

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

A Story Like Mine



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The Children's Book Bank, a Portland-based nonprofit serving low-income children, held an event Monday morning to highlight the A Story Like Mine project on National Multicultural Diversity Day. Timber Joey from the Portland Timbers delivered several green book bags, filled with culturally diverse books relevant to the children at KairosPDX in North Portland.

Fair Offers Options for Students to Re-engage in School

Programs and options are available for students who want to finish high school, but have become disengaged for a variety of reasons. Students and families are invited to attend the Re-Engagement Options Fair from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 28, at the Bates Center, 2921 Falk Road, Vancouver. The free event is sponsored by Vancouver Public Schools.

Students can choose from educational, diploma and skills-training options that include alternative, small-school, independent and online programs. Representatives from Lieser Campus, Vancouver Flex Academy, Success Academies, GRADS teen parent program, Bridges, Open Doors GED program, Job Corps, Washington Youth Academy, Youth Workforce program, Partners in Careers and Transition Youth Impact Program will be available. Students also can begin the enrollment process for these programs at the Re-Engagement Options Fair.

All students are welcome and food will be provided. For more information, contact Rachel Benton, student success coordinator, at (360) 313-1187 or rachel.benton@vansd.org.

First A.M.E. Zion Church Starts Monthly Clothing Drive Oct. 31

The First A.M.E. Zion Church, situated at 4304 N Vancouver Ave., will host a monthly clothing drive beginning Oct. 31. The drive will occur the day before the first Sunday of every month and will include a complimentary breakfast starting at 9 a.m. Those bringing donations and those seeking donated clothing are both welcome to attend.

211 Info Launches Mobile App

This week, 211Info, the statewide nonprofit information and referral agency, announced the release of its new free mobile app for the iPhone and Android platforms. Devel-

oped in partnership with the Oregon Department of Human Services, the app allows users to find a variety of health and community services near them based on their present location.

Users can download the app for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play. With location services enabled on their smartphone, users will then be able to find services near them using geospatial technology. The app provides users with a category menu from which they can search such topics as temporary housing, food pantries, legal assistance, parenting programs, prenatal care, mental health support, foster youth services, and many more. Results are then given in both mapped and list form.

For times when there might not be requested services near the user, the app provides one-touch connection to the 211info call center either by calling, texting or emailing. The user can then communicate directly with one of the friendly specialists on staff, who can work with the user to find other options to meet their needs.

211info worked with the mobile application development company Apptology, the software development firm Vista-logic, and the information and referral software developer RTM Designs to build the new app.

About 211info: As a statewide nonprofit in Oregon, 211info provides free information and referral, Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm, either by phone (dial 2-1-1), text (start by texting your ZIP code to 898211) or email (through the contact form at <http://211info.org/contact/>).

OHSU to Host Free 'Night of Networking' for People with Disabilities

OHSU will host the sixth annual Night for Networking, a free event that introduces skilled potential employees with disabilities to local employers who are committed to workforce diversity, from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Collaborative Life Sciences Building, South Waterfront, 2730 S.W. Moody Avenue.

The event will include discussions and presentations, music, light refreshments, a raffle, sponsor gift bags, mingling and networking.

Steve Hanamura, founder and president of Hanamura Consulting Inc., will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Presenters will include:

- Nick Fish, Portland City Commissioner
- Michael Tom, director, OHSU Affirmative Action & Equal Opportunity
- Ian Jaquiss, Diversity Awareness Trainer and Outreach Specialist, OHSU Affirmative Action & Equal Opportunity

For more information, visit www.ohsu.edu.

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Thursday, October 22

COME CELEBRATE UNITED NATIONS DAY 2015: Can we create a sustainable future? United Nations Day 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the entry into the force of United Nations charter in 1945. Free event. Seating is limited. World Forestry Center, Cheatham Hall, 4033 SW Canyon Rd.

Friday, October 23

MONSTER MASH: This family fun event is open to all ages. Wear your costumes and enjoy pizza, games, crafts, music and more. No charge. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Peninsula Park Community Center, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way.

Saturday, October 24

HOMEONERSHIP FAIR: Inquire about 1st time homebuyers, enter to win a \$1,000 grant & other prizes, visit over 40 housing professionals, attend free workshops, free lunch, homes for sale bus tour

at noon. First come, first served and much more. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 501 N. Graham St. Portland, OR. Free and open to the public.

COSTUME CARNIVAL: Family event appropriate for preschool and grade school ages with an adult! You will enjoy a great evening of carnival games, face painting and crafts. Don't forget to wear your costume. Tickets are 4 for \$1 or unlimited game bracelets for \$5. Please bring two cans of food for the Oregon Food Bank and receive a family pack of 4 tickets. 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave.

FIFTH ANNUAL "WORSHIP IN PINK": Please join us for our Fifth Annual "Worship in Pink" program as we educate and empower both men and women to take charge of their own breast health. Theme is "Man Enough to Wear Pink". First 12 men to enter wearing pink will receive a special thank you. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Community A.M.E. Zion Church, 3605 E. 13th St., Vancouver.

Sunday, October 25

WOODSTOCK FARMERS MARKET HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL: Bring the whole family for live music, face painting, trick or treating with all vendors and neighborhood businesses. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 4600 SE Woodstock Blvd.

Tuesday, October 27

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: OREGON TASK FORCE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFILING: Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum wants to hear from the community about how police profiling affects you and any suggestions you may have for the Task Force to consider. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Ave.

PORTLAND JOB FAIR: Portland Job Fair is happening at Double Tree. It's a premier event in the Education & Training Industry. Free all day event starting at 10 a.m. Double Tree Hotel, Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah St.

Friday, October 30

HARVEST HOOPLA: Family event for all ages. Celebrate the Autumn season with an exciting harvest themed night of fun with carnival games and crafts. Don't forget to wear your costume. FREE: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Charles Jordan Community Center, 900 N. Foss St.

Saturday October 31

TECH NIGHT FUN FOR HALLOWEEN: Fun-filled and designed to get youth and their families out for safe and free entertainment. Tech Night Fun for Halloween that is complete with candy for the kids. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Microsoft Store, Pioneer Place, 330 SW Yamhill St.