

## Shuttle Brings Area Residents to the Coast

Many senior citizens do not get a chance to travel and see the things that they normally would due to old age, frailness, poor health and lack of transportation.

But there's help, thanks to R. Lee Dean, the former coordinator of the Safeway Senior Shuttle.

Dean was involved in the cooperative effort this spring and summer to bus seniors to the Safeway on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Renaissance Grocery on Killingsworth.

But on Aug. 15, Dean started shuttling seniors on other trips, not associated with Safeway.

Dean transported a group of seniors to the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport. Some of them had never been before and others had not even seen the coast for over three decades.

The trip was co-sponsored by Dean's event and meeting planning company, Concepts Unlimited and Bethel AME Church.

Concepts Unlimited reserves charter buses with bathroom accessibility and which are accessible for people with disabilities.

Dean said the trips are scheduled monthly with future destinations that include a guided tour of the beautiful new Oregon Garden in Silverton and Sea Lion Caves in Florence.

For more information, call Dean at 503-993-2952.



Local residents Kathy Lavery (from left), Birdie Nipper, Louis Bills, Raymond Eaglin and Lee Dean enjoy a day on the Oregon Coast thanks to Dean's senior shuttle.

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## Safeway, Yoplait Support Race for the Cure



Cancer survivor Susan Latham of Portland.

Area residents are invited to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure by participating in a Safeway promotion to raise money for breast cancer research and prevention.

Safeway and Yoplait yogurt will donate \$1 for every ten, 6-ounce Yoplait yogurt containers sold in Portland-area Safeway stores, up to \$10,000.

Safeway is saluting Susan Latham, 57, a local Portland survivor, who has agreed to share her experience as part of the effort to raise breast cancer awareness. Her photo and personal message will appear within Safeway stores as she urges her local community to remember that no one is immune from this disease.

The in-store promotion will run from Sept. 2 through Sept. 16 in all local Portland Safeway stores.

The race itself will take place downtown on Sept. 16.

## Belmont Arts Festival Saturday

The Belmont Arts Festival, hosted by the Belmont Art Center, 916 S.E. 34<sup>th</sup>, will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Look for booths and stages, featuring artist demonstrations, an array of arts and crafts vendors, area non-profits, social action agencies and continuous entertainment.

Budding young artists can express themselves with clay, chalk, paint, costume making and face painting. Highlights in the Kids Area include a "Joy Jump" and a sidewalk children's parade scheduled for 3 p.m., sponsored by American Family Insurance.

For more information contact T. Oliver at Blue Catfish Studios at 503-872-8793.

## Students Do Better on State Tests

(AP)—Oregon high school sophomores have turned in what is believed to be their best performance in the 10-year history of state-mandated tests.

Despite the performance, only a third of 10th-graders met all the requirements of the Certificate of Initial Mastery, which all stu-

dents were supposed to pass when Oregon approved its school reforms last decade.

The Oregon Department of Education reported that 57 percent of sophomores passed the math problem-solving test, but also estimated that just 33 percent of sophomores passed all five tests.

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