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Community Calendar

Tax planning help

Sustaining a profitable business takes hard work and dedication, but it also takes tax smarts. A free brochure addressing a variety of tax topics including tax basics, tax trimming tips for the small business and changes made by the 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act is available from the Oregon Society of CPA's, by writing to P.O. Box 4555, Beaverton, OR 97076-4555.

Scrabble tourney

Local word game lovers will shake their Scrabble tiles, rattle their brains and roll through 13 rounds of competition at the Portland Fall Scrabble tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn, Portland International Airport.

Concert at Old Church

Pianist and composer Michael Allen Harrison will kick off his Christmas series performing two concerts Dec. 17 in the Old Church Concert hall as a joint benefit for the Oregon Donor Program and the Old Church Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance from all Fastix outlets.

Hanukkah fair

Gifts, books, fine art, jewelry, gourmet foods, toys, children's clothing, specialty items and more will be available at the Festival of Lights Hanukkah Fair, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 S.W. Capitol Hwy.

Voice of the heart

Project Quest hosts Voice of the Heart, a time of remembrance for those who have died and a time to hold dear those who are living with AIDS. Bring a picture or memento of your loved one to share in an evening of local music and delectable desserts, Sunday, Nov. 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Subud House, 3185 N.E. Regents Dr.

Stars on Ice

Tickets for Scott Hamilton's Discover Stars on Ice are now on sale for his upcoming show Jan. 2 at the Rose Garden in Portland. The performance, with its array of Olympic and World skating champions, has been voted best touring ice show by the Professional Skaters Association.

Benson Thanksgiving

Portland's historic Benson Hotel will offer an old fashioned Thanksgiving delight with an array of homemade breads. An exhibit, featuring 100 loaves of breads in an assortment of shapes and sizes, will be on display in the hotel lobby from Monday through Dec. 2.

Wild Arts Festival

A show and sale celebrating nature in art, crafts and books, featuring pottery, jewelry, wildlife art, sculpture, garden art, fabric art and natural history books will be held Nov. 28-30 at Montgomery Park.

Volunteer opportunity

Parents Anonymous of Oregon is looking for volunteers to make a difference in the lives of families. Education and excellent on-going support is an integral part of the program. As you help others, you learn valuable skills and enhance your career development. Call Lynette at 238-8819.

Stop cycle of prejudice

A Dynamic Differences workshop, providing information, guidance and support to people who want to learn how to stop the cycle of prejudice and oppression, will be held Dec. 9 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Interim City Hall, 1400 S.W. Fifth, seventh floor. Presented by the Metropolitan Human Rights Center, the session is free and open to the public.

Learn infant, child CPR

Red Cross will offer infant and child CPR at 3131 N. Vancouver, Dec. 1 and Dec. 3 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information call 280-1440.

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Northeast residents are community treasures

Jeannie LaFrance of northeast Portland's Bradley-Angle House, received one of the top three honors at the fourth annual Portland General Electric and Technical Assistance for Community Services Awards.

LaFrance and five other residents of the north and northeast community were among 15 people honored as Community Treasures.

The others were Ricarda "Riki" Brown of the North Portland Youth and Family Shelter, Johnnie A. Cage of Portland House of Umoja, Trace Manning of Central City Concern, Marjorie Phillips of Sabin Com-

munity Development and Jo Ann Rauch of St. James Lutheran Church.

The event, which highlights the contributions and accomplishments of the area's most dedicated nonprofit workers, has hosted by Peggy Fowler, PGE president and chief operating officer, distribution operations and Gwyneth Gamble Booth, chair of the PGE-Enron Foundation.

The 100 ward nominees were joined by their nominators and community leaders in the celebration.

All the nominees received a beautifully designed commemorative booklet featuring the story of their contribution and their picture.



Marjorie Phillips



Jeannie LaFrance



Yule tree delivered to city's 'front room'

A crowd gathers Monday as the 1997 Christmas tree arrives on a flat bed truck in downtown's Pioneer Courthouse Square. The tree will be lit for the holiday season on the day after Thanksgiving.

Photo by M. Washington

Career day for high schoolers

Urban League sponsors Dec. 6 event

High school students can learn more about career choices by attending the 24th annual Career Awareness Day on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Portland State University's Harrison Hall. The free annual event is presented by the Urban League of Portland. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Career Awareness Day provides young people with information about dozens of career fields, school to work opportunities, internships with local employers and scholarships. "It's never too early to begin thinking about what you want to do after high school," said the Urban League's vice President of Programs Brian A. Black. "Career Awareness Day gives students an idea of some of the options they have and some of the skills they'll need to excel."

The event will include a Career Fair where students can meet with representatives from many employers. Participating employers include Regence/Blue Cross & Blue Shield, Oregon Health Sciences University, RR Donnelley and many others.



Fifth grader Kelly Krashow paints black bear paws on her dinner plate. (Photo by Neil Heilpern)

Culture learned with strokes of brush

BY NEIL HEILPERN

The children at Skyline Elementary school wanted to finish everything on their plates to help Native American children they have never met. Instead of food, the clear glass dinner dishes were receiving dabs of colorful paints from the children in the fourth and fifth grade class of Susan Morris of Northeast Portland.

Nature designs and American Indian motifs were drawn on paper plates which were placed underneath the glass plates as guides for the paintings. There were crows and mythical Phoenix birds, arrow designs, black bear paw prints, trees and animals. Reflecting on the project and their Native American studies, fourth grader Jessica Newcomer told The Portland Observer, "It helps us understand what they do."

Fifth grader Miles Pengilly excitedly related the class's plans to experience a modified "vision quest" as they study various northwest Indian groups, draw murals about Indian life and other projects. "It's really fun," he said. "It is research, but it helps us understand Native Americans and it is kind of living like them. I feel we are connected."

During the vision quest, students will gather around a fake fire, talking about what it was like for early Indians in the northwest and what trader gatherings must have been like at nearby Sauvie Island.

The plates will be sold at "Our Children's Store" at the downtown Galleria, with profits from the holiday sales going to the Indian Child Welfare Association and the Linton Community Center. The sale begins Dec. 3, when a party will be held at the Galleria for the children from all seven participating schools and for people from various charities.

Each class in the project chose the charities that would benefit from the sales of their specific art objects. The school's project is one of several in Portland Public Schools that connect students with disadvantaged youngsters in the community.

"They don't have what we have," said fourth grader Marc Wiater, hoping the proceeds would buy "food, blankets and shelter."

Guest artists Susan Bard and Vicki Cridland, both of northeast Portland, were on hand to help the children with several projects. "It is wonderful they get exposed to cultural differences," said parent Debra Marsh, whose husband is a fish biologist that works for various Indian tribes. "We even take the children for visits to pow wows at the Warm Springs Reservations."

As the 27 plates sat on a table, drying in sunlight coming through the classroom windows, teacher Morris looked forward to the receiving American Indian names and having a potluck gathering the first week in December.