

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

OES Holds Talk on Islam

Dr. Michael Sells, one of the nation's pre-eminent authorities on the Quran, will present a public lecture at 6 p.m. Nov. 30 at Oregon Episcopal School, 6300 SW Nicol Rd., Portland. Dr. Sells, a professor of Islamic history and literature at the University of Chicago, will speak about his book, *Approaching the Quran: The Early Revelations*, reflecting on creating the book and both the supportive and controversial response it has elicited. His visit is sponsored by Oregon Episcopal School and the Muslim Educational Trust. Admission is free, and a reception and book signing will follow the lecture.

Sells will also deliver a Teacher Development Workshop at 11 a.m. Dec. 1 at the Muslim Educational Trust, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Tigard, OR 97223. Cost: \$20 (Including Lunch). Register: Call 503-579-6621 or email metpdx@metpdx.org. Space is limited. Please call today to reserve your spot.

For information contact Martin C. Jones, Oregon Episcopal School, 503-416-9370, jonesma@oes.edu or Rania Ayoub, Muslim Educational Trust, 503-579-6621, raniamet@gmail.com

Bids Opening for Southwest Washington Teen Service Providers

The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) is requesting proposals for the delivery of services to in-school and out-of-school, low-income youth ages 16-21 years old in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I. Total funds available are expected to be approximately \$1.3 million. Actual allocations will not be known until May 2013.

The RFP can be downloaded at www.swwdc.org. A bidders' conference

will be held Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2012 from 9 - 11 a.m. at Clark College, Penguin Union Building, Room 258B. Please email your intent to attend to info@swwdc.org. Proposals are due Jan. 18, 2013, by 5 p.m.

The goal of the program is to ensure SW Washington youth are prepared for post-secondary success and serve as a skilled and qualified pipeline to fill local area workforce demands. Specifically, successful bidders will work with eligible youth to assist them as necessary in completing their secondary education, developing work readiness and occupational skills, transitioning into post-secondary education and training and/or employment.

For more information about the SWWDC, its programs, and WIA related resources, visit www.swwdc.org.

Beaverton Project Collects Gift Items for Needy

The city of Beaverton is helping local families and children in-need this holiday season by seeking donations of food, toys, gift cards and winter coats from Nov. 19 through Dec. 14.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted at Beaverton City Hall, both Beaverton City Library locations, various city-owned buildings and partnering businesses. Non-perishable food donations will also be accepted at Beaverton City Hall and the Beaverton City Library.

Donations of new and used coats will be collected at Beaverton City Hall, and donations of gift cards will be accepted in the city's Neighborhood Program Office, located on the first floor of Beaverton City Hall.

Toys will also be accepted during the city of Beaverton's Tree Lighting & Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 7 from 5-8 p.m. at the Beaverton City Library.

The Tualatin Valley Gleaners will distrib-

Services for Hopson



A memorial service for former Deputy Superintendent Charles Hopson is Saturday, Nov. 24 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd. Dr. Hopson died Oct. 9 in Texas. He was 54.

The Oregon Alliance of Black School Educators (OABSE) has set up a Charles Hopson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Those wishing to contribute may mail their checks to OABSE in care of LaShawn Lee at PO Box 3109, Portland, Oregon 97203. More than \$500 has already been raised.

ute the toys to Beaverton's low-income youth and foster children throughout Washington County. Gift cards will be distributed through the Beaverton School District's Family Resource Center, and new and used winter coats will be given to the Beaverton

School District Clothes Closet.

For more information, please contact Lani Parr, Neighborhood Program Manager, at 503-526-2243 or lparr@BeavertonOregon.gov.

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Thursday November 22

12TH ANNUAL FREE THANKSGIVING FEAST-IVAL. Noon - 4 p.m. Thanksgiving dinner with vegan and vegetarian options and live music, story telling. Come join us on this special day. Donations welcome. Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave.

Friday November 23

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY. The day after Thanksgiving thousands of Portlanders will gather at the square to celebrate the lighting of the spectacular 75ft tree. With a big tree, colorful lights and Portland's largest community sing-along this is an event you won't want to miss. Pioneer Courthouse Square. Fun starts at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday November 24

THE NAACP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. At this meeting the slate of officer's will speak to the general membership. Noon - 2 p.m. Portland Community College, Cascade Campus, in the Margaret Carter Technology Building, Room 222.

Sunday November 25

CHRISTMAS FROM AFRICA FREE CONCERT. The Asante Children's Choir made up of children from East Africa. The choir is dedicated to spreading

love, hope and joy while raising awareness for the desperate plight of orphans and other vulnerable children. The evening will also include a meet and greet including African themed food. Free. Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave.

Monday November 26

NATIONAL CAREER FAIR. Meet face to face with top employers. Attendance is free for job seekers. Register at www.nationalcareerfairs.com and you will receive the company list on your online job fair guide. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Red Lion Hotel on the River, 909 N. Hayden Island Dr.

Thursday November 29

T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. Concordia University's George R. White Library and Learning Center cordially invites you to a presentation by Judith Nixon on the story behind Clement Moore's famous Christmas poem. Light refreshments will be served. Concordia University, 2811 NE Holman St. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.