

James Cotton headlines opening day of Wine & Jazz Festival Friday



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Grammy-award winning harmonica blues legend, **James Cotton** headlines the opening night of the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival in Esther Short Park, with a concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25.

The 2006 edition of the impresario **Michael Kissinger's** festival opens under sunny skies at 4 p.m. with a concert by the **Alan Benson Experience**. The **Ben Rice Band** plays at 5:15 p.m., followed by **Bill Rhoads and the Party Kings!** at 6:30 p.m.

In addition to jazz, the festival offers the work of over 50 fine artists and 250 wines from 66 wineries. Wine will be sold by the taste and by the glass and will be available for sale in bottled quantities.

Pre-admission tickets are \$16 for each day or \$40 for a three-day pass. Tickets at the gate are \$20 each. Tickets are available through Safeway TicketsWest outlets and the Vancouver Wild Oats store.

The Saturday, Aug. 26 lineup is as follows:

- 11:30 a.m. **John Moak Jazz Quartet**
- 1 p.m. **The Seattle Jazz Singers**
- 2:20 p.m. **Steve Cannon and the Blow Hard Big Band**
- 4 p.m. **Spyro Gyra**
- 6 p.m. **Mavis Staples**
- 8 p.m. **Dr. John**

The Sunday, Aug. 27 lineup is as follows:

- 11:15 a.m. **Jimmy Templeton Trio**, featuring **Marvella McPartland**
- 12:30 p.m. **Reptet**
- 1:45 p.m. **Dan Shulte Band**
- 3 p.m. **Groove for Thought**
- 4:30 p.m. **The Spanish Harlem Orchestra**
- 7 p.m. **Eddie Palmieri**

Further information is available by going to www.vancouverwinejazz.com.

Substance abuse coalition wants prevention help

Citing parental indifference and peer pressure as the two major factors in underage drinking in Clark County, a new organization, the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Clark County, is asking parents, students and concerned citizens to join in helping reduce underage drinking.

The volunteer organization, called PREVENT!, issued a report this week based on findings from a 2006 town hall meeting and a 2004 survey of underage drinking in Clark County.

PREVENT! spokesperson **Joyce Malin** says the community should be more aware of the problem of underage drinking and its causes and should make an effort to try to help reduce this kind of problem drinking.

She says that more youth drink than smoke tobacco or use other illegal drugs; they drink within the context of a society in which alcohol use is normative behavior and images about alcohol are pervasive. Efforts to reduce underage drinking, therefore, need to focus on adults and must engage society at large.

A high school participant in PREVENT! says, "Basically anyone can get alcohol, just by asking their parents, an older friend or someone they know who has connections."

A 2004 Clark County youth health survey showed that 22 percent of 12th-grade students reported drinking and driving or riding with a driver who had been drinking. 25 percent of 12th-grade students report drinking heavily in the past two weeks (5 or more drinks in a row). 71 percent of the 12th graders and 34 percent of 8th graders reported it was easy to get alcohol when they wanted it.

Local research shows the following factors contributing to underage drinking in order are as follows:
Parental and adult indifference.

- Peer pressure to drink.
- Easy availability of alcohol.
- Greater acceptance of alcohol use.
- Lack of alternatives for kids.
- Poor role modeling by adults.

Further information on PREVENT! can be had by calling Malin at **737-8502**, or **Pamela Dailey**, Clark County Department of Community Services, **397-2130**. Further local statistics can be found by going to www.clark.wa.gov/youth-family/prevention.html.

Elizabeth Dole stumps for Mike McGavick Friday

Former U.S. Senator **Elizabeth Dole** will be accompanying U.S. Senate candidate Republican **Mike McGavick** at a \$100 fundraising luncheon at the Heathman Lodge at noon Friday, August 25.

For further information or reservations, call **Sheri Hildreth**, McGavick's local campaign coordinator, at **835-2474**.

News brief

Columbia Credit Union for the 16th consecutive quarter has earned a superior, five-star rating from the national credit union rating company, BauerFinancial. The rating recognizes Columbia Credit Union as one of the top performing credit unions in the nation. BauerFinancial analyzes and reports on the financial condition of banks and credit unions. Financial data on credit unions is compiled from the National Credit Union Administration, the governing body for credit unions. Columbia Credit Union has more than \$700 million in assets and serves over 60,000 members.

Thursday on the air

- Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CTVT**
- New York Yankees at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN**
- Las Vegas at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**
- Vancouver Land Use Hearings (8/15)—11 p.m. CVTV**

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Mike Gaston sending second notice. ☞ **Caroline Reiswig** deserving of Pulitzer for photography. ☞ **Brian Davis** putting Spice in website. ☞ **David Barnett** getting apology. ☞ **Shareon Pesut** doing movie review. ☞ **Thursday**, cloudy, 72. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 84. **Saturday**, all sunshine, 90.