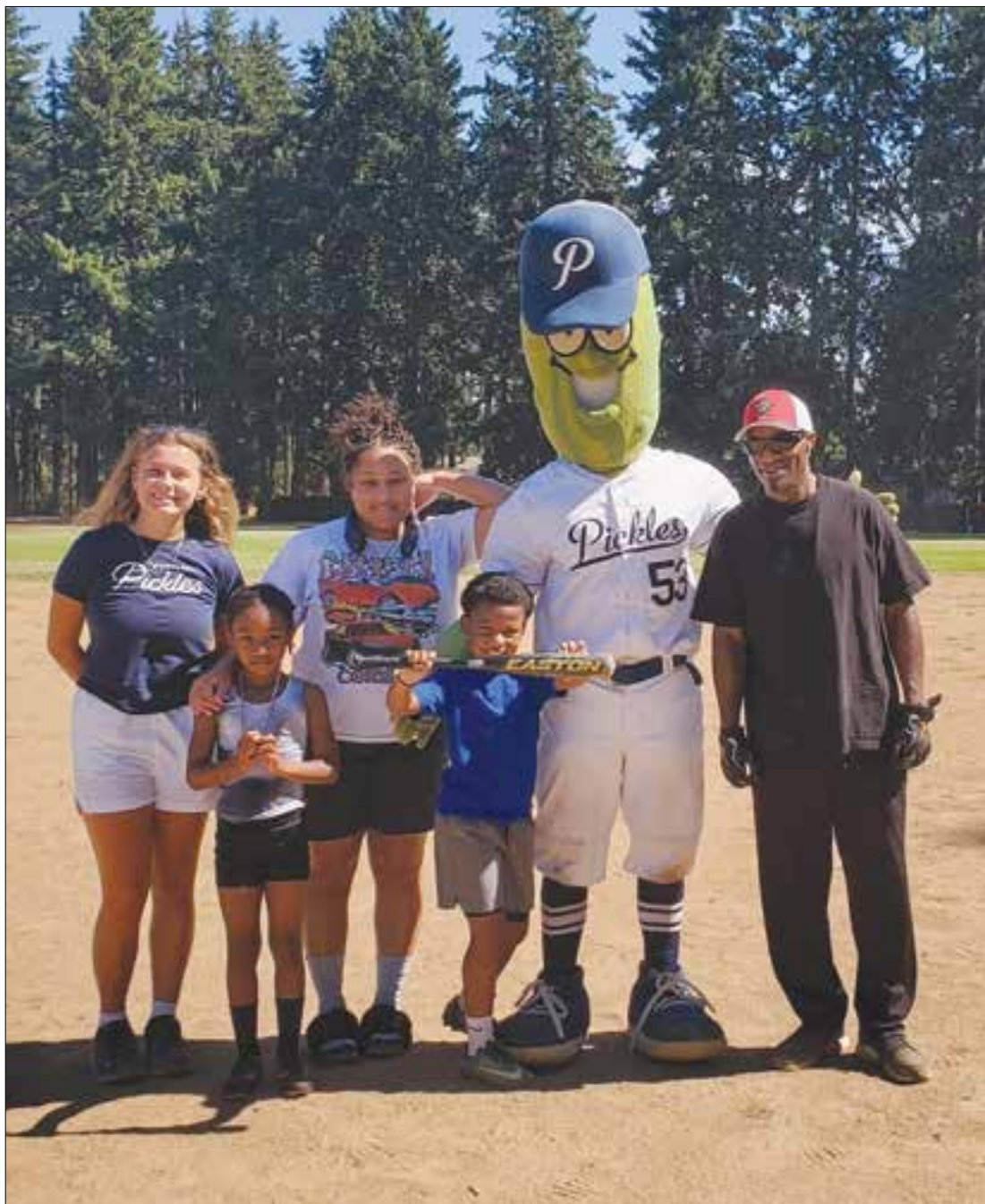


SPORTS

Rockwood Youth Foundation Summer Baseball!



Coach Ray and Dillon the Pickle at Rockwood Youth Foundation summer camp with camp goers.

Baseball for kids after season ends.

The Rockwood Youth Foundation is a non-profit organization organized and created by community members. Spearheading the efforts to bring Little League Baseball and Softball to the Rockwood area. Efforts are being made to have a league available this upcoming 2024 baseball season. So to help draw attention to the sports we created Summer Baseball. We're offering to organize pick-up games with umpires and scorekeepers, group training sessions, or one-on-one sessions for ages 5-17. Experienced or inexperienced we'll either show players the basic fun-

damentals of baseball/softball or help to strengthen developing skills. Rockwood Youth Foundation is working to make baseball and softball visible, and accessible for the families of the Rockwood area. Summer Baseball is our way of continuing play.

Baseball ends for a lot of families right after the Little League season ends and the best time to play is now through August. So we came up with Summer Baseball. Summer Baseball began on June 21st, 2023, and ends on August 26th, 2023. Since we started Summer Baseball has continued to hold ground gaining more support every day. We have received incredible support from the participating families in our Summer Baseball program and Play Grow Learn. We have four more weeks of Summer Baseball available so there is still time for

more games. To help push our efforts for baseball in Rockwood, we reached out to our Portland Pickles, and they responded. Pickles representative Lucy McCowen and Pickles mascot DILLION came to our Summer Baseball Summer Cookout this Saturday, June 29th, 2023, and spent some time with us and our families before they had to get to the game. GO PICKLES!!! Players got a chance to pitch too and receive pitches from DILLION they loved it, but a few had to get used to him. It didn't take long.

Thank you again, we look forward to working with the Pickles in the future. We also appreciate them for acknowledging our families and their desire for our families to grow along with their children. Much appreciated... Follow us on Facebook: Coach Ray's Baseball



From left to right Brindice Rodriguez, Kenny Haug, Mizhrua Bautista, Ryan Horiuchi, Brandon Broadus, Daisia Davis

Refurbished Court In Northeast Portland

Basketball court is complete and ready for use!

The Portland Basketball Courts Revitalization Project is a public/private partnership between Nike, Portland Trail Blazers, and Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R).

The endeavor has and continues to refresh and improve numerous courts throughout the Portland area. The project supports various PP&R programs in Portland including the bureau's Goldenball Youth Basketball, which celebrated its 85th season in 2022.

The Portland Basketball Courts Revitalization Project is funded by \$750,000 from Nike and \$300,000 from the Portland Trail Blazers. It's also a continuation of Nike's 2002 commitment to the Portland Parks Foundation to resurface outdoor basketball courts.

"Beautiful courts like the at McCoy Park make basketball available for so many Portland neighborhoods," says PP&R Director Adena Long. "This partnership benefits players of all ages and abilities, and we are proud to move forward to our next project – at Dawson Park – together." The new and improved Dawson Park basketball court is complete and ready for use.

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