

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### A Benefit for Schoolhouse Supplies

Food, fun and funds for classrooms 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.

### Annual 'Blessing of the Pets' Oct. 2

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church will conduct its annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 2, 2011, in a special open-air event in the South Park Blocks immediately following its 10:00 weekly worship service. Animals and their humans will parade with pipes and banner on Clay Street to SW Park Avenue beside Portland State University for the blessing ceremony. The procession will step off from the church at 11:30.

The ceremony is in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, and is intended to remind us of the special place that our animals occupy in our lives and hearts. The first annual Blessing of the Animals took place at the Church of St. John the Divine in New York City, and St. Stephen's has continued the tradition on every St. Francis' Day for the past several years.

A special feature of this year's observance is the recitation of names of animals who are sick or who have passed on during the year. St. Stephen's offers this remembrance in honor of the joy that animals have brought to our lives in the past, and in recognition of the lessons in love, gratitude, and loyalty that animals teach us during the

time that they spend with us.

All pets and their human friends are invited to attend the service, or to simply have their pets blessed at the ceremony.

St. Stephen's is located at 1432 SW 13th Avenue at Clay near the PSU campus. Regular Sunday services are held at 7:45 and 10 am.

### Jane Goodall Speaks at Willamette University

Willamette University, in association with the Jane Goodall Institute, features a discussion between Dr. Jane Goodall and David Miller, host of Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Think Out Loud," on Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the university's Smith Auditorium, in Salem.

Doors open at 5:30 for "The Power of Youth is Global." There will be a book signing following the discussion, and Jane Goodall Institute merchandise and memberships will be available. Goodall, world-renowned primatologist, conservationist and UN Messenger of Peace, will discuss Roots & Shoots, the Jane Goodall Institute's global environmental and humanitarian youth program. Goodall's discussion celebrates the 20th anniversary of Roots & Shoots and focuses on the global empowerment of youth, growing Roots & Shoots in the region and how we can work together to create a brighter future for all those who call this planet home.

For more information, call 503-370-6300.

### PCC Turns 50

PCC celebrates its 50th Anniversary with a kick-off celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 7 in Pioneer Courthouse Square. The program will feature entertainment and music, interactive exhibits from PCC programs, and refreshments from local businesses.

### Northeast Tree Drive



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Through Friends of Trees' Plant It Portland! campaign, homeowners in 24 North and Northeast Portland neighborhoods can buy trees for their homes for just \$35 to \$75 each. And during this planting season only, Cathedral Park and Roseway residents can order street trees at no charge. Add your name to the growing list of people who want trees at [www.Friendsofrees.org/BuyTrees](http://www.Friendsofrees.org/BuyTrees). The \$35 to \$75 fee includes the price of the tree, delivery, hole digging, planting assistance, stakes, and follow-up maintenance checks. You'll also be invited to join a neighborhood potluck after the planting. For more information go to [FOT@Friendsofrees.org](mailto:FOT@Friendsofrees.org) or call 503-282-8846 ext. 25. Learn more at [www.Friendsofrees.org](http://www.Friendsofrees.org). Photo by Toshio Suzuki

Kickoff highlights include: comments from Senator Jeff Merkley and PCC District President Preston Pulliams; the announcing of the 50 Diamonds Project for nominating and selecting 50 alumni who best exemplify PCC's spirit of opportunity, achievement and service; the pledge to contribute 50,000 hours service to the community during the

year; and alumni speakers from each of the last five decades will reflect on their experiences.

All year long, in honor of PCC's 50th anniversary, the college has pledged to donate 50,000 hours of service to the community.

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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](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

Saturday October 1 thru Sunday October 30

**2ND ANNUAL WOODEN SHOE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL:** Lots of activities are planned for this year's festival. A hay pirate ship, tube slides, ride the cow train through the corn maze and so much more. Admission is 4 and younger are free, 5-12

yrs. \$5, 13 & up \$6. hours are 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. every day Iverson Family Farm, 33814 S. Meridan Rd. Woodburn, OR For more info call 1-800-711-2006 or checkout the website at [www.woodenshoe.com](http://www.woodenshoe.com)

Saturday October 1

**UNDERSTANDING CANCER AND DIABETES:** Fresh start: Building Healthy Communities: Guest speaker Dr. Steven Bailey, author and naturopathic physician. 10 - 11:30 a.m. North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. Free admission. Seating is limited, please call for reservations 503-890-5393.

**DON'T LET MONEY BE YOUR BOSS!** Money management workshop for women. Teaches survival skills for uncertain times. This workshop is for women only and specially designed with their needs in mind. \$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.

Tuesday October 4

**GO GREEN '11 PORTLAND:** This is a one-day sustainability conference for businesses that will inspire, motivate and educate aspiring and established business owners to Go Green. The Garden Theater, 128 NW Eleventh Ave. 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information call 503-226-2377.

Friday October 7

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