

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

'We are Black. We are ...'



PHOTO BY HELEN SILVIA

Scores of people turned out for the Portland African American Leadership Forum celebration of the black community July 19 in Montavilla Park. The event was the first in a series of events in the "We are Black. We are..." campaign. Read more at www.aalfnw.org/portland.

"The ADA: What Does It Stand For?" is the theme for the 24th anniversary celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act at the Matt Dishman Community Center on Saturday, July 26, from 2 to 5 p.m. The free event is open to the public and being presented by the City of Portland and its community partners.

A full afternoon of activities for all the family is planned at the center, located at 77 NE Knott St. The event will include live entertainment, an open mic session, interactive activities, multi-ethnic snacks, speakers, including Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, and a birthday cake for the ADA's big 24th anniversary.

Blood Donations Needed Now to Prevent Emergency Situation

The American Red Cross is facing a looming blood shortage, leading to an urgent need for donors of all blood types to roll up a sleeve and give.

Donations through the Red Cross are down approximately 8 percent over the last 11 weeks, resulting in about 80,000 fewer donations than expected. The number of donors continues to decline, and the shortfall is significant enough that the Red Cross could experience an emergency situation in the coming weeks.

Eligible donors with types O negative, B negative and A negative blood are especially needed at this time. Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to anyone who needs blood. Types A negative and B negative can be transfused to Rh positive or negative patients.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

Lents Street Fair this Sunday

A celebration of all things Lents is this Sunday, July 27, from 1-8 p.m.

The day starts with the Lents Founders Day Parade to celebrate Lents' history and cultural diversity. The parade will feature the famed Beat Goes on Marching Band, the Unipiper, kids on bikes, the Belmont Goats, classic cars, elected officials and so much more. If you would like to watch the parade just show up by 12:15.

The Street Fair has music throughout the day with international folks music and local rock bands; a beer garden; arts & crafts, foods, and wellness products.

Find more information at www.lentsstreetfair.com.

Research Study Seeking Children Ages 6-11 with Autism

The Teaching Research Institute at Western Oregon University and Louisa Silva, M.D., M.P.H. are announcing a first-time opportunity for parents with children between the ages of 6 and 11 with autism to enroll in a research study to receive free training and treatment. Enrollment is open now through Sept. 5 for residents of Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Marion, Linn, Benton, Lincoln and Lane counties.

Since 2000, Silva and her team of trained therapists have worked with children with autism who are under the age of six to learn a daily massage program that has been shown in research studies to be effective in reversing sensory difficulties and improving behavior. As children become more

comfortable with touch, they become calmer, are better able to focus and learn, and exhibit better behavior overall.

Families enrolled in the study receive all services for free, including training, treatment and assessments. Enrollment is limited to thirty-five children; residents outside of the above-mentioned counties can enroll in the study, but they may need to travel to one of the above counties for services.

To learn more about the study or to enroll, visit www.qsti.org, check out the QSTI Autism Treatment for Children Facebook page; or contact Kris Gabrielsen at 503.474.0218 or study@qsti.org.

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Friday – Saturday July 25 – 26

HO'IKE AND HAWAIIAN FESTIVAL. Over 10,000 visitors have swayed to the rhythm as Hula Dancers and Polynesian singers fill the park with heartbeat of their cultures. Raffles, kids' activities, arts and crafts, food and drinks. Friday 5 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St. Vancouver.

ESTACADA'S 14TH ANNUAL SUMMER CELEBRATION. The summer celebration's Friday night music crawl (6 – 10 p.m.) kicks-off the weekend performing in local shops. Saturday begins with

the Broadway Street Fair at 10 a.m. So much fun for all ages. Downtown Estacada.

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2014 BLOOMING LILY FESTIVAL. 2nd Annual Blooming Lily Festival in Living Color. We would like to extend a personal invitation for anyone who loves lilies. Lots to see and do. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Parry's Tree Farm and Nursery, 45627 NW David Hill Rd. Forest Grove.

Saturday July 26

PIEDMONT FLEA MARKET. Come support community artists and other neighborhood vendors. Noon – 5 p.m. Behind the Clarence Walker Florist, on the corner of N. Vancouver Ave. and Killingsworth St.

AS YOU LIKE IT IN LAURELHURST PARK. Join us for a free family-friendly performance of the classic comedy. Starting at 2 p.m. Laurelhurst Park, 3756 SE Oak St.

6TH ANNUAL NW BOOK FESTIVAL. Over 200 critically acclaimed and well known authors from Oregon and out of state will be attending. This year, at Pioneer Courthouse Square. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Corner of SW 6th, and SW Morrison.

KENTON COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK PARTY & POTLUCK. Get some exercise in the fresh air, learn a new plant fact or two and enjoy a well earned sense of accomplishment as we work to spruce up the garden. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Kenton Community Garden, 2799 N. Houghton Ave.

Sunday July 27

LENTS STREET FAIR. The street fair will embrace the quirkiness of Portland and Lents itself and will feature many family friendly events. 1 – 8 p.m. Lents Town Center, SE 92nd Ave. and SE Foster Rd.

THE BIG FLOAT: Open to all ages, the event begins with a parade. Floaters gather at Tom McCall Bowl. Floaters will then paddle down the river and land on the west bank at Tom McCall Bowl. Cost is \$8. Runs 1 - 6 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday August 2 – 3

MLK DREAM RUN 14. Inspiring Dreamers Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the "I Have a Dream" Speech delivered. Saturday 5 – 9 p.m. "Taste of the Dream" our pre-race kickoff and community celebration. Sunday, the MLK Dream Run 6 a.m. – noon 5k, 10k, 15k race and award ceremony. Location vacant lot on the corner of NE MLK & Alberta St.