

Helping you find your way Home

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH
"You must do the things that you cannot do - you gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face." Eleanor Roosevelt

Congratulations to Jeff and Ryan! They both were winners of the word search contest and enjoyed two movie tickets. We hope everyone who played had fun.



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Portland Real Estate Market

With a median family income of \$67,900 (per HUD) in June, the month ending 2005's second quarter, Portland' median family has 29% more income than needed to afford the area's ever increasing median housing prices (\$239,000) due to continuously low interest rates (5.58 for a 30-year fixed mortgage per Freddie Mac). This was taken from the July issue of Market Action Published by RMLS.

New Website Launch

It is official we finally have our own website. Check it out at www.robynandjessica.com.

Water Conservation Tips

As the weather is warm, the sun is hot. And the rain is not plentiful at this time of year it is always helpful to remember how to conserve water. Here are a few tips. 1) Turn off the water while you are brushing your teeth. 2) Only water your lawn, outdoor plants, and garden early in the morning and late in the evening to save from evaporation. 3) Take a shorter shower or turn off water while shampooing and soaping. 4) Do not leave your outside faucets turned on unless actively watering as most nozzles leak, losing water.

Upcoming Fun Activity in Oregon

Get ready for fun for the entire family. It is the 40th Anniversary of the Mt. Angel Oktoberfest. The event is happening September 15-18. This community is perfect for Oktoberfest as it was settled by German pioneers in the 1800's and has a Bavarian charm. There will be 4 stages of live music, night street dancing, 60 food chalets and much more. For more information check them out on the web at www.oktoberfest.org Enjoy the festival.

Real Estate Trivia

What percentage of home buyers used a Real Estate Agent that was referred by (or is) a friend, neighbor, or relative? Send us the correct answer and you could be the lucky prize winner.

Wine Recommendations

These are some fabulous white wines perfect for the summer heat and to accompany grilled veggies, fish and chicken. Chateau Ste Michelle 2004 Columbia Valley \$9-10; Columbia Crest 2004 Two Vines, Columbia Valley \$6-7.50; Snoqualmie Vineyards 2004 Winemaker's Select Columbia Valley \$6-7.50; Bortoluzzi 2003 Pinot Grigio Venezia \$15-17.