

# Hillsdale holds annual pancake breakfast and book sale

THE COUNTRY STORE

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It's all about customer appreciation as fresh blueberry pancakes share the spotlight with used books and art at the annual Hillsdale Pancake Breakfast and Book Sale on Sunday, July 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pancakes and other breakfast favorites can be found at the Casa Colima parking lot.

Longtime Hillsdale community activist Rick Seifert is coordinating the eighth annual Book Sale along the sidewalk on the south side of Capitol Highway and at the Watershed Building (at the viaduct).

This year, artwork is being requested for the sale. The sale is benefiting the Hillsdale Community Foundation and Main Street Program.

Books and art can be dropped off every Sunday in July from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the north side of the Hillsdale Farmers Market.

Donations will also be accepted at the Hillsdale Main Street offices (1509 SW Sunset Blvd., Suite 2B) located behind McMenamin's Hillsdale Pub weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations are tax deductible.

"Please, no text books, outdated manuals or references," Seifert said. Also, no early admission will be allowed for

professional book buyers.

The foundation's first funded project was the bike plaza between Baker & Spice and the Food Front Cooperative. For more information, go to [www.hillsdalemainstreet.org](http://www.hillsdalemainstreet.org).

## Portland Ballet announces expansion

If you haven't seen any ballerinas lately in the windows of The Portland Ballet don't worry, it won't last.

The entire troupe will be locating temporarily to the studios of the Dance Academy building, 4620 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, just west of 45th Avenue in the Glen Cullen community. The phone number, website, email will all remain the same.

After 12 years in the current space, growing enrollments at TPB has reached capacity. The Academy and Company need a third studio; more dressing rooms; space to stretch and warm-up; and a larger, more comfortable lobby and offices.

A first-time grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, in the amount of \$70,000 will be used to advance *Building the Future*, the capital campaign supporting a 75 percent expansion of the ballet studio in the Hillsdale Town Center.

*Building the Future* seeks to raise \$170,000 for interior tenant improvements. So far, the campaign is at 73 percent of its goal.



It's not the Latin Quarter in Paris, but the 8th Annual Hillsdale Book (and Art) Sale promises some great finds. (Photo courtesy of Rick Seifert, Hillsdale News)

Ardys Braidwood, long-time Portland Ballet landlady, owner of the Hillsdale Shopping Center and other nearby properties, is lowering TPB's rental rate to aid the nonprofit ballet academy in recovering its costs from the expansion.

Located at 6250 SW Capitol Hwy, in the former Fulton Dairy garage built in 1919, the ballet company began renovating the space in 2000, opening its

doors on June 21, 2001.

The new Portland Ballet Studio will be 75 percent larger, expanding to 6,100 square feet from the current 3,500.

"The brisk support for *Building the Future*," commented artistic director Nancy Davis, "speaks to a clear understanding of how important the expansion is to the talented young dancers we train every day."

At time of this printing, groundbreaking was to begin on June 24 and to be completed by September 16, the start of the Ballet's 2013-14 curriculum year.

At the local Hillsdale Business Association, project organizers assured business owners of very little disruption of business in the area.

"Only three parking spaces will be lost on the east side of the building," said Jim Lane, managing director.

For more information on the project, please contact Cynthia Kirk at 503-330-1886 or [cynkirk@syntapdx.com](mailto:cynkirk@syntapdx.com).

## Hillsdale Business and Professional Association

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### Construction begins on new Wilson High School roof

At one point during the rainy weather of the last week of school, there were 10 buckets scattered throughout Wilson High School hallways collecting water dripping from the school's leaking roofs.

But no worries: Wilson is getting a new roof this summer!

Wilson High School will receive three acres of new roofing that will include roof-level seismic strengthening and the replacement of skylights and rooftop mechanical equipment.

Accessibility to the school for people with disabilities will also be improved.

The building will be closed for construction until August 28. The Wilson Pool and track/field will remain open all summer.

Neighbors can expect increased traffic, noise and dust from construction. Work may at times go as late as 8 p.m. for no more than 20 days this summer, and may also include three Sundays.

For more information visit the Portland Public Schools bond website: [www.pps.net/bond](http://www.pps.net/bond) or call 503-916-2222.

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