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## Community Calendar

### Winter 'ZooVentures'

Dec. 26 through 28 and Jan. 2 through 4, the Oregon Zoo hosts the winter-break day camp filled with lots of adventures for kids, kindergarten through fourth grade. For more information visit oregonzoo.org or call 503-220-2781.

### YWCA Clark County Volunteers

Do you want to make a difference in your community, become a volunteer? Caring individuals are encouraged to attend an 'Introduction to Volunteer Services' to be held at the YWCA, 3609 Main St. in Vancouver on Tuesday, Jan. 15, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Call 360-696-0167 to see how you can help.

### Penguins, Penguins, Penguins

Saturday, Jan. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon, children ages 5 to 7 will learn all about these unusual birds at the Oregon Zoo with adult accompaniment; to learn more, visit oregonzoo.org or call 503-220-2781.

### Portland Copwatch Meets

Tuesday, Jan. 22, Portland Copwatch invites those who wish to volunteer or those interested in police accountability issues to attend a free orientation at Laughing Horse Books, 12 N.E. 10 Ave., beginning at 7 p.m. For reservations, call 503-236-3065.

### Fix-It Fair

Saturday, Jan. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lents School, 5105 S.E. 97th Ave., will host a free city of Portland sponsored fix-it fair, providing information about topics such as: gardening, home health and safety and energy conservation. Free childcare on site. For more information, visit portlandonline.com/osd or call 503-823-4309.

### Wonders of the Winter Sky

Monday, Jan. 14, at 7 and 8 p.m., the Mt. Hood Community College Planetarium Sky Theater, located under the Gresham campus library, has Director Doug McCarty hosting a fascinating look at our beautiful winter night's sky; admission is \$1, and seating is limited.

### Marvelous Bats

Sunday, Jan. 6 through Tuesday, Jan. 8, children ages 3 to 5 will have the opportunity to learn the truth about the grinning bats at the Oregon Zoo; for more information, visit oregonzoo.org or call 503-220-2781.

### Guitar Zero to Guitar Hero

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 9, Mt. Hood Community College will offer guitar classes for beginners; classes will be held at Walt Morey Middle School, 2801 S.W. Lucas Ave. in Troutdale. The fee is \$59. For registration information, call 503-491-7572.

### Advocates Needed

Volunteer advocates and investigators are needed to serve as ombudsmen for residents of nursing homes, residential care facilities, assisted-living and adult foster-care homes; training and certification begins Thursday, Jan. 10. For more information on how you can get involved contact Kathy Walter at 800-522-2602.

### Remodeling and Design Classes

Saturdays, beginning Jan. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, Mt. Hood Community College Gresham campus will educate homeowners on a broad range of how-tos; for more information contact 503-491-7118 or email braysonm@mhcc.edu.

### Simulator Thrill Rides

Currently thru Jan. 31, the Oregon Zoo presents this latest adventure for a \$3 winter rate in addition to zoo admission, for more information, visit oregonzoo.org.

### Learn to Make Recycled Art

Portland Community College is offering the hands-on training to create art from recycled materials; classes will be held at the ReBuilding Center, 3625 N. Mississippi Ave. Call 503-731-6622 for more information.

### AARP Driving Refresher Course

Tuesday, Feb. 5 and Thursday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark, will offer the two-day AARP class designed for ages 50 and older; students with completion certificates become eligible for insurance discounts; \$10 fee, to register visit mhcc.edu or call 503-491-7572.



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Patricia 'Pat' Trice's delicious ice cream and luncheon specials draws customers to Nana's Scoop Shop, a small business she and her husband started across from the U.S. Bank parking lot between Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Garfield Avenue.

## Entrepreneur Turns Dream to Reality

### Nana's Scoop Shop builds on success

Patricia "Pat" Trice had a vision, put it to paper and then followed up on the details to open Nana's Scoop Shop, located across from the U.S. Bank parking lot between Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Garfield Avenue.

"I'm told that we have the best ice cream in town. Not to mention the price is right," Trice said.

Other featured menu items at Nana's, include a good cup of coffee with homemade pound cake to die for! There's hot soup on Tuesday and Wednesdays; Gulf Coast chili on Thursdays and Fridays, and down home seafood gumbo on Saturdays. And if that's not enough, there's sweet-potato cheesecake, banana-pudding cheesecake or the lemon cheesecake.

Starting a small restaurant was a new venture for a woman whose expertise was

in clothing custom designing and alterations.

"The Lord gave me a vision through a dream," she said. "My husband (Fred) and I had been praying for a financial breakthrough and the ice-cream shop or business was the answer the Lord gave us."

She said starting the business did not happen until she wrote out her vision on paper.

"I drew diagrams of the way the ice cream shop should look. I wrote menus, several names to call the business, equip-

ment, supplies, banners, business cards and flyers, etc. Each time I wrote the vision on paper, things began to happen," she said.

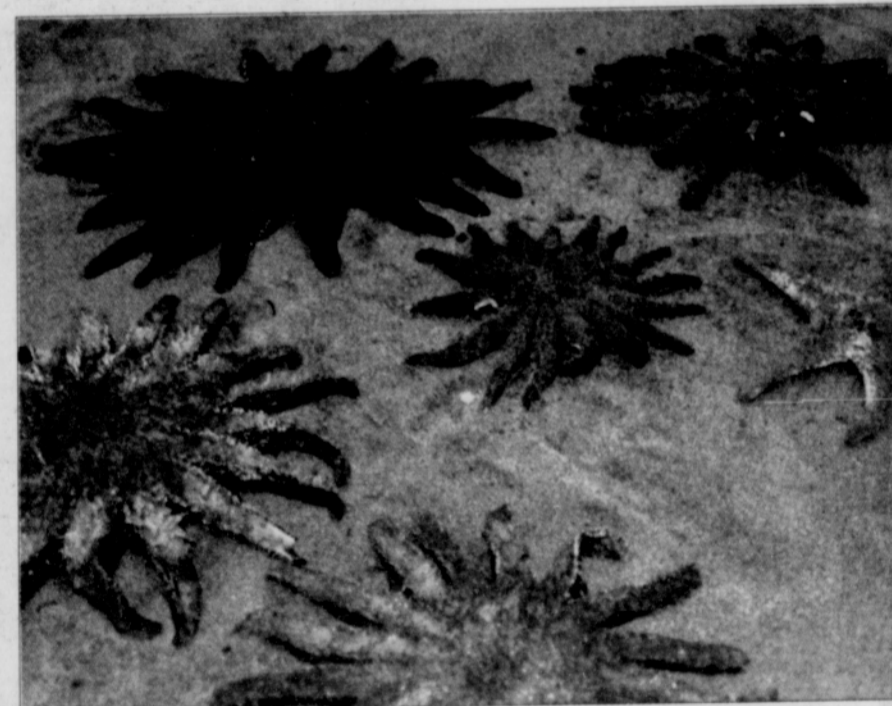
Trice said friends, relatives and even strangers helped her invest in the shop, and there were setbacks and disappointments, "but believe me I'm grateful for every trial, yes every last one."

Nana's Scoop Shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. To place an order or for more information, call Pat or Fred at 503-283-6312.

## Weird Stuff Appears on Oregon Beaches



The remnant of a rare butterfly crab washes up on the beach.



Winter storms washed up curious nuggets of nature on Oregon beaches, including this mass of sea stars.

### Good beachcombing follows storms

Thanks to recent winter storms, there are some curious nuggets of nature for people to see on the Oregon Coast – not to mention glimpses of damage of a historical nature.

In Cape Lookout, 1,200-year-old remnants of what many call a "ghost forest" have reappeared because of sand erosion.

Last winter, sand levels were scoured to about six to ten feet below normal on the north coast, revealing ancient stumps at Hug Point that Seaside geologist Tom Horning said could be as old as 80,000 years old – although it's likely they're around 4,000 years old as well.

The most dramatic find was north of Seaside, where the Seaside Aquarium's

Keith Chandler and Tiffany Boothe say the beaches between Gearhart and Warrenton were literally littered with various types of marine life.

After the huge storms of a couple of weeks ago, the aquarium crew counted 275 sunflower stars (*Pycnopodia helianthoides*), 25 giant pink stars (*Pisaster brevispinus*), 30 skate egg casings (most of which had already hatched), and tons of giant acorn barnacles (*Balanus nubilus*).

Another amazing find was an umbrella or butterfly crab (*Cryptolithodes typicus*). Although the crab was not alive, its alien-like appearance made it one of the best finds of the day.

Along with the numerous sea stars and egg casing were jellyfish, ascidians, various types of sponge, bryozoans, moon snail shells, hermit crabs, cockle clams, tubeworms, Dungeness crabs and black skate egg casings.

"Not very often do you come across a black skate egg casing," Boothe said. "They are much smaller than the big skate

egg casings, and hundreds of giant barnacles both dead and alive."

Also quite rare was the leather star, which is hardly ever seen above water in this part of the Pacific Ocean.

"It was a beachcomber's haven," Boothe said. "All along the tide line were animals you just don't typically see stranded on shore."

## Tree Recycling Hotline Opens

Recycling your Christmas tree after the holidays can create mulch or compost for area gardens and support nonprofit community groups that raise funds for projects.

A list of drop-off and pick-up services is available on the Internet at metro-region.org/trees or by calling Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000.

Nonprofit community groups and businesses will collect trees on the weekends of Dec. 29 and 30 and Jan. 5 and 6. A few will provide service on New Year's Day as well as on weekends in January. A small fee or donation is requested and supports the activities of Boy and Girl Scout troops, church youth groups, service organizations and school clubs.

The trees should be stripped of all decorations, lights, wire, nails and stands. Foreign materials can damage chippers and non-organic materials aren't good for compost. Also, remove frames and wire from wreaths, swags and garland before putting them into yard debris containers.

Residents whose garbage haulers collect yard debris can recycle trees at the curb if they are properly prepared. Because requirements and fees vary throughout the region, residents should call Metro Recycling.