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Fremont Garage is now open at NE 44th and Fremont in the Beaumont neighborhood. (Todd Milbourn)



A nonprofit is helping restore Laurelhurst Studio in Laurelhurst Park and return it to its role as a hub for community and arts. (Todd Milbourn)

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW JEFFERSON HIGH

A major renovation of Jefferson High School in North Portland is underway. Crews broke ground in late May on a state-of-the-art update for the school on North Killingsworth Street. The first phase of the four-year project is focused on new sports fields for softball, baseball and soccer. Construction on the new academic building is scheduled to begin in 2027. A new track, football field and grandstands is scheduled for completion in 2030.



Drawing of the new Jefferson High School. The original building is from 1909. (Portland Public Schools)

The work comes as Jefferson is set to draw hundreds more students from across North and Northeast Portland as a result of a school boundary change approved earlier this year by Portland Public Schools.

School leaders say they're doing the project in phases so they don't disrupt the learning environment for students. Jefferson students will remain on-site as the work continues, although some sports games will be played elsewhere.

The original Jefferson building was finished in 1909 and is made of unreinforced masonry, which means it could collapse in a major earthquake. The project is expected to cost about \$465 million.

FREMONT GARAGE CART POD OPENS IN BEAUMONT

A new neighborhood hangout on Northeast Fremont Street is open. Fremont Garage hosted a grand opening ceremony May 22.

The food pod already features six food carts, a full bar with seasonal cocktails and mocktails as well as a heated outdoor patio and play area for kids.

It's located at Fremont and Northeast 44th Avenue, where Barrett Automotive used to be. Owners of the pod chose the name "garage" as a throwback to the site's automotive heritage.

The food options available so far include

Poblano Pepper PDX, Qué Bacano, Wok & Fire, Royal India Cuisine, Shawarma Best and Wolfs Head. The pod is open every day from 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Meanwhile, neighborhood business leaders are supporting a trial run of a nearby public plaza this summer in hopes of drawing even more visitors to the area.

If the plaza receives strong community support during the trial period, it could be considered for inclusion in Portland's year-round public plaza program.

LAURELHURST STUDIO TO GET FIX-UP

A Laurelhurst Park landmark is making a comeback.

For years, the Laurelhurst Studio served as a hub for dance, art and community gatherings. But over time, budget cuts undermined services provided by the space.

Now a community organization is partnering with the city of Portland to restore and revive the studio.

The effort is being led by Sellwood Community House, which has experience restoring shared places for community use. The organization will oversee the restoration

as well as future programming and take care of the building long-term.

The group's goal is to reestablish the studio as a vibrant center for dance, fitness and arts education. The plan is for the studio to reopen this summer.

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GARDEN & ART

First-ever tour connects Concordia community

Five residents invite neighbors to view their creative spaces June 20

By Maggie Grainger
Star News correspondent

Stroll through neighborhood home gardens at the first-ever Concordia Art and Garden Tour.

On Saturday, June 20, five neighbors will open their yards for a self-guided walking and biking tour to benefit the Concordia Neighborhood Association and Faubion Elementary School's garden.

Cathy McCarthy grew up in the neighborhood and is excited for people to explore this corner of the city in a unique way.

"We had hosted a garden fair at the Concordia Commons and one of our neighbors came up to our table and mentioned this was something of interest to him and if we would ever consider doing it," said McCarthy, who also is a spokesperson for the Concordia Neighborhood Association.

She says other people had talked about starting a neighborhood gardening club and she reached out to that group when they started planning the tour.

McCarthy also contacted a neighborhood artists' collective to see if there was interest in doing an art tie-in and there was. Neighborhood artists' work will be on

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Artists will showcase their work alongside signature gardens at the Concordia Garden and Art Tour on June 20. This artwork is from participating artist Lisa Laser. (Concordia Neighborhood Association)

Join the fun

What: Concordia Garden and Art Tour to support Concordia Neighborhood Association and the Faubion Elementary School garden.

When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 20

Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 day of tour

Online: concordiapdx.org/garden-art-tour

More: Pick up a map at McMenemy Kennedy School Community Room, starting at 10:30 a.m. June 20



Above: Neighbors are opening up their unique gardens for the first-ever Concordia Garden and Art Tour.



Left: Artwork from participating artist Amy Daileda.

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Artwork and gardens will be on display at the first-ever Concordia Garden and Art Tour. Proceeds from the Concordia Art and Garden Tour will benefit the Concordia Neighborhood Association and the garden at Faubion Elementary School. (Concordia Neighborhood Association photos)



display throughout the event.

Attendees can pick up their tour map and designated flower sticker at the McMenamins Kennedy School community room. Since the tour is self-guided, guests can start at any participating home and

explore at their own pace. All of the homes are within less than a mile of one another with Faubion Elementary slightly farther out.

McCarthy says she wants visitors to experience the beauty of the area and maybe learn a thing or two along the way about native habitats, wildlife spaces, pruning and general gardening techniques.

"The garden host will be there since it's so specialized and there's bound to be a lot of questions," she says. "They can point things out or speak to certain things or why they've selected something or what works best in Portland climates."

While the hosts are not necessarily master gardeners, many of them have experience

"There's a lot of talented people in the neighborhood."

— Cathy McCarthy, Concordia Neighborhood Association spokesperson

in a related field and bring their own experiences to their yards.

"They're very passionate gardeners and there's a variety of plants and bushes and trees in each of their gardens as well," McCarthy says. "I love that they're donating their homes and their time to provide these tours."

"There's a lot of talented people in the neighborhood."



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Montavilla Farmers Market hosts 100 vendors, 62,000 visitors a year



Montavilla Farmers Market organizers are surveying customers and vendors for ideas about its long-term future. (Photos courtesy of Montavilla Farmers Market)

By Meg Cotner
Star News correspondent

This is a big year for the Montavilla Farmers Market. The market is entering its 20th year operating one of the most beloved markets on the east side of Portland.

"I think Montavilla is special for a couple of reasons," said Lisa Hebert, the market's executive director, during a recent interview at Bipartisan Cafe. "One of my favorite reasons is that I believe a lot of the participants at our market tend to be smaller farms, and we tend to get the owner of the farm at the market."

"I think that's special — being able to actually be face-to-face with the person whose hands are in the dirt growing the food."

A group of neighborhood volunteers started the market in 2007 at Southeast Stark Street and 76th Avenue, where Beets Auto Body used to be.

Now the market attracts 62,000 guests per year. Organizers created a timeline to show visitors how the market has evolved over the years.

Hebert said one of the things that sets Montavilla apart is that it's not a "tourist market," and most of the customers come from nearby. A recent survey revealed that 53% of people walked to the market.

Hebert said the market aims to have vendors who offer much of what a person might need for their weekly grocery shopping.

"It's a medium-large market, so ideally, someone can go and do most of their grocery shopping there," Hebert said. "We try to curate the market to have a lot of staples for people. Obviously, we'll never be a fully one-stop shop because we only have local products. But the idea is for someone to come and be able to do a majority of their grocery shopping at the



Head to the market

What: Montavilla Farmers Market 20th season
When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays
Where: 7700 S.E. Stark St.
Online: www.montavillamarket.org



More than 100 vendors sell fruit, veggies, baked goods and more at the market.



market and pick up staples there."

The market recently put out a survey exploring potential relocation options in the event their current property is sold. While no change is "imminent," Hebert and the team wanted to deepen their understanding of the needs of customers and vendors so it can make smart decisions in the long run.

In her six years with the market, Hebert said she has enjoyed looking back at the market's documents and history.

"The amount of vendors that we have has gone from 17 on the opening day to now, throughout the year, we have almost 100. And on a typical summer market, we have 60 at any given time, which is just a huge leap."

She underscored how the support from the neighborhood has been vital for vendors who rely on the market for sales.

"This market is incredibly important — not only for the community, but those vendors who really rely on the support from our shoppers and from our organization."

Hebert said she believes the demand and the interest in farmers markets — in Montavilla and throughout Portland — is here for the long-term.

"As someone who also lives in their community, it really feels like Montavilla is kind of its own bubble. We're almost at our own town. We have these amazing businesses — you don't have to leave if you don't want to."

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'GAMERA VS. ZIGRA'

Live actors, musicians provide film soundtrack at Hollywood Theatre

By Michael Aviña
Star News correspondent

Ron Blessinger, an Oregon Symphony violinist raised in the shadow of chemical weapons and nuclear waste in Hermiston, might seem worlds away from Gamera, Tokyo's jet-propelled radioactive giant turtle. But the nearly 5,000-mile distance between Eastern Oregon anxiety and Japanese kaiju paranoia is closer than you'd think.

"I lived a few miles from the Umatilla Army Depot, which the nation feared was a nerve gas stockpile and nearby was Hanford, where the uranium for the first atomic bomb was produced," he says. "At the same time, I was watching movies about creatures like Gamera, which were metaphors for the perils of mankind and nature."

Blessinger and Gamera will combine forces for June 12 and 13 screenings of "Gamera vs. Zigra" at the Hollywood Theatre. The performances are presented by House of Scordatura, a collective of artists who transform cult films into immersive live events blending music, theater and cinematic spectacle.

A live ensemble performs an original score in sync with the film while actors, Foley artists and theatrical effects interact with the movie in real time. The score was composed by Portland musician Justin Ralls, who also wrote the music for last year's sold-out live production of "Turkish Rambo."

What began as a fascination with cult cinema and experimental performance has evolved into one of Portland's more distinctive live arts projects. Blessinger traces the roots of the production back a



House of Scordatura previously produced "Turkish Rambo," a sold-out live performance at the Hollywood Theatre. (House of Scordatura)

decade, when he and his wife, Ann Medellin, attended a live-scored film performance and became acquainted with composer Lisa Lipton and Portland's Filmusik tradition.

That connection eventually led to the revival of "Turkish Rambo" at the Hollywood Theatre. The production was a hit and introduced audiences to the group's mix of

live music, performance art and cult cinema.

"Turkish films did their own versions because they couldn't import Hollywood movies," Blessinger said. "It was perfect

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What: House of Scordatura presents "Gamera vs. Zigra"
When: June 12-13; Doors open at 7 p.m. and performances begin at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Hollywood Theatre
Cost: \$35 general admission; \$25 for students, seniors and Hollywood Theatre members

material to perform live music with live actors and sound effects artists."

Following the success of "Turkish Rambo," House of Scordatura has turned to Japanese kaiju films, beginning with "Gamera vs. Zigra," the 1971 cult classic featuring a giant flying turtle battling an alien sea monster. Japanese studio Daiei Film conceived Gamera as a competitor to Godzilla, though the creature developed a different identity from its radioactive counterpart.

While Godzilla served as a metaphor for nuclear destruction and atomic trauma, Gamera's stories centered on protecting children and preserving humanity.

"There are bad movies, and there are good-bad movies, and this is a great-bad movie," Blessinger said. "But we're mindful of the fans of Gamera. We're not mocking the movie. We're celebrating it."

The performance aims to transform the screening into something more immersive than a traditional movie night. In addition to Ralls' live score, audiences will experience live Foley work from Unchained Productions and performances by the Scordatura Players. Blessinger said audiences should expect a deliberately chaotic and distinctly Portland experience.

"Show up ready to be entertained and enjoy the essence of weird Portland on stage for two hours. At a time when AI is barreling at us at



Violinist Ron Blessinger is one of the creators of House of Scordatura, the art collective behind "Turkish Rambo" and "Gamera vs. Zigra." (Oregon Symphony)

"At a time when AI is barreling at us at 1,000 mph, the opportunity to come together in the same room and celebrate human-made art is so special."

— Ron Blessinger, Oregon Symphony violinist

1,000 mph, the opportunity to come together in the same room and celebrate human-made art is so special," Blessinger said.

The event also reflects House of Scordatura's broader mission as a nonprofit



Composer Justin Ralls created an original score for "Gamera vs. Zigra" at the Hollywood Theatre. (Justin Ralls)



The movie features an epic battle between a turtle and a fishlike alien. (House of Scordatura)

arts organization focused on community-building through collaborative performance. In addition to live cinema productions, the organization produces "Animated Oregon," a series of animated short films centered on Oregon stories. Blessinger said the group also plans a string quartet fundraiser at Portland City Hall on Election Day this fall, benefiting the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition.

The Hollywood Theatre setting also carries personal significance for Blessinger and Medellin, who once lived in the neighborhood and still consider themselves part of the community.

"We love projects like this because we feel it contributes to positive elements for the neighborhood that we love," he said. "Call this a love letter for our beloved neighborhood."

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Grant Malin

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Mark E. McClure has been shooting neighborhood images in Northeast Portland for two decades. (Mark E. McClure)



McClure often takes images of interesting cars he sees parked on the streets of Northeast Portland. (Mark E. McClure)

MOVING IMAGES

Alameda photographer Mark E. McClure's 'photo walks' capture NE Portland one step at a time for a treasure trove of neighborhood images

By Tony Greiner
Star News correspondent

For Mark E. McClure, it all started with needing a bit more exercise. The longtime bike commuter and amateur photographer landed a job closer to home and found that walking better suited his daily exercise needs. It turned out, he liked walking ... a lot. McClure is also a camera buff, so he began photographing what he saw along the way.

Combine these two activities and you get lots of photos.

Today, McClure has built a near-endless collection of images documenting his perambulations around Northeast Portland and beyond.

He takes pictures of everything that catches his eye during his "power walks" — from local landmarks and construction projects to street murals, yard signs, even interesting cars parked in the street. He now has tens of thousands of photos, all neatly categorized by topics and dates, and the collection is always growing.

McClure has made his photos available for use in the Star News and other organizations as a way to share what he sees with the



wider community.

McClure's first serious camera was a gift from his mother to mark his graduation from the University of Alaska in 1978. His



Above: The Sandy Jug tavern as photographed by Alameda photographer Mark E. McClure. (Mark E. McClure)

Left: McClure captures an image on a recent 'photo walk' in Northeast Portland. (Tony Greiner)

Below: McClure has built an archive with tens of thousands of images from his photo walks, including local landmarks like Erv Lind Stadium in Rose City Park. (Mark E. McClure)



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degree was in computer science so it isn't surprising that he eventually switched over to digital photography.

Now he uses either his phone or a compact mirrorless camera from Canon. The camera fits easily in his palm or pocket, and he can "shoot very quickly and discreetly" with it.

Speaking of gear, anyone who walks as much as McClure needs good shoes. Luckily, one of his sons works at Nike and McClure is able to get new sneakers without too much expense.

McClure's focus as a photographer is on documenting what he sees during his walks.

But he's aware of how intrusive digital technology is, so he focuses on places rather than taking photos of people.

"I'm a big privacy person. It is super important, so I try to be careful about what I capture or share," McClure said.

McClure worked in information management for most of his career and retired from a job with the Bonneville Power Administration. So he's particularly good at keeping things organized. With that depth of knowledge, it wasn't a big leap for him to document his collection of photographs and arrange them on his Flickr account in various ways. With the development of artificial intelligence, he has been using the Claude program to help with the organizing. McClure's walking hobby will also take him on a 1,500-meter power-walk at the Oregon Senior Games in Corvallis this August.

McClure's photos are available to see on the photo website Flickr. He has them organized into albums by location, year and theme, such as Portland's bridges, churches or food carts. His album collection can be seen at www.flickr.com/photos/memcclure.



In addition to taking photos, Mark E. McClure's wanderings allow him to train for power-walking events. (Tony Greiner)



Mark E. McClure has been doing 'photo walks' for 20 years in Northeast Portland. He documents anything that catches his eye, including yard displays. (Mark E. McClure)

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Mill Ends Park 2 in Montavilla captured during one of Mark E. McClure's recent photo walks. (Mark E. McClure)



A truck with Japanese characters parked on a street in Northeast Portland. (Mark E. McClure)



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'Mama Elvira' builds loyal following

Diners return to Parkrose's El Sombrero Tapatio for delicious food, family atmosphere and beloved cook

By Meg Cotner
Star News correspondent

Elvira Navarro is the heart and soul of the kitchen at El Sombrero Tapatio, a long-running Mexican restaurant in the Parkrose neighborhood. While the restaurant is truly a team effort — relatives and close family friends all contribute to its success — customers are loyal to the matriarch's signature dishes.

"She puts a lot of love and care into her food," said Flor Guitron Navarro, Elvira's daughter who works at the restaurant. "And people keep coming back to dine with us because of it."

Navarro, who is originally from the Mexican state of Jalisco and immigrated to the U.S. in the 1970s, started as a busser at the restaurant. She worked as a waitress for 10 years before moving into cooking 10 years ago. She's come to be known as Mama Elvira and is beloved by customers, many of whom have been visiting her for decades.

Flor's uncle Juan Guitron and his wife, Martha Guitron, bought the restaurant — which already had the name El Sombrero Tapatio — in 2002 from the previous owner, who was retiring. They knew it was a good opportunity. The business is currently owned by her uncle and her dad.

The El Sombrero team has seen a number of changes in restaurant clientele over the years. They used to see a lot of corporate people in the mornings with a busy time at lunch. That changed during COVID-19, with people shifting to working from home. The arrival of Cascade Station drew diners away. However, a growing number of visitors are now coming from Vancouver.

"I think right now, we've seen a big change with a lot of community members coming together to make Parkrose thrive," Flor said. "We have the Parkrose Coffee Shop and they're regulars here, which we love." The family at El Sombrero tries to go to the coffee shop and support them in return. "We even did a collaboration on a drink once, which was fun," Flor said.

REGULARS RETURN FOR QUALITY SERVICE

For Mama Elvira, the energy she adds to the food in her kitchen is as important as the ingredients and the recipes, many of which she brought with her from Mexico.



Elvira Navarro and Flor Guitron Navarro are the mother-daughter duo who make El Sombrero Tapatio a beloved restaurant in Parkrose. (Meg Cotner)

"Everyone is welcome here."

— Elvira Navarro,
El Sombrero Tapatio

"Whenever she's making the mole or the chile verde, she always makes little plates of it and goes around and asks all of us, 'What do you think?'" Flor said. "She always looks for our approval and often asks for feedback from the customers. And she's always reminding us to take good care of them."

Elvira added birria to the menu about three years ago, and it's been a hit.

"We had it as a special, but we sold out so quickly and people kept asking for it. So my mom decided to leave it on the menu," Flor said.

As for what Elvira's menu favorites are, she exclaimed: "Everything!" But when pressed,



Above: A burrito smothered in Mama Elvira's signature mole. (Meg Cotner)

Left: Elvira Navarro is the heart and soul of the kitchen at El Sombrero Tapatio, a longtime Mexican restaurant in the Parkrose neighborhood. (El Sombrero Tapatio)

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Hospitality is very important to the Navarro family. "We want to make people feel like family the minute that they step into our door," Flor said.

(El Sombrero Tapatio)

she confessed to loving the frijoles — the beans, which might be some of the best in Portland.

Hospitality is very important to Elvira and the family.

"We want to make people feel like family the minute that they step into our door," Flor said.

A lot of El Sombrero's customers are regulars, and the staff knows their usual orders. For Elvira and the rest of the team, taking care of customers doesn't feel like a job but a part of who they are and what their family does.

"Whenever my mom hires anybody, her main concern is that they must have good customer-service skills," Flor said.

That customer-focused approach has paid off.

Mama Elvira "has so many fans," Flor said.

"And that's the thing that amazes me and makes me want to build on what she started. I know that she has a lot of customers that return just to talk to her. And even though there's that language barrier, she has built such nice friendships with them."

The restaurant faces challenges as all small businesses do. And yet, the Navarros remain committed to their customers and Parkrose.

"This is a place where a lot of people join us for good times, bad times and a lot of life

moments," Flor said.

Asked what would happen if El Sombrero ever decided to move, Elvira and Flor took a moment to reflect and described how sad they'd be to say goodbye to customers.

"Parkrose just wouldn't be the same," Flor said.

Meg Cotner is a food journalist in Sumner and founder of Bridgetown Bites, an independent newsletter covering Portland food news. Subscribe at bridgetownbites.com

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★ STAR FEATURE

Grant High baseball pays tribute to No. 5

Players, coaches keep Grant Fisher's legacy alive, five years after his tragic death

By Amelia Shaw
Star News correspondent

Community members are reflecting on the legacy of a beloved former baseball player at Grant High School, whose No. 5 is painted on the outfield fence.

On Jan. 29, 2021, the Grant baseball community was struck by tragedy when former player Grant Fisher was killed in a car crash caused by a driver who was under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Fisher graduated from Grant in 2015 and was a pitcher for the varsity baseball team. In every community he was a part of, Fisher was remembered as a beacon of friendship and kindness.

"If you've heard any ... other people talk about him, they would say he was their best friend and always available to them," said Laura Fisher, his mom. "He was just ... the most sweet person you would have met."

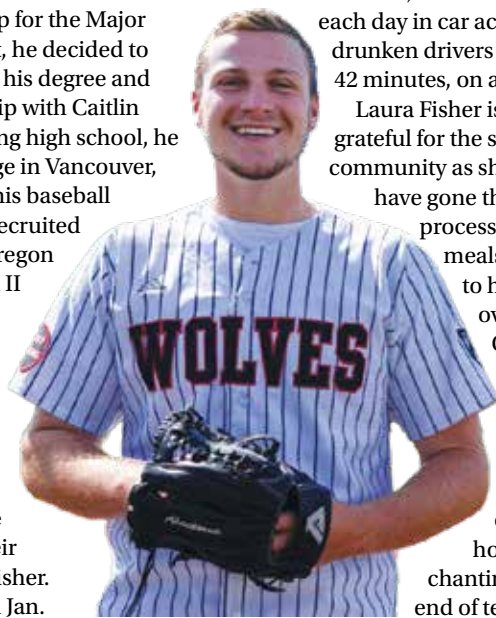
Laura Fisher recalls a phone call she received from Grant when he was in college, telling her about how he befriended a fellow student who was feeling homesick and lonely.

"He just saw everybody," she said. "He saw people's needs."

Although Fisher was offered the opportunity to sign up for the Major League Baseball draft, he decided to stay in Oregon, finish his degree and pursue his relationship with Caitlin Fisher. After graduating high school, he attended Clark College in Vancouver, where he continued his baseball career, before being recruited to play for Western Oregon University, a Division II school.

Grant and Caitlin married in June 2018, after a year of dating and right after Fisher completed his junior year of college. On Sept. 28, 2020, the couple welcomed their daughter, Ellagrace Fisher. Four months later, on Jan.

29, 2021, Fisher was killed in a car crash on his way



Grant Fisher played baseball at the Division II level for Western Oregon University in Monmouth before he was killed in a car crash involving a drunken driver in 2021. (Laura Fisher)

to work.

The driver who caused the accident was under the influence of several intoxicants at the time of the crash and previously had been accused of many offenses related to unlawful driving, including a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants. The driver received an eight-year prison sentence, which will be up in three years.

LEGACY REMEMBERED

Fisher's legacy has carried on through the continued work of his family and friends.

Clark College and Western Oregon University retired his baseball jersey numbers — 27 and 29, respectively.

"He's always in my mind," said Mark Magdaleno, Grant's coach from Clark College. "But most importantly, he's always in my heart."

Laura Fisher said she hopes to eventually start a foundation in his name in order to share his story. She said she wishes that schools had better education surrounding driving under the influence.

"There's a lack of awareness of what that does to people and how it affects people's lives," she says. "Students don't realize, and adults don't realize, that they shouldn't be driving. They shouldn't be behind the wheel."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that, in the United States alone, about 34 people are killed each day in car accidents caused by drunken drivers — one person every 42 minutes, on average.

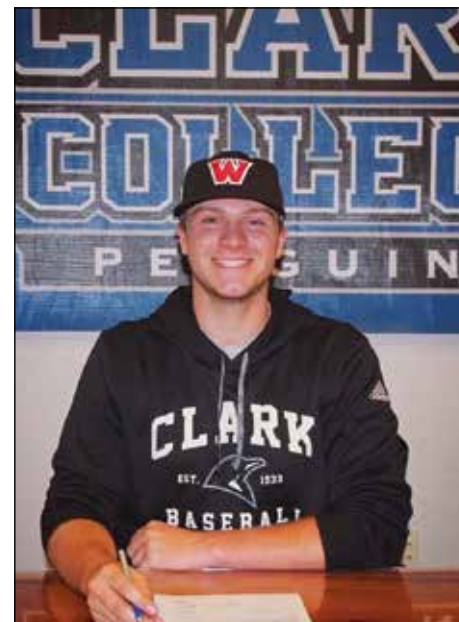
Laura Fisher is immensely grateful for the support of the Grant community as she and her family have gone through the grieving process. Friends provided meals, formed traditions to honor him and raised over \$100,000 to help Caitlin Fisher build a house for her and her daughter.

According to Laura Fisher, Grant's varsity baseball coach Matt Kabza honors Fisher through chanting "five-on-five" at the end of team huddles.

Despite the years that have passed, Fisher's legacy has



The Grant High School baseball team pays tribute to the legacy of former player Grant Fisher by featuring his jersey No. 5 on the outfield fence. (Maya McCollister)



After graduating from Grant High in 2015, Grant Fisher played baseball for Clark College in Vancouver. (Laura Fisher)



Grant Fisher graduated from Grant High in 2015 and was a star pitcher for the baseball team. Varsity baseball coach Matt Kabza honors Fisher through chanting "five-on-five" at the end of team huddles. (Laura Fisher)

been carried on through those he had an impact on — a list that extends to all who knew him. He lives on in admiration and love.

Caitlin Fisher hopes that her son is "remembered as the fun, kind, gentle, loving person that he was, the person who included everyone and saw the best in people," she writes. "My prayer is that (others) see the man that he was and it encourages them to be the best version of themselves just as he was and treat others the way he treated people, because now more than ever we need people like him."

Laura Fisher hopes that her son's story can help prevent future accidents by discouraging others from driving under the influence. "It gives me joy when people remember him," she says. She writes that "if sharing Grant's story prevents even one person from making that choice, his legacy is further honored."

The original version of this story was published in the May issue of Grant Magazine. It is edited and reprinted here with permission. To read the original story and learn more about the legacy of Grant Fisher, visit: www.grantmagazine.com.

Obituaries

SUMNER NEIGHBORS REMEMBER YVONNE RICE

Neighbors in Sumner are remembering the life and legacy of community member Yvonne Rice.

Rice, a longtime member of the Sumner Association of Neighbors, died in April. Rice was also involved in the North/Northeast Public Safety Action Committee.

Rice attended Sumner Grade School as a child and graduated from Parkrose High School.

Friend Karen McAninich recalled Rice as a dedicated community leader with a passion for quilting and crocheting blankets for others.



Yvonne Rice

Councilor Loretta Smith, who represents the area, described Rice as a tireless advocate.

"She showed up, spoke up and stood firm in her commitment to making District 1 stronger, more connected and more visible," Smith said in a tribute. "She believed in this community, its people, its potential and its future. We are grateful for her voice, her presence and her leadership. She will be deeply missed."

MANDY ZELINKA HONORED

Family members are remembering Mandy Zelinka as a talented softball player and hair stylist with an entrepreneurial spirit and infectious sense of laughter.

Zelinka attended Trinity Lutheran School on Northeast Killingsworth Street as a child and played in Lakeside Little League. Zelinka graduated from Benson Polytechnic High School. At Benson, she majored in KBPS radio and was voted the most valuable player of her varsity softball team, according



Mandy Zelinka

to her sister Koty Zelinka Cole.

After completing a cosmetology program at Mt. Hood Community College, Zelinka co-owned a beauty salon in the Pearl District and was at one point named one of Portland's favorite stylists.

"Mandy was a vibrant force of nature driven by creativity, beauty and bold ideas," the family said in an obituary.

In recent years, Zelinka lived in Southern California.

Los Angeles police are investigating Zelinka's death in April as a potential murder-suicide, according to local news reports. Zelinka's husband, former Milwaukie Mayor Jeremy Ferguson, was also found dead at the scene.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations for NAYA Family Center's Healing Circle or the Benson Polytechnic High School Alumni Scholarship Fund.

★ STAR FEATURE

Tree lovers pitch in for Cully arboretum

Fundraiser, work party planned for green space near Rigler Elementary School

By Casey Chaffin
Star News correspondent

On a sunny afternoon in May, Bruce Nelson and Carolyn Matthews sit on a bug-themed bench under the shade of an Accolade elm, and describe how they started the Rigler Arboretum in the early 2000s.

Nelson and Matthews were inspired by the Rigler Community Garden that had recently opened. Nelson, who trained as an entomologist and then went on to work in tree care and horticulture, has selected and planted many of the trees himself.

“Trees bring me solace, peacefulness,” Nelson said. “I wanted to live in a community with access to that too.”

Nelson recently installed permanent benches so people can sit in the shade, and the community is rallying to support him for his decades of work.

“They’ve stewarded that project in such an amazing way,” said Laura Moulton, who has lived near Nelson and Matthews since her family moved into the Cully neighborhood in 2008. “With the gorgeous trees that are really established now and the new play area, it’s a really beautiful space for families.”

Moulton recently started a GoFundMe campaign to compensate Nelson and Matthews for the addition of the benches, and the community is planning a work party on June 13.

The arboretum began as a project to preserve green space in the neighborhood. The large field adjacent to Rigler Elementary’s playground wasn’t being used well, and Nelson was concerned about the land being sold off to private development.

Nelson and Matthews thought creating an arboretum that ringed the edge of the field, showcasing the biodiversity of the Pacific Northwest, would increase community involvement and investment in the space.

Both Nelson and Matthews grew up with access to green space. Nelson lived next to open acres of land on the East Coast, and Matthews has lived in Portland most of her life.

“I grew up knowing what a real forest was,” Matthews said.

They wanted to extend that experience into the community.

“Not everyone is wealthy and can live on an acre of land; not everyone has the time to drive into the gorge,” Nelson said.

Moulton has seen how their neighborhood benefits from their work to preserve green space. Soon after moving in, she realized the couple was up to something, seeing them carting a wheelbarrow back and forth from the field.

Early on, Moulton offered her home’s outdoor hose to Nelson and Matthews to help water the trees, and became invested in the success of the arboretum. Her two children attended Rigler Elementary and volunteered alongside her to support Nelson’s and Matthews’ work.

“Our kids grew up with the trees, really,” she said.

In separate conversations, Moulton and Nelson shared the story of how, many years ago, Moulton witnessed a group of boys



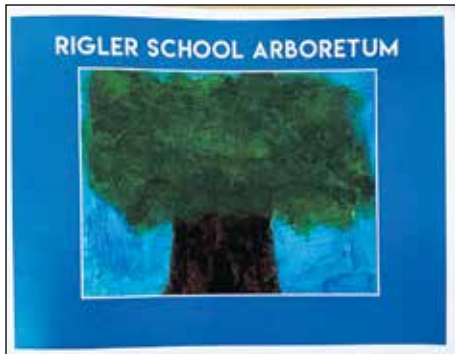
Pitch in

What: Rigler Arboretum work party
When: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, June 13
Contribute: <https://tinyurl.com/2b888zt6>
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Left: Rigler Arboretum began as a planting project in the early 2000s.

Below: Bruce Nelson and Carolyn Matthews led a decades-long effort to establish an arboretum at Rigler Elementary School in Cully. Neighbors are raising funds and hosting a work party to support the effort.

(Photos by Casey Chaffin)



Students at nearby Rigler Elementary School helped create a booklet to guide visitors to the arboretum.

tearing at some newly planted trees on her commute home, pulled her parking brake, and went to intercept them before they could do too much damage.

“I’m happy to be a tree mercenary, a tree protector,” Moulton said, chuckling.

Moulton hopes the fundraiser will bring more attention to the arboretum, and encourage neighbors to get involved in maintaining the trees, even if they don’t have kids who go to Rigler Elementary.

“We can’t have the world be the way we want it if we only prioritize our core families,” she said.

Moulton has seen how volunteering in the arboretum has increased neighbors’ connections with one another. “It’s what we



“I hope I can come out here in a wheelchair at 95 and see the trees being cared for.”

— Bruce Nelson

all need — being outside, working together, having fun conversations,” she said.

Nelson is also organizing an upcoming work party, where community members are invited to bring their gloves and shovels to weed and mulch the trees. That will be held at the Rigler Arboretum from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 13.

Nelson hopes events like the work party will teach others how to care for the trees, so neighbors can continue nurturing the arboretum once he’s no longer able to.

“I hope I can come out here in a wheelchair at 95 and see the trees being cared for,” Nelson said.

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Remembering the merchants of Alberta Street

Watchmakers, grocers, cobblers, other businesses proliferated in early 1900s

Back in 1910, the biggest worry facing the few residents living near and along Alberta Street had to do with the seasonal threat of fast-moving brush fires spreading across the recently cleared lands. Back then, vacant lots and fields of brush and trees were being converted to subdivisions as Portland's population surged and homebuilding took off. A streetcar built in 1903 that ran up Alberta as far east as Northeast 25th Street was transforming the area from rural fringe to suburb.

streetcar brought scores of business owners and thousands of residents to this fast-growing part of the city. The Dec. 28, 1913, edition of The Oregonian reported on the thriving area: "The streetcars are now operated to East Thirtieth street and Ainsworth avenue. The line runs double cars in order to take care of the traffic and even then the cars morning and evening are overcrowded."

In the late 1910s and early 1920s, Alberta Street was one of Portland's busiest business

HISTORY MYSTERY



Doug Decker



Left: Italian immigrant Frank Carlo, proprietor of the shoe repair shop at 2215 N.E. Alberta St. Carlo's family operated other shoe repair shops in Portland.

(Portland City Archives)

Below: Anderson's Store No. 5, today's 1816 N.E. Alberta St., circa 1930. Store manager Jim Frost is in the center.

(Norm Gholston)



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Historic Alberta Street, by the numbers

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- 7 shoe repair shops
- 7 tailors or sewing shops
- 4 butchers, bakers, pharmacies and filling stations
- 15 grocery stores
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Above: Alberta Grocery Store at Northeast 33rd and Alberta, shown here in the 1920s, was owned by Anna and Earl Logan. Northeast 33rd Avenue, then known as the "county road," was not yet paved. (Bob Wilson)

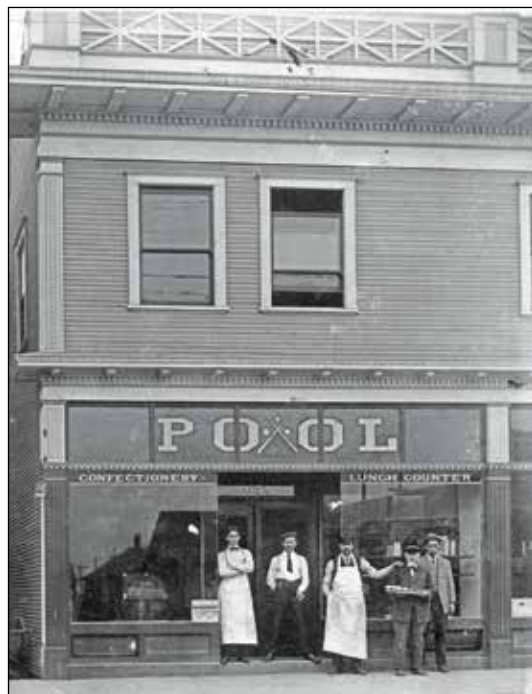
Below: Halver B. Olsen, Norwegian watchmaker and jewelry repairman, standing in front of his storefront at 2112 N.E. Alberta St. Olsen and his wife, Marie, lived in the upstairs apartment in the early 1930s. (Portland City Archives)

districts with its own streetcar, farmers market, pool halls, dairy, grocery stores, multiple theaters and business associations. It was also becoming an important east-west arterial as well, collecting traffic from the growing northeast portion of the city and funneling it west to Union (today's Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard) and across the bridges into downtown.

Photos from those years of businesses along Alberta — many of them owned and operated by recent immigrants — convey a sense of community and the hustle-bustle of the young business district, and remind us about the roots of today's Alberta District.

To read more about the early history of Alberta Street and see more early Alberta Street photos, visit Doug Decker's blog, alamedahistory.org, and type "Alberta" into the search bar.

Do you have a question or something you've always wondered about Northeast Portland history? Send your questions to: doug@alamedahistory.org.



Right: Ford's Pool Hall in 1909. George and Sylvia Ford's Pool Hall, Lunch Counter, Confectionery and Cigar Store was mid-block between 17th and 18th avenues on the south side of Alberta Street. (Norm Gholston)



Though part of the Red and White Store chain, this was actually known as the Irving Market and Grocery operated by David and May Irving, the couple to the right. This is today's 2022 N.E. Alberta St. David was born in Canada and May was from England. They lived in the neighborhood. (Portland City Archives)



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RILEY'S RECS



Riley Stevenson

Lil' Barbecue, the newish restaurant housed in neighborhood bar Tough Luck on Northeast Dekum Street, is bringing Texas-approved meats and sides to

Woodlawn. Its Austin-based sister restaurant, La Barbecue, has garnered national attention (and lines around the corner) with its Michelin-starred slow-cooked brisket and pulled pork. And yet, despite its big reputation, the La Barbecue operation has remained small — slinging food to hungry diners out of a tiny brick-and-mortar in East Austin.

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Top: Lil' Barbecue & Tough Luck at 1771 N.E. Dekum St. in Woodlawn. Above left: Taco Tuesday at Lil' Barbecue means pork tacos on crispy corn tortillas with pickled onions, jalapeños and salsa. Above right: The full spread: brisket, ribs, pulled chicken, smoked sausage, tater tots, coleslaw, toast and pickles. (Photos by Riley Stevenson)



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The brisket sandwich piled high with coleslaw on a charred brioche bun is worth every napkin.

Clem, founder of La Barbecue, and it took off.

Excellent news (luck?) for Tough Luck, the always beloved but under-the-radar bar where Lil' Barbecue landed. Their arrival has been game-changing. After years of experimenting with pop-ups and its own food menu, Tough Luck has finally found its groove. No doubt, the Tough Luck patio this summer will be one of the hottest spots in town.

First-timers should order the Lone Star state's holy trinity: brisket, pork ribs and sausage. Each delicious in their own right, but together, an unforgettable platter. Brisket, fatty and flavorful — the kind that comes undone at first touch. The sausages are snappy and never dry. And the pork ribs are worth the extra napkins.

If you don't consider meat and bread a complete meal, there are plenty of sides to add to your tray. Google Lil' Barbecue and Gemini will tell you to get the tater tots. And I hate to admit, AI got this one right. These pillowy pockets of fried potato will challenge anyone's conception of what a tater tot can be (and is dangerous news for McMenamins Cajun tots down the street). They might be my favorite thing on the menu.

Most of the other sides are just fine. The Caesar salad, forgettable; the coleslaw, bland. A shame, considering the chipotle version at La Barbecue is delicious. Vegetarians are



The dining area at Lil' Barbecue in Woodlawn.

much better off ordering the beet burnt ends, a creative solution for a meatless main, or the chips and queso for a classic bar snack.

If you can, visit early in the week for one of the rotating specials: Burger Monday, Taco Tuesday and Wing Wednesday. Each shockingly affordable at \$10 a plate. Taco Tuesday, in particular, might be the best deal in town. Crisp tortillas piled high with a rotating protein. On a recent Tuesday, this meant tomatillo-braised pork, which was

deliciously juicy and flavorful. It tasted, in the very best way, just like a taquito. If you close your eyes, you might forget you're in Portland, thousands of miles from Texas.

In a few weeks, I'll be in Austin for work, where I've made more than one pilgrimage to La Barbecue. But this trip, I think I'll skip it. Why wait in line when we have Lil' Barbecue at home?

For more recommendations, visit www.pdxrecs.substack.com



Tough Luck's outdoor patio fills up fast when the Pacific Northwest sun makes an appearance.

If you go

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LAURELHURST PARK SPRUCE UP

June 10. 9 a.m.-noon. Join the Friends of Laurelhurst Park in their 23rd season of work parties. The group is looking to add new volunteers to help with work, planning



Left: Be a friend to the park. Help with monthly gardening and land care activities at Laurelhurst Park. (Portland.gov)

Below: Michael Campbell's work blends religious symbols with organic fungal forms at Brassworks Gallery's latest exhibit. (Brassworks Gallery)

and leadership. Work parties will be on the second Wednesdays of the month through October. Join the email list at Laurelhurst. parkfriends@gmail.com. Southeast Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard and Stark Street

PARKROSE SUMMER NIGHTS

June 17. 5-9 p.m. Head to historic Parkrose for the fifth annual evening street festival featuring live music, food trucks, beer garden, giant bubbles, face painting, and over 35 local artisans and vendors. Cost: Free. 10402 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

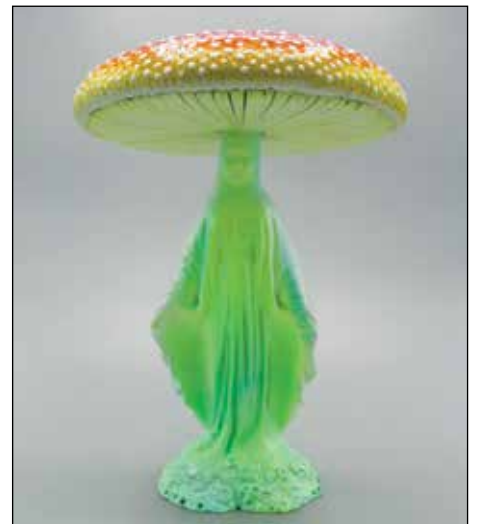
ENJOYARTS

LOOSE THREADS FUNSHOP

Fridays through Aug. 27. 2-5 p.m. Learn to knit and crochet, or bring your ongoing needlework to these weekly, drop-in sessions. For beginning embroiderers there are pre-cut felt, free-form kits that don't require an embroidery hoop. (One free felt kit per participant per session.) The goal is to make friends while making things. Adults only; no experience or advanced registration necessary. McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave., www.meetup.com/loosethreads-needlework-funshops

'KINGDOM COME'

June 13. 6-9 p.m. "Kingdom Come," a solo exhibition by Michael Campbell features



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BELIEVE IN THE SHELL

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Don't do the same puzzle twice. Drop off your used jigsaw puzzles at the monthly puzzle exchange and find a new one to try. (Portland Puzzle Exchange)

surreal, intricate works that blend religious iconography with organic, fungal forms. A first look at the artist's latest collection in Portland. Brassworks Gallery, 3022 N.E. Glisan St. 503-593-9311. Wed-Sat 3-8 p.m. Opening receptions are the Second Saturday of every month from 5-9 p.m. The gallery is closed the first week of each month to prepare for the next exhibition.

GENDER-BENDING CABARET

June 27. Doors 7 p.m.; show: 8 p.m. Lacy Productions brings smartly dressed and sultry performance artists from burlesque, boylesque, draglesque and drag king communities to the stage in "Dapperlesque." Ages 18 and over. Those ages 18-20 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost: \$37-\$52.75. Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., 503-719-6055, albertarosetheatre.com

MUSICNOTES

SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERTS

June 14, 28. 5-7 p.m. Enjoy family-friendly live music at Concordia Commons. Catch The Lawrence Jazz Duo playing instrumental, jazz, pop, bossa nova and swing on June 14; DJ Tyler Smith cues up family-friendly grooves on June 28. Cost: Free. NE 30th Avenue and Killingsworth.

GARCIA BIRTHDAY BAND

June 19-20. Doors 7 p.m.; show 8 p.m. Playing for over 20 years, Portland's Garcia Birthday Band taps the Grateful Dead's repertoire as a springboard for improvisation. This weekend guides fans through the Dead's auditory kaleidoscope of decades spanning from the mid-1960s to the mid-1990s. June 19 will cover the early years; June 20 will focus on all that came after. This will be a partially seated show, so you can dance. Ages 21 and over. Cost: \$31.25. Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., 503-719-6055, albertarosetheatre.com

NEARLY DAN

June 28. Doors 6 p.m.; show: 7 p.m. Nearly Dan fuses the chops of 12 artists with backgrounds in jazz, rock, R&B, country and

STAR NEWS CROSSWORD

Welcome to the Star News monthly crossword puzzle. Taylor Johnson, a puzzlemaker who recently moved with his family to North Portland, created the crossword specifically for Star News readers. Grab a pencil and put your puzzle skills to the test. For the solution to this month's puzzle turn to **Page 22**.



taylor johnson

Across

- 1 Obi-Wan Kenobi portrayer Guinness
- 5 "Hard ___!" ("That's a big no!")
- 9 Joni Mitchell's genre
- 13 Millennium Falcon captain Han
- 14 Against
- 15 Like vine-covered walls
- 17 With 40-Across, historic venue that opened a "microcinema" in the Portland International Airport in 2015
- 19 "Bald" bird
- 20 Cantaloupe or honeydew
- 21 Spiders spin them
- 23 TV sales channel
- 24 *A Death in the Family* author
- 26 Rubber ducky, for one
- 28 Groups of sports teams
- 31 Small dollops
- 32 Thumb-twiddling person
- 33 Sporty car roof
- 36 "Rolled" granola ingredients
- 39 Fuss
- 40 See 17-Across
- 43 *The Golden Girls* actress Arthur
- 44 When doubled, a Hawaiian fish
- 46 Move, in real estate lingo
- 47 "Full steam ___!"
- 49 Declare
- 51 Bleeps out
- 53 Person who's always active
- 56 Clubs or spades
- 57 911 responder
- 58 Some hazy beers from Great Notion Brewing
- 60 Yellowstone attraction
- 64 Taken ___ (shocked)
- 66 Catholic outdoor altar and sanctuary located in the Madison South district
- 68 Fix, as shoelaces
- 69 Not many
- 70 Obtains
- 71 Word after "cocktail" or "wedding"

- 72 Dispensary purchase, informally
- 73 Not at home

Down

- 1 Campfire residue
- 2 Weaver's device
- 3 Palindromic fashion magazine
- 4 Art project that involves cutting and pasting
- 5 Fictional Indiana town where *Parks and Recreation* is set
- 6 Year, in Portugal
- 7 Put away, like a carry-on bag
- 8 Second half of a record
- 9 Spanish party
- 10 Egg cells
- 11 *Star Wars* weapon
- 12 Ashton Kutcher's role on *That '70s Show*
- 16 Refute
- 18 Creamy ingredient in tzatziki
- 22 Unflattering news coverage
- 25 Lauder of cosmetics
- 27 *Succession* TV network
- 28 Actor Hemsworth or Neeson
- 29 Icelandic saga
- 30 Hawaii's nickname
- 34 Powdery mineral
- 35 Plains tribe
- 37 Some beverages served at Behind the Museum Café
- 38 Feeling down
- 41 Employee who hires employees, for short
- 42 Not as tough
- 45 Brown or Yale, e.g.
- 48 Exercise practice in a high-temperature room
- 50 Cyclists' battery-powered rides
- 52 Chicken ___
- 53 Santa's facial feature
- 54 Earthy brown hue
- 55 Gobbles up
- 59 "___ till you drop"
- 61 Classic slow cooker meal
- 62 Jazz singer James
- 63 Like an optimistic outlook
- 65 Prefix with "gender"
- 67 Moody music genre

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★ STAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

To include an item in The Star Calendar, send an email to editorial@starnewspdx.com and include the title, time, date, location and a short description (50 words or less).

Entries must be received by the 15th day of the month preceding the publication month. Photos are welcome, but must be suitable for print: 300 dpi JPG.

If sending from a smartphone, download the largest size. Events will be included as space allows.

swing to present their own arrangements of the music of Steely Dan. Cost: \$42. Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., 503-719-6055, albertarosetheatre.com

FOR SENIORS

TRANSITIONS SIMPLIFIED

June 25. Noon-1:30 p.m. This is an informative event for seniors or those looking for downsizing strategies. Key speakers will share practical resources, discuss the current real estate market and financial options. A complimentary lunch at the brewery will also be included. Cost: Free. RSVP by June 15 by calling 503-459-8936. Steeplejack Brewing Co., 2400 NE Broadway, movingtopdx.com

INGENERAL

PARKINSON'S PINGPONG

June 3, 10, 17. 10 a.m.-noon. If you've been diagnosed with Parkinson's, join others to play table tennis in a supportive space. Connect, stay active and enjoy the benefits of playing pingpong together. Tables, paddles and balls supplied. All skill levels welcome. Cost: Free. Fremont United Methodist



Breakside is putting on a giant beer bash with suds, live music, food and more to celebrate 16 years at its Dekum Street location. (Breakside Collective)



Join needle fans every Friday for the Loose Threads Funshop meet-ups at McMenamins Kennedy School. (Loose Threads)

Church, 2620 N.E. Fremont St., 503-819-8033

IDEALIST DAY TIE-DYE PARTY

June 6. 10 a.m.-noon. Tie-dye clothing for neighbors in need that will be delivered to the Mainspring Portland Re-Thread Clothing Pantry. You may also bring one white or light-colored article of clothing to make and take a tie-dyed item for yourself. Tie-dyeing supplies provided. Limit one personal item per family member. Sponsored by the Portland Idealists, local folks participating in a global movement that urges everyone to do something once a month to make their community better. Cost: Free. RSVP at <https://luma.com/2ninur40>. Roseway Plaza (NE Mason Street and 72nd Avenue), Luma.com/PortlandIdealists

COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE BLOCK PARTY

June 13. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Community

Warehouse is celebrating 25 years of furnishing homes and strengthening the community with a free, family-friendly block party. Festivities will include an estate store sidewalk sale; furniture bank-themed games and prizes; and food and refreshments. Over the years, Community Warehouse has served more than 125,000 families, veterans, refugees others across the Portland area. Cost: Free; RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/4s9usw2a>. 3969 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., communitywarehouse.org

ROSE CITY BOOK AND PAPER FAIR

June 13-14. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Cascade Booksellers Association is holding its 20th annual fair, with 68 dealers from around

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Wednesday, June 10

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Thursday, June 11

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IT'S GARAGE SALE SEASON

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALES

IRVINGTON

June 6. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Shop in one of Portland's historic neighborhoods at this annual event sponsored by the Irvington Community Association. The area — encompassing Northeast Seventh Avenue, Fremont Street, Northeast 27th and Broadway — has Queen Anne, Period Revival Bungalow/Craftsman, and Prairie School architectural styles built from the 1890s through the 1930s. Take a stroll through a beautiful part of Portland and find some treasures. More than 160 households participate in the sale, rain or shine. See map of participating homes at www.irvingtonpdx.com/annual-irvington-yard-sale.

ARBOR LODGE

June 13-14. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The fifth annual Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Yard Sale. Meet neighbors and find new-to-you treasures in this compact neighborhood that's also home to great restaurants and shops and an inclusive park. <https://arborlodgedpx.org/yardsale>

LAURELHURST

June 20. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This is a neighborhood worth visiting any time. Admire the homes and Laurelhurst Park while bargain hunting. Stroll through the looping streets and find a treasure. There are almost 100 locations participants this year.



As the days brighten and the weather warms, neighborhood yard and garage sales are popping up across North and Northeast Portland. Spend a day browsing through pre-loved goods, clothing, antiques and unexpected treasures, or unload some of your own no-longer-needed items. (Sabin Neighborhood Association)



SABIN

June 27. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Sabin Community Association is coordinating this neighborhood-wide event that will be held rain or shine. Join them in putting out items for sale that you'd like to move along to a new home at a fair price. This is not a fundraiser; you keep the money. Visit www.sabinpdx.org/yard-sale.html for details.

UPCOMING

BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE

July 11. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The Northeast Portland neighborhood extends from

Fremont and Northeast 42nd Avenue business districts, Beaumont Middle School and Wilshire Park.

Find one of a kind treasures at this summer's community yard sale. A map of all participating households and their sale items will be available on July 10.

OVERLOOK

July 11. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The North Portland neighborhood hosts an annual yard sale, with participating households offering up treasures all across the neighborhood. A map will be released closer to the event. Following the event on Sunday is the free share. Yard sale hosts

will set items that did not sell out on the curbside for free.

MORE OPTIONS

GARAGE SALE MAP

Visit gsalr.com for a full map of garage sales throughout the city. You can also post your own sale.

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Many local estate sales offer 50 percent off on the last day. See a full list of Portland locations at www.estatesalefinder.com

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the country. Find used, rare and collectible books, underground zines, quirky vintage photo albums or signed first editions. Silent auction both days. Cost: \$5 at the door; \$7.18 online at <https://tinyurl.com/2faa8hfx>. DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah St., rosecitybookfair.com

BREAKSIDE BREWERY SWEET 16 BLOCK PARTY

June 13. Noon-9 p.m. Breakside Brewery is turning 16 and will celebrate with a beer-filled block party. There will be live music from Whiskey Deaf, Chrissy Marie, Carcelo Guitron Band and Mitch and the Melody Makers; food from Farmer and the Beast; and an inflatable obstacle course. Street Dog Hero will be onsite from noon-3 p.m. with canines to adopt. Cost: Free. Breakside Brewery, 820 N.E. Dekum St., 503-719-6475, breakside.com

PRE-FATHER'S DAY ARTISAN MARKET

June 13. 1-4 p.m. Meet some of Portland's finest craftsmen and artisan brands — including The Joinery, Revant Optics, Finex Cast Iron, Jacobsen Salt Co., Straightaway Cocktails, Olympia Provisions, Nossa Familia Coffee and more — at this 6th annual event sponsored by SteelPort Knife Co. In addition, SteelPort will offer knife deals and factory tours. Cost: Free. RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/mp539j6s>. SteelPort Knife Co. factory, 3602 N.E. Sandy Blvd., 503-498-8132, www.steelportknife.com/

DUMPSTER DAY

June 27. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Got junk? Bring it to the joint Roseway and Madison South Neighborhood Associations' Dumpster

Star sighting



Star News contributors past and present wish a happy retirement to designer Lisa Chiba Perkins, who retired from the paper in June. Perkins made enormous contributions in her 20 years with the paper. Here she is celebrating at Aunt Tillie's Deli & Pub after the Junior Rose Parade. From left: Mary Ann Seeger, Eleanor Milbourn, Denise Szott, Vivian Milbourn, Lisa Heyamoto, Todd Milbourn, Lisa Chiba Perkins and Janet Goetze.

— Todd Milbourn

Where did you spot the Star? Send a photo with a short blurb (3-5 sentences), your name and neighborhood to editorial@star-news.info and it might be featured in an upcoming issue!

Day. This event is RNA's biggest fundraiser of the year. There will be a free "pop-up shop" to reduce waste and recycle reusable items back into the community. Guests welcome from all neighborhoods. Visit for a list of what's accepted and what isn't and suggested donation cost per load. Glenhaven

Park parking lot (Northeast 82nd Avenue and Siskiyou Street), <https://roseway.org/dumpster-day>.

LIONS COLLECTIONS

July 4. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Portland Hollywood Lions Club will be collecting used eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids, cell phones and e-tablets at the Hollywood Farmers Market (NE Hancock Street between 44th and 45th avenues).

CLUBS FOR A CAUSE

July 17. 9 a.m. The Portland Hollywood Lions and Milwaukie Lions will host their annual golf tournament at Glendoveer Golf Course. It will be a four-person scramble. Cost: Foursome \$400 for early bird registration before July 1. Price includes lunch, cart and a chance to win prizes. Call Gary Balo at 503-971-716-8184 or Arlene Halvorson at 503-680-7703.

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3,396

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2,356

TOTAL MARKET TIME
63 Days

INVENTORY
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APRIL 2026



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