

#### **MAY 2017 • FREE**



### Life-Line for Babies

Life-Line Baby Boutique is meeting the needs of parents with young children by providing clothing, diapers and baby equipment free of charge. Participants are interviewed to assess the needs of the child. We are a nonprofit facility supported by Hope Church. Attendance at Hope Church is not required to benefit from Life-Line Baby Boutique. All items are careful inspected and washed before being sorted and hung up.

Since opening in April of 2013 we have been blessed to touch over 400 families in the Mid-Willamette Valley area. Each year we continue to grow and reach more families.

Life-Line is thankful for the support of our local community thru donations of clothing, equipment, diapers and receipts. Fairview Mennonite Church and Quilts from Caring



St. Edward Youth of Lebanon earned a 2nd place award of \$3000.

### Local Business Supporting Local Charities at Award Banquet

There is never a more fun time of year than when you get to give awards to businesses, volunteers and non-profit organizations. Points for Profit gives back a portion of the business sponsor's investment to local, non-profit organizations annually. Each non-profit group works hard to be number one by attending monthly business meetings, on-location events and spending dollars with business sponsors. This year they are proud to recognize Lifeline Baby Boutique from Hope Church in Albany as the first place nonprofit and winner of \$5,000. Followed by St. Edward Youth of Lebanon at second place and \$3,000; Linn Benton Women for Agriculture took third position and \$2,000. The rest of the group all receive cash awards paid from the monthly sponsorship revenues. Twenty local organizations received awards at the March 21st banquet and auction held at Albany Golf & Event Center.

"Life-Line Baby Boutique is grateful to all the Points for Profit sponsors that make this possible. We also appreciate the support from the community and the church in saving receipts! We will use these funds for car seats and a safe place for babies to sleep" said Wenona Given, Volunteer for Life-Life. "Car seats have to be brand new due to liability issues so there is a challenge because we can't accept used donations here. This money will ensure that babies will have a safe place to sleep and ride in vehicles." prior. The categories for businesses voted on are Large Business, Medium Business, Small Business and Homebased Business. Due to excellence in customer service and supporting our community Bi-Mart was voted Large Business of the Year for the 11th year running. Elmer's Restaurant was awarded Medium Business of the Year for the third consecutive year! Small Business of the Year went to mother and daughter owned SugarVibes Donut Company of Lebanon and Sweet Home. A husband and wife team with It Works (That Crazy Wrap Thing) Keith and MaryAnn Honeyman received the Home Business of the Year.

The Rick and Karen Rogers Altruism Award is voted on by the Board of Directors of Points for Profit and is given only when the board sees an individual go above and beyond not only for Points for Profit but for their community at large. The first award ever went to the namesake Rick and Karen Rogers in 2015.

Altruism or selflessness is the principle or practice of concern for the welfare of others. Don Leber, Vice-President of Advertising for Bi-Mart Membership Discount Store was unanimously voted to be honored with the Rick & Karen Rogers Altruism for 2016. Congratulations to everyone! You can find the list of participating businesses and non-profit organizations by visiting www.pointsforprofit.org. Just shop the businesses and give your receipt or copy of to your favorite non-profit. For more information call 541-791-2901. Points for Profit...Shop locally, serve locally and sustain locally.

Hands have been generous supporters providing new quilts, blankets, burp rags, bibs and more. Monies earn thru the Points for Profit program will help provide safe places for babies to sleep, laundry soap, and purchase items that don't get donated often.

Donations of new and gently used clothing up to size 2T can be dropped off during business hours. Alternative drop off is Hope Church's main office, Additional items that can be donated include diapers(especially size 3-6), shoes up to size 8, socks, and blankets. We are unable to accept car seats, cribs, and toys at this time.

We now have expanded hours: Tuesday 2:30-4:30, and Wednesday 10-12 and 4-6pm. We are located at 2817 Santiam Hwy SE; Albany OR 97322 for more information call 541-926-2291 ext 228 or email: Babyb@hope.church, Please like and follow us on Facebook for updates and items needed. Each year Points for Profit members vote for the outstanding business and volunteers from the year



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# Fun Events for May 2017

April showers bring May flowers. Check out all the fun activities for this next month.

- CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP GOOD NEWS CLUBS are scheduled at various locations in Albany, Halsey, Lebanon, Crabtree, Harrisburg and Brownsville. Get more information by calling: 541-258-7150
- THE CORVALLIS NEW HORIZONS BAND meets every Thurs during the month. They often play at local events and functions. If you ever played a musical instrument, no matter what skill level, they want to hear from you. Call: 541-207-5231 or 541-745-7951 for details.

#### • FARMERS MARKETS

- Albany Saturday 9am-1pm, City Hall Parking Lot, http:// locallygrown.org/home/
- Brownsville Thursday 3-7pm, Main & Park St, Brownsville www.brownsville-farmersmarket.com
- Corvallis- Saturday and Wednesday 9AM-1pm, First St. Downtown, http://locallygrown.org/home/
- Lebanon- Opens May 18 2-6pm Corner of Grant and Main, http://lebanondowntownfarmersmarket.org/
- ALBANY CIVIC THEATER "SWEENEY TODD" May 11-28 Fri & Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm, 111 First Ave SW, call 541-967-8140 for more details or visit www.albanycivic.org.
- STAYTON RED HAT STRUTTERS May 3 at noon at The Red Apple, 333 N. 2nd Ave., Stayton, 503-769-8132. Hostess will be Betty Trevena 503-743-2029 please contact her so she can make arrangements with the restaurant. The restaurant serves Chinese and American food and you will order off the menu. The luncheons are open to the public and potential new members. For more information contact Margie Forrest 503-859-3119
- ALBANY WINE WALK May 5 Fri 4-8pm, Historic Downtown Albany,541-928-0911, www.albanywinewalk.com
- NORTHWEST BUCKSKIN CLUB HORSE SHOW May 5-7 Fri, Sat & Sun, Linn County Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, 541-926-4314 www.lcffairexpo.com
- WES KNODEL GUN SHOW 5-7 Fr, Sat & Sun, Linn County Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, 503-363-9564 www.lcffairexpo.com

- BROWNSVILLE "CARRIAGE ME BACK" May 5-6 Sat & Sun, Historic Downtown Brownsville, Reservations suggested541-466-3390 www.historicbrownsville.com
- DELUXE BREWING "VINTAGE BICYCLE SHOW" May 6 Sat noon to 5pm, 635 NE Water St, Albany, 541-928-7699, www.sinisterdeluxe.com
- ALBANY WOMEN'S CONNECTIONS May 10 Wed 10am at the Phoenix Inn, 3410 Spicer Drive, Albany, Oregon. Our inspirational speaker will be Faye Pruitt, an artist, musician and ventriloquist, who learned to live again after a tragedy. She and her husband will also provide music for the program. The brunch is prepared by Jacopetti's Catering Service and cost is \$12 inclusive. Please RSVP by Friday, May 5 to Suzanne at 541-327-3798 or awc\_reservations@ yahoo.com.
- **CITY OF ALBANY "LOVE YOUR WATER"** May 10 Wed 4:30-7pm, City of Albany Plaza, 333 Broadalbin SW, 541-917-7777 www.cityofalbany.net
- **GIRLS' NIGHT OUT,** May 11, Thur. 5-9pm Heritage Mall - One of the biggest events of the year is back with a twist: we're going country! Customers receive a free bag at check-in, exclusive offers, prizes, free food and desserts, wine garden, scratch-off to win and more!
- **SOROPTIMIST FLOWER SALE** May 11 Thur 10am-till gone, At Home Furniture, 9th and Hill Sts, 503-577-3602
- ALBANY ART & JAZZ FESTIVAL May 13 Sat 10am-4pm, Historic Downtown Albany, 541-928-2469, www. albanydowntown.com
- SW WASHINGTON PAINT CLUB HORSE SHOW May 13-15 Fri, Sat & Sun, Linn County Fair & Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd, 971-219-0792 www.lcffairexpo.com
- MARKS RIDGE WINERY "MOTHERS DAY AT THE WINERY" May 14 Sun noon -5pm, Marks Ridge Winery, 29255 Berlin Rd, Sweet Home, 541-974-4457, www. marksridge.com
- SWEET HOME RANGER DISTRICT "CASCADIA CAVE HIKE" May 19 Fri 9am-5pm, Sweet Home Ranger Station, 4431 Hwy 20, Sweet Home, Reservations Required, Call 541-367-5168, www.recreation.gov
- DETROIT LAKE FISHING DERBY May 19-21 Fri, Sat & Sun, Detroit Lake, for all ages, 503-854-3346 www. detroitlakeoregon.org

- LINN COUNTY LAMB & WOOL FAIR May 19-21 Fri, Say & Sun, Scio Lamb Fairground, 541-394-3389, www. lambfair.com
- HERITAGE MALL KIDS' CLUB May 20-11am-12:30pm The Minions are invading Kids' Club in May! Bring your child to this free event for kids under 12 for an exclusive Meet & Greet with the Minions, plus games, music and crafts!
- LINN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY "STORIES FROM THE SANTIAM WAGON ROAD May 21 Sun 2pm, Mennonite Village, Lakeside Center, 5353 Columbus St SE, Albany, 541-926-4680,
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- MARKS RIDGE WINERY "MEMORIAL DAY OPEN HOUSE" May 27-29 Sat, Sun & Mon, noon -5pm, Marks Ridge Winery, 29255 Berlin Rd, Sweet Home, 541-974-4457, www.marksridge.com
- AMERICAN LEGION POST 51 "ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST" May 28 Su 8am-11am, American Legion Post 51, 480 E. Main St, Lebanon, 541-259-14824
- CASCADE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER RECITAL May 31 6pm Lebanon Senior Center, for more details visit http://cpac.weebly.com/ or call 541.258.2572
- **POINTS FOR PROFIT MEETING** Last Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Post 10. Open to public. Meet local businesses, help a local non-profit. Dinner, beverage and dessert \$8 per person RSVP required. Meeting starts at 6pm. Check out details at: www.pointsforprofit.org or call: 541-791-2901. Shop locally, serve locally, sustain locally.

Information for this page has been provided by multiple organizations. If your organization has an upcoming event that you would like listed in a future issue of High Points, please email the information, as well as a name and phone number of a contact person submitting the article to: info@inspiritmarketing. com

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### **Ramblings From the Kitchen** of Karen Rogers

#### **Nut Goodies**

#### **BY KAREN ROGERS**

Years ago, at a garage sale I found a whole passel of beautiful little cookie molds shaped like walnut halves. The original owner could never figure out how to make them work. I experimented with a Linzer Torte- like nut crust and voila! Nut Goodies were born.

They can be made in any small baking mold for tartelettes or barquettes, just adjust the baking time.

Pre-heat the oven to 375 degrees and place your molds on a parchment lined baking sheet. Lightly spray them with non-stick spray.

Combine in a mixing bowl  $\frac{1}{2}$  C Butter Crisco and 1/3 C brown sugar and beat until fluffy. Scrape the bowl and add <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp. salt, 1 tsp. vanilla and 2 tbsp. cornstarch and mix again. Cornstarch gives them a pleasantly short texture. Add 1 C flour and  $\frac{1}{2}$  C finely chopped nuts and mix until the dough comes together. If you can find it granulated maple sugar is fabulous!

My small molds take 1 tsp. to fill each, so you might have to add more. Press the dough into the mold so that a small hollow forms in the center. Bake 10 to 15 minutes.

Let them sit on a rack for a few minutes, but these must come out of the forms while still warm or they break.

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Let them cool completely on a rack. For the filling combine 1 C powdered sugar and 3 tbsp. maple syrup until a thick icing forms. I use this filling with walnuts.

If you use almonds, simply mix the sugar with amaretto to make a paste. Toasting the nuts also boosts the flavor.

Hazelnuts and pecans are fabulous with a hazelnut liquor, and you don't have to use the expensive stuff.

If you don't have fancy-schmantzy molds, simply drop the dough by teaspoonfuls and flatten with the bottom of a glass. I use a small scoop so the size is uniform.

Just set a tray of Nut Goodies out and watch all of us squirrels come running!



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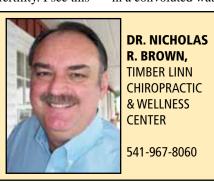
### Infertility

One of the most devastating problems facing many couples today is not being able to have a child — infertility. I see this

in many patients that have had the good fortune to meet. The anguish is nothing short to heart breaking for many. Many such couples have been everywhere — fertility clinics, have had fertility enhancing drugs, vitamin injections, counseling, etc. All to no avail.

In my own experience, I have found most cases of fertility to be fairly onesided. In other words, I have found that it is usually women that seem to be at fault and unable to achieve pregnancy. Now, do not get me wrong, I am not blaming women for this difficulty in any way, and this is not a sexist remark, but the problem, I have observed, seems to be more with women than with men. Let me explain.

Women are much more familiar with this function whereas most men are not. For you who are not all that aware of exactly how this all takes place, let's look at the following. When a woman ovulates, the egg goes down one fallopian tube one month and then down the other fallopian tube the next month. In other words, it tends to alternate to give one or the other a break. The egg starts at one end of the fallopian tube and ends up at the uterus or womb at the other. The egg does not swim or have any flippers, arms, or legs, and so it is carried along by what we call passive



transport. In other words, it is simply a bystander going for a ride; much like a ride in a convoluted water tube of a water park.

The reason this takes place is because of a very exact function of the different muscles that make up the walls of the fallopian tubes. They literally squeeze the egg from one end of tube to the other. The purpose of this function is to meet the sperm at

the other end so that fertilization can take place and a baby starts to be developed. In other words, the egg starts at one end of the fallopian tube and the muscles of the tube gently squeeze it from one end to the other. This process is called peristalsis and is very similar to swallowing while you eat; the muscles in your esophagus, the tube which you swallow food through, literally guide what you have just swallowed, all the way down into your stomach. The same goes with the Fallopian tube.

Let's look at this in the light of a couple not being able to achieve pregnancy:

In most couples who are labeled INFERTILE (and you know how much I detest labels) it seems that the egg is not able to make it through the fallopian tube to meet the sperm. Unless that union is allowed to take place, there is no pregnancy, hence no baby. Not a good thing.

Lets look at this even closer for a

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It's time to put away the umbrellas and put on the sun protection! Daily use of sunscreen/block is an effective way

to protect the skin from damage caused by solar radiation; which can increase one's risk for skin cancer. While prevention should be the primary focus, it is reassuring to know that skin cancer, when detected early, has a very favorable treatment outcome.

The large majority of skin cancers are discovered by patients themselves. Do you know what to look for?

The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) recommends following the ABCDE's of skin selfexamination. It is helpful to have a partner (unless you are skilled with a hand mirror) view areas of the skin you cannot easily see (scalp, back, buttocks, etc.). Document the location and description of moles and skin lesions on a "Body Mole Map" for future reference. Skin lesions are not moles, but are areas where the skin is not smooth. They may appear as flakey/crusty patches or sites that crack and bleed. Body Mole Maps are available to print, at no charge, from the American Academy of Dermatology website (aad.org) When finished examining skin from the top of the head to the bottoms of the feet, use the ABCDE guidelines to determine if you need to be seen by a physician:

• Asymmetry: The two halves of the mole look different, have a different shape or thickness.



Borders: The edges of the mole are irregular, scalloped, or poorly defined.
Color: The mole has light and dark patches, or exhibits black, white, red, or blue coloration.
Diameter: The measurement of the mole from edge-to-

edge through center is over 6mm (the size of an eraser on a pencil)

Evolving: Here's where the Body Mole Map comes in handy! After completing a Body Mole Map, save it to compare to observations on future skin self-examinations. Selfexams should be conducted at least once a year; many doctors encourage patients to perform them monthly. Change in a mole or skin lesion is a red flag, particularly if the skin area now fits one of the ABCDE criterion. Always seek medical attention if you find anything questionable, early detection is important in determining the treatment and outcome of skin cancer.

If you would like more information on skin cancer, or a sunscreen/block recommendation for your skin type; the Rice's Pharmacy staff is available to assist you. Stop in soon!

Jeff McMahon



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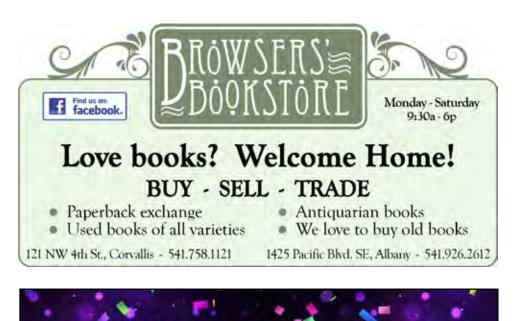
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The vacuum industry has had an extremely difficult time trying to find ways to implement modern technology into vacuum cleaners. Dyson was the first manufacturer to attempt to step away from the standard designs that had been around for years. The "bagless" machine that looked like it should be used in outer space looks cool but, in actual practice performed terribly.

The machines are over engineered, costly to repair and simple tests show they really do not perform well. Shark came along with the concept of disposable vacuum cleaners. With no real parts availability to speak of you use it until it breaks then throw it away. This seemed like a great idea to most consumers as the machines are very inexpensive. As expected, the reality of having to buy a new machine every year has most consumers scratching their heads trying to decide if it really is as "cheap" as they once envisioned.

In all reality regularly replacing your vacuum no matter how inexpensive is the costliest way to clean your home. Roomba is

> the industries' newcomer in tech savvy vacuums. The Wi-Fi capabilities and the allure of not actually having to do the work yourself had consumers flocking to the stores. It was quickly realized that turning the vacuum on while you were at work meant you had no idea what was on the floor. While the idea was there, in real practice this didn't work. Ruined clothing

items and food smeared all over the carpet by the vacuum quickly debunked this idea for many.

Finally, a small vacuum manufacture named Simplicity, who manufactures vacuums in St. James, Missouri hit the nail on the head. In 2016, Simplicity debuted the S10CV.2, a full powered, full size vacuum cleaner weighing only 11 pound that runs on a lithium-ion battery. This battery technology is like the technology in smart phones and modern power tools. The machine is backed by a five-year warranty. These machines are available at Rich's Sewing & Vacuum who is an award winning, Elite Retailer with Simplicity.

### **Body Contouring & Slimming Treatments**

Spring is here at last and some are already asking about how to best reduce cellulite. Let's start with cellulite, what is it and where do we begin to treat

it? Many methods are available today from topical creams to surgical treatment. At River's Edge Day Spa, we have added to our arsenal of cellulite, slimming, and body contouring options this year. For those wishing to reduce and tone this year these new programs are worth it.

Cellulite refers to the dimpled or orange peel appearance on the thighs, buttocks, hips and other

areas. Cellulite is more sensitive than normal skin and can feel cold to the touch. It may appear whiter than the rest of the skin. Hard cellulite which is found in active women such as dancers or athletes is the hardest to reduce because it attaches to the muscle. Soft cellulite on the other hand is more noticeable but easier to reduce.

Cellulite develops when the skin sends down anchoring connective tissue to the muscle. In between this connective tissue and muscle are fat deposits. When the fat deposits become hard and large they push against the connective tissue and stretch it, which therefore creates the outward appearance of lumps and bumps.

Cellulite can be caused by several things poor circulation, lack of exercise, poor lymphatic system drainage, food allergies, eating foods high in preservatives, yo-yo dieting, too much sun, lack of water, genetics, pregnancy, aging, smoking, tension and stress, medication. Primarily women develop cellulite because their connective tissue is composed of x-shaped bands. These bands bind the skin to deeper tissues such as fascia or muscle. The part that is attached to the skin traps the fat, and the fat ends up pushing on the skin creating the lump and bump effect. Most cellulite



bump effect. Most cellulite can begin developing around the age of 14 and increases through the years due to the thinning and redistribution of the subcutaneous skin. Men rarely develop cellulite because their connective tissue is perpendicular, which heads off the collection of fat build up.

Around 80% of western women believe they have cellulite. Even if a person has

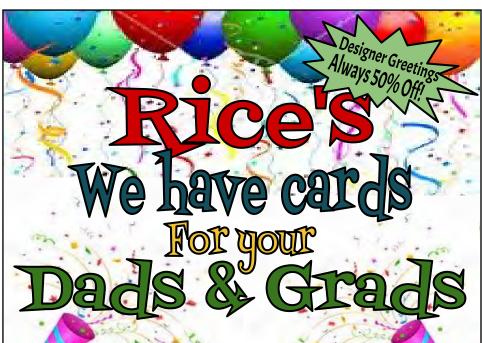
only 15% body fat, that person can have cellulite. Toxins and fat that have built up in the body are a large part of cellulite, and can affect women of any weight, size, or body structure. Sadly, liposuction does not permanently get rid of cellulite.

Any cellulite program should include stimulation of the body's elimination functions, increasing the body's circulation and metabolism process, support of the reduction of excess fluid retention; re-establish the elasticity of connective tissue. Cellulite is a permanent change in the body. There is no cure for cellulite however there is a way to effectively fight it and ultimately reduce it.

We have added new machines, equipment and techniques of body sculpting. In stimulating the body's elimination functions, controlling excess fluid retention, controlling excess fluid retention by opening the lymphatic system, and increasing circulation and metabolism. By getting the blood flowing hard lumps and bumps can be broken down

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### **Motherhood for Mother's Day**

#### **BY JONATHAN BOOTH**

How am I qualified to write about motherhood? I'm not! Except that thousands of mothers have spoken to me or written to me during my 20 years as the CEO of Focus on the Family (called Care for the Family) in the United Kingdom.

My wife is a school teacher of 1st graders. She can tell you in a heartbeat the enormous influence a mother has on their child for both good and ill. A child who hears 40,000 no's before starting kindergarten will do ok but a child who hears those same 40,000 no's but also hears 200,000 positive statements about themselves and what they do will thrive.

Don't ever underestimate the power of your words. My mother is a liar! Oh I don't mean she is bad - she is just a liar - she believes I can do no wrong and that I can walk on water. I know in the depths of her mind she can still remember when I lost a ten dollar note (or the equivalent in British money I should say) when I was five. She can remember when I pulled Susan's hair at a birthday party or I rang down the street ringing door bells and ran away before they came to the door. Oh she can remember ok but she chooses not too! My mother chooses to only believe what is good about me and chooses to reinforce my sense of well-being on a daily basis telling the world that I was perfect (which of course I wasn't!).

If there has been one thing above all others that has led to the little success I have had in life it is the encouragement and belief of my mother. Of course she could have disciplined me a little more but I, now 60 years old still remember and know in my heart that my mother believed in me more than anyone else I knew. It was literally life changing.



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### Welcome Rich's Sew & Vac

You've seen them out in the community for years!

You see them at Home Shows at the local fairs and the State Fair and you've been asking us to bring them into the program since 2008.Thanks to Oregon Women for Ag, Rich's is now part of Points for Profit!

Rich's Sew & Vac is family owned and operated and has stores in both

Albany and Salem. Rich's has served the Salem area since 1973. In 2002, they expanded to open a store in Albany, serving the Albany, Corvallis, and surrounding area.

Rich's is a unique business that really works to be a local resource and expert. They offer classes and clubs for sewing, embroidery, serging and guilting. Rich's clubs are designed to teach you more about quilting, sewing, embroidering, or serging. Club members meet every month for three hours. Clubs are offered at all locations. Most club meetings are hands-on learning and project based. Usually the fabric is provided in kits and they try to keep the kit fees around \$20. Students bring their own machines to help further their skills on their equipment.

Daniel Rich recently shared with us they are expanding

their new store at 2306 Heritage Way in Albany (across from Heritage Mall in the same parking lot as Kutsch & Renyer) to have the entire area next door dedicated to vacuums! They not only sell vacuums but service them as well (and not just the ones they sell).

"We are committed to excellent customer service, ongoing support of your purchases,

and continuing education to help ensure that you get the most out of your investment." Is stated on their website and that shows us they are the kind of business that we like as partners in our quest to keep business local. High service is important and Rich's Sew & Vac goes above and beyond!

So welcome to Points for Profit Rich's Sew and Vac. We are honored to have you among the great businesses that have chosen Points for Profit as a means to keep our momentum to shop locally, serve locally and sustain locally. Please make it a point to welcome them (and all our business sponsors) to the Points for Profit family!



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### **Affirmation Redirection**

"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being,

sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right of the majesty in heaven." Hebrews 1:3

I often find myself pursuing the approval of man. In fact, my entire life has been a commentary about my efforts to gain

acceptance and significance in the things I do. I long for those moments when a person would build me up verbally. When I accepted Christ at the age of fourteen, my desire for praise did not end. I found pleasure in the kind words of fellow pilgrims. This pattern led to a lifestyle of performance and ultimately heartache. The struggle was the continual thought of letting people down and failing at whatever I attempted. I realized that people-pleasing was hard work and ended up being an empty existence.

Thanks, be to God that He is the Potter and I am the clay! Over the years, God has been shaping me and molding me for His divine purposes. My focus in the last year has been drawn to who Jesus is. He is my savior – Matthew 1:21; He loves me -1 Jn. 4:19; He is my friend - Matthew 11:19; He is my sympathetic High Priest and King – Hebrews 4:14-16; He is my God! - Hebrews 1:3. What I have been reminded of is God is Glory and Jesus



is the radiance of God's Glory. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word

> was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." Jesus is an exact representation of God according to Hebrews 1:3. Colossians 1:15-20 gives a description of Jesus and in the first verse indicates that "He is the image of the invisible

God..."

My thoughts of wanting to perform for the praise of man are shattered by two truths from the second part of Hebrews 1:3. The first is found in the statement, "...sustaining all things by his powerful word." Col. 1:17b "...and in him all things hold together." Several principles impact my life from these verses:

Jesus is sovereign and supreme over all.

The Father was in control of me coming to faith in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit (John 6:44).

Jesus is in control of my life and all that I do. Because Jesus sustains all things, I have nothing to worry about (Philippians 4:6).

The words I hear from others do impact my life and, in fact, often affect my life, but God's Word transforms, purifies, and changes my life (Hebrews 4:12). His Word is powerful, living, and active. Jesus is Powerful, living, and active!

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### **Can Your Medicare Part B Premium Change Each Year?**

You probably have asked yourself that question before. Do you know why the premium would change each

year, if it does? Do you know how the amount is calculated?

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 set a formula for determining the standard Part B premium each year. The formula calculates the premium amount

to cover 25 percent of the average projected Part B costs per beneficiary (that's you if you are on Medicare).

Part B Premiums for 2017 - the standard Part B premiums for 2017 is \$134 per month. However, most people already on Medicare will pay less than this amount - around \$109 - because of the hold harmless rule. The rule states that the Part B premium may not increase more than the Social Security cost-ofliving- increase in any given year.

You will not be held harmless and will pay the standard Part B premium if any one of the following applies to you:



· You enroll in Part B for the first time in 2017 You don't get Social Security

benefits

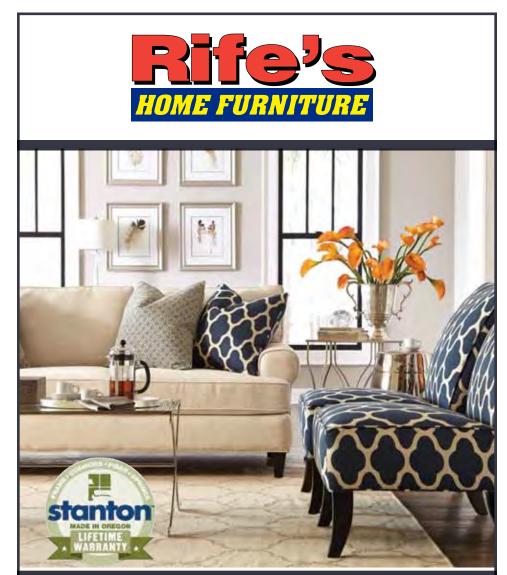
• You're billed directly for your Part **B** premiums

• You have Medicare and Medicaid, and Medicaid pays your premiums. Your state will pay the standard premium amount of \$134.

People with higher income are also not held harmless. They may pay more than the standard

Part B premium amount due to an "income-related monthly adjustment." The adjustment is based on adjusted gross income reported 2 years prior. Your 2015 tax return will determine your 2017 Part B premium. The table below shows 2017 Part B premium amounts. Look for your tax filing status, individual or joint, and find your 2015 income in that column. Follow the row across to see what you will pay for Part B in 2017.

Individual tax return: 2015 income	Joint Tax return: 2015 income	2017 monthly Part B premium
\$85,000 or less	\$170,000 or less	\$134.00
		(in not held harmless)
\$85,001 to \$107,000	\$170,001 to \$214,000	\$187.50
\$107,001 to \$160,000	\$214,001 to \$320,000	\$267.90
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### **Five Ways to Prepare your Home for the Spring Market**

Spring is almost here! Don't wait for the flowers to bloom before preparing your home to sell. Here are a few tips

on how homeowners can prepare their home to put on the market, as well as, make for a smooth selling experience!

#### 1) Start Packing.

This may seem odd to start packing before you even list your home, but

you will eventually need to do this anyways, so you could get a head start now. And when we say packing, we are not suggesting eating off of paper plates and packing up your kitchen, but you can sort through storage closets, attic, basement or garage to determine what you would keep, what to give away and what to sell. This will allow you to get an idea of whether you will need to rent a storage facility while your home is on the market and it will make the spaces in your home look larger and neater when it comes to showings.

2) Declutter. Get rid of the stack of unread magazines, children's artwork on the refrigerator, or a cluster of unpaid bills on the table. By reducing the clutter, buyers can envision their furniture in each space. Reducing

the amount of stuff on your shelves and surfaces is one way to make it easier. Pack away your family photos

**JASON** NUNN, CADWELL REALTY GROUP 541-791-7946 and other items that gather dust. Consider visiting model homes for ideas on how your home should look or have someone help you stage it. 3) Home Improvements.

nor repairs and improvements that will freshen up

your home for buyers. You don't necessarily want to do a major expensive renovations before you sell. Try things like updating old ceiling fans and light fixtures, replacing the caulk and grout in your bathroom, changing switch plates, doorknobs and any other hardware that may be needed. Consider painting your front door and trim even if your rooms don't need new paint.

4) Interview Realtors. Hiring a listing agent of your choice will make a big difference in how quickly your home sells. Ask for recommendations from friends and interview more than one agent to see which ones have the right experience with similar homes

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and allows the body to re-establish the elasticity of connective tissue. The procedure is far superior to options available in the past and results amazing and are noninvasive.

New programs and options that go way beyond what has been offered before are taking things to an all new level this year with body contouring, slimming, and lifting treatments. Whether you are simply wishing to reverse cellulite or you are looking to contour and lift those areas that may need more work. We have programs that can be customized for your needs.

With your goals and needs in mind we will customize a program for you. Treatments vary in time depending on what areas you wish to improve. Length of treatment is 30 minutes to 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours. For those who wish to add a boost to their programs. The new body treatments are very relaxing and will leave you looking and feeling great inside and out.

As a special add on you can complete any of the options by adding a targeted eye treatment. Imagine turning back the clock a bit more for those who may be concerned with aging or damage to the eye area. Ask about adding our newest intensive eye treatment combo to your appointment. This relaxing and extremely effective treatment has flown to the top of our most popular and effective new treatments in the anti-aging department. In around 40 minutes we can show you the results many have been raving about.

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### Wall of Mirrors

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Large mirrors make a dramatic effect on the look of any room. Natural light pouring in through a window

and reflecting off a mirror really brightens a space. They are also especially useful for a home gym or dance studio. When contemplating a wall of mirrors there are several things to consider.

Cheap mirrors

are available at most home stores however they are typically very thin and come with frames around them making them difficult to install side-by-side for the wall of mirror look. Also, thin mirrors often have distortions which could give you a "funhouse" look making you appear smaller or larger than in real life. They will also take on any waviness or abnormalities in the wall that may not be noticeable until the mirror is installed.

Mirrors that go to the floor should include safety backing. The last thing you want is large chunks of mirror falling to the floor with the potential to harm someone nearby. The backing is an adhesive film that keeps the mirror in place in case of breakage

Keep in mind also, that most

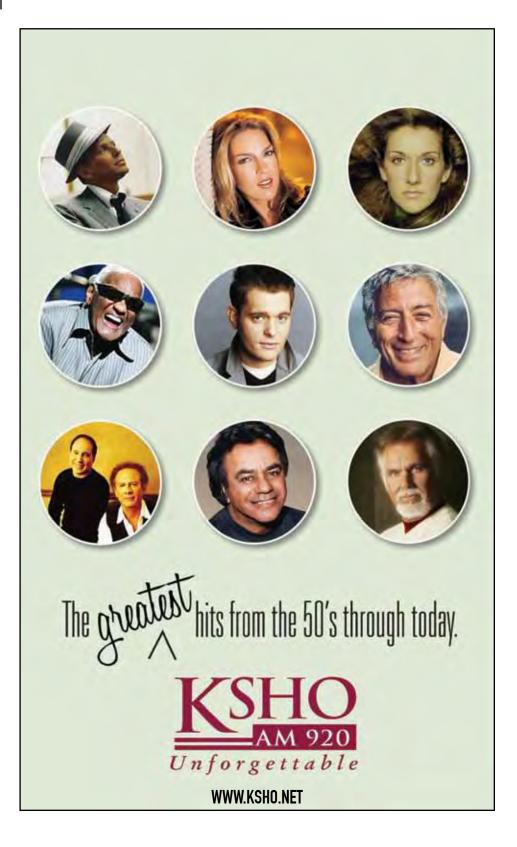
mirrors for home gyms or other areas don't necessarily need to cover the entire wall to be effective. Usually you

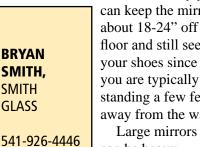
can keep the mirror about 18-24" off the floor and still see standing a few feet away from the wall.

Large mirrors can be heavy and somewhat dangerous for a doit-yourself project.

Not only is handling them an issue but transporting them from the glass shop to your house can be difficult without a rack designed for that purpose. You should never lay large pieces of mirror or glass flat in the back of a pickup truck. A local glass shop is best suited look over the location of the mirrors in your home then safely deliver and install them. The cleanest look is to install them with low profile "J" shaped channels and mirror mastic adhesive. They can be set side-byside and give the wall a monumental reflective look.

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The second truth comes from the last part of Hebrews 1:3, "...After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

Jesus provided for my most desperate need by sacrificing His life, which was sinless (Hebrews 4:15b). That need was forgiveness of sins, due to being totally depraved and separated from a holy God (Is. 59:2). Jesus, the Lamb of God, paid my penalty on the cross. Jesus is the hope-giver to a sinful and lost world.

Jesus was raised, and He ascended to sit at the right hand of God; therefore, Jesus is alive!

Jesus is my King and Lord. He is all authority. He has commanded that I live a Great Commandment, Great Commission, Great Commitment lifestyle. This commandment has given me purpose and reason to live for Him.

Jesus as High Priest is interested in my life. I can approach the throne of grace with confidence, knowing He satisfies all my deepest needs. Those needs include acceptance, significance, belonging, LOVE. Jesus extends mercy and grace in my daily life (Hebrews 4:16).

The praise of man is temporal, but the Word of God is eternal. John Piper makes this statement, "We have scarcely begun to see all of God that the Scriptures give us to see, and what we have not yet seen is exceedingly glorious." Hebrews 12:2 instructs us to fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. We don't need the praise of man for approval, nor do we need to please man for acceptance; rather, we need to fix our eyes on Jesus which will give us a view of Glory.

> In Christ, Kevin Ferguson



### **Trusting your Sales** Representative

**TIMOTHY BALDWIN Furniture Consultant and Comfort Expert Rife's Home Furniture** 

We all know that salesman have a reputation to be pushy and manipulative. It is never an easy task buying things. First, we all have the need of things in our lives that give us comfort in our day-to-day lives. The last thing we need is someone fallowing us around a store saying buy this, buy this, buy this. That is why here at Rife's Home Furniture, we are dedicated to being the best at noninvasive sales. We make it our job to inform consumers about the products' origin, the materials that are used in the process of manufacturing, and the quality of

the products that are sold at our stores. It is more important to us as a familyowned company to give our customers the opportunity to make a competent decision on their purchases rather than to make the sale.

Here at Rife's Home Furniture we hope to give you the best services possible, an enjoyable experience, and information to assist in making your home a more comfortable environment for you and your family. I hope that you give us a chance to live up to our creed. We are determined to be the best at what we do, and have the lowest prices in the industry. We value your opinions and criticisms. Please feel free to visit us on our face book or our web site at rifeshomefurniteronline.com. Much thanks and God bless.

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to yours. A Realtor with a great marketing plan is extremely important, as well as deep local knowledge. Choose someone who can present you with a detailed market analysis, don't just go with the one who tells your they can sell your home for the highest price.

5) Know Your Market. An important decision to make is deciding if you plan to buy another home, and whether to sell your home first or make an offer on a new home before listing yours. A knowledgeable Realtor can help you estimate how long it will take you to find a home and how fast homes are selling in your market. If you choose not to sell your home first, you may want to consult with a lender to see how you can finance the transition from one home to another.

By choosing to prepare for the spring as a homeowner, you will find yourself ready to move fast when a buyer comes your way!

### **Dental Disease**

#### BY DR. ERIC GLAZE, **Albany Animal Hospital** 541-926-8817

Approximately eighty five percent or our patients have some degree of periodontal disease by the age of three. The process starts with the formation of plaque, which is a film of bacteria and saliva that forms on the enamel of teeth. If the film sets for long enough on the tooth it begins to react with minerals naturally found in our saliva and form rock hard tartar. As tartar forms oxygen levels drop near the surface of the tooth and this favors the growth of anaerobic bacteria that are more harmful. The bacteria and tartar begin to move under the gum line causing gingivitis. This becomes evident as swelling and reddening along the gum line with bleeding often observed with just minor mechanical irritation. Seeing blood more frequently on chew toys can be a clue to the onset of periodontal disease in dogs. Once bacteria move under gums they start to break down the ligaments and alveolar bone that hold the teeth in their sockets. Seventy percent of a tooth lives under the gum line. As this degradation takes place toxins and bacteria can leach into the blood and cause inflammation in the kidneys as well as damage to the valves of the heart.

Feeding dry kibble helps reduce the rate of plaque formation but is in no way a substitute for brushing. Imagine if we gave up brushing our own teeth in favor or only eating crunchy

food. Brushing is the ideal way to get rid of plaque before it has a chance to mineralize into tartar and eventually move under the gums. This takes time and training. Ideally twice a day is best but I can tell the difference between a dog that has its teeth brushed every other day and a dog that doesn't get its teeth brushed at all. It's easier to start training a young dog to accept a toothbrush. Use a brush with extra soft bristles. The first step is just getting them used to having their mouths manipulated. Gently using your finger or a piece of gauze to wipe the teeth in the same manner you will be using the toothbrush. After a couple of weeks of doing this daily to twice daily you should introduce the toothbrush. After your dog accepts the toothbrush you can introduce pet friendly toothpaste. Pet toothpaste comes in a variety of flavors and some have enzymes that help kill bacteria. Do not use toothpaste intended for people because the fluoride will make them ill. When brushing try to focus on the outside of the upper teeth. Use elliptical motions angled at forty-five degrees toward the gums. Try to get in ten to 15 tight elliptical motions in before moving to the next area. Do not worry about brushing the insides of the teeth. Just focus on the outsides. If your pet refuses to accept a brush due to sensitive gums there are dental wipes that can be used to help remove plaque. If your dog already has moderate to severe periodontal disease

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#### **Brownsville**

"Carriage Me Back" Satuday- Sunday, May 6-7 **Historic Downtown Brownsville \$, Reservations** suggested

**Deluxe Brewing** "Vintage Bicycle Show" Saturday, May 6 • noon to 5pm 635 NE Water St, Albany

Albany Art & Jazz Festival

Saturday, May 13 • 10am-4pm **Historic Downtown Albany** 

Linn County Lamb & Wool Fair Friday-Sunday, May 19-21 **Scio Lamb Fairground** 

**Mid-Valley Coin, Currency** & Token Show Saturday-Sunday, May 27-28 10am-4pm **Linn County Fair** and Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd

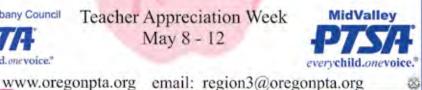
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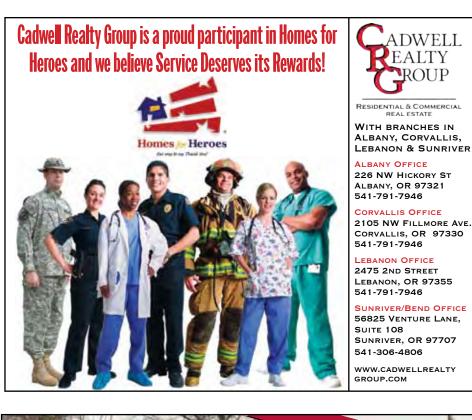
As I mentioned, the function of the muscles of the fallopian tubes is to propel the egg from one end to the other, in order to meet the sperm. In cases of infertility, however, this does not take place. Why would the muscles that are designed and programmed to perform that very special function every month, decide suddenly that they simply won't do it? Well, the answer is quite simple — it is not their decision. The muscles of your body do not decide, on their own, what to do. They are literally ordered or not ordered to do their job. In cases of infertility, I have found that the muscles are simply not able to take the egg from one end of the fallopian tube to the other. In most cases, it is the fault of the nervous system, which controls that very function. In most cases I have found that the culprit is a vertebral subluxation, generally in the lower part of the spine, which interferes with the manner in which the Fallopian tubes would normally function. By correcting the subluxation, and allowing the nervous system to be then able to control the function of those Fallopian tubes normally, couples, I have found, can achieve pregnancy.

So, if you have been having difficulties in this area, Please call us — we would like to help!

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then a full cleaning by a veterinarian will be necessary to give you a clean surface to start with. Never attempt to clean a dog's teeth during the first week after a veterinary cleaning as gums are often too tender during this time.

Adjunctive methods of keeping teeth clean should be used in addition to brushing teeth. Dental chews are available to help "brush" the plaque off teeth. When shopping for dental treats look for the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC) seal of approval. Water additives like AquaDent can be used in drinking bowls to help reduce the numbers of plaque causing bacteria. There are also special prescription dental diets that can dramatically reduce plaque formation. If you have any question whether or not your pet has dental disease and whether or not certain products are safe and effective please talk to your regular veterinarian.







Quick: what do Neil Gaiman, Zelda Fitzgerald, and H.L. Mencken all agree on? James Branch Cabell is their favorite author.

Today, he is largely remembered for his comic fantasy epic Jurgen, which was banned immediately after its publication in 1919. After a two-year legal battle the book was finally rereleased and its popularity certainly did not suffer from the publicity surrounding the court case.

Jurgen was always one of those books that was "on my list" of books to read which are important to the history of literature, but that I'm not sure I'll like. Because Cabell is so seldom read these days, at least in comparison to his immense fame during his lifetime, I figured that I would find it dated, irrelevant, and dull.

It turns out that *Jurgen* is so strange, and has such a silly and satirical sense of humor (no wonder, then, that Terry Pratchett also cites Cabell as a favorite), that its outdated style can easily be cut through to make it an enjoyable book.

Our hero Jurgen, a poet-turnedpawnbroker is off on a magical quest to find the meaning of life, love, the universe, and all that kind of stuff. Mythical creatures, a panopoly of gods, a handful of ghosts and other creatures all give him a different experience, but ultimately leave him unsatisfied. As he progresses through this fantasy universe, he also increases in stature, going from pawnbroker through various stages to Emperor, Pope, and for one brief moment, even sitting on the throne of God.

SCOTT GIVENS, BROWSERS BOOKSTORES, AND FELLOW REVIEWER, DAUGHTER, AMANDA GIVENS Ah, yes, I should probably explain the legal action against the book. The suit claimed that the book was indecent. The scenes in question were chock-full of sexual double-entendres: never is there a single explicit word or action, and the entire scene could be read by an eight-

year-old. Cabell's extensive use of doubleentendre is quite impressive, but this is the kind of stuff teenagers giggle about, and is hardly indecent. Instead, the heart of what Prohibition-era America both loved and hated about this book was its religious parody.

Jurgen discovers that heaven was, in fact, brought into being by an old woman's fancy. The Christian God is not who He claims to be, and neither is the devil. This, then, was the true moral outrage surrounding the book. The fact that Jurgen feels a deep sense of hopelessness and spiritual dissatisfaction should have given the book's prosecutors relief—this is not the straightforward denouncement of religion they claim it is. Instead, it is one of those strange creations of literature: a humorous fantasy that makes you think.

Ultimately, it is Jurgen's ridiculous ego and unstoppable optimism that drive the book. Parts of the book may be quite strange to modern readers, but Jurgen remains as entertaining and relevant as ever.



### **Military Tribute Truck**

This is our new military tribute truck, "Supporting Those Who Serve." We are going to begin a new program in which individuals or organizations with ties to the military, can be nominated by our customers to receive a cash gift in support from CoEnergy. This can be someone that has gotten back from a tour of duty in need of help or an organization benifiting military members that we can lend our support to.

If you know a member of the armed services who is in need or worthy organization, contact our office. Remember, these brave soldiers put their lives on the line for you and me. Some gave all, all gave some. Watch our website www.CoEnergy.net, or call our office for more details. 1.800.510.5886



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### Success in Less Than Perfect Times

Every business experiences stressful times that can upset the balance in the workplace, which in

turn also upsets the productivity and success of the business. When this happens, it is important to remember that it is still possible to work together to be successful during less than perfect times. When I see a workplace environment that has been affected in this way I am always reminded of the fable of the porcupine family.

It was the coldest winter ever in January.

Many animals were dying. The porcupines realized that their situation was not good. So they decided to huddle together. By grouping together they would be covered, protected and stay warm. But it caused a curious problem. The quills of each porcupine began to wound the one next to them.

After a while it was decided that it would be better to distance themselves from each other. However, it was too cold and one by one they began to die

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alone and frozen. So the remaining team of porcupines made a choice; either they accept the quills of their

companions or succumb to death.

Wisely they each made the decision to huddle back together. Though it wasn't easy, they learned to make it work and meet their goal to survive the

winter in warmth.

Creating an overall sense of teamwork in your business, despite less than perfect people or circumstances, is possible. It requires commitment to building

and maintaining a strong teamwork environment.

It seems appropriate to be reminded of the words of Henry Ford. "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Contact Complete Business Solutions today, your trusted resource for business services at (541) 981-9566 or at clientcare@complete-businesssolutions.com.

### **Thirty-One Gifts**

Thirty-One Gifts was founded in 2003 with one simple goal in mind – to help women by giving them the opportunity to run their own successful business.

I have been a part of Thirty-One since November 2013. Because of Thirty-One I have met so many amazing women, I get to travel, I have beautiful and fun bags and jewelry for any and every need and I have been able to raise thousands of dollars for friends and family.

What is Thirty-One Gifts? We are a direct sales company made up of women, and a handful of men, who love and sell our product. We have a lot of variety! Large and small totes, totes for shopping, large and small thermals, travel and duffle bags, purses, wallets, jewelry, cards, pillows, canvas wall art and so much more! We just launched our bonus summer catalog. What makes our product even better? Many of our products can be personalized with initials, names or short phrases.

### HOW DO YOU GET YOUR HANDS ON OUR AMAZING PRODUCTS?

My favorite way is by having a party! Bring your friends together for a fun shopping experience plus amazing rewards! Check out the rewards online or ask me. You can do a party face-toface, catalog or online. Whatever works best for you and your friends. I love

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You can also order anytime online through my website at www. mythirty-One.com/ katieglaser or contact me and I can place the order for you.

Each month we have different "monthly special". These items range from 40%-70% off. If you want to stay up to date on our monthly specials along with any outlet sales just let me know.

Now until the end of the year I am donating my fist \$50 or 10%\* (whichever is greater) of each party to Josh and Camille Bergh. My brotherin-law Josh was diagnosed with a brain tumor, a glioblastoma, on March 4th. It has rocked our family but with God's help we are getting through it together.

\*Does not include other fundraisers.

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There will be FREE horse and carriage rides.

The 1st 100 Moms in each store will receive a free carnation!

Rice's Pharmacy and Gifts, Willamette Valley Christian Supply, Taqueria Alonzo and Corvallis Outlet Store will be throwing the party of parties for Mom Saturday May 6th from 11am – 2pm!

The sales will run all weekend but the party and prizes and flowers and horse and carriage rides are 11am until 2pm. Bring your camera to capture Mom on that white carriage!

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