. Green Zebra Grocery is a sponsor for North Portland Little League. Healthy, local food offered with the donation of your choice. Samples from local vendors, lots of fun. Noon – 3 p.m. Green Zebra Grocery, 3011 N. Lombard St.

Saturday April 11

HOOD RIVER HARD PRESSED CIDER FEST. Artisan ciders from around the Northwest. More than 20 ciders will be participating, with more than 30 ciders on tap, making this one of Oregon's biggest cider events of the year. Entry tickets \$5 (ages 14 and under free) Noon – 6 p.m. 3315 Stadleman Dr. Hood River.

Sunday April 12

A DOLL'S LIFE: THE STORY OF SHE. Dolls have traditionally been used as talismans for the living and guardians for the dead. They offer us a mirror of who we are and who we dream of becoming. A photographic essay by visual storyteller, Carolyn Campbell, open reception, 2 to 5 p.m. Cup of Coffee, 7540 N. Interstate Ave.