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2006 Subaru Outback 2.5 i Limited Wagon with All Wheel Drive

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Subaru developed the first crossover sport wagon about ten years ago, with the five-door Outback, which works like a tall station wagon or dropped-down SUV. It uses the Legacy platform but rides higher due to the elevated suspension. The crossover vehicle industry has grown since then.

The base Outback is the \$25,420 2.5i (all prices include a \$625 destination charge), equipped with a 2.5-liter, four-cylinder, horizontally-

opposed boxer-style engine and a five-speed manual transmission. The engine makes 175 horsepower and 169 lb.-ft. of torque, but it doesn't feel sluggish unless you saddle it with the optional four-speed automatic transmission. Standard equipment includes an eight-way power adjustable driver's seat, tilt steering wheel, floor mats, cruise control, a 120-watt stereo with CD player, a trip computer, and air conditioning. Of course, power



Tested Vehicle Information: \$28,744 Price; 2.5 Liter Engine, 4 cylinders; Manual five speed Transmission.

windows, locks, and mirrors are included in the base price, along with keyless entry.

The Outback 2.5i, offers leather-lined interior in the Limited model at \$28,220, which also

includes body-color door handles and side mirrors, a panoramic sunroof, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, an in-dash six-disc CD changer, and dual-zone automatic climate control.

Subaru's normally aspirated boxer engine is a real gem, especially connected to the five-speed manual. Don't let the horsepower rating fool you, this car gets off the line quick and features a delightful engine grumble and vibration as the revs

climb. It has plenty of get up and go for the start of acceleration.

The 2006 Subaru Outback is a wagon with no equal when it comes to off-road capability and, with a powerful engine lineup and sharp reflexes on pavement, you'll find it fun to drive even when the weather isn't terrible. A small backseat will keep it from competing with larger-capacity SUVs, but for the family of four looking for stylish transportation for all seasons, it could be a perfect fit.

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Walk For Life Honors Portland Teen

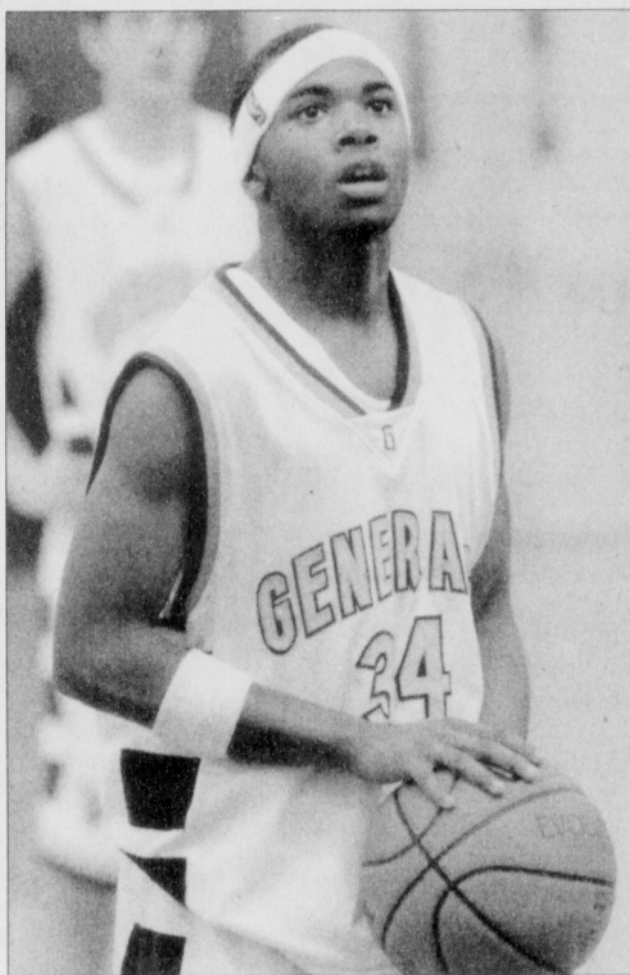
Eddie Barnett Jr. Foundation hosts Rose Festival benefit

The Eddie Barnett Jr. Foundation will host a 3.8-mile Walk For Life during the Rose Festival, Saturday, June 3 beginning at 9 a.m.

When Christeen Johnson lost her 16-year-old son to a heart condition last year, she started the foundation to create awareness for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), a form of degenerative heart disease Barnett was diagnosed with as an early teen.

Friends and family knew Eddie as "Eezy Baby" because of his smile, jokes and love for people. He was a talented basketball player from first grade till the day he died, collapsing on the Grant High School basketball court due to sudden cardiac arrest in February 2005.

Because of Johnson's foundation, in July 2005 a bill was signed into law in Oregon, making Automatic External Defibrillators mandatory in every health and fitness center and school district. The law is named the Graeme Jones and Eddie Barnett Jr. Memorial Act, and now several Portland-area schools own an automatic



Eddie Barnett Jr.

defibrillator, a piece of equipment that some believe might have saved Barnett.

Because of who and what Eezy Baby was, his legacy will live on through the awareness, education and support for an estimated 300,000 people in the United States living with HCM. Those who'd like to make a difference in the name of Barnett and others diagnosed with HCM can participate in the Walk For Life.

The Rose Festival-sanctioned four-mile walk starts at Jefferson High School at North Commercial and Killingsworth and finishes at Grant High School at Northeast 33rd Avenue and Thompson.

Mayor Tom Potter and Oregon Rep. Mark Hass are scheduled to attend, and a celebration at Grant with music, vendors, info booths and more will follow the walk.

Registration is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. Pre-registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. the day of the event. To pre-register or find more information, visit www.eddiebarnettjr.org or call 503-756-8541.

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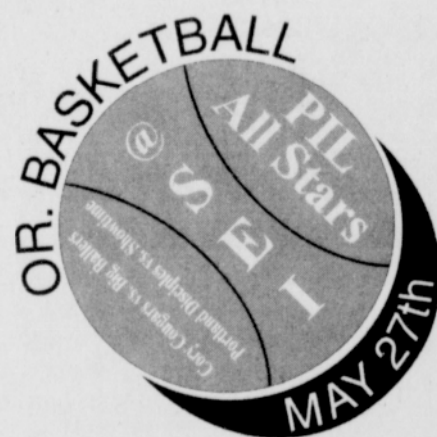
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