

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Red Cross to Hold \$100 Gas Card Drawings Daily Through Sept. 30

The American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region will be giving away a \$100 gas card EVERY DAY through the rest of the month—that's \$1,000 in free gas.

From Sept. 20 through Sept. 30, all blood and platelet donors who present to donate at any American Red Cross donor center or mobile blood drive throughout Oregon and Washington will be entered in a daily drawing for a \$100 gas card. You must be 18 years of age to participate in the drawings.

"At a time when gas prices are nearly \$4 a gallon, we're pleased to reward donors with a chance to win a gas card and fill their tank on us," said region CEO Steve Stegeman.

For more information, or to schedule your donation, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

Justice and Equality for Women in the Catholic Church

Catholic women of Oregon and SW Washington hold their second annual march to raise awareness on sexism within the church.

'Planting the Seeds of Hope: Second Annual Gathering to Promote Justice and Equality for Women in the Catholic Church,' is Sunday, Sept. 25, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Shemansky Fountain, South Park Blocks in downtown Portland, Southwest Park and

Salmon Streets

One Spirit~One Call is a movement of Catholic women, begun a year ago, to share our deep concerns about the unequal treatment of women in the church. This event will offer women an opportunity to express our pain and our hopes in a thoughtful, prayerful way.

For more information go to www.one-spiritonecall.org.

Global Poetry Reading

Niche/Angst poet laureate and Ghost Town Poetry founder Christopher Luna invites Vancouver and Portland writers and artists to participate in the largest poetry reading in history on Saturday, Sept. 24.

100 Thousand Poets for Change, a global event uniting writers who believe in the power of language to create social and political positive change, is a grassroots effort in which anyone can participate.

The intention is to find ways to bring your message to the larger community through outdoor events and readings in non-traditional places. Each of you can create your own event or get together with a few friends. Starting at 1 p.m. Luna will be reading and writing poems outside Niche Wine and Art Bar, interacting with passerby and providing help and advice to poets who would like to participate.

However, in the spirit of the event, please feel free to initiate and execute your own activities. Then send all poems and photographs to christopherjluna@gmail.com or post them as a reply on our 100 Thousand Poets for Change blog: [http://www.big-](http://www.big-bridge.org/100thousandpoetsforchange/)

Housing Fair



JERRY FOSTER PHOTO

A Multicultural Housing Fair last Saturday drew prospective homeowners to the PCC Southeast campus. It was sponsored by the Asian and Pacific Islander Community Improvement Association.

bridge.org/100thousandpoetsforchange/

A Benefit for Schoolhouse Supplies Food, fun and funds

Come together Saturday, Oct. 1, Noon to 3pm at Oaks Park Bring the whole family

out for a fun filled afternoon. Chow down on Famous Dave's legendary home-cooked barbeque. Kick your heels up to the Oldies All Star band, test your back to school trivia and get your picture taken with the always-loveable, Pencil Pete.

Entry is a \$5 cash donation or equivalent in school supplies per person.

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday – Sunday September 22 – 25

CELEBRATION OF HONOR, CELEBRATING VETERANS & ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL IN LINCOLN CITY. The opening ceremony including a candlelight vigil will begin Friday, Sept 23 at 6 p.m. with a ride of honor at the wall, located in the Chinook Winds Casino Resort SE parking lot. Celebration throughout the whole town begins on Thursday and is city wide.

Friday September 23

50 & BETTER HEALTHY LIVING & RESOURCE FAIR. Get great free tips. There will be over 30 vendors

to help answer questions and give out information on healthy living. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Firstenberg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Saturday September 24

BIKES AND BEARS: TRANSPORTATION FAIR & BOKE RODEO: Bike fun and helpful information for all ages is planned during the annual Transportation Fair & Bike Rodeo, immediately following the Gresham Teddy Bear Parade from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Gresham Center for the Arts Plaza, second St and Hood Ave.

8TH ANNUAL HARVEST FUN DAY! Bring the whole family, as we will once again be making scarecrows, painting pumpkins, racing to shuck corn and eat pie and much more. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Clark County 78th St Heritage Farm, 1919 NE 78th St. Vancouver, WA

Sunday September 25

2ND ANNUAL ARAB FESTIVAL – MOHRAJAN: This festival is hosted by the Arab American Cultural Center of Oregon. The event will take place from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Fulton Community Center and is open to the public. 68 SW Miles St. (near SW Barbur Blvd. and SW Third St.)

Monday September 26

2ND ANNUAL BIKE TRAIN MEETUP. Bring your family and come meet other parents that bike to school, make bike buckets, family bike rentals and much more. Food will be provided. Providence Hospital Center – Cancer Clinic – Conference Room C, NE 47th and NE Glisan St. 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday October 1

DON'T LET MONEY BE YOUR BOSS. Money management workshop for women. Teachers survival skills for uncertain times. This workshop is for women only and specially designed with their needs in mind. Register by Sept. 28 \$10 includes lunch. NW Catholic Counseling Center, 8383 NE Sandy Blvd, Suite 205. For more info and to register please call 503-253-0964.

Saturday & Sunday October 1 & 2

THE WHEELMOBILE RETURNS TO CHINOOK WINDS CASINO: The wheelmobile road crew will be playing a live version of the Wheel of Fortune speed-up round. This is your chance. 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Both days! Must be 18 years old. Chinook Winds Casino, Lincoln City.