

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY - SATURDAY, JAN. 28 - 30

THE 54TH ANNUAL CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ FESTIVAL: Sixty middle and high school jazz ensembles from throughout Washington and Oregon are scheduled to perform in this year's competition. Admission is \$5 per day for adults. Children 12 and under are free. Gaiser Hall, Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. Starts at 10 a.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

PRAYER VIGIL TO REMEMBER AARON CAMPBELL, SIX YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH: The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform is planning to hold a prayer vigil on that anniversary date to commemorate Aaron Campbell's life. The vigil will be held at 7 p.m. at First AME Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

A BENEFIT CONCERT OF LITURGICAL MUSIC WITH BOB HURD AND BARBARA BRIDGE: The concert will benefit the work of the St. Andrew Community Center and our many outreach programs. A suggested donation of \$15 is welcome. No one will be turned away if you cannot make an offering. All are welcome. 7 p.m., St. Andrew Catholic Church, 806 NE Alberta St.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

WORDS & PICTURES: BLACK COMICS: Start off Black History Month by telling stories of strong Black characters and role models in your life. In this, introductory workshop, learn the basics of character design and story development through fun, challenging explorations. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

IT GETS BREADER - A COMEDY SHOW: It Gets Breader, is a tasty and fulfilling comedy show, featuring the best stand-up acts from around the country. Admission is \$5. Doors at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. Bunk Bar, 1028 SE Water Ave.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ANNUAL FATHER DAUGHTER VALENTINES DANCE: A fun and memorable event for fathers and daughters of all ages. We will have a live DJ playing the music, finger food to nibble on, and a professional photographer taking pictures and much more. Cost is \$12 (city residents), \$14 (non-city residents). 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The dance will be held at Pearson Airfield Historic Hanger, 1115 E 5th St. Vancouver, WA. To purchase tickets please call (360) 487-8600.

CARING ABOUT YOUR HEALTH! From the Fresh Start Team: Free Health Seminar: Learn techniques for breathing, exercise, movement, and yoga to promote a stress free mind and reduce many diseases. 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., New Columbia Community Center, 4625 N. Trenton St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

MATTERS OF THE HEART: Emmanuel Church presents free to the public. Matters of the Heart: A dynamic time of worship & praise featuring speakers Ashlei Wells of Emmanuel Church and others. There will be programs 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. & 4 p.m. Emmanuel Church, 1033 N. Sumner St.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

RAINY DAY BOUNCEFEST: Join us for a fun time with the bounce houses, carnival games, face painting and prizes. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Loyal Heights Community Center, 210 NW 77th St.

IS SHE READY? FREE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS: This is for girls 13 to 17 years old. Work alongside our resourceful mentors to identify academic aspirations and take active steps toward becoming college bound. You Grow Girl, 2200 Rainier Ave. S. Suite 201. Free for all girls 13 to 17. 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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St. Andrew MLK Awards

The St. Andrew Martin Luther King Jr. Committee poses with MLK honorees on Jan. 17: Patrick Elijah, Esther Elijah, Tony Jones, Angela Sivers, St. Mary's Academy student, (community honoree), John Wolfe, Robert C. Hughley (parishioner awardee), Scott Power, Trish Bradley, Pastor Dave Zegar and Kienya Kohlbecker.

Portland News Briefs

OSU Names Chief Diversity Officer

Oregon State University President Edward J. Ray announced this week the appointment of three campus leaders to direct OSU initiatives to combat racial injustice; better ensure inclusivity and safety for all OSU students; and engage the university with diverse communities throughout Oregon.

The appointments follow two months of conversations on the Oregon State campus between Ray and OSU students, faculty and staff.

He made the announcement during the university's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Breakfast and followed up on Tuesday with a letter to all Oregon State students and employees.

Angela Batista, the university's associate vice provost for Student Affairs and dean of Student Life, has been named interim chief diversity officer at Oregon State.

She will oversee a new Office of Institutional Diversity and direct the university's institutional initiatives and communications on diversity, equity and inclusion. Batista also will work with the new Leadership Council for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity.

Angelo Gomez, the executive director for OSU's Office of Equity and Inclusion, will serve in a new role as special assistant to the president for community diversity relations.

Gomez will focus on building relationships between the university and diverse communities locally and throughout Oregon.

Clay Simmons, OSU's chief compliance officer, will serve as interim executive director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access, which will oversee investigations involving discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, affirmative action, and access and accommodations for people with disabilities.

Ray said the appointments of the three campus leaders are effective Feb. 1 and all three would report directly to the president.

The university will launch an immediate national search for a full-time executive director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Access.

A search for a full-time chief diversity officer will follow after Batista leads a campus-wide effort to assess the appropriate structure and resources needed for this important new leadership position, Ray said.

Ray also announced that:

Sabah Randhawa, OSU provost and executive vice president, will chair an action committee to implement and monitor campus safety and diversity initiatives, and to identify resources to fund these efforts;

The university, led by Ray, will hold quarterly town hall meetings beginning in March to engage OSU students and others on civil and social justice matters, equity and inclusion;

The university will require online diversity educa-

tional and orientation programs for all entering students beginning in fall 2016.

Battle Ground Public Schools Seeks Employers For Industry Fair

Employers in and around Clark County are invited to reserve a table at the Battle Ground Public Schools (BGPS) Industry Fair Feb. 25, and help educate young people about career opportunities in southwest Washington.

The event, sponsored by BGPS, WorkSource and YouthWorks, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Battle Ground High School, 300 W. Main St., in Battle Ground.

Organizers are seeking employers from all industries: healthcare, manufacturing, technology, construction, finance, hospitality, retail, apprenticeship and transportation to share their job opportunities and career path possibilities with students and community members who attend the event.

Please join us for an educational evening at Battle Ground High School about the many career opportunities in our region.

Please sign up online for an event table by Feb. 12: <http://goo.gl/forms/oOoywaZfZ1>.

Please contact career guidance specialist Kevin Doyle at (360) 885-6598 or doyle.kevin@battlegroundps.org with questions.

Clackamas County Sheriff's Office Hosts Local 'Mental Health First Aid' Training March 5

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office will host a "mental health first aid" training from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5 at 315 Kennel Ave. in Molalla to teach individuals how to help those experiencing mental health challenges or crises.

The National Council for Behavioral Health certifies individuals throughout the nation, including Clackamas County Sheriff's Office personnel, to provide "Mental Health First Aid" courses to prepare their communities with the knowledge and skills to help individuals who are developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis.

Identified on SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices, the training helps the public better identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses.

For more information on Mental Health First Aid, visit <http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org>.

The Cost of this training is \$15.

This covers a book and snacks and drinks throughout the day.

Please call (503) 936-0404 or email at jasonrit@clackamas.us to reserve a spot.