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Fire shuts down local entertainment for community in Portland

## Inferno Ravages the Roseway Theater

Possible shut  
down of beloved  
landmark saddens  
neighborhood

By PHYLLIS HARRIS

Just before 6:00am on Saturday morning of Aug. 6, 2022, Portland firefighters were summoned to a three-alarm fire at the nearly decade-old Roseway Theater on Northeast Sandy Boulevard. Although the smokejumpers were eventually able to defeat the blaze,

the impact it has left on the building has caused uncertainty due its appearance. Damages range from interior havoc on the floors to an extensive flawed roof of the treasured theater. The cause of the fire is still under investigation and unknown at the time. Despite the damages caused by the flames, neighbors of the popular theater remain hopeful.

As the news spreads of the fate of the beloved theater, many onlookers are somber by the potential loss and reminisce of their most memorable visit as they pass by.

19 year old Amy recalls being able to watch movies at the theater

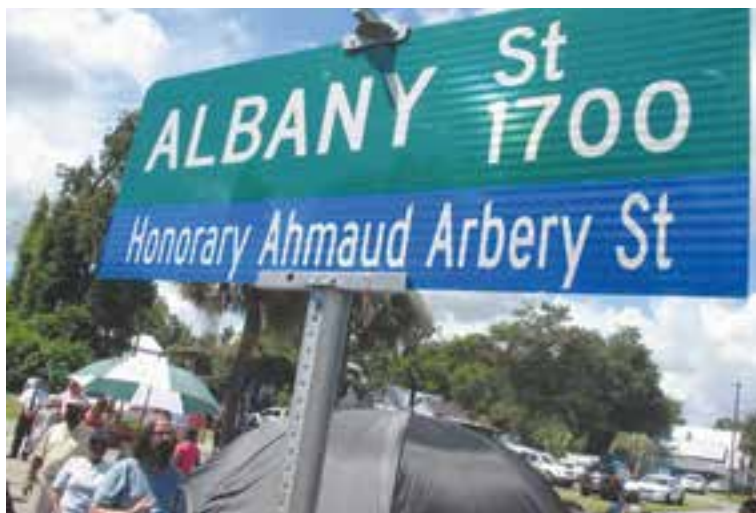
with kids she babysits during the summer, "those were the days when we would all bike over to the theater and go grab a pizza next door afterwards." Others too in the film going community are disheartened by the threat of a permanent loss and what it will mean for the neighborhood. "Being able to go to the movies once a month with my husband is really all we can afford, being on a fixed income. I don't know what we will do to get out of the house now" said 67 year old Gertrude.

The theater has been in continuous operation since 1925 and was renovated by owner Greg Wood

after he purchased it in 2008. Since then, it's been one of the most popular and low-cost theaters in town catering to the Roseway neighborhood and beyond. To lose this gathering place would be devastation and take a toll on people of all ages. Yet community members remain optimistic it will recover from the fire and restore its contribution of joy to patrons who have supported the movie house throughout the years. At this time, the future of the neighborhood staple's recovery is bleak, leaving yet another historic landmark's future in limbo.



# Men Sentenced in Racist Hate Crime



A crowd gathers under a new sign designating a city roadway as Honorary Ahmaud Arbery Street (AP Photo/Russ Bynum)

## Justice finally for Ahmaud Arbery

(AP) — The white father and son who chased and killed Ahmaud Arbery in a Georgia neighborhood each received a second life prison sentence for committing federal hate crimes, months after getting their first for murder at a hearing that brought a close to more than two years of criminal proceedings.

U.S. District Court Judge Lisa Godbey Wood handed down the

sentences against Travis McMichael, 36, and his father, Greg McMichael, 66, reiterating the gravity of the February 2020 killing that shattered their Brunswick community. William “Roddie” Bryan, 52, who recorded cellphone video of the slaying, was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

“A young man is dead. Ahmaud Arbery will be forever 25. And what happened, a jury found, happened because he’s Black,” Wood said.

The McMichaels were previously sentenced to life without parole in state court for Arbery’s murder and had asked the judge to divert them to a federal prison to



Wanda Cooper Jones, the mother of Ahmaud Arbery, is held by her attorney, Lee Merritt, while addressing supporters gathered for the unveiling of new street signs honoring Arbery (AP Photo/Russ Bynum)

serve their sentences, saying they were worried about their safety in the state prison system. Bryan had sought to serve his federal sentence first. Wood declined all three requests.

The sentences imposed Monday brought an end to the second trial against the men responsible for Arbery’s slaying, which along

with the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis and fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor in Kentucky fueled a wave of protests across the country against the killings of unarmed Black people.

Arbery’s parents joined the celebration the day after the men responsible for their son’s death received harsh prison sentences in

U.S. District Court for committing federal hate crimes.

Officials in coastal Brunswick, where Arbery grew up, have ordered that intersections along all 2.7 miles of Albany Street that runs through the heart of the city’s Black community will have additional signs designating it as Honorary Ahmaud Arbery Street.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Environmental Grants Awarded

### New grants to support natural community projects

The Portland City Council unanimously approved \$100,000 for the Bureau of Environmental Services Community Watershed Stewardship Program (CWSP) to provide grants to nine community projects that restore the natural environment and create positive change in their neighborhoods.

Now in its 27th year, the Environmental Services program has supported more than 330 community projects that build rain gardens, turn paved areas into natural spaces, and restore green spaces while providing education and professional development opportunities for participants. It is operated by the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services in partnership with Portland State University's (PSU) Indigenous Nations Studies Department.

Each year, these partnerships produce an outpouring of energy from volunteers who dig in to support these community led initiatives.

"As Portlanders, we love to come together as a community in support of our green spaces," said Commissioner Mingus



Students from Sifton Elementary School participate in a CWSP-funded planting of native shrubs

Mapps. "The Community Watershed Stewardship Program brings leadership from underserved communities to promote stewardship and watershed health that has lasting impact."

To find out more about the

Community Watershed Stewardship Program and other Environmental Services grants and incentives, visit the information page at [www.portland.gov/bes/grants-incentives/community-watershed-stewardship-grants](http://www.portland.gov/bes/grants-incentives/community-watershed-stewardship-grants)

## Oregon Foundation Issues \$8.7 Million in Community Grants

### Community donors help to meet recovery needs

The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) announced it is awarding over \$8.7 million in new community grants. Grants are being issued to organizations serving disproportionately impacted communities in Oregon, including communities of color and under-resourced rural communities. The awards will benefit communities and neighbors living in all 36 Oregon counties.



Josephine County Food Bank receives funds for Youth Internship Program

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# Turning 65: What to Consider When Selecting a Medicare Plan

Approaching age 65 can be an overwhelming time for many newly eligible Medicare beneficiaries. When can you begin to enroll? Which plans should you consider? What do you need to know? Here's some information that can help.

You have a seven-month window called the Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) to sign up for Medicare benefits, which begins three months prior to the month you'll turn 65. You are first eligible to receive Medicare coverage at the start of your birthday month. If your current benefits end once you turn 65, it's important to begin researching and comparing your Medicare options early to make sure there's no gap in your coverage.

There are several different types of Medicare plans available.\* Medicare Part A (hospital) and Medicare Part B (medical) are administered by the federal government. Original Medicare includes Parts A and B that provide hospital and medical coverage. For most people, Part A is free, so it's important to evaluate your options as soon as you become eligible for Medicare.\* Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) is offered by Medicare-approved private insurance companies and can be considered an "all in one" alternative to Original Medicare. These



There are plenty Medicare options to choose from to fit a variety of needs, and resources are available to help with choices

plans include all the coverage provided by Medicare Part A and B, and some may include additional benefits like prescription drug coverage, routine dental, vision and hearing care, and innovative offerings such as fitness programs, healthy food debit cards for those who qualify and transportation benefits to help you get to doctor's appointments.\* Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Plans) is

Original Medicare doesn't cover most prescription drugs, so you'll need to sign-up for a stand-alone prescription drug plan (PDP) if enrolled in Original Medicare. These Part D plans are offered by Medicare-approved private insurers, like Humana.\* Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) is like Medicare Advantage, these plans are offered by private insurance companies and may

help pay some of the healthcare costs that Medicare Parts A and B don't, like coinsurance, copayments or deductibles. When selecting a prescription drug plan, you'll want to make sure the medications you're currently taking are covered and compare their costs across different plans. Some plans also take steps to help save you money, like Humana for example. They sug-

gest generic or lower-cost equivalent drugs to their members when they're available. And when it comes to costs, look beyond the monthly premium and consider the additional out-of-pocket costs. Always evaluate the full cost of the plan, including co-payments or co-insurance, and the deductible as well as which pharmacies are in network.

While the many plan options can seem overwhelming, there are resources available to help you choose Medicare coverage that best suits your needs. The Medicare Plan Finder on Medicare.gov allows you to easily compare the benefits and costs of different plans. Other resources on sites such as Humana.com include helpful information to consider in shopping for plans like Physician and Pharmacy finders to help you see if your providers are in a plan's network. While planning ahead is helpful, rest assured that, as your needs change, you can change your plan during the Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan Annual Enrollment Period, which goes from October 15th to December 7th each year. Medicare-eligible individuals can visit [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227), 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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# New Non-Emergency Line for Community



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PDX 311 improves access to local government within Multnomah County by providing a single point of contact.

PDX 311, is a public information resource that provides community members with a single point of contact for local government and the services it provides, while helping lower non-emergency call wait times. This was created to simplify community member access to local government programs and services. Community members can reach the PDX 311 team by calling 3-1-1, emailing 311@portlandoregon.gov or visiting in person at the Portland Building, which reopened to the public on June 1. The Staff is fluent in English, Spanish, Romanian, and Tagalog and have resources to assist community members in additional languages.

"No one should have to wait long periods of time when they are experiencing an emergency. 311's enhanced public information

resource will help alleviate wait times for 911 while providing Portlanders with an option to immediately receive crucial information, report non-emergencies and much more," said Mayor Wheeler according to Portland.gov.

The staff can assist anyone in Multnomah County on topics ranging from finding information about property or neighborhoods; reporting issues like graffiti, road hazards, or abandoned vehicles; filing police reports for certain thefts; or getting started planning a community event or block party. Staff can navigate, find information, and reach the right resource for services provided by the cities of Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, and Wood Village.

Community members should still call 911 for situations involving an immediate threat to life or property.

## Oregon Foundation

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The Program received an historic 960 applications. The volume of applicants reveals the ongoing needs of communities recovering from past crises in Oregon and struggling to meet ongoing needs. "OCF's 2022 Community Grant recipients reflect the responsive nature of a diverse base of nonprofits from every part of the state," said John Chang, Senior Program Officer, Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon.

OCF maintained a strong commitment to supporting historically underserved populations and

awarded 61% of the grants to smaller, nimble nonprofits meeting key community needs. Selected grantees include nonprofits providing arts, cultural and educational programs, and those focused on equity, health, housing and human services.

"The generosity of OCF donors clearly signals that they want their communities to thrive. This level of collaborative and responsive grant making affirms that we can do so much more for Oregon when we work together," said Kirsten Kilchenstein, Chief Philanthropy Officer, Oregon Community Foundation.

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# Oregon Shakespeare presents “The Tempest”

## OPINIONATED JUDGE

BY  
DARLEEN  
ORTEGA



One of the two best shows I have seen so far this season at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival is on stage until October, while the other closed on July 30 but deserves a deep bow of respect. Two highly anticipated final shows open at the end of this month.

You can still see “The Tempest” on the outdoor stage through October 15. I had the pleasure of seeing the great Kevin Kenerly as Prospero, the banished duke who has spent years in exile enslaving a spirit, Ariel, and a perceived monster, Caliban, along with raising his young daughter Miranda and accumulating spiritual power that may make possible the revenge he has longed for against his enemies, including his usurping brother. Kenerly was masterful as Prospero; he has a way of infusing with intention every movement down to the slightest muscle twitch, and his deep voice and presence commanded the stage while still conveying sorrow and subtlety.

Such is the depth of Black talent at OSF that, as of August 10, viewers will have the pleasure of watching Tyrone Wilson step into the role of Prospero and Chris Butler step into the role of Alonso formerly played by Wilson. These two masterful veterans will no doubt bring their own power into the production.

The casting is particularly interesting given that the play involves a story of colonization. Prospero has landed on this island due to wrongs done to him, but quickly assumes the role of colonizer, en-



*The Tempest (2022): Grace Chan Ng, Kevin Kenerly. Photo by Jenny Graham*

slaving the island’s two residents and exercising benevolent but total control over Miranda. Casting a powerful Black man in the role holds the potential to wake up some audience members—particularly those of us who feel most acutely the impacts of colonization—to the moral ambiguity of his character. He is sympathetic yet problematic, a sometimes kind dehumanizer—not unlike many colonizers. Are we prone to excusing these behaviors given his own status as victim, his legitimate grievances, his compelling presentation? How should we think about these ambiguities?

This production benefits from an additional Black actor in the role of the spirit Ariel—Geoffrey Warren Barnes II. New to OSF, Barnes’s presence and voice are so transporting that they supports the illusion of flight. Both he and Caliban (James Ryen) are treated as other on an island which birthed them; it’s worth watching how their responses to dehumanization may evoke different levels of sympathy; though one is more appealing than the other, ought we be satisfied with that explanation for any difference in our response?

The uncluttered conception of the show serves these rumi-

nations, and standouts in the remainder of a solid cast are Grace Chan Ng as Prospero’s daughter Miranda and William Thomas Hodgson as Ferdinand, who quite understandably falls in love with Miranda on sight. Too young and innocent to be distracted by the power plays happening around them, their purity of heart offers a sort of alternative universe, in which uncomplicated love is possible, even as one wonders how good one’s heart must be to sustain such clear intention.

I regret that family challenges this summer prevented me from

offering more timely accolades to OSF’s wonderful production of “How I Learned What I Learned,” which closed July 30. Steven Anthony Jones positively channeled playwright August Wilson’s brilliance and wisdom in this moving production, which genuinely felt like sitting at the feet of the master. Wilson originally performed this monologue himself, before his passing in 2005, and while I could only wish to have heard him in person, Jones captures so well the sense of Wilson speaking across more generations than the one lifetime he lived, and Tim Bond’s fine direction contributed to a performance that felt intimate yet expansive enough to fill the Bowmer stage. A deep bow of respect for this thoroughly satisfying show.

Two final shows will open at the end of this month. “King John,” directed by Rosa Joshi, presents a cast of female and non-binary performers in Shakespeare’s history play. Presented in conjunction with Seattle’s upstart crowd collective and benefiting from a fine cast and Joshi’s strong direction, this tale of a corrupt monarch promises to speak directly to current challenges. And OSF Artistic Director Nataki Garrett directs the West Coast premiere of “Confederates,” playwright Dominique Morrisseau’s work about two brilliant Black women facing related struggles a century apart. I’m looking forward to catching both shows between now and their closing at the end of October.

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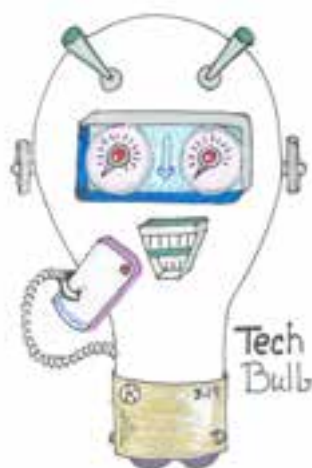
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# Jan 6. Defendants Attempt to Cash In

Several Rioter's try to profit from the Capitol incident back on Jan.6

AP -Facing prison time and dire personal consequences for storming the U.S. Capitol, some Jan. 6 defendants are trying to profit from their participation in the deadly riot, using it as a platform to drum up cash, promote business endeavors and boost social media profiles.

A Nevada man jailed on riot charges asked his mother to contact publishers for a book he was writing about "the Capitol incident." A rioter from Washington State helped his father hawk clothes and other merchandise bearing slogans such as "Our House" and images of the Capitol building. A Virginia man released a rap album with riot-themed songs and a cover photograph of him sitting on a police vehicle outside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

A group calling itself the Patriot Freedom Project says it



Insurrectionists loyal to President Donald Trump try to break through a police barrier (AP Photo/Julio Cortez, File)

has raised more than \$1 million in contributions and paid more than \$665,000 in grants and legal fees for families of Capitol riot defendants.

Those actions are sometimes complicating matters for defendants when they face judges at sentencing as prosecutors point

to the profit-chasing activities in seeking tougher punishments. The Justice Department, in some instances, is trying to claw back money that rioters have made off the insurrection.

Many rioters have paid a steep personal price for their actions on Jan. 6. At sentencing, riot-

ers often ask for leniency on the grounds that they already have experienced severe consequences for their crimes. A few rioters are writing books about the mob's attack or have marketed videos that they shot during the riot.

They lost jobs or entire careers. Marriages fell apart.

Friends and relatives shunned them or even reported them to the FBI. Strangers have sent them hate mail and online threats. And they have racked up expensive legal bills to defend themselves against federal charges ranging from misdemeanors to serious felonies.

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# Lottery Targeted Towards Minority communities

## Studies show Lottery hones in on low-income neighborhoods

While the growing expansion of casinos have nearly doubled in size over the past two decades, driving a multibillion-dollar wealth transfer from low-income U.S. communities to powerful multinational companies.

A nationwide investigation of state lotteries found that lottery retailers are disproportionately clustered in lower-income communities in nearly every state. The investigation's analysis of cell phone location data shows that the people who patronize those stores come from the same kinds of communities. In the vast majority of states with lotteries concentrate on communities with lower levels of education and in-



AP Image - Study finds that most state lotteries are targeting low-income households

come and higher poverty rates, with larger populations of Black and Hispanic people.

More than two-thirds of lottery sales are of instant scratch-off tickets, which range in price from \$1 to \$50. "There's a reason why so many lottery outlets are concentrated in low-income areas across the United States," said

Les Bernal, national director of Stop Predatory Gambling.

Many states permit sales at stores that specifically market to low-income communities. Check-cashing stores, patronized by lower-income people who don't have bank accounts, sell lottery tickets in 24 states, the Howard Center found.

## Paid Internships for Local Youth



Intern Leader at Columbia Springs

## Science Program encourages youth in the community

The Youth Environmental Leadership Program (YELP) is a new opportunity at Columbia Springs providing paid internships for local youth.

YELP is designed to support young people in learning these skills through a hands-on leadership role in our elementary science education programs. The program will help develop skills in science, science educa-

tion, and science communication. This includes the completion of an independent project that utilizes each intern's skills, background, and interests.

Kylie DaCunha, Columbia Springs Community Engagement Specialist stated "The innate curiosity and flexibility of young people makes them natural scientists. We believe in fostering these qualities to encourage critical thinking and independence, which will set our future leaders up for success in any pursuit."

In order to make the program an equitable learning opportu-

nity for youth from all backgrounds, interns will be compensated for their time through a stipend in recognition of their valuable contributions. The Youth Environmental Leadership Program is funded through support from the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation and private donations.

For those interested in applying, more information and the program application can be found at [www.columbiasprings.org/YELP](http://www.columbiasprings.org/YELP). Applications are due by August 23rd and the fall program will run for 15 weeks beginning the week of September 12th.



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Scope already assigned: Building Mechanical, Building Electrical, Building Plumbing, and Building Low Voltage, and Mass Timber Frame, Metal Panel Fabrication.

Swinerton Builders will be bidding Framing, Drywall, and Taping, as a self-performed scope.

0001 - Site Management, 0109 - Final Clean, 0204 - Demolition, 0301 - Building Concrete, 0307 - Gypsum Cement Underlayment, 0401 - Masonry, 0502 - Structural Steel & Misc. Metals, 0602 - Architectural Millwork, 0703 - Fireproofing, 0707 - Architectural Metal Wall Panels, 0708 - Roofing, 0710 - Waterproofing, 0802 - Doors, Frames & Hardware, 0804 - Overhead Coiling Doors, 0805 - Skylights, 0806 - Storefront and Windows, 0902 - Drywall & Framing, 0903 - Flooring, 0904 - Painting and Acoustic Panels, 0905 - Stucco & EIFS, 0907 - Tile, 0909 - Plaster, 1003 - Specialties and Signage, 1104 - Building Equipment, 1201 - Furnishings, 1303 - Special Construction, 1402 - Elevators, 2601 - Electrical - Site Infrastructure, 2601 - Electrical - Site Lighting, 3106 - Earthwork and Utilities, 3202 - Asphalt Paving, 3207 - Fencing, 3208 - Landscaping, 3211 - Site Concrete

Bid Packages and Plans located at several plan centers and Smart-BidNet <https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/565395ce-d928350a00e70b61/projects/62ed7053263aa0007f6cfb5f>



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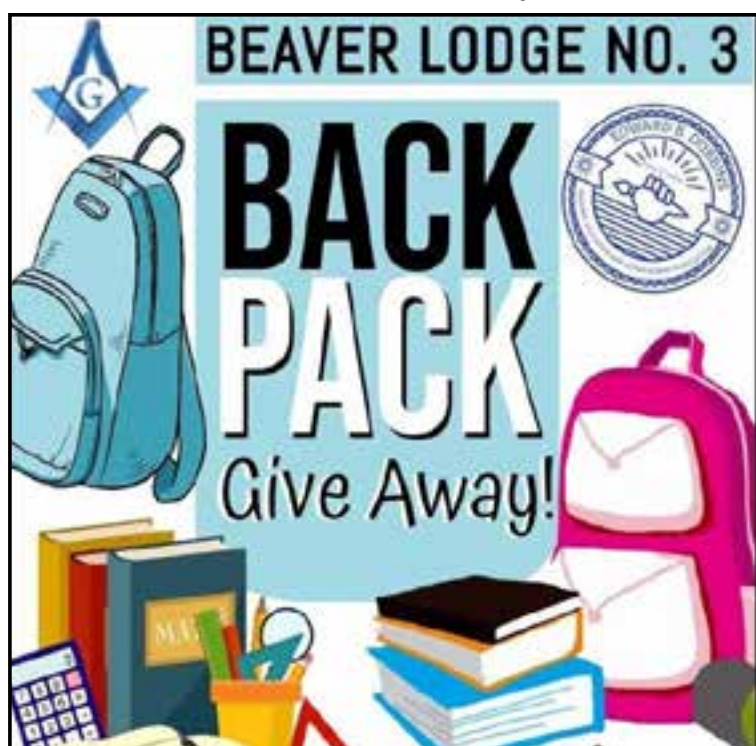
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# Lodge Rocks Backpack Giveaway



The Brothers of Prince Hall Beaver Lodge # 3 and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge for the states of Oregon, Idaho and Montana provided hundreds of backpacks to students for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year this past Saturday.

Prince Hall Masonry is the oldest Black fraternal organization in America and began on March 6, 1775. The first Prince Hall chapter in Oregon was organized in Portland in 1891. That Lodge was located on NE Russell originally thus moving to NOPO in recent years.

Hot dogs and chips were provided to those who attend along with all the goodies to give local students a prosperous start for the new school year.

Why backpacks? On average, families spend about \$789 on school supplies each year. 1 in 5 school-aged children live in poverty. To date, we've given away 1.3 million backpacks.

This year, 1,244 locations are participating, and we are giving away 130,000 backpacks.

Upon speaking to one of its long-term members, Royal Harris, he explained the importance of remaining grounded in the community you live in and that which surrounds you. "Giving kiddos a fresh start at success to begin the new school year is important for their success" Royal recalled the many similar events that he himself benefitted from as a young lad growing up in the Woodlawn neighborhood and took advantage of what was available and remains appreciative.

Supplies were given on a first come, first served basis and all contributions were donated in its entirety by the time the event finished. The Portland chapter would like to thank all of the sponsors and individuals who made this happen. For future collaborations please contact Clayborn Collins at 503.867.9570.

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## An emergency care research study of bleeding in the brain.

Providence Brain and Spine Institute is conducting a research study to study bleeding in the brain, also called intracerebral hemorrhage (ICH). Most of this bleeding occurs within a few hours of onset of symptoms. The brain injury from ICH is usually very severe, and there is currently no treatment for ICH that is proven to improve outcome. The research study is testing if a medication can slow bleeding. Some patients may be enrolled before consent if unconscious or a family member or representative is not rapidly available. Before the research study starts, we will consult with the community. We welcome your feedback and questions. For more information, or to decline participation in this research study, please visit <https://redcap.link/FASTEST> or contact our study staff below:

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# Overcoming Problem Gambling

## Oregon Summers

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## Free Help is Available

If you have a gambling habit that has grown beyond your control, help is available. Through the Oregon Problem Gambling Resource (OPGR), gamblers and those who love them can get support from trained addiction counselors, often right from home. Treatment is effective. People are ready and waiting to provide better mechanisms to cope and to heal. And, best of all, it's free.

All it takes is a phone call, a text, or an online chat to get started. Reach out. Let this summer be your season for change.

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