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CHRONICLING CHNAGE Jordana Leeb film featured in 'Engage in the Change' show at Alberta gallery. **PAGE 10**



ERICA ON THE BLOCK Erica visits Lloyd Farmers Market, where she meets Cesar and Lilia Andrade. **PAGE 9**



FINE FURNITURE Robin and Theresa Ady have opened The Merchant's Collection in former yoga studio. **PAGE 12**



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CATIO TOUR Feral Cat Coalition's main fundraiser will be held online this year with two ways to participate. **PAGE 13**



BEAUMONT BEAUTY Joni Giulietti's Retreat Beauty Lounge is now open in Beaumont Village. **PAGE 13**

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DAN RYAN ELECTED AS FIFTH MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

Dan Ryan will be Portland's new city commissioner, filling the unexpired term of Nick Fish, who died in January. Ryan is a former Portland school board member and CEO of All Hands Raised, an education non-profit.

Ryan received 51.17 percent of the votes cast in the Aug. 11 special election. Loretta Smith, a former Multnomah County commissioner, received 48.07 percent of the votes.

The election results will be certified Sept. 9, according to the council clerk's office.



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express routes during the project, the transit agency said. The buses also will use the shoulder of southbound I-5 to bypass traffic in Clark County.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is the lead agency on the project. It has been working with other agencies to plan for the project, including the Washington State Department of Transportation and the City of Vancouver.

MEASURE 110 PROPOSES CHANGES IN DRUG TREATMENT

Oregonians will decide whether to approve a November ballot measure to develop a system for prevention, treatment and education rather than punishment for low-level drug possession.

Measure 110 would end jail time and criminal convictions for possession of small quantities of drugs, currently regarded as a misdemeanor. Instead, police would issue citations with a \$100 fine that would be waived if those cited are evaluated at an addiction recovery center. No drug would be legalized.

The Drug Policy Alliance, a New York-based nonprofit that states it supports treatment alternatives supported by science, compassion and health, helped develop the ballot measure with the aim of eliminating the problems that drug convictions bring for jobs, housing and finances.

Others involved in treating substance abuse have raised questions about how the proposed program would operate effectively.

Funding for the proposed program would come from a portion of the state's current marijuana tax revenue. It would pay for treatment, peer support, recovery services and housing, according to supporters. They include Mental Health & Addiction Association of Oregon and Outside In, a nonprofit working with homeless youth.

MADISON ALUMS SEEK FUNDS FOR FIELD HOUSE

The Madison Alumni Association is seeking donations totaling \$150,000 to build an athletic field house to enhance coaching and teaching for the high school's students. It also would be open to the Northeast sports community.

Construction would begin in the fall of 2021, after the school at 2735 N.E. 82nd Ave. is scheduled to reopen following modernization work. The field house is expected to be available by the spring of 2022.

The non-profit alumni association's plan is to construct a 50-by-100-foot, barn style building with turf and heat for all-weather use. All donors' names would be displayed.

The alumni association is seeking commercial sponsorships. Information about donating is available at www.madisonathleticfund.org.

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INTERSTATE BRIDGE REPAIRS TO SLOW TRAFFIC IN SEPTEMBER

Drivers heading into Washington on Interstate 5 may encounter heavy traffic between Sept. 12 and 20. The northbound span of the Interstate Bridge will be closed while crews replace mechanical parts that help lift and lower the bridge.

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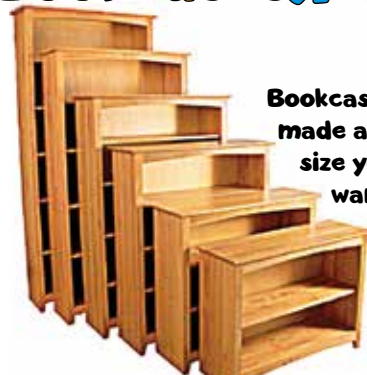
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NEW PRINCIPAL NAMED FOR HARRIET TUBMAN SCHOOL

Louis Mair, an educator from Georgia, has been named as new principal at Harriet Tubman Middle School. According to the Portland Public Schools, he has a record of leadership at Title I schools.

For the past two years, he has been an assistant principal at Tucker High School in the DeKalb County School District. From 2011 to 2018, he was an assistant principal at three middle schools in Georgia's Gwinnett County School System. For the previous 14 years, he taught math, language arts and social studies at middle schools in New York and New Jersey.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from State University of New York at Brockport, a master's degree from

Walden University and educational administration studies at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn. He is working on a dissertation for a doctoral degree in education leadership from Mercer University in Georgia.

"We are particularly thrilled to bring Louis to PPS and, specifically, to Harriet Tubman Middle School, which holds a significant place in the fabric of Portland's Black community," said Shawn Bird, schools chief for the district.

KITCHEN SHARE OPENS WITH REDUCED HOURS

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The Larhonda Steele Gospel Quartet will perform Sept. 6 on the Alberta Rose Theatre's Portland Music Stream. (Alberta Rose Theatre)

Leaven Community Center at 5431 N.E. 20th Ave. in the Vernon neighborhood.

Borrowers must be members of the non-profit program, which can be arranged by emailing kitchensharene@gmail.com.

Scheduling a reservation to borrow items can be arranged by visiting <https://kitchensharene.myturn.com/library>.

Available items include dehydrators, canning equipment, juicers, mixers, bread makers and ice cream makers.

OPEN SIGNAL LAUNCHES NEW DIGITAL NETWORK

Media arts center Open Signal has launched a new digital network, highlighting work from local media makers and nonprofit organizations. The 24-hour network is available at www.opensignalpdx.org.

The network is the first phase of a long-term project, expected to grow in size and substance based on community feedback. Content may include comedy, artistic programming, civic affairs, activism, faith-based programming and social issues.

Open Signal, at 2766 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in the Eliot neighborhood, is a successor to Portland Community

Media and Portland Cable Access, which began delivering local media on five channels in 1981. It offers workshops, an equipment library and artist residencies.

ALBERTA ROSE TO SHOW MUSIC STREAM'S HITS

The Alberta Rose Theatre is rebroadcasting top hits from its Portland Music Stream, featuring shows with local musicians. The Sunday to Wednesday programs are currently free, but donations are welcome and funds will be split between performers and the theatre.

The shows are available on Alberta Rose's website, Facebook page and YouTube page. Line ups include Larhonda Steele Gospel Quartet on Sept. 6; Patterson Hood on Sept. 7; Kate Power and Steve Einhorn on Sept. 8; Adam Sweeney on Sept. 9 and Rose City Circus with the Nowhere Band on Sept. 10.

Alberta Rose is getting ready for seasons to come, according to a news release. Donations may be made at www.paypal.me/albertarosetheatre.

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ONLINE GUIDE SHOWS PUBLIC GARDENS

Peninsula Park Rose Garden and grounds around Kennedy School are among public gardens featured in an online guide, "Passport to the City of Gardens," created by the Portland Parks Foundation.

The guide features public gardens in the Willamette Valley, said Randy Gragg, the foundation's executive director

The "passport" includes photos, visitor information and Covid guidelines for 17 of the region's publicly accessible gardens. Video tours with history and gardening tips will be added in the next year, Gragg said, as the region prepares for the American Public Garden Association conference, scheduled for June 2021.

The guide is available at www.portlandpf.org/garden-index. To see the Peninsula roses in person, go to N. Albina Avenue and Ainsworth Street. Kennedy School, now a McMenamin's pub, is at 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.

BLOWING A RAM'S HORN TO MARK JEWISH NEW YEAR

The blowing of the Shofar, a ram's horn, is the central observance of the Jewish new year on Rosh Hashana. To help people mark the holiday safely during the pandemic, Chabad of Northeast Portland has arranged a safe and family-friendly observance for small groups on Sept. 20.

The blast of the horn has been likened to a spiritual wake-up call, a declaration of freedom, and a signal of renewal, said Rabbi Chaim Wilhelm, director of Chabad of Northeast Portland.

"We are looking forward to an uplifting event, when community members can come together to be inspired as we enter the New Year with hope and faith," Wilhelm said.

The event is free but pre-registration is required at www.jewishnortheast.com. Face masks are also required. The first observance will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 20 in Grant Park. Other services will be at 4:15 p.m., 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. in Laurelhurst Park.

HOMELESS TO LIVE IN THREE MOTELS

Portland's and Multnomah County's Joint Office of Homeless Services is working with nonprofit agencies to open rooms at three motels for people in homeless shelters who are most likely to suffer serious illness or death from COVID-19.

One agency, Transition Projects, has moved high-risk adults to the Banfield Value Inn at 1525 N.E. 37th Ave. in the Grant Park neighborhood. Do Good Multnomah

has moved adults into a Motel 6 and a Days Inn in other Metro neighborhoods.

The city-county office leases the rooms and pays the agencies to manage the sites. The office also is working with culturally specific service providers, including Urban League of Portland.

DRESS FOR SUCCESS NAMES INTERIM HEAD

Dress for Success Oregon has a new interim executive director, Grayson Dempsey, an advocate for reproductive freedom and women's rights since 1999.

Dress for Success, at 1532 N.E. 37th Ave. in Hollywood, helps women achieve economic independence with a network of support services and a professional wardrobe. During the COVID pandemic, the organization isn't accepting clothing donations and many of its programs are moving online.

Dempsey most recently served as executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon. She was a founder of Backline, now called All-Options, an organization that supports all aspects of pregnancy, parenting and adoption.

"I look forward to leading this important organization as they rise to meet this critical moment, ensuring that women have the resources and opportunities they need to advance and thrive," said Dempsey.

KAISER GIVES FUNDS FOR NE VILLAGE PDX

Kaiser Permanente has donated \$10,000 to support Northeast Village PDX, one of 11 'villages' that help residents age in place in their own homes. Trained volunteers provide support services, rides, light housework, yard work and friendly calls and visits for older neighbors.

Kaiser sees the Village NW model as a way to provide a holistic alternative to retirement communities and assisted care.

HEALTH CARE CLASSES GO ONLINE AT SUMNER

Sumner College, which offers certificates and degrees for medical assistants, practical nurses and registered nurses, has moved many of its classes online.

Sumner has been able to assist students in health fields whose study was disrupted by the closure of Concordia University.

Sumner created a scholarship initiative of \$5000 to nursing students at Concordia. The campus is at 8338 N.E. Alderwood Road, near the airport. For more information, visit www.sumnercollege.edu.

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CITY APPROVES RIP, STATE-MANDATED CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED FIRST

On August 12, city council's three-to-one approval of strategies to build density in urban neighborhoods gave the green light to the most comprehensive rewrite of Portland's zoning code since 1991. The lone dissenting vote came from Amanda Fritz, who does not favor demolitions of older, single-family homes.

The first-of-its-kind policy opens residential neighborhoods to multifamily development on most lots and brings the city into compliance with Oregon Senate Bill 534.

As the final piece of the planning bureau's housing strategy, the Residential Infill Project complements a previous mixed-use zone update and the subsequent implementation of multi-family zones. For more information, visit www.portland.gov/bps/rip.

HOLLYWOOD TRANSIT CENTER WILL ADD 120 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TriMet and Bridge Housing are collaborating to transform what has been a spacious transit center for more than three decades into a compact mix of affordable and market-rate apartments in a new multi-story complex. Community comments on the project will be gathered until fall.

"We have already reached out to and virtually briefed local groups such as the Hollywood Neighborhood Association, Hollywood Boosters and Central Northeast Neighbors Coalition and are also reaching out to communities of color, city staff and elected officials," said Bridge Vice-President Lyn Hikida.

Hikida said community meetings would continue until construction is expected to begin in winter of 2022. Phase one of the project envisions up to 120 permanently affordable apartments. Phase two is still to be determined, but may deliver between 60 and 100 additional housing units, or up to 80,000 square-feet of office space. A decision on Phase Two is not anticipated until predevelopment for phase one is complete.

For more information, visit www.hollywoodhubpdx.com.

STREET CLOSURE RESULTS IN BUSINESS SPIKE FOR KERNS NEIGHBORHOOD PUB

This summer's closure to cars of Southeast Ankeny Street between 27th and 28th avenues has resulted in a significant business boost for Gorges



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Brewing at 2705 S.E. Ankeny St. in the Kerns neighborhood.

"We were very far below our 2019 numbers – down about 80 to 90 percent – before our reopen in mid-June, so I estimate sales in July were about 50 percent higher than they were in July of 2019," said Owner Travis Preece. "Because the street was closed to vehicular traffic, our pub was able to utilize the street to safely serve socially-distanced customers."

Preece said the Ankeny Street closure was a success for all businesses on the block.

"The result was a welcoming outdoor environment where guests feel safe and, for a time, can feel a sense of normalcy," said Preece.

The street closure gave Preece's business enough capital to survive through the winter.

"A team of neighbors and business owners is working to open up all of Southeast 28th Avenue until November to help more than 15 more local businesses," said Preece.

NAYA CLEARED TO BUILD 56 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN CULLY NEIGHBORHOOD

NAYA, the Native American Youth Association, has secured permits to build a new, four-story apartment building on the former parking lot of the shuttered Delphina's Bakery at 4610 N.E. 42nd Ave. in Cully.

Dubbed "Mamook Tokatee," the new complex will use tribal funding to reserve 20 of 56 total units for Native tenants, prioritizing Siletz tribal members and artists. Siletz tribal members will also get first option on the remaining 36 units. The former bakery will be renovated into an arts center.

According to a 2019 Multnomah County report, 11.6 percent of our homeless people are Native American, while Native Americans comprise only 2.5 percent of the county's total population. For more information, visit www.multco.us.

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projects in Hollywood and Rose City Park. Construction and permitting slowdowns have forced delays in projects for the Sandy 51 Apartments at 2351 N.E. 51st Ave. in Rose City Park and a new Target store at 4030 N.E. Halsey St. in Hollywood.

“Construction guidelines have changed to implement social distancing, mask wearing and increased hand washing to protect the health of contractors,” said Stephanie Hosmar, Sandy 51 spokesperson. “Local municipal shutdowns and deferrals have caused some delay in our schedules.”

Hosmar predicted the Sandy 51 project would meet its end of 2020 completion date and all 81 units would be ready to receive tenants by early 2021.

Mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits have finally been issued for the renovation of the former Hollywood Bowl site into a new Target store with a CVS Pharmacy onsite. Planning for the new facility began a year ago.

“As external circumstances continue to evolve, there will naturally be some delays and shifts,” said Target Spokesperson Jill Lewis. “As we get closer to opening the Hollywood store, we’ll have more specific details to share.”

PROPOSED PROJECTS

In Boise at 210 N. Failing St., Michael Kirk of Southwest Portland has proposed building a new, three-story, single-family home with an attached garage.

In Concordia at 2425 N.E. Alberta St., Modern Properties Alberta has applied for permits to deconstruct a 1674-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1944 and replace it with a new, four-story, mixed-use building with commercial spaces on the main floor and 29 living units on upper levels.

At 3575 N.E. Holman St., Brandy and Adiam Mehretab have asked for permission to demolish a 960-square-foot, single-family residence and replace it with a new, three-story, single-family home with an attached garage.

In Kenton at 1603 N. Willis Blvd., Willis Apartments of Southwest Portland has applied for permission to build a new, four-story, 44-unit apartment building with a basement. A permit was issued in March to deconstruct the 2070-square-foot, single-family residence that was built in 1922.

At 8923 N. Drummond Ave., FX Homes of Sandy, has applied for permission to build a new, two-story, single family residence with an attached single-vehicle garage on property where a 1032-square-foot, single-family home has stood since 1955.

In Kerns at 2214 N.E. Flanders St., Dwell Development and Oleg Lupekha have filed applications to construct six new, two-story attached townhomes with no garages on a single lot where a 974-square-foot, single-family residence has stood since 1923.

In Overlook at 1921 N. Killingsworth St., RWC and Ron Wagner of Southwest Portland have applied to deconstruct a 2500-square-foot retail facility built in 1909. Plans are also under review to build a new, four-story, 18-unit, mixed-use building with retail on the ground floor.

ISSUED PERMITS

In Arbor Lodge at 6280 and 6290 N. Montana Ave., 6234 North Montana LLC of Southeast Portland was given permission to build two new, three-story, 11-unit and 18-unit apartment buildings with no on-site parking. A 1260-square-foot, single family residence has occupied the property since 1926.

In Beaumont-Wilshire at 3550 N.E. 44th Ave., Renaissance Custom Homes of Lake Oswego has been granted permits to construct a new, two-story, single-family home and a new, two-story detached garage with an accessory dwelling unit on the upper level. A deconstruction permit was issued in July for the 771-square-foot, single-family residence on the property since 1924.

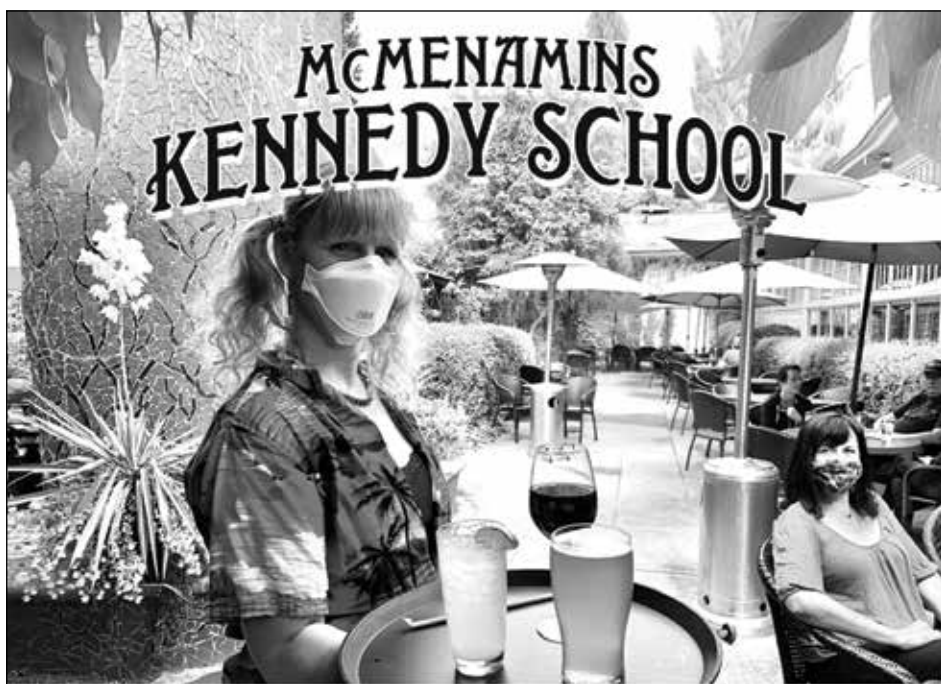
In Concordia at 5570, 5580 and 5590 N.E. 25th Ave., I&N Construction of Clackamas secured permits to build two, new, three-story, two-unit townhouses with garages and a new, three-story, single-family home with a garage. A 1598-square-foot, single-family residence has occupied the property since 1951.

In Hollywood at 1545 N.E. 41st Ave., 41Central of Beaverton has been issued a permit to construct a new, three-story, 19-unit apartment complex with five units on the ground floor. Permission was given in July to deconstruct a 1183-square-foot mixed use structure built in 1922.

In Humboldt at 5165, 5171, 5181 and 5185 N. Michigan Ave., Green Canopy Homes of Seattle has permits to construct two new, three-story, two-unit townhouses with no garages on vacant lots.

CORRECTION

In our August print edition, the address of an apartment building being built in Sullivan’s Gulch by UDG 28th and Halsey LLC of Beaverton was incorrect. The address is 2739 N.E. Halsey St. residence has occupied the property since 1916.



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FINDING FARMERS IN THE LLOYD DISTRICT

Northeast neighbors have a definite fondness for markets – and we have the amazing Hollywood Farmers Market, on Northeast 44th and Hancock, every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Somehow, though, I was unaware of the Lloyd Farmers Market. After visiting for myself on a sunny Tuesday, I've decided it is worth the hunt to find and is a secret that needs sharing.

I talked with a few of the Lloyd vendors and hope my discovery inspires you to take a midday excursion to this gem of the Lloyd district. With grassy areas perfect for relaxing on a blanket and plenty of covered benches to perch on with your lunch, this smoke-free outside oasis is a great place to find fresh, locally-grown produce, jams, meats, hummus, kombucha, flowers, coffee and lots more. All without the crowds.



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Tim at Blind Coffee Roasters. (Erica Somes)



Bilal at the Hummus Stop. (Erica Somes)

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Bilal was on deck, working at the Hummus Stop booth when I visited. He had 16 flavors of hummus in tow that owner Mohamed Hamzaoui makes himself – inspired by the Tunisian recipes of his mother. If you love Mediterranean food, you can do a little planning and shop at the Lloyd Market to stock up on goodies for a homemade feast. You can try all the flavors with fresh made pita at the market and, if you have a hard time deciding, take the advice of shoe-lovers and just buy them all.

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★ STAR FEATURE

Art shows embrace themes of change, perseverance

By Janet Goetze
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Artwork shows how people respond to change. It shows how they persevere during a pandemic. It reveals how some people turn to nature for color, form and the spirit of living things.

Three locally produced art shows embrace these themes of change, perseverance and solace in nature. However, the exhibits aren't in open galleries like pre-COVID days. All three exhibits are online and two are open to visitors wearing masks and keeping social distance.

The "Engage in the Change" exhibit grew out of a discussion in January about neighborhood changes, especially in Concordia, said Jordana Leeb, an organizer of the community meeting and art show. The reasons for change are complex, Leeb said, and changes have occurred in the neighborhood and throughout the city.

"Being of an artistic mind myself," she said. "I thought art would be a way to process change." Originally, she expected people to consider new aspects of community, housing and relations with others. Then, the pandemic and demonstrations following George Floyd's death occurred. Those events brought more ways to consider change, she said.

A photo montage by Beth Kerschen, titled "New Affordable Housing," shows a jumble of houses, in many different styles, piled several stories high. A young woman's portrait features her mask proclaiming "No Justice, No Peace." The



A photo montage by Beth Kerschen is titled 'New Affordable Housing.' It is part of the "Engage in the Change" exhibit at the Alberta Art Gallery through Sept. 19. (Janet Goetze)

exhibit also includes historic photos, including one from 1931 when Louis Ciarlo stood in front of his father's shoe repair shop at 2215 N.E. Alberta St.

Poetry and writings are also on display. One called "Change" by Avery reads, "It has not been easy / with all the challenges we have been facing / But we are there for each other."

The show is available on Facebook and will be at the Alberta Street Gallery, 1829 N.E. Alberta St., through Sept. 19. The hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Masks and social distancing are required.

"The Art of Perseverance" is the title of a show on Vimeo from Sept. 4 to Oct. 4, arranged by Elise Wagner, an artist and teacher of encaustic painting. The ancient



Jordana Leeb created a film chronicling change in Northeast Portland, especially in the Concordia neighborhood. It is part of the "Engage in the Change" art show at Alberta Street Gallery. (Janet Goetze)

medium is sometimes called hot wax painting, with pigment added to heated beeswax and applied to wood, canvas or other surfaces.

The show also features work in a variety of media, including sculpture, paintings and digital art. Submissions came from artists all over the U.S. and several other countries. The Vimeo link is <https://vimeo.com/elisewagnerfineart/art-of-perseverance-2020>.

During the COVID pandemic, Wagner likes to ask, "How are you persevering?" instead of the usual polite greeting "How are you?" and the emails she's received from submitting artists illuminate that idea.

One artist has multiple challenges because of his premature birth. He can't hold a paint brush, but he can do digital art.

"This exemplifies perseverance," Wagner said.

At the Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St., three artists who gain inspiration from nature are showing work until Sept. 20. Images can be viewed at www.guardinogallery.com and visitors may visit the gallery during business hours with masks and social distancing.

Kathleen Powers' acrylics include skunks, mice and opossums, which often are regarded as pests.


"They are important components of our ecosystem – living as intelligent, highly adaptable survivors and protective parents to their young. I do not think they get the credit or spotlight they deserve," her artist's statement says.

Fran Lee is showing etchings made from copper plates. She creates over-size animals – bunnies, squirrels, bears – with some holding babies. Other animals hold a female figure.

In her artist's statement, Lee says she endeavors to give her creatures visual respect. She sees subtle narratives in nature and her eye is drawn to the "spirit of living things, animal life, wild and tame."

Hsin-Yi Huang is a ceramic artist who works predominately in porcelain. The show features her "Flowers," where she explores forms and patterns found in nature. Her rose blossoms are brightly colored, while a plum blossom and seed pod have subtle colors.

Huang says she spends time in nature for joy and calm. "She wishes her work will also bring a feeling of peacefulness to her viewers during this time of uncertainty," her statement says.



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Albina Rotary awards Neil Kelly scholarships

After having to cancel its 23rd annual Neil Kelly scholarship luncheon, Albina Rotary Club honored the 2020 cohort at a smaller, private gathering.

Jesuit's Emile Yumvirabasavyi, Benson's Tiana Pham, De La Salle North's Yajaira Meza-Modesto and Roosevelt's Daniela Carballo-Rodriguez each received a \$3000 scholarship. The scholarships are renewable for three additional years, and can total up to \$12,000 each.

Yumvirabasavyi, a native Tanzanian, was born in a refugee camp to Rwandan parents, fleeing violence in their homeland. He is the first in his family to graduate high school and will study psychology at the University of Oregon.

Ranked first in her graduating class, Pham had childhood dental problems that developed into an interest in a dental career. An accomplished pianist who taught music at the Ethos Music School, she will pursue a biology and pre-dental major at the University of Oregon.

Meza-Modesto is a National Honor and Spanish Honor Society inductee who spent many childhood hours visiting doctors to translate for her mother. She volunteers with groups serving marginalized women, educates peers in social justice and will study public health at the University of Oregon or Oregon State.

Carballo-Rodriguez captained her volleyball team and served as Roosevelt's student body president and climate



High school seniors Emile Yumvirabasavyi, clockwise from top left, Tiana Pham, Daniela Carballo-Rodriguez and Yajaira Meza-Modesto are winners of Neil Kelly Memorial Scholarships. Named for the late North Portland entrepreneur, the awards were established by an endowment Albina Rotary Club created 23 years ago. (Albina Rotary)

march leader. She works weekends to help with household income, has written much about her life experience and will study nursing at Portland State University.

Neil Kelly Memorial Scholarships are paid from an endowment Albina Rotary created after Neil Kelly's death two decades ago. Donations are added to the endowment's principal and have enabled the awards to grow over the years. For more information, visit www.albinarotary.org.

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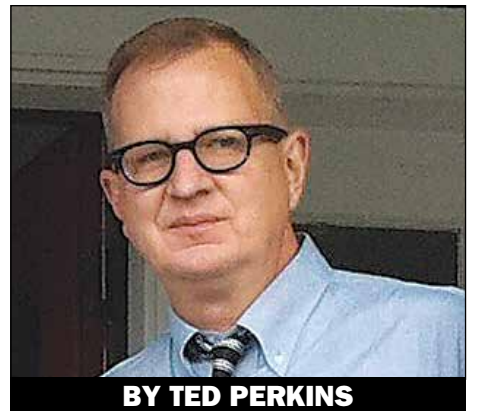
In August, Tattoo Artists Jake Acree and Douglas Lamb opened Gold Sparrow Tattoo at 4106 N.E. Fremont in the Beaumont neighborhood's Dutch Village building. The space had previously been a part of State Farm Agent George Flesuras' insurance office. Also on the Gold Sparrow team are Tattooer Kimber Teatro and Cosmetic Tattooer Kimberly Lamb.

"We opened a tattoo shop in the middle of a global pandemic," said Acree. "We offer both traditional tattooing and cosmetic tattooing – including eyebrows, freckles and more. We set out to provide a shop experience that is a safe and comfortable space for our clients – many of whom have become good friends over the years. Our goal was to create an environment that allows our clients to feel at home and to ultimately honor the look, feel and traditions of a traditional tattoo shop – a place for friends."

A clean and sanitary environment is top of mind for Acree, Lamb and their team during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Safe practices are always put first," said Acree. "We are currently 'by appointment only,' something that we normally don't do. Daily walk-ins were normal for us. We will take 'same day appointments' in most cases if we have the availability. We also have a short screening and compliance form that we require all clients to read and agree to. We aim to keep our clients and co-workers as safe and healthy as we can. We are practicing social distance as much as possible and don't allow more than one person in the lobby at a time. For now, no friends or family are allowed to accompany clients for support."

It took Acree and Lamb – and friends – about a month to get the space ready,



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adding some walls and a window to the back room and a couple of sinks.

"Douglas and Kimberly have lived in the neighborhood for years and Kimberly works up the street at McPeet's Pub," said Acree. "When we saw this space was for rent, it felt like the right place to put a shop. It can be real a challenge to find a location in Portland. Many people from the neighborhood have stopped by to say hello and tell us how excited they are that we are here. We have gotten a very warm welcome from the amazing businesses surrounding us – Retreat Beauty Lounge, Gazelle, The Arrangement, McPeet's and Beaumont Market."

For more information, call 503.327.8885 and www.goldsparrowtattoo.com.

MERCHANT'S COLLECTION SETTLES INTO FORMER YOGA STUDIO SPACE

In August, Robin and Theresa Ady opened The Merchant's Collection at 3430 N.E. 41st Ave. in Beaumont Village. The space had previously been home to Laura Washington's Luminance Yoga and, before that, Liz Page's Amenity Shoes. A sound engineer by trade, Robin Ady began working the furniture

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business in early 2019. (He shares a first and last name with Robin Ady, owner of the Gazelle shop next door, but they are not related.)

“After meeting with a family friend who owns a similar operation in Miami, my brother and I decided to begin our business in Dallas, Texas, where he lives,” said Robin. “We had a successful first year, but I travel a lot for my job and it was difficult to keep up from multiple locations. Once the pandemic hit, all my live events cancelled and I was left with no work. Theresa and I decided to pack up half the inventory in Dallas and open a shop here in Portland. It took us about a week to get everything we wanted to initially display. Since then it has been an ongoing process of rearranging, bringing new things in from our vendors, and moving things over from our warehouse. It’s been a lot of hard work.”

The Adys moved to Portland about a year and a half ago.

“The area in general is what attracted us to Beaumont Village,” said Robin. “It has a great neighborhood vibe, lots of interesting businesses and great foot traffic. We also do not live too far away, which helps. A simple five-minute commute to work everyday is pretty nice. I would like to give a shout out to all the great businesses in our building. Our neighbors are awesome and have been super supportive. Tomorrow’s Verse is a little bit down the street. It was the first business we stopped at when we were exploring the area. The owner, T.J.,



Joni Giuletta's Retreat Beauty Lounge is now open in the Beaumont neighborhood's Dutch Village building. (Jane Perkins)

quit his job to start a business that he is passionate about. I love that – and the beer and music.”

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RETREAT BEAUTY LOUNGE CHARGES INTO BEAUMONT

Joni Giuletta's Retreat Beauty Lounge is now open at 4108 N.E. Fremont in the Beaumont neighborhood's Dutch Village building.

A former Irvington neighbor whose kids went to Grant, Giuletta originally opened on March 14, then closed due to COVID and reopened on June 20. The space had previously been a part of State Farm Agent George Flesuras' insurance office. This is Giuletta's first shop but she has plenty of experience, working in a shop on Broadway and in the Lloyd Center Nordstrom's for many years – specializing in brow-shaping, skincare and makeup.

Also on the Retreat Beauty Lounge team

are Charmaine Divens and Laura Stark, both specializing in manicures, pedicures and esthetics, and Tami Cummings, specializing in esthetic treatments, brow services and makeup. Retreat Beauty Lounge offers makeup services for weddings, events and corporate head shots. Giuletta plans to add another full time nail person this month and another skin care specialist in October.

“We, as a team, have been in the business for many years and have worked together in the past,” said Giuletta. “We focus on the highest quality services in a welcoming, cozy environment, where our client's feel like family and enjoy a relaxing place for beauty services. The studio was transformed from an insurance office in about 45 days by the abundant support of our family and friends.”

The cozy atmosphere at Retreat Beauty Lounge is enhanced with paintings by Irvington neighborhood artist Zue Stevenson and a weekly arrangement from Irvington neighborhood floral designer Elizabeth Quille.

“I have always enjoyed the close knit family feel of the Beaumont neighborhood,” said Giuletta. “Our clientele is a great match to the neighborhood. I've been looking for space for two years and am thrilled to be here now, with lovely neighbors and great foot traffic.”

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Animal organizations move fundraising online

During the pandemic, animal shelters – considered essential services – have been operating. However, traditional fundraising events have been restricted, gone online, or cancelled, leaving many non-profit animal rescue organizations facing unsettling financial conditions

Catio Tour, the Feral Cat Coalition's main fundraiser, will be held online this year. There will be two ways to participate. On September 12, there will be a live stream for a \$25 fee. With this option, you will be the first to see professionally filmed videos of ten catios in the metro area and, after each video, you will be able to question owners and contractors. You will also be granted replay access. Alternatively, for a \$15 fee, you will be granted online access to the videos, photos, and facts about the featured catios, including materials and costs, from September 13 on.

Purrington's Restaurant and Lounge, the Cat Adoption Team's partner venture on MLK Boulevard, is not facilitating adoptions during the pandemic. Adoptions are available by appointment at the shelter in Sherwood and the restaurant is open for takeout.

Oregon Humane Society's main fundraiser, the Doggie Dash, is normally held in May. It was cancelled, along with their Mutts on the Mountain and OHS Golf Invitational. The organization has a new fundraising effort called



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To register for the Catio Tour, visit www.catssafeathome.org. To donate



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"The scholarship provides support and access to a career in real estate, by

cracking open a pathway for one person at a time," said Broker Bonnie Rossman, who mentored 2019 scholarship recipient Jamis Minnis. "We are going beyond covering out of pocket expenses by creating real relationships, support and hands on experience. As a mentor and a member of the Living Room community, I treasure the opportunity for exchange and growth that comes from bringing a diversity of background, thought and life experience to our company and our industry.

"The scholarship has afforded me the opportunity to enter an industry that felt unattainable," said Minnis. "As fees come up, I can rest assured knowing that my scholarship will cover them. It gives me the ability to focus on establishing my business without starting in the negative. With the help of colleagues and

Bonnie Roseman, I have surpassed my initial goals as an agent. You can find me listening to 'Started from the Bottom' by Drake after each home I sell. I can't wait to pump up new home buyers and celebrate their successes."

Selection criteria for the scholarship includes academic performance, professional experience and community involvement. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need, are non-homeowners, have been residents of the Portland metro area for ten or more years and are from underrepresented communities, racial or ethnic minorities or who identify as LGBTQA.

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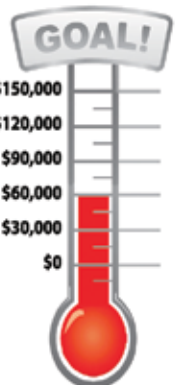
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