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This Week's Motivational Quote

"It is amazing how much can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit."

-John Wooden, Legendary College Basketball Coach

[If you're motivated to book a hotel room, click here!](#)



Weekly Contest - VRI HAIKU

Last Week's Question:

VRI has a team raising funds for the Relay for Life and there is an article about their efforts below. The team is now 4th overall (out of more than 75 teams) in funds raised to date. How much have they raised through May 9th?

Last Week's Answer:
\$2700.00

Congratulations to Diane Landon for winning last week's contest. Diane was the only entrant out of 68 to guess correctly. Diane wins Brunch for 2 at SweetWaters on the River.

Every week we give our subscribers a chance to win GREAT prizes from Valley River Inn. To enter, simply click on the link below and complete the form. The submission closest to the actual answer wins! If there is a tie, we will randomly draw a winner.

Deadline to Enter:
Sunday, May 20th @ 10AM

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:
\$50 Valley River Inn Gift Certificate

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:
Haiku is a 17 syllable form of Japanese poetry that consists of three unrhymed lines of five, seven and five syllables.

We want to see how creative our e-newsletter subscribers are. Send us your haiku about Valley River Inn or SweetWaters on the River. There are no limits to the number of entries you can submit.

**ENTER
NOW TO
WIN!**

Our executive team will vote on the winner and we'll publish our favorites in next week's e-newsletter. Have fun!

Here's a sample to get your creative juices flowing:

I love VRI
Great service, pretty setting
Simply Amazing

[Click Here To Enter](#)

FREE PIZZA!

PRINT THIS PAGE AND BRING IT TO SWEETWATERS ON THE RIVER

Bring this coupon to receive a FREE 12" Pizza in the SweetWaters on the River bar with the purchase of two beverages.

Choose from:

Four Cheese Pizza

Margarita Pizza

Garden Pizza

Sicilian Pizza

This is a LIMITED TIME OFFER!
Offer valid through May 22, 2007.

Limit one coupon per customer. May not be used with any other coupons or offers.

[Click Here For More Information About Valley River Inn](#)



Upcoming Eugene Area Events

Need help finding something to do in the Eugene area? Here are some upcoming highlights:

Thursday, May 17 at 8:00 pm

Eugene Symphony presents

Virtuoso Shannon Lee

Silva Concert Hall

Tix: \$15 & up

Don't miss 14-year-old violin prodigy Shannon Lee as she joins the Eugene Symphony for a night of virtuosic music from Finland, Russia and France.

Program

Tomasi: Fanfares Liturgiques

Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No. 1

Sibelius: Symphony No. 6

Giancarlo Guerrero, Conductor

Shannon Lee, Violin



May 17, 2007 - May 19, 2007
OSAA Track & Field Championships
Hayward Field, University of Oregon
Phone: (503) 682-6722
Admission: \$7 adults, \$5 students (per day)

May 18, 2007 - May 19, 2007
Eugene Scottish Festival
3060 River Road, Eugene, OR 97404
Phone: 541-689-4748
Admission: \$8-\$10 Friday Night Concert; Free Saturday Festival
Admission

May 19 - 20
UO Cultural Forum; Kesey Enterprises, Inc. and Double Tee
Concerts; and City of Eugene present
Willamette Valley Folk Festival
Saturday and Sunday at 12:00 pm
The Cuthbert Amphitheater
Tix: Free

May 19, 2007 - May 20, 2007
37th Annual Willamette Valley Folk Festival.
Artists include Jackie Greene, The Devil Makes Three, The Tallboys,
Walker T. Ryan, Conjugal Visitors, Justin King, Hillstomp, Cross-
Eyed Rosie,
Green Mountain Bluegrass, Laura Kemp, Taarka, The Bills ... and
more!

Saturday, 12 noon-10:00 pm
Sunday, 12 noon-6:00 pm

Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm
Hult Presents
*Clifford The Big Red Dog(tm) LIVE!*Silva Concert Hall
Tix: \$17-27
Clifford fans will love every minute of this BIG OVERSIZED Musical
Adventure! With lots of songs and the characters children love,
Clifford The Big Red Dog(tm) LIVE! is sure to be a "pup"ular hit
here at the Hult Center.

Featuring a brand new story, Clifford The Big Red Dog(tm) LIVE!
brings the well-loved characters from Birdwell Island--including
Emily Elizabeth, Cleo, T-Bone, Jetta, Charlie, and of course,
Clifford--to a fun-filled spectacle for the whole family. As Clifford
and company embARK on an effort to put on their own play on
Birdwell Island, the "Big Ideas" that were introduced in the Clifford
animated series airing on PBS KIDS will also take center stage.

For more than 40 years, Scholastic's Clifford The Big Red Dog has
charmed and amazed children with his engaging adventures and
"big ideas." The Clifford book series has sold over 110 million
copies and episodes of the top-rated TV series air on PBS stations
over 3500 times a week. Clifford The Big Red Dog(tm) LIVE! is
produced by Turnstile Entertainment.

Tuesday, May 22 - Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 pm

Broadway Across America presents

Hairspray

Silva Concert Hall

Tix: \$27.50-47.50

Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical-comedy phenomenon takes you back to 1962 Baltimore, as 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad sets out to dance her way onto TV's most popular show. Can a big girl with big dreams--and even bigger hair--change the world and still have time to win the boy she loves? This mega-hit is piled bouffant-high with laughter and romance and enough deliriously tuneful new songs to fill a nonstop platter-party.

"If life were everything it should be, it would be more like Hairspray. It's irresistible!"-- The New York Times

May 25, 2007 - May 26, 2007

NCAA West Regional Championships

Hayward Field, University of Oregon

Phone: 541-346-4461

Admission: Various

May 27, 2007

Road to Eugene 08

Hayward Field, University of Oregon

Hayward Field welcomes the return of the Road to Eugene 08 meet, an elite high performance invitational track and field meet. Some of the world's best athletes will compete in 15 events for over \$150,000 in prize money. The meet will also feature innovative ways to bring the fans and athletes closer together, young athletes will have the chance to race in front of thousands of fans in the Kid's Half-Lapper run.

Phone: 1-800-WEB-FOOT

Admission: \$15 reserved / \$10 General Admission

Sunday, May 27 at 8:00 pm

Hult Presents

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Silva Concert Hall

Tix: \$25-65; students and youth 10 years & older \$6 off

"Extraordinary ... riveting ... tender ... resonant ... heroic ... lucid ... gorgeous" is how the world's press describes The Philadelphia Orchestra.

And with good reason. Perhaps no orchestra has a more identifiable sound and is more revered than The Philadelphia Orchestra, whose signature shimmering string section sets the standard for luxurious and precise playing.

The Philadelphia Orchestra is truly one of a kind. Since its founding in 1900, The Orchestra has been at the forefront of the elite orchestras, burnishing its reputation through triumphant concerts, impressive international tours, acclaimed recordings, anticipated broadcasts (on NPR), edgy technological innovations and dedication for young music lovers.

A reputation this exalted isn't earned overnight. Maestro Christoph Eschenbach stands on the shoulders of the six heralded conductors who led The Orchestra before him: Fritz Scheel (1900-07), Carl Pohlig (1907-12), Leopold Stokowski (1912-41), Eugene Ormandy (1936-80), Riccardo Muti (1980-92), and Wolfgang Sawallisch (1993-2003). However, the current Orchestra--with the esteemed pianist-conductor at the helm--may just be the best ever.

Oregonians can experience that for themselves when the 110-member Orchestra performs at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts on a rare national tour (its last Eugene appearance was in May 1989).

For this very special occasion, Maestro Eschenbach has chosen two legendary masterworks-Wolfgang Mozart's sprightly and affecting Sinfonia Concertante for Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn and Orchestra in E flat Major, K297 b, and Hector Berlioz's audacious and volcanic Symphonie Fantastique, Op. 14.

It doesn't get any better than The Philadelphia Orchestra!

Program:

Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante for Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Horn and Orchestra in E flat Major, K297 b
Berlioz: Symphonie Fantastique, Op. 14

Wednesday, May 30 at 8:00 pm
House of Blues Concerts presents

Harry Connick, Jr.

Silva Concert Hall

Tix: \$35-65

Harry Connick, Jr. is a man of many moods and talents, all supremely musical. Days after finishing his run in The Pajama Game, Connick recorded Oh, My NOLA. With the assistance of his great Big Band and a few special guests, he created a cornucopia of songs inspired by and associated with New Orleans. Connick says that he wanted to "play around with" some of the music styles in New Orleans-jazz, gospel, brass band, rhythm and blues, country, and funk. The effect brings the Crescent City instantly to mind.

If you missed Connick at the Cuthbert in 2004, here's your chance hear original compositions and classics that celebrate New Orleans.

June 10, 2007

Prefontaine Classic

Hayward Field, University of Oregon

Phone: 541-687-1989

Admission: Varies

The Prefontaine Classic is the premiere track & field meet in the United States. Since 1996, it has been ranked first among all annual track & field meets in the U.S. by the IAAF. The meet has featured some of the greatest athletes in the world. Past participants include superstars Gail Devers, Marla Runyan and Tim Montgomery.

Saturday, June 16 at 7:30 pm

A Good Smack Productions presents

A Night of Improv

Silva Concert Hall

Tix: \$27-37

A Night of Improv returns to Eugene for an evening of hilarious, improvised comedy and song. Join the incredible cast from the hit TV show Whose Line Is It Anyway? for 90 minutes of laughs.

The cast includes Ryan Stiles (Whose Line, The Drew Carey Show, Two and a Half Men), Greg Proops (Whose Line, Bob the Builder on PBS, On The Red Carpet with Joan Rivers), Chip Esten (Whose Line, The Office, The New Adventures of Old Christine) and Jeff B.

Davis (Whose Line).

See all your favorite Whose Line games plus some new ones. Bring your suggestions and you might be invited on stage!

Sunday, June 17 at 7:30 pm

The Shedd Institute presents

Herbie Hancock Quartet

Silva Concert Hall

Tix: \$28-50; youth (high school & younger) discount available

One of the greats of modern jazz is returning to Eugene! Herbie Hancock, the extraordinary jazz pianist with the unmistakable voice, continues to amaze audiences with his creative style. His performance features a quartet with drummer Vinnie Colaiuta, bassist Nathan East, and guitarist Lionel Loueke.

Now in the fifth decade of his professional life, Herbie Hancock remains where he has always been-in the forefront of world culture, technology, business, and music. Hancock's success at stretching the possibilities of musical thought has placed him among this century's visionaries. It may not be possible to predict where he will go next, but he is sure to expand your jazz horizons.

The Shedd Institute presented the premier performance of Hancock's 2005 second Directions in Music project and is pleased to bring him back again to the Silva Concert Hall.

June 29 - July 15

2007 Oregon Bach Festival

For advance ticket sales, visit

<http://valleyriverinn1.c.topica.com/maagr32abyyDhaaaaaacahtiw/>

Regular ticket sales begin May 8

August 1-11

OFAM 2007

The John G. Shedd Institute presents Oregon Festival of American Music 2007

Richard Rodgers: The Sweetest Sounds

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Hotel News - Fill It Up Package

Gas prices got you down? Driving to Eugene? We'll pay for your gas to get here...and back with our "Fill It Up" Package.

Package I includes:

- Deluxe Accommodations
- \$30 Gas Card
- Car Wash
- Complimentary Parking

Rates starting at \$189 + tax

For reservations, call 1-800-543-8266.

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Did You Know? Shuttle Service To/From PDX

A Fun Tidbit Delivered Right To Your Email Inbox Every Week.

Did you know...

There's a new airport shuttle service from Eugene to the Portland Airport and back.

The Hut Shuttle currently picks up passengers in Corvallis, Albany, Salem and Woodburn for travel to Portland and will begin pick ups in Eugene June 1st.

The Corvallis-based company plans to offer 13 daily trips from Eugene to Portland, starting at 1:15 a.m. and ending at 7:15 p.m., and 13 trips from Portland to Eugene, starting at 5:15 a.m. and ending at 11:30 p.m. The charge is \$59 per person, one way, and prepaid reservations are required.

The shuttle will make a 15-minute stop and change buses in Corvallis, then a brief stop in Albany, a 15-minute layover in Salem, and one more brief stop in Woodburn, Hutmacher said.

The schedule shows the trip from Eugene to Portland taking three hours and 45 minutes. Each 35-passenger bus comes with a wireless Internet connection. Pickup for Portland is at the Eugene Airport.

Information:

<http://valleyriverinn1.c.topica.com/maagr32abby00aaaaaacaehiw/>
or 338-6488

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