

Jefferson Opens Community Room

All families and people from the Jefferson neighborhood are invited to drop by Community Room at Jefferson High School for coffee and conversation on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. While adults are visiting, there is a play area with toys and books for children.

"Besides coffee and cookies, families and friends of Jefferson can find out about the great things happening at Jefferson and have the opportunity to learn how they can help make even greater things happen," said Sheila Warren.

"We're recruiting volunteers to help in lots of ways because

we know that students and schools are most successful when they are supported by active family and community involvement," Warren added.

Jefferson administrators made this large, inviting room available. Volunteers Jonnie Anderson, Norma Godfrey and Jan Meskimen also worked hours to make the dream come true.

For the safety of students and the security of Jefferson school, visitors are asked to sign in at the Main Office on the B floor. Visitors will then be directed to the Community Room.

'Death' of Celilo Falls Observed



Maya Lin

Site was ancient meeting place

Fifty years ago, the construction of The Dalles Dam inundated Celilo Falls, a place that for thousands of years served as a site for Native Americans to trade, socialize, fish and perform ceremonial rituals.

To observe this anniversary, Portland State Professor Katy Barber has organized "Celilo Stories," a series of public programs.



Indians fishing at Celilo Falls 50 years ago before The Dalles Dam inundated the historic site.

A public conference held at The Dalles this weekend and sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities will serve as the main event in an effort to recognize, honor, reflect and serve as a catalyst to engage Columbia River communities in exploring the history and meanings of an ancient meeting place.

Maya Lin, famed artist and designer best known for the Vietnam

Memorial and artist for the Confluence Project will also participate in a traditional blessing ceremony at Celilo Falls Park on Sunday, March 18, to conclude the conference.

"The 50th anniversary of the death of Celilo Falls is an important time to remember the loss, but the conference hopes to instead commemorate the resistance and recovery of the land and the people,"

said Katy Barber, PSU professor and director of the Center for Columbia River History.

"The inundation of Celilo Falls symbolizes a larger series of losses to native people in the Northwest. Although most people recognize the cultural impact of 19th-century losses, fewer people are aware of the ongoing loss of Native American resources in the 20th and 21st century," Barber said.

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Family Night Brings Music, Fun

Portland Parks & Recreation's Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St., will host Family Night on Friday, March 16 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This is an opportunity for families to get together and enjoy live

music, crafts and other family-friendly activities.

Kinzel & Hyde, heralded by the Blues Free Press as "head and shoulders above the rest," will treat the audience to a performance the entire family will enjoy.

Also appearing are old-time roots musician Fred Anderson and 12-year-old guitarist phenom T.J. Moor.

Families will also be treated to a performance by the community center's very own Dishman Dancers hip-hop team.

Admission is \$3 per family, which includes the performances as well as snacks, crafts, face painting and family gym.

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Portland Blues Legend Dies at 55

(AP)—Portland Blues harmonica player Paul deLay, a fixture on the Oregon music scene for more than three decades, died March 7 of leukemia. He was 55.

"He had been in and out of hospitals for 10 years" but no leukemia was detected until about 48 hours before he died, said band member and bassist Jimmy Lloyd Rea.



"He was the best harmonica player in the blues world," Rea said. "His big body — mind, heart and soul — was in every note he ever played."

DeLay recorded a dozen albums and won several awards.

In the early 1970s, he and then-drummer Lloyd Jones and guitarist Jim Mesi formed an electric blues

band called Brown Sugar and played the West Coast, laying a foundation for Portland's reputation as a blues city.

The Paul deLay Blues Band formed in 1976 and toured for more than a decade, but deLay battled alcohol and cocaine. They recently recorded albums such as "Ocean of Tears" and "Nice and Strong."

Obituaries

Father and Husband Remembered For His Laughs

Billy Joe Barr, 1949-2007

Once upon a time in Portland, Ore., on July 25, 1949 at 7:15 a.m., a bouncing baby boy named Billy Joe Barr was born. On February 21, 2007, Bill placed his hand in the Master's hand and went home to be with the Lord.

Barr's parents, Curtis and Leola, were happy to welcome their second child Bill into their home. As an active child who loved outdoors

life such as camping, fishing and all animals, especially pigeons, it really showed that Bill loved all God's creatures.

As a youngster, Bill was educated at Boise Elliot Elementary and Jefferson High School. In 1971 he joined "The Proud, the Few, the Marines."

After his discharge, Bill worked for Crown Zellerbach, S.P.B.S. Railroad, Consolidated Freightways and Hanford Corp., until his retirement in 1990.

In 1980, he married Vivian Manning. The two shared 27 years of life's pain, struggles, joy and love.

Bill's love of his family and all who knew him showed the comedic side of his personality. For example, he had many nicknames for his sons, nieces and nephews, including Thin, Wacky, Fat Head, Neechie, Truck, Mad Dog 20/20, Dark and Fiddler.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, Curtis Barr; mother-in-law, Pauline Manning; grandparents, Homer and Penny Zackery; and sister-in-law, Mary Johnson. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Vivian; four children, Antoine, Alexandria, Chanel and Giovanni Barr; his mother, Leola Barr; his

father-in-law, Willie D. Manning; two sisters, Rev. Deborah Wallace, Demetra Ned (Forrest); three brothers, Curtis Barr, Carl Barr, Kenneth L. Barr; uncle, Homer (Butch) Zackery; six grandchildren, 16 nieces and nephews, 44 great nieces and nephews; four great-great nieces and nephews; three sisters-in-law, Shirley Manning, Pamela Robinson and Bobbie Wilson; and two brothers-in-law, Willie P. Manning and Eddie Manning. And in addition, Bill leaves a host of relatives, friends and church family.

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Caring Father Was Honest and Unique

Louis F. Holcomb was born on June 6, 1915 to Mary Williams in Edna, Texas.

Louis came to Portland, Ore. in his younger years, and has been here every since. In 1963 he met Beatrice and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who provided for his family whom he loved so dearly. He was a real man, a man who stepped up to the front of the line and raised his daughters Barbara and Sharon as if they were his children. For within his heart they were and always would be daddy's little girls. He was the father whom they loved and cherished with all of their hearts.

This caring and heart-giving man was not one who gave in easily, you had to know how to get into his heart, which really was easy in a sense, because he loved everyone in his own special way. He stood for honesty and was outspoken and

unique in all ways, sincere in every way, and the dad and grandfather who was highly intelligent and a very hard worker who was a role model for all of us. He was a leader here on earth, and now has begun a new life to continue the love with his soulmate Beatrice. He was put here to motivate his family to do better with their lives, because he believed in changes. We will miss him tremendously, for he touched our lives in more than one way.

Preceding him in death is his wife of 40 years, Beatrice Kemp; daughter Barbara Kemp; and mother Mary Williams. He leaves to cherish two daughters Dorothy Allen and Sharon Kemp; two sisters Willie and Lizzie of Edna, Texas; one son, nine grandchildren, 15 grandchildren and a host of extended family and friends who loved him dearly.

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Departed Was Honored in His Community

Nathan Nickerson, 1921 - 2007

Funeral services were held March 3, 2007 at Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church in Portland for Nathan Welcom Nickerson, who died Feb. 25 at age 85.

Nickerson was born to Ezekiel Watson Nickerson and Isabel Lankford Nickerson in Denver, Colorado on May 25, 1921.

He graduated from Bishop College in Marshall, Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. Nickerson married Myrtle Louise Johnson in 1944. He then taught chemistry and coached basketball in Ruston, La. The two moved to Portland in 1946. To this union, five children were born.

During his career Nickerson had many jobs, including recreation director at the Knott Street Community Center for the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, deputy director and interim director for the Urban League and executive director of the Center for Community Mental Health.

The "Nathan Nickerson Treatment Center" in North Portland was named in his honor, as well as many other awards received for his community service.

His passion was tennis, tennis and tennis, which he competed in into his sixties. He also enjoyed reading, public speaking and card playing.

Nickerson loved mentoring young people, and as an employment specialist, he helped many people secure success through good jobs.

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