

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

State Agencies Host Portland ‘Scam Jam’ Oct. 22

Consumers lose billions of dollars each year to frauds and scams and many of those scammed are older. According to a 2011 survey of fraud victims, 81 percent of investment fraud victims and 84 percent of lottery fraud victims were over the age of 55.

To help prevent these and other scams, three Oregon agencies are hosting Scam Jam, an educational program, on Tuesday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

Scam Jam is an educational and entertaining program and is designed to allow the audience to learn about today’s scams and schemes, such as Medicare fraud, insurance and investment fraud, online and door-to-door scams, identity theft and other scams that target older consumers.

The Scam Jam event, sponsored by AARP Oregon, DCBS, and the Oregon Department of Justice, is free but participants must register; go to www.ScamJamOregon.com or call 1-877-926-8300 (toll-free).

Participants will also receive free materials and refreshments.

Clackamas Community College: Employers Seek Holiday Workers at Retail Job Fair

Clackamas Community College is hosting

a Retail Job Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum at the college’s Oregon City campus. People seeking work in retail are welcome to attend and meet with potential employers.

The CCC Retail Job Fair is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Job seekers are encouraged to bring a resume and to dress as they would for a job interview.

The job fair is hosted by Clackamas Community College, the ACT-On retail grant, the CASE grant and the CCC Career Center.

For more information, please contact Jaime Clarke at 503-594-3497 or email mycareercoach@clackamas.edu.

Harvest Fest/Open House at the Cherry Sprout

To celebrate six years of serving loyal customers and open up their ‘house’ to new ones, Cherry Sprout hosts an in store Harvest Fest, Friday, Oct. 25, from 4-7 p.m., inside Cherry Sprout Produce, near Jefferson High School at 722 N. Sumner St.

The celebration includes: Local Winter Squash & Apple/Pear tastings, Hard Cider tasting, Wine tasting, Hot Mama Salsa tasting, A live spooky coloring contest for all ages, a Fun Photo Booth, Local Pumpkins, two for \$5, and a customer appreciation sale of 15 percent off of everything in the store (excluding beer and wine).

Cherry Sprout is a locally owned and inspired neighborhood market. Not only is it a place to get great deals on produce,

Documentary Film



A free showing of Eugene Jarecki’s documentary, “The House I Live In,” is Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 -9 p.m. in First Unitarian Church’s Eliot Chapel, 1011 SW 12th Ave., in Portland. The screening is co-sponsored by the First Unitarian Church of Portland’s Ending the New Jim Crow project and Partnership for Safety & Justice. This film examines the war on drugs and the resulting mass incarceration of over five million Americans, with hugely disproportional impact on African Americans and other communities of color, and poverty. Sundance Film Festival calls this “A masterpiece filled with hope and the potential to effect change.”

healthy snacks and tasty beverages, but Cherry Sprout is also a community space hosting a variety of art, music and cultural happenings. Check them out at www.cherrysprout.com.

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Friday October 18

HARVEST FESTIVAL. Carnival games and crafts to get you in the Halloween mood. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central. For more info call 503-823-3192.

Friday – Monday October 18 – 21

THE FRIENDS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY’S 40TH FALL USED BOOK SALE. Oregon’s largest used book sale boasts 100,000 items at great prices. Kicking things off on Friday is members-Only Night 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Admission is free to the public. Saturday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Monday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Double Tree at Lloyd Center.

Saturday October 19

FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CLINIC. Join us for a day of workshops and get the chance to meet with financial planners all for FREE! Food provided, kid friendly activities, find out about resources and so much more. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bradley Angle Resource Center, 5432 N. Albina Ave.

PCC’S HARVEST FESTIVAL FEATURES FREE PUMPKINS. Portland Community College Rock Creek Campus is hosting the Annual Harvest Festival from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 17705 NW Springville Rd. Attractions include hayrides, petting zoo, scavenger hunt and much more.

Saturday – Sunday October 19 – 20

22ND ANNUAL 2 DAY SINGING CONVENTION. This event celebrates 22 years of sacred Harp Singing in Portland, an activity which is drawing more and more people to its soulful sound. All ages welcome, no experience necessary, It’s free (donations accepted) and a free potluck both days at noon. Doors open at 9 a.m. The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.

Monday October 21

MARCH FOURTH MARCHING BAND TO

DOWNTOWN’S TRANSIT MALL! Portland’s own Vaudeville-inspired, stilt-walking, costume wearing, marching musical performance group will perform a free show during Mondays on the Mall. The band will perform at Unitus Plaza – SW 6th and Jefferson at noon and make their way down SW 6th Ave. to Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Friday October 25

HOLLOWEEN MONSTER MASH. Wear your costume to impress friends and scare goblins. Get into the spirit & dance with other sociable ghouls, make creepy crafts, and play bewitching games that only come out once a year. 6 – 8:30 p.m. Peninsula Park Community Center, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way. FREE

COME CELEBRATE THE HARVEST WITH US! Winter squash, apple and pear tasting, coloring contest and much more. Cherry Sprout Produce Market, 722 N. Sumner St.

Saturday – Sunday October 26 – 27

49TH ANNUAL GEM AND ROCK SHOW. Free admission: dealers, door prizes, fluorescent show, kids’ corner, demonstrations and much more. Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave. Canby, OR. Saturday hours 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday Hours 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.