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Local Students to Receive Free Back to School Supplies

OnPoint is Matching Donations During the KGW School Supply Drive, Helping Provide Essential Supplies

OnPoint Community Credit Union will begin accepting school supply donations during the month of August to help local teachers and students. The credit union will distribute donations with the help of Schoolhouse Supplies, a local nonprofit that provides free school supplies to under-resourced students and classrooms across the Portland area. OnPoint will also give an additional \$5 for every \$1 donated to the KGW School Supply Drive at any OnPoint branch between August 1-7, 2026*.

The drive, which runs from August 1-31, 2026, aims to send 15,000 students across Oregon and Southwest Washington back to school with the tools they need to succeed in the classroom. All donations will stay in the commu-



Volunteers organizing and passing out school supplies. Photo courtesy of OnPoint Community Credit Union

nity in which they are made.

"Every student deserves to walk into the classroom feeling prepared for the year ahead," said Rob Stuart, president and chief

executive officer, OnPoint Community Credit Union. "When our community comes together for this annual drive, we're helping remove barriers to learning and

giving students the opportunity to focus on what matters most. By partnering with Schoolhouse Supplies, we can reach even more local students and teachers.

We encourage our members and neighbors to join us in making a difference."

As part of this year's drive, OnPoint will host a collection event where the community can drop off new school supplies and cash donations at its Reed's Crossing Branch (7833 SE Blanton Street, Hillsboro, OR 97129). To learn more or review other drop-off locations, please visit KGW.com/School.

The OnPoint Collection Event will take place on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Reed's Crossing Branch. Please drop off your donations at the Schoolhouse Supplies/OnPoint table located in the parking lot outside the branch.

"We've seen how much of a burden purchasing school supplies can be for some families," said Alice Forbes, executive director, Schoolhouse Supplies. "Community support through this drive helps ease that burden and gives students the opportunity to begin the school year feeling prepared and confident. We are thankful for OnPoint's ongoing partnership and for bringing our community together to support local students."



Angela Benson, founder and owner of Ladybugs Childcare, Ladybugs Childcare 2 and Ladybugs Academy.

Building Brighter Futures Through Education and Community

Creating Opportunities for Children and Families to Thrive

For Angela Benson, caring for children is more than a career—it's a calling. As the founder and owner of Ladybugs Childcare, Ladybugs Childcare 2, and Ladybugs Academy in Portland, Oregon, Angela has dedicated her life to creating safe, nurturing, and enriching environments where children can thrive while families feel supported.

With years of experience in early childhood education, Angela recognized that quality childcare extends far beyond supervision. It is about laying the foundation for confidence, curiosity, compassion, and a lifelong love of learning. That vision has guided the growth of her childcare programs and continues to shape every classroom, every teacher, and every child who walks through their doors.

Across her centers, children from infancy through preschool receive developmentally appropriate, hands-on learning experiences that support their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical

development. Through play-based learning, individualized attention, and meaningful family partnerships, Ladybugs prepares children not only for kindergarten but for lifelong success.

As a proud Preschool for All provider, Ladybugs is committed to making high-quality early education accessible to families throughout the Portland community. Angela and her team believe every child deserves the opportunity to learn in an environment where they feel safe, respected, and celebrated for who they are.

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Remembering Coach Cleatis Goodlow

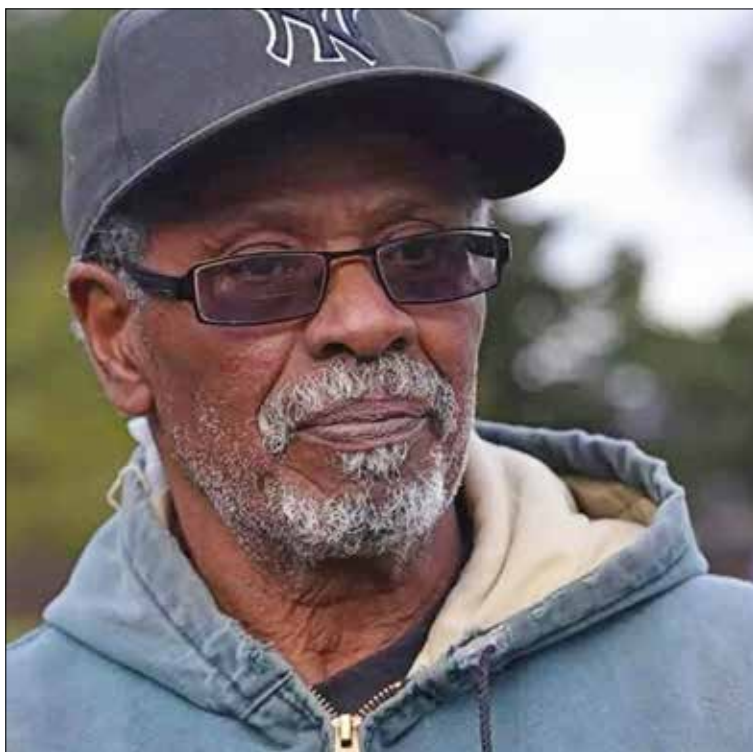
For over 50 years, Cleatis served as more than a coach. He was a mentor, father figure, and community leader for countless young athletes in North and Northeast Portland.

Born in 1942 in Galesburg, Illinois, Cleatis served in the United States Navy during the 1960s before moving to Portland in the 1970s. In Portland, he began a remarkable five-decade coaching career, driven by genuine passion for the game and unwavering commitment to young people, rather than fame or recognition.

Cleatis worked for the power company during the day. In the evenings, he was in the gym, on the field, or wherever his players needed him. Coaching was not just a hobby for him, it was his calling.

Cleatis was passionate about the game and enjoyed sharing his knowledge with his players. Former athletes often described him as demanding, expecting hard work, attentiveness, and accountability. While he was strict, his toughness was balanced by love and compassion. His players understood he wanted them to excel both as athletes and as individuals.

His impact reached far beyond the playing field. When young



Coach Cleatis Goodlow

people in the community needed a meal, a safe place to stay or simply someone who would open a door, Cleatis was there. Players could often be found at his home for breakfast or dinner, and some stayed with him and his family when they needed a place to live.

Cleatis was a forward-thinking coach who sought opportunities for his players to showcase

their talents. In the early 1990s, he helped form and coach one of the first AAU teams from North and Northeast Portland, leading them to a state championship and a national tournament appearance. In 1999, he partnered with Major League Baseball to establish Portland's first RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) chapter, providing young athletes with skill

development and competitive opportunities. In 2001, the RBI team won the West Regional championship and advanced to the RBI World Series.

One of the clearest measures of Cleatis' influence can be found in the people he coached. Many former players became coaches themselves, applying the lessons they learned from Cleatis to their own teams, schools, and communities. While some achieved significant success, many credit Cleatis for helping them reach their goals.

His sons followed his example, becoming coaches inspired by their father's dedication to coaching and service. Their teams have achieved notable accomplishments, including a gold medal at the Special Olympics Games and a 15U Babe Ruth World Series championship.

A coach's record can be measured in wins and losses. Championships can be counted. Trophies can be displayed. But Cleatis' record cannot be captured by a scoreboard. His true record lives in the lives of the young people he coached. It lives in the former player who became a coach. It lives in the athlete who found a place to stay when he needed one.

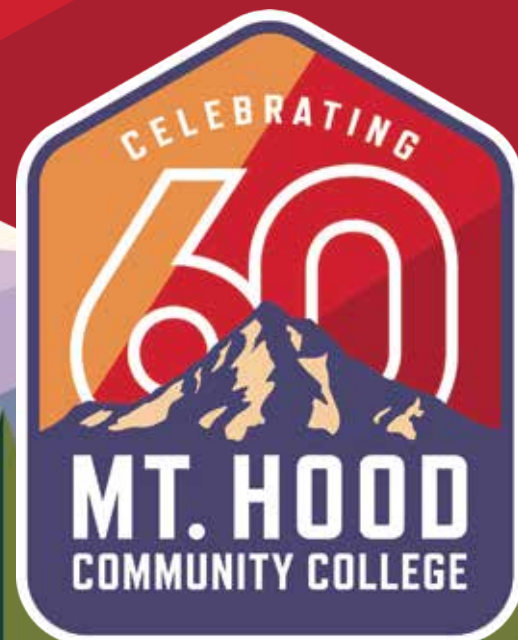
It lives in the young person who sat down at Cleatis' dinner table and was reminded that somebody cared. It lives in the stories former players continue to tell about the man who demanded the best from them while making sure they knew they were valued. And it lives in the generations of athletes who will never meet Cleatis but will benefit from the coaches and mentors he helped shape.

For more than five decades, Cleatis showed up. He showed up after working a full day. He showed up for practices, games, and tournaments. He showed up when a player needed advice. He showed up when someone needed a meal. He showed up when a young person needed someone to believe in them. He showed up for his community.

The Goodlow Family thanks Mark Washington and the Portland Observer for providing space to honor Cleatis' dedication to his community. Cleatis' Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, August 13 at 11 AM at Emmanuel Church, 1033 N Sumner St, Portland, Oregon 97217. The repass will follow at New Song Church Community Center, 2511 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97212.

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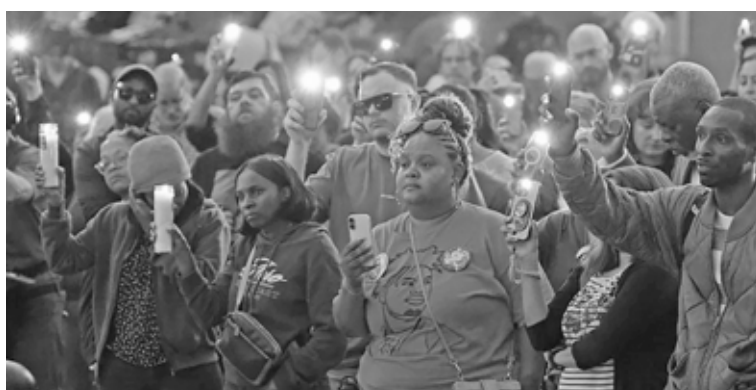


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LOCAL NEWS

PPB Continues Investigating Sunday Morning's Deadly Multi-Victim Shooting



Crime scene photo courtesy of PPB

Police Requesting Additional Information From the Public About What Took Place

Portland police responded to reports of a shooting at a large house party attended by more than 100 people. Officers arrived about 10 minutes after the first 911 call, found a chaotic scene, and located two injured victims, one of whom received a tourniquet before being

taken to the hospital. Four additional victims arrived at hospitals in private vehicles. An 18-year-old man later died from his injuries, while the other five victims are expected to survive.

The individual killed has been identified as Terrell J. Granberg, 18, of Portland. His family has been notified of his death.

The Medical Examiner determined Granberg died of homicide by gunshot wound. Investigators identified more than 60 shell casings across a three-block crime scene and documented damage to multiple vehicles. Due to the scale

of the investigation, homicide detectives, forensic teams, crime analysts, ATF agents, and the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office assisted in processing evidence and following leads.

Police had responded to the same home earlier that night for a large gathering, but most attendees left and no disturbance remained when officers cleared the scene.

Detectives continue to investigate and are asking anyone with information to email homicidetips@police.portlandoregon.gov and reference case 26-224255.

Woman Injured in Late-Night Shooting Outside NE Portland Pub Investigation Still Underway and Police is Asking for Help



Alberta Street Pub

Portland police are investigating a late-night shooting that left a woman injured outside Alberta Street Pub in Northeast Portland.

Officers responded to the pub, located in the 1000 block of Northeast Alberta Street, just before 11 p.m. Sunday. When they arrived, they found a woman with a gunshot wound. She was taken to a nearby hospital with injuries that were not considered life-threatening. Her identity has not been released.

Investigators said multiple rounds struck the pub, as well as a parked car and a parked motorcy-

cle. The suspect or suspects fled the scene before officers arrived, and no arrests have been made.

A news crew at the scene also found what appeared to be a bullet hole in a nearby food cart.

Detectives said the investiga-

tion is still in its early stages. At this point, they do not believe the shooting is connected to the fatal shooting that occurred several hours earlier at a large house party in the 5900 block of Northeast Alberta Street.

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Free Preschool Provider Fairs



Families searching for high-quality, tuition-free preschool opportunities will have two chances this August to explore their options at upcoming Preschool Provider Fairs in Portland.

Connecting Multnomah County Families with High-Quality Preschool Options

Hosted through a partnership between Multnomah County Preschool for All, the Center for Black Excellence (CBE), Black Parent Initiative (BPI), and Y.O.U.T.H. (Youth Organized & United To Help), the fairs are designed to simplify the preschool search and enrollment process by connecting families direct-

ly with providers that currently have openings.

The first fair will take place on Saturday, August 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blazers' Boys & Girls Club, 5250 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The second event will be held on Sunday, August 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Y.O.U.T.H., located at 16150 SE Stark St. Both events are free and open to the public.

Families attending the fairs will have the opportunity to meet Preschool for All providers, compare different educational philosophies and classroom environments, and identify programs that best fit their children's needs. Staff from Black Parent Initiative

will also provide one-on-one enrollment assistance, helping families navigate eligibility requirements, complete applications, and answer questions about the Preschool for All program.

"Choosing a preschool is one of the first major educational decisions families make," said Aryn Frazier, executive director of the Center for Black Excellence. "Preschool provides close to 1,500 hours of education that are necessary and critical to Black student success."

The fairs are part of a broader effort to ensure more Multnomah County families can access free, high-quality early childhood education. In addition to the weekend events, Black Parent Initiative will host Preschool for All Enrollment Office Hours throughout August at Soulful Sips Café, offering individualized support for families who need assistance completing applications or exploring preschool options.

Organizers encourage families with preschool-age children to attend either event to learn more about available programs and receive personalized guidance throughout the enrollment process.

For more information, contact Yaisha Lavine at yaisha.lavine@thebpi.org or (971) 401-1023.

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Photo courtesy of Ladybugs Childcare

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But Angela's impact doesn't stop at childcare.

Inspired by the needs she witnessed while serving hundreds of families, she founded Ladybugs Growing Hope, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing clothing, food, and essential resources to children and families facing difficult circumstances. Her goal is simple: to remove barriers so children can grow, learn, and succeed both inside and outside the classroom.

"I've met so many incredible families over the years, and one thing became clear—sometimes people need more than childcare. They need support, resources, and someone who genuinely cares," Angela says. "God placed this mission on my heart, and I knew I had to answer that call."

Today, Angela continues expanding her vision through edu-

cation, community outreach, and family support. Whether she's celebrating a preschool graduation, mentoring her staff, helping parents navigate resources, or organizing donations through her nonprofit, her focus remains the same: making a lasting difference in the lives of children and the families who love them.

Under Angela's leadership, Ladybugs Childcare, Ladybugs Childcare 2, and Ladybugs Academy have become more than childcare centers—they are places where children are encouraged to dream big, families find a trusted partner, and the community comes together to invest in its future.

For Angela Benson, success isn't measured by the number of centers she owns. It's measured by the children whose lives are changed, the families who feel supported, and the stronger community being built one child at a time.

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Growing a Leader Through Community Engagement



Jayda Boston and Maria McIvor. Photo credit: Mitch Forness, OES photographer

OES Student Finds Her Voice Through Her Mentor

Jayda Boston didn't arrive at OES knowing she wanted to make community engagement a central part of her life. That commitment took shape over several years through conversations with nonprofit leaders, student-led fundraisers, and countless opportunities to learn how meaningful change begins with listening. Much of that growth occurred under the guidance of Maria McIvor, who teaches advanced Spanish and serves as the community engagement coordinator for the Upper School.

"Maria has impacted my time at OES because she helped me grow my passion for volunteer and philanthropic work," Jayda shared. "Through her community engagement activity, I have been able to grow my leadership skills and learn about many nonprofit organizations. This activity has led to me hosting successful fundraisers in the Upper School and meeting and interviewing people from those organizations to decide where our funding would be allocated." But when Jayda reflects on Maria's influence, she returns to a single moment that had nothing

to do with organizing an event or leading a fundraiser.

This spring, Maria invited Jayda to speak at the Mt. Hood Climb Observance Day, an important annual event for the school. The idea of addressing the entire OES community was daunting for someone who describes herself as naturally quiet, but Maria never doubted she could do it.

"She instilled so much love and confidence in me that I had the ability to breathe and use my deep, loud voice," Jayda recalls. That experience changed the way Jayda sees herself as a leader. Today, she feels more confident speaking before groups, advocating for others, and, as she puts it, "breath[ing] and be[ing] loud."

As she begins her next chapter this fall at Trinity University, Jayda hopes to continue serving communities through volunteerism and philanthropy, perhaps even creating or working for organizations that address the needs she first encountered through community engagement at OES. She credits Maria not only with introducing her to that work, but with helping her believe she has something meaningful to contribute.

"I anticipate Maria's impact will lead to me continuing my volunteer work," she reflects. "Additionally, the confidence that she has helped build in me makes me feel ready to go out and be a loud leader and speak up for what I believe is right."

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Portland Officials Meet to Discuss Moda Center Renovation

Trail Blazers Push for 20-Year Portland Commitment

(AP) — Representatives from the Trail Blazers met with Portland city councilors on Thursday to discuss a new lease and the commitment of public funds to renovate the aging Moda Center.

The public work session comes amid the contentious negotiations over the \$600 million renovation project, part of striking a long-term lease agreement with the Blazers. A current bridge lease expires in 2030.

The state has already pledged \$365 million toward the deal, provided Portland contributes \$120 million and Multnomah County also provides funds.

New Blazers owner Tom Dundon has previously said in interviews that he would commit to a 20-year lease that would keep the team in Portland if the state, city and county agree to fund the renovation of the Moda Center, the oldest arena in the NBA that hasn't been upgraded.



Portland Trail Blazers new owner Tom Dundon speaks during a news conference April 2, 2026, in Portland, Ore. (AP Photo/Jenny Kane, File)

An early draft term sheet included funding caps and said any cost overruns should be paid for by the team.

Dewayne Hankins, the team's president of business operations, said the Blazers new owners "believe we can build a team

that Rip City can be proud of, and they believe that Portland is the best and most obvious choice for this team."

Hankins and the Blazers maintain that before negotiations can begin in earnest, the bridge agreement must be amended

to take away a provision that requires the team to maintain the Moda Center as a "first-class" NBA arena.

The provision has been used by a city councilor to suggest the city might take legal action if the Blazers are not meeting the standard. The threat of a lawsuit has hung over efforts to strike a deal, Hankins said.

"Although we enter negotiations in good faith, the first-class standard has been wielded as a weapon, chilling our negotiations. To be clear, the first-class standard is a relic language from a 30-year-old lease. It is not standard in today's NBA deals, and was certainly atypical at the time. Not only that, it would not be included in any new deal with the city," Hankins said.

He said the team has already contributed more than \$1 billion toward construction and maintenance of the arena since it was built.

Portland Mayor Keith Wilson said: "We are not contemplating suing the Blazers, Rip City Management or other parties."

Multnomah County will vote on its contribution toward the renovations on Aug. 6, and Portland's city council is set to vote on the matter on Aug. 12.



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Juicy News: Zoo Celebrates Watermelon Day

Fresh Melons Provide Fun and Enrichment for Animals Big and Small

Best squishes! August 3 was National Watermelon Day, and the animals at the Oregon Zoo are enjoying the day in crunchy style. From elephants to orangutans, a variety of zoo residents joined in on the fun with a fresh watermelon feast.

The watermelons aren't just a tasty treat. Seasonal food items are a key part of the Oregon Zoo's renowned environmental enrichment efforts: providing stimulating and challenging environments, objects and activities to promote animal well-being.

Though all the animals that received watermelons seemed to enjoy them, the eastern black rhinoceros family is especially known for their melon-balling skills.



Jozi, a member of the zoo's rhino family, is especially known for her unique watermelon-squishing skills. Photo by Michael Durham, courtesy of Oregon Zoo.

(The zoo's most-watched TikTok video depicts rhino King squishing and eating a watermelon.) I love that King is a smooher and Jozi is an impaler," said Chad Harmon, who oversees the zoo's Africa area. "Two totally different techniques that work."

As part of Metro, the Oregon Zoo helps make greater Portland a great place to call home. Committed to conservation, the zoo acts globally on behalf of species from pikas to polar bears. Over the past 30 years, it has prevented extinctions, expanded

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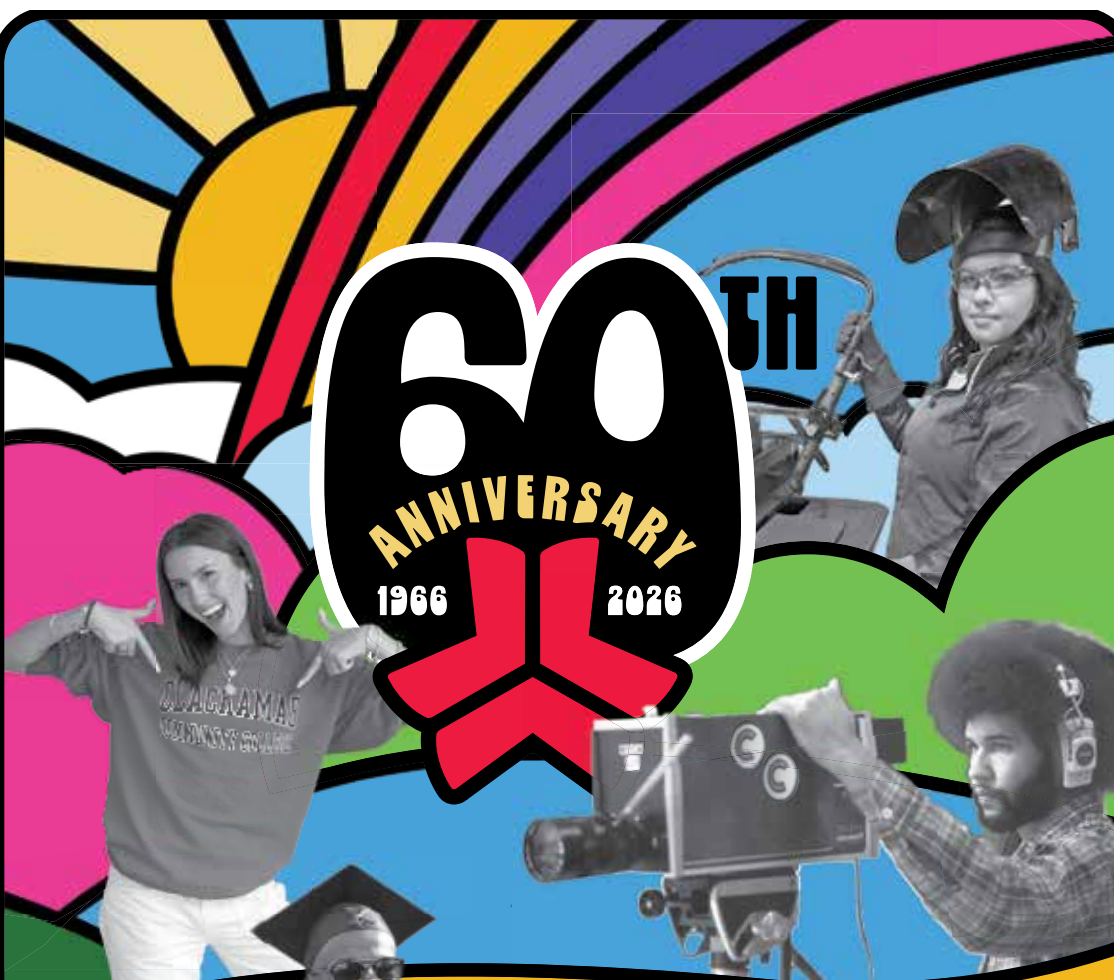


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The Festival Shooting That Killed 3 People and Injured 4

Authorities Say They Believe the Violence was Gang-Related

(AP) — Preliminary testing showed the bullets that killed two bystanders during a shootout at a crowded Seattle food festival last weekend didn't come from the gun a 15-year-old arrested at the scene was seen firing, police said in court documents filed Wednesday.

The teen repeatedly shot an untraceable ghost gun into a crowd, police said, and the King County prosecutor's office filed charges of first-degree assault with a firearm and unlawful possession of a handgun.

In a statement supporting the charges, police said preliminary testing of bullets recovered from the two bystanders killed showed they did not match that weapon.

The shooting in the waning hours of the Bite of Seattle festival near the Space Needle left three people dead, including a 19-year-old suspect, and at least four bystanders injured, including a toddler. Police believe it was gang-related, and they continue searching for others who might have been involved.

Police Chief Shon Barnes had previously said there was possibly another person with a gunshot wound that investigators were looking to speak with, but the department said Wednesday there was no eighth victim.

Testing on shell casings found at the scene suggest four weapons were fired, the statement said. Police said they recovered three guns, but only two of them had been fired, which means two weapons involved in the gunbattle were not found at the scene. It isn't clear which weapon or weapons fired the bullets that hit the festival attendees.



People hold smartphone with flash light during the vigil for victims the day after a shooting at Seattle Center during the Bite of Seattle food festival, Monday, July 27, 2026, in Seattle. (AP Photo/Lindsey Wasson)

Dozens of officers were at Seattle Center, a sprawling park, providing security for the event, when the shooting began. Some heard the gunshots, and one officer saw the 15-year-old firing, police said.

A witness told investigators that he heard gunshots and saw the people around him duck, Detective Matt Blackburn wrote in the statement. The witness saw a man in a light blue top who started running; the witness believed that was where the first shots came from.

The witness reported that he then saw the 15-year-old unzip a bag that was strapped around his torso and pull out a gun with an extended magazine. The teen shot multiple times toward the other suspect, Blackburn wrote. Two shell casings from the teen's ghost gun were found at the scene.

Prosecutors on Wednesday asked a judge to move the case to adult court, a decision that can take months after the judge considers arguments from both sides. The teen's public defender, Hong Tran, said in an email Wednesday the teen would contest the effort to try him as an adult.

If the teen is convicted as an adult, the charges would carry a sentencing range of about eight to 10 years in prison, plus possibly another five years for the firearm enhancement. However, judges in Washington may also choose to sentence juveniles as juveniles even if they are convicted in adult court.

In juvenile court, the charges would carry a sentencing range of two to 2 1/2 years. It was not immediately clear whether the firearm enhancement might add additional time in juvenile detention.

The King County Medical Examiner's Office identified the dead bystanders as Carlos Israel Sanchez Villalba, 44, and Ashley Whitehead, 56. The suspect killed was Junior Cee Niko Semo, 19.

Villalba was a husband and father of three known for his kindness and willingness to help others, according to a GoFundMe campaign launched Monday to help his family with funeral expenses.

Whitehead had just moved to Washington from Alabama a year ago and was enjoying the festival with one of her adult daughters when she was shot, her cousin Michelle Whitehead told The Associated Press. She was taken to the hospital and died in surgery, she said.

The police department opened an online portal on Wednesday for the public to share video and photos from the shooting.

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PF&R Responds to Commercial Fire at Former Columbia Mills Facility

At 3:50 PM on 08/02/2026 Portland Fire & Rescue responded to a commercial fire in the 1300 Block of NW Naito Parkway in the Pearl District. The incident rose to 4th alarm assignment placing nearly 100 members of PF&R on scene addressing the emergency. Nearly 2 hours after the incident was considered under control with many companies released to their home stations.

This 116-year-old 8-story former warehouse with a large water tower resting on the roof has been the site of previous responses with small fires in the thick timber flooring. Unlike previous responses with light smoke wisping out of a lower floor window, this response had heavy black and brown smoke pushing out under pressure from all sides of the structure. With this labeled as an unsafe building indicating interior firefighting is not permitted due to the danger presented by known holes in the flooring along with damaged and removed stairways, all firefighting actions are to be from the exterior using defensive fire attack tactics. The first arriving chief officer quickly requested a second alarm assignment placing just over 50 members on scene. The command officer quickly divided the building into small man-



116-year-old 8-story former warehouse on fire.

ageable divisions and placed a different officer in command of each to address what is labeled as the Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, and Delta Division, one for each side of the building. Fireboat 21 responded to assist in providing water if needed from the Willamette River and pump up to a truck or engine for use in the extinguishing process. Engines placed themselves on fire hydrants to pump significant amounts of water to the trucks positioned to use their elevated master streams to surround and drown the fire from a safe distance.

Unlike previous responses to this address, the fire extended vertically with heavy fire present

throughout each floor with flames visible in nearly every window when looking from the North. With multiple reports of leaning walls, the heavy steel water tower structure on the roof, and concerns of structural collapse the command officer directed the members on scene to back away out of the collapse zone which is 1 1/2 times the height of the building to ensure that all apparatus and members are out of harm's way should the building fail. This significant amount of fire led to the collapse of each floor of the thick timber flooring placing much available fuel now in the bottom of the large masonry building that was

now just funneling the flames and smoke upward like a large chimney. Roof failure occurred at one point just below the water tower with flames and smoke blasting out the top completely encapsulated the water tower structure for a short time.

The flames were actively pushing fire brands and large embers floating into the sky and dropping down on the roofs of neighboring buildings, into nearby trees, and onto many patches of dry vegetation starting many spot fires throughout the area. Two brush units (2-person fire apparatus with a smaller tank and complement of hose) were requested to the

scene and were labeled Wildland Division adding another division to the incident. The Wildland division and crews with available hose lines were actively addressing these smaller fires and working to ensure none of the flames extended into any neighboring structures.

The command officer began to reduce the number of companies and apparatus at the incident scene about 90 minutes into the effort with all water from the master streams stopped at nearly the 2-hour mark with most of the flames extinguished. Except for a single master stream option that requires an engine and a truck to remain on scene, all other rigs picked up their hose lines and returned to their home stations.

There are hot spots that will continue to flare up overnight producing smoke and flames with crews operating in a fire watch crew on scene will address these as they arise. PF&R will operate this fire watch through the night and into tomorrow as needed.

The Scappoose Fire District Aviation Team will fly their unmanned aircraft throughout the building tomorrow to map the entire structure assisting the Portland Fire Investigations Unit in hopes of determining cause. The 3D mapping will also be provided to the City Building Engineer to help in determining the integrity of the structure and aiding in determining decisions for the future of the former warehouse. NW Naito will remain closed until determined safe due to the potential of structural collapse. The 3D mapping and a possible site inspection by the City Engineer will further determine the future of the structure and the length of any street closure.

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Income limits for households must be less than \$44,950 for a family of one or \$51,350 for a family of two.

Applications will be accepted online beginning August 4, 2026 at 9:00 AM ending on August 26, 2026 at 4:00 PM. You can access our applicant portal by going to our website at www.vhousa.org.

Paper applications are available upon request at our office located at 2500 Main Street, Vancouver Washington Tuesday August 4, 2026 until August 26, 2026. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. You can drop off completed applications at our office or mail them to us at the address listed above.

Units are offered to qualified applicants based on the date and time of application. For more information, visit our website at www.vhousa.org or call (360) 694-2501.

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Department of Consumer and Business Services

Occupational Safety and Health Division - Oregon OSHA What you need to know about workplace safety and health

Under the Oregon Safe Employment Act, workers have a right to safe and healthy working conditions and employers must make that right a reality.

Workers have a right to raise concerns about hazards free of retaliation. Employers must understand the Oregon OSHA requirements that apply to their jobsites, educate and train their workers, and comply with specific rules that apply to their workplace.

Oregon OSHA enforces workplace safety and health requirements. The division also offers employers free, nonenforcement resources to help comply with requirements. Resources include free and confidential consultation services. Contact Oregon OSHA at 800-922-2689 or use free educational resources at <https://osha.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>



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SCAN ME!

Students Recognized at National History Day Contest

Students Showcase Research and Storytelling Skills on a National Stage

Thirty-eight Oregon students traveled to the University of Maryland this summer to compete in the National History Day® (NHD®) Contest, joining nearly 3,000 students from across the United States in one of the nation's premier history education competitions.

Representing 21 projects, Oregon students showcased original documentaries, exhibits, papers, performances, and websites inspired by this year's theme, Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History.

The students qualified for the national contest after advancing through Oregon History Day, the statewide affiliate of National History Day. The year-long academic program challenges students in grades 6–12 to conduct original



Equality in History Winners. Photo credit to Laura Wilson

historical research, analyze primary and secondary sources, and present their findings to a panel of volunteer judges.

In addition to competing, Oregon participants explored museums and historic sites throughout Washington, D.C., and enjoyed

a special tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon. Students also met with Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley and toured the U.S. Capitol with staff from Senator Ron Wyden's office, providing a first-hand look at the nation's history and government.

Oregon students also earned national recognition for several outstanding projects.

Westview High School students Naail Ahmad, Nathan Chandra, Byron Lau, and Ryan Lee received the Equality in History Award (Senior Division) for their documentary, Measure 9: Oregon's Hate and Oregon's Pride. Their project examined Oregon's 1992 Measure 9 and explored how public opposition to the proposed anti-LGBTQ+ ballot measure helped strengthen the movement for queer rights across the state.

Portland students and siblings Nia Vasquez and Zanna Vasquez earned the Latino American History Award (Senior Division) for their website, Low and Slow: How Lowriders Shaped America's Chicano Culture. Their project highlighted how lowrider culture challenged discrimination while celebrating Mexican American identity, culture, and community.

Two additional Oregon projects were recognized as Outstanding Affiliate Entries, honoring exceptional work from the state delegation.

In the Junior Division, Meadow Park Middle School students Rachel Hessel, Aishah Mushir, Sansita Premchander, Haya Shahid, and Surya Terrall received the

Outstanding Affiliate Award for their group performance, Edward Jenner: How He Revolutionized, Reformed, and Caused a Reaction in Medicine.

In the Senior Division, Ridgeview High School student Finn Stancliff earned the Outstanding Affiliate Award for The John Harris Story: One Man's Reaction and a Nation's Reform, an original website examining the impact of one individual's actions on broader historical change.

Beyond the awards, National History Day provides students with opportunities to develop lasting skills in historical research, critical thinking, communication, and civic engagement.

"It has all been such a blast," said Oregon History Day volunteer judge Siddharth S. "I am so reinvigorated by the passion that some students put into their historical exhibits, and I believe they will represent Oregon well."

Students interested in participating in the next National History Day program can begin work on projects for the 2027 contest now. The upcoming theme, Innovation in History: Impact, Influence, Change, invites students to explore how innovation has shaped the past and continues to influence the world today.



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Beat the Heat, But Don't Forget Water Safety

Metro Offers Tips for Safer Summer Fun

With temperatures rising across the region, many people are heading to lakes and rivers to cool off. Metro is issuing a reminder to practice water safety when they do so.

"We want people to have fun and to enjoy this region's natural beauty, and we also want them to stay safe," said Metro Parks and Nature director Jon Blasher. "Even good swimmers can get into trouble in open water."

During the summer, Metro Parks and Nature stocks life jackets that visitors can borrow for free on a first-come, first-served basis at all of its boat ramps and parks with water access.

Metro is also holding free water safety days at some of its parks over the summer, where visitors can learn about water safety and receive a free life jacket while supplies last. The next one is scheduled for August 6 at Oxbow Regional Park. Metro also is distributing approximately 5,000 life jackets at community events and through community-based organizations over the course of this summer.

Two tragic incidents this week show how dangerous the water can be. A man drowned in the Columbia River at the Chinook Landing Marine Park on Monday while reportedly trying to rescue his nephew, who was struggling to swim in the river. The next day, a teenage boy drowned at nearby Blue Lake Regional Park.



Life Jacket Kiosk (Courtesy Metro-RS)

Additionally, a 26-year-old drowned last month while swimming in the Columbia River near Rooster Rock State Park (not a Metro property). The Oregon Health Authority reports that in 2024, the most recent year of available data, 34 people drowned in natural water in the state.

Lakes and rivers have hazards like hidden snags, strong currents, and sudden drop-offs. Additionally, many rivers in the

region are glacier-fed and stay surprisingly cold year-round. When air temperatures are significantly higher than water temperatures, going from one to the other can send bodies into shock.

Whether you're boating, floating or simply splashing around, safety should always come first. Wear a life jacket when appropriate, enter natural water cautiously and feet-first, and keep a close

eye on children in or around the water. Always swim with a buddy, and never boat or swim under the influence of alcohol or other substances.

Additionally, hot summer weather can promote the rapid growth of harmful bacteria and algae in natural water. It's a good idea to check the website of any park before you visit to find out about health advisories.

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