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Community Calendar

Last Kids Event Set For Blue Lake

The Especially For Kids summer series at Blue Lake Regional Park concludes Wednesday at 2 p.m. with Meet Dr. Wilderness, a magic show with music and games to make learning about nature fun. Admission is \$3 per car or \$6 for buses. The park is just north of Fairview between Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard.

Kids Bridge Travels To Portland

Children will discover the many cultures that make up Portland in "The Kids Bridge," an exhibit opening Saturday at the Oregon History Center, 1200 S.W. Park Ave. Children can try out games from other countries, peek in "neighborhood windows" and find out where to find diversity in Portland. Kids Bridge was developed by the Boston Children's Museum and is part of the Smithsonian Institution's Traveling Exhibition program.

Native Americans Celebrate Culture

A Native American Cultural Night will be held Wednesday, Aug. 10 at the Smith Memorial Center Ballroom at Portland State University. There will be story telling, dance, traditional drumming and dancing, refreshments and a raffle. Contact Selene Rilatos at 1-800-922-1399 for more information.

Peace Honored At Hiroshima Event

Remembering Hiroshima, Honoring Young Peacemakers is the topic for a special gathering Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Japanese-American Historical Plaza at Waterfront Park on Northwest Front Avenue and Couch Street. Music will be presented by the Cultural Recreation Band.

'Jesus Christ Superstar' To Visit

Performances of "Jesus Christ Superstar," a rock musical with 50 singers and a full orchestra, will be held Aug. 11-15 at the Civic Auditorium in Portland. Tickets are available at TicketMaster locations and the Portland Center for Performing Arts Box office. For more information call 224-0901.

PLEASE SEND COMMUNITY CALENDAR INFORMATION TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE THE ACTIVITY'S BEGINNING DATE.

Explorers Place First At Competition

Explorer Post 900 of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office has returned from a National Law Enforcement Conference in Bloomington, Ind. with a first place award for traffic accident investigation. The unit also won second place in crime scene searches.

The explorers are young men and women between the ages of 16 and 20. They competed with 3,500 other explorer posts from across the nation at the conference.

The local unit was founded in 1961 to give young people the opportunity to examine careers in law enforcement. Post 900 also assists sheriff deputies with crime searches for evidence, accident investigations, follow-up checks, abandoned auto checks, business security checks and traffic control at special events.



Inmates Give Helping Hand

Men at the Multnomah County Correctional Institute in Troutdale volunteer to build storage sheds and give something back to the community.

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON

A lot of public good is coming out of a construction project at one of Multnomah County's three correctional facilities.

Community volunteers and inmates are building three heavy-duty storage buildings this summer for donation to non-profit groups.

The sense of accomplishment is great for Ron Fisher and Jim Spinks, community volunteers who guide the construction in the yard of the county jail in Troutdale.

The inmates too, express a positive attitude. They're doing something worthwhile and learning practical skills and teamwork.

Each prisoner volunteers to work on the building. Construction materials are paid out of the inmates' own welfare fund. No taxpayer monies go into the project.

Inmate Donald Miller said he vol-

unteered "to give something back to society." Another inmate, Donald Miller, said people need to know there's something positive happening at the jail.

The community members are experts in building construction and drafting. They help transfer those skills to the inmates.

Before construction begins, the inmates draw a plan with three views, just as is done in the building trades. Full-size lumber is used and assembled to meet housing construction standards.

The project includes teaching the use of power tools, general tool safety and job site safety.

The finished buildings are 8 feet by 12 feet and feature composition shingle roofs, which are also applied by the volunteer inmates.

Lieutenant Walt Jacobson, commander of the Troutdale facility, said eventually about 30 to 40 inmates will be involved in some aspect of the construction.

Last year, four of the buildings were built



Plans are drawn to build to construction standards.

and donated to community organizations.

Jacobson is still looking for one more non-profit group interested in obtaining

a storage shed for this year. He can be reached at the Multnomah County Correctional Facility at 248-5080.

Summer Schools End Year With Picnics

Parents, Sponsors Join Kids At St. Andrew's Camp



St. Andrew's Summer Camp children join parents and camp sponsors in singing before a barbecue.

St. Andrew's Holds Summer Camp Barbecue
The charcoal was lighted and the tennis shoes laced at a special barbecue for parents, friends and sponsors of the St. Andrew's Summer Day camp.

The event was held last Wednesday at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 806 N.E. Alberta St. Grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and salads were served. A slide show was presented to feature the accomplishments of the camp.

There was also time set aside for the sponsors, parents, children and staff to participate in some friendly sporting events.

"It's an excellent example of the community coming together to provide a safe, fun-filled and rewarding summer activity for at-risk, inner-city youth," said Terry Shields, the camp's assistant director.

About 55 area boys and girls were enrolled in the four-week summer day camp which concluded Tuesday. The camp was

affordable to those with a limited income because of over \$30,000 in cash and donated services from foundations, corporations and individuals.

"It's everyone's responsibility to improve the neighborhood," said Robert Hughley, camp director. "We thought it would be great to bring everyone together for an afternoon to show that this is a community effort."

Hughley said it's important for the people who supported the camp to observe the ac-

complishments.

"When they see the smiling faces and the children playing or painting together they know that their contribution directly benefits the community," he said.

The day campers, ages 6 to 11, participated in a variety of activities over the period, including trips to the coast, OMSI, the zoo, and bowling. They also concentrated on character development and leadership training.



Elnora McCloud and her son, Bubba, enjoy a party for end of summer school at King Elementary.