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With four bullet holes and 38 years of military service between them, five seniors at Glenmoore Gracious Retirement Living recently shared their experiences in honor of Memorial Day.

More than just a day for sidewalk sales or a kickoff to the summer season, Memorial Day honors Americans who died while serving in the armed forces. It was first observed on May 30, 1868, to honor the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. Today, volunteers place American flags on service members' graves to recognize all who lost their lives.

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

While each soldier's experience is different, we would like to express our gratitude to all service personnel, past and present, who have shown dedication and bravery in the face of peril.



Bill Market, Edmond Tabello, Don Beck, Bill Brun, and Mark Hall each recount their military experiences in honor of Memorial Day. Their extraordinary stories bring history to life.

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Vet stories

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Here are the stories of five U.S. veterans:

Mark Hall

Mark Hall, 80, is from Portland. After graduating from Cleveland High School, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Military service ran in his family; his father had been a Royal Marine in the Queen's army, having served in World War II.

"I wanted to get away from the life I was living. I was looking forward to a future, (but) I didn't know what I wanted to do, and I thought the military could train me in something productive," Hall said.

A volunteer by nature, Hall served over 20 years in the Air Force. He started out as a vehicle operator and ended up as a missile site manager in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

One notable day, Hall was witness to a near nuclear catastrophe during the tense moments of the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 in response to a failed Bay of Pigs Invasion "when Cuba and Khrushchev were kicking up their heels."

Inside the missile site is a vestibule where three men sit, each with a key. At the height of the crisis, each man was instructed to enter the key into the keyhole, arming the nuclear warheads. Next, they were instructed to turn the key. Only the final step of pressing the launch button kept the nuclear warheads grounded. Hall said the moments in the vestibule with the other men were "extreme-

ly tense."
"We sat there for 45 minutes or so before we got the recall and the guys pulled the keys out. Most people don't know it, but that's how close we were to a nuclear war," Hall said.

During his 1967-68 tour in the Vietnam War, Hall was hit by a stray bullet while running the outdoor movie projector.

"Everything was fine and dandy, and all of a sudden, 'ah, damn.' I look down and I'm bleeding like a stuck hog. I got someone to run the projector while I went to the dispensary and they dug out an AK-47 shell," Hall said.

In his civilian years, with his vast mechanical expertise learned during the service, Hall became an RV mechanic in Sequim, Washington, eventually owning his own RV repair shop. After 14 years, Hall took his own RV and traveled the United States for 10 years. He landed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton in California where he was security chief of San Onofre Beach for nine years. Hall eventually retired in Portland; he has two children.

Bill Brun

Bill Brun was born in New Jersey in 1925 to Danish parents who were homeless due to immigration. In 1930, Brun and his parents, who were looking for work, moved to Denmark. There, at age 9, Brun was enrolled in a prestigious boarding school for elite landowners.

His parents decided to return to the United States in January 1940, with plans to send for Brun, since they couldn't book passage for three. Hitler's army invaded



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Denmark on April 9, 1940, which left Brun unable to leave the country.

Opposed to the German occupation, Brun and his schoolmates "undertook a lot of childish pranks." Concealing spray bottles of concentrated sulfuric acid, the youth would walk up to a German soldier and spray the acid on his back, then run. Soon afterward, the soldier's uniform would start to fall apart. The students also would take risks to listen to the BBC on a secret radio and put sugar on the bearings of the trains to interrupt transport.

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Once he graduated from school, he and other students moved to Copenhagen where they continued their fight against the Occupation, eventually joining up with the Danish Resistance, which published an illegal newspaper. Supplies to manufacture the paper were difficult to obtain, but Brun called the venture "worth it." At one point, Brun and three others were confronted by Nazis who lined them up against a wall to be searched. Brun had an upcoming manuscript of the



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illegal newspaper in his pocket, which miraculously wasn't found.

Because of the vast numbers of refugees in Europe after the war ended, Brun was not able to leave Denmark to join his parents in Florida until late 1948. His parents were still poor, and Brun enlisted in the U.S. Army for one year where he was a military police officer in Italy.

"Italy had been bombed to pieces, it was terrible," Brun said.

Brun received his G.I. Bill,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A young Don Beck in his Naval Uniform. He graduated from Navy Officer Candidate School in 1960 and was stationed on the carrier USS Coral Sea.

which he used to earn a master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Miami in 1950. He became a professor at the University of North Carolina. For a time, Brun researched diseases of bananas in Puerto Rico through the Department of Agriculture.

Following his time in Puerto Rico, he took a professorship at the University of Minnesota, where he taught botany and agronomy for 30 years. He also spent years researching the physiology of soybeans for the government; his research has been of great interest to the Monsanto Coy. Now 92, Brun has three children and five great-grandchildren.

Don Beck

Don Beck moved from Washington to Oregon at age 3. He graduated from Franklin High School and attended both Portland State University and the University of Oregon, where he earned a degree in business administration.

Beck applied at Navy Officer Candidate School with a

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Vet stories

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friend, but because of a prior shoulder injury, the OCS took awhile to approve his application. During the wait, Beck was ordered to report to the draft board. After a few months of uncertain status, he was accepted into OCS in Rhode Island and graduated in the spring of 1960.

Beck completed preflight training in Pensacola, Florida, for nonpilot officers and attended school in Brunswick, Georgia, for airborne early warning and control training. After short assignments in San Diego and Guam, Beck was permanently assigned to an electronic countermeasure squadron in Alameda, California.

In 1961, while stationed in Alameda, Beck was assigned to the USS Coral Sea, a Midway-class aircraft carrier for a seven-month cruise in the Pacific Ocean, flying as the navigator/evaluator in the right seat of the 85-q planes aboard the carrier.

An interesting incident happened before the Vietnam War, when tension was elevated between the countries. Out at sea, the USS Coral Sea was leading a convoy of ships in m-con status, meaning no electronic transmissions were allowed.

At night, while reconnoitering, the USS Coral Sea and convoy changed location unbeknown to Beck and the pilot. Because of the m-con status, Beck could not call the carrier to find out its location. Instead, Beck used his plotting board to navigate his location and speculate on the

location of the convoy. It took two hours to finally locate the USS Coral Sea on which they could land.

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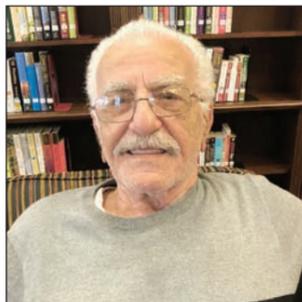
Beck, now 81, earned the rank of lieutenant during his five years in the Navy. Most of those five years were at sea where he logged 100 carrier landings. After his service he worked for a pharmaceutical company. He has two children.

"I enjoyed my time in the Navy. I had a very good time, I was single, and I was drawing flight pay too, which was my fun money" Beck said. "Probably the best place was Alameda, right in the Bay Area. We would go to party and you could overhear the girls saying 'those guys are Navy fliers,' and they'd come over and want to hold your hand or pour you a drink."

Edmond Tabello

Edmond Tabello, originally from Israel, moved with his family to Jordan. At age 17, Tabello relocated to the United States where he attended school at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he earned a degree in political science.

"I had no one here, I was on my own here since Day One," Tabello said. "I had to go to school. I did not speak one



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word of English when I came to this country."

Because of his experiences living abroad, Tabello learned to speak five languages: French, English, Italian, Arabic and Hebrew. After college graduation, because of his extensive language abilities, Tabello was drafted by the U.S. Army. He spent six years total as the "No. 1 translator."

Tabello says his time in the Army was satisfying, but that it was very dangerous.

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Upon entering Fallujah, Iraq, during the second Gulf War, the enemies were waiting to ambush them. It was there that Tabello suffered three gunshot wounds.

"I could have been dead, actually. I am very fortunate to be alive. I spent nine months in Ramstein, Germany, recov-

ering," Tabello said.

After leaving the Army, Tabello was drafted a second time; he spent another three years translating.

Tabello retired from the Army and resettled in Los Angeles where he was a restaurateur, owning Don's Deli for 37 years. Now 71, he has three children.

Bill Marker

Bill Marker is 92 years old and can clearly remember his days serving in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II. The Merchant Marines are civilian-owned merchant vessels contracted by the U.S. government to transport cargo.

Marker, originally from Minnesota, tried to enlist in the armed services after high school. He went to the duty station with 40 other men, all of who were drafted except Marker, who had vision problems.

Still wanting to take part in the war effort, Marker volunteered through the defense plan in Wisconsin, where he worked seven days a week. With a friend, he decided to volunteer with the Merchant Marines, who needed men to transport goods.

Marker initially was rejected again, but was given a dispensation if he signed a waiver to only work in the steward department. He went through boot camp at Sheep's Head Bay in Brooklyn, New York, which was run by the Navy and Coast Guard through the U.S. Maritime Service.

Marker earned his discharge papers at age 17, given his belongings in a bag, and sent to New York Harbor. He was surprised to learn his intended ship wasn't in the harbor, and

ended up on another ship.

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By 1944, at the height of World War II, ships crossing the Atlantic Ocean were "sitting ducks for German U-boats." Marker completed crossings safely with bunker fuel, a form of diesel ship-fuel that would have rendered his ship a bomb had it been torpedoed. Another time, Marker's ship carried 110,000 gallons of aviation fuel and six P-51 fighter planes.

In the remaining years of the war, Marker never saw a torpedo. He received one day of leave for every week of service, yet, unfortunately, in 1946, Congress left out the Merchant Marines from the G.I. Bill. Marker did not receive benefits from his three years of service during the war.

"In the Merchant Marines, we lost one out of every 24 men, the Army lost one out of every 150 men. The death rate in the Merchant Marines was terrible," Marker said.

With the Merchant Marines, Marker went to countless countries, including Egypt, India, England, Australia, Sri Lanka, Panama, Caribbean, Canada and South Africa.

Marker spent his years after the war as a science and math teacher at Parkrose High School where he taught for 33 years. He has four children.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 2018

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| 7 | Parks Advisory Committee Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| 8 | Happy Valley Garden Club Nicole Forbes from 7 Dee's Nursery speaking on Living Walls & Vertical Gardening. Contact Jennifer Buss at jenb@bussmold.com for more information. | 9:30 a.m. | Happy Valley Baptist Church |
| 10 | Hearings Officer Meeting | 9:00 a.m. | City Hall Council Chamber |
| 10 | Traffic and Public Safety Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall Council Chamber |
| 11 | Youth Council Applications due | 5:00 p.m. | City Hall. See page 7 for details. |
| 12 | Happy Valley Fun Run | 8:00 a.m. | Happy Valley Elementary School. See page 6 for details. |
| 15 | Ballots due | 8:00 p.m. | City Hall and the Library are ballot drop-off sites |
| 16 | Youth Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | City Hall Council Chamber |
| 17 | Public Art Committee | 5:30 p.m. | City Hall |
| 22 | Library Board Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | Happy Valley Library |
| 23 | HV Business Alliance Meeting | 7:30 a.m. | City Hall Council Chamber |
| JUNE | | | |
| 4 | Parks Advisory Committee Meeting | 6:00 p.m. | City Hall |
| 5 | City Council Work Session | 6:00 p.m. | City Hall Council Chamber |
| 5 | City Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | City Hall Council Chamber |

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Public Service Recognition Week

Next week, May 6 – 12, is Public Service Recognition Week. In my role as Mayor, I am fortunate to work alongside so many great public servants. Our public works staff keep our parks clean and roads maintained. The city planners, engineers, and building inspectors devote their time to ensure developers follow land use laws, set aside land as natural areas, and meet our design standards. City librarians provide programs for all ages, 7 days a week. Our friendly staff members in community services organize amazing events such as the 4th of July Festival. The contracted police officers keep our neighborhoods safe. Beyond just our city staff members, our community is also well served by wonderful teachers and dedicated firefighters. The list could go on.

It's often tempting to believe government work is just a type of job. Throughout my time on the City Council and as Mayor, I've had the privilege to get to know many of these public servants on a personal

level, so I look at it differently. Our team is dedicated to the community. They know this city inside and out. They know each school, every neighborhood, park and business. I've witnessed numerous times where they go out of their way to help make our lives better. As a result, they are invested and committed to continually improving Happy Valley.

Not only does our team make government effective and efficient, they also have fun. In their free time, they take their kids to the library, attend the summer concerts, and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

I feel fortunate to have gotten to know these people over the years and feel confident in the service they provide to our residents and everyone they interact with. I couldn't be more proud of the public servants who attend to our city every day. Next time you see someone who has made a career out of turning a place on a map into a community, please join me in thanking them for their service.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



LORI CHAVEZ-DEREMER



ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES

COUNCIL CORNER

Serving on the City Council requires more than setting policy, it's about establishing priorities. Similar to every household and local business, the City has limited time and resources. Personally, most of us would love to remodel our homes, travel the world, and buy a new car. How-

ever, we know that we can't do all of that at the same time while also providing for our basic needs. Although we may dream big, most of our households set priorities, save money, and look for additional ways to pay for things we need. In this regard, the City Council is no different.

We all share big dreams for Happy Valley. Additional parks, better roads, connected sidewalks, and more. The first step is to identify and set priorities. This last month, we spent time reviewing all the major projects we know our community needs. The list of capital improvement projects is significant. Here is how we prioritized the list.

Priority 1 Projects:

Community Center & Park — This was the number one project residents asked for in our Parks Master Plan

All-weather Turf Ball Fields — Another high priority in the Parks Master Plan to be located in Happy Valley Park or some future location

Sidewalks Around the "Super Block" — To improve safety around Happy Valley Park

172nd Avenue — To widen the road, add bike lanes, and sidewalks north of Sunnyside Road

Public Works Facility — To expand operations and store more equipment to better maintain roads and parks

Priority 2 Projects:

Sidewalks — To fill gaps throughout the city for safety

162nd Avenue — Provide a connection between Sunnyside Road and the new high school planned in Rock Creek

Rock Creek Boulevard — Extend the road east to facilitate more economic development

Priority 3 Projects:

Neighborhood Parks — We know these are important, fortunately, these will get built by future developers, saving the city limited resources

Misty Drive — Extend the road to connect the town center with the new Fred Meyer

Community Police Center — Provide a more modern facility

While this is a lot, we have some exciting projects to work on that will improve the community. Over the course of the next several months and years, the City will be developing funding strategies to work towards completing these projects. It will take careful spending on other projects to build up our reserves. In some cases, these projects will require new funding tools. Stay tuned for more information as we work towards building parks and improving infrastructure in Happy Valley.



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Express your love and appreciation with a gift for mom

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Whether you choose a spa day, a hike followed by lunch or flowers, celebrate the moms in your life this Mother's Day, May 13, with a thoughtful gift from one of many local vendors.

Food and drink

Valley Growlers has numerous beers, ciders and wines you can sip or for take home in a growler. Valley Growlers, 15735 S.E. Happy Valley Town Center Drive.

Elka Bee's offers a high-tea experience by a warm fire. Or treat mom to a tasty breakfast and latte. Elka Bee's, 12330 S.E. Sunnyside Road. Reservations required for high tea.

At Happy Hops, let mom sip her wine in peace by the fire. With 40 drink selections on tap, mom can choose something as unique as she is. Happy Hops, 14650 S.E. Sunnyside Road.

Taste of Bangkok features au-

thentic Thai cuisine. Lunch specials are available. Taste of Bangkok, 13203 S.E. 172nd Ave., Ste. 162.

Spa and soak

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Flowers and gardening

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DREAMSTIME PHOTOS



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Happy Valley Nursery, 10800 S.E. 129th Ave.

Tony's Garden Center, 10473 S.E. 172nd Ave.

New Seasons Market offers premade bouquets, or choose mom's favorite flowers for

a custom bunch. 15861 S.E. Happy Valley Town Center Drive.

Terra Casa has an extensive selection of gardening pots and planters, home goods, fountains, furniture and gifts. 19995 S.E. Highway 212.

Arts and crafts

Venvino Art Studios offers "sip and paint" classes or numerous other art medium events. 13329 S.E. Misty Drive.

CeramiCafe Art Lounge offers a relaxing atmosphere while mom gets to paint her masterpiece. 12056 S.E. Sunnyside Road.

Golf and fitness

The Aerie at Eagle Landing, 10220 S.E. Causey Way.

Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course, 17104 S.E. 130th Ave.

StarCycle is offering the first month of unlimited rides for \$99. 13183 S.E. 172nd, Ste. 178.

Forge Hot Yoga is featuring a first-month membership for \$39. 15932B Happy Valley Town Center Drive.

Mother's Day

Ivy League dreams become reality Clackamas High's Nicole Zhen accepted at top-notch universities

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND



Of the eight Ivy League schools she applied to, Clackamas High School senior, Nicole Zhen was accepted to seven, and Stanford University.

Set to graduate in June, Zhen plans to spend her summer as an intern in the Bank of America Student Leaders Program where she will be matched with a nonprofit. With plans to major in political science with an economics major, Zhen expects to serve in government upon her university graduation, possibly as a lawyer.



PHOTO BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Clackamas High School senior, Nicole Zhen, proudly shows off her college packets. She was accepted into seven Ivy League Schools.

Ivy League schools

- Brown University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Harvard University
- Princeton University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Yale University

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Practice safe water habits



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As warm weather approaches, Clackamas Fire reminds everyone the importance of practicing safe water habits. Follow these helpful tips from the American Red Cross to keep you and your family safe:

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- Never leave a child unattended near water; don't trust a child's life to another child; teach children to ask permission to go near water.
- If you're not planning on swimming, be cautious around ocean shorelines, rivers,

and lakes. Cold temperatures, currents, and underwater hazards are dangerous.

- Be aware of underwater obstructions in low water levels.
- When boating, wear a life jacket!
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Happy Valley Fun Run

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The race, organized by Happy Valley Elementary School's PTO, is a professional event, complete with race shirts, timing chips and sponsor booths.

Participants can pick from three events, a kids' one mile dash, a 5k run/walk, or a 10k run. The first race, the kids dash will begin at 8:00 a.m. The 5k and 10k races will begin at 8:30 a.m.

This is a fantastic, family-friendly event. All proceeds from this event directly benefit and fund programs for local students.

Happy Valley Fun Run

WHEN: May 12th. Races start at 8:00 a.m.

WHERE: Happy Valley Elementary School

WHAT: Races for every level - one mile kids dash, 5k run/walk, and 10k run

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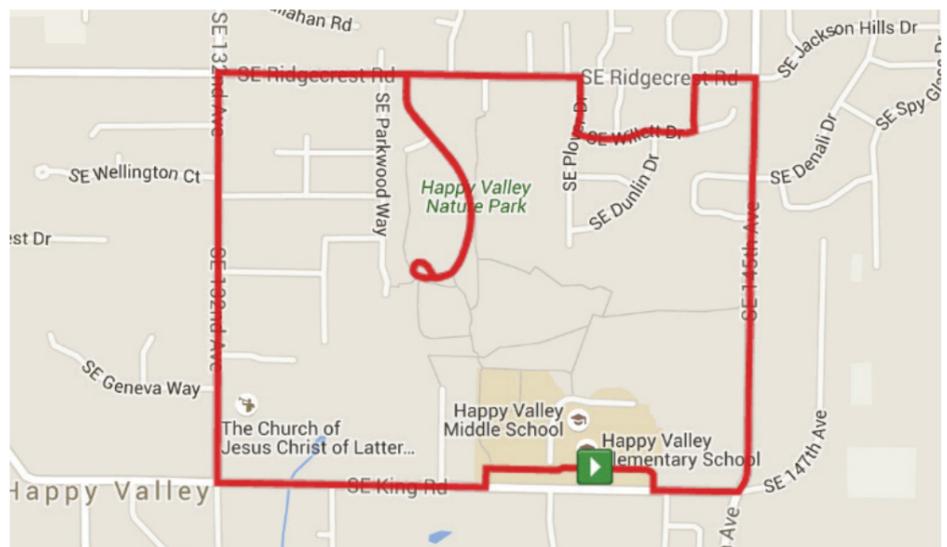
ONLINE REGISTRATION: Open now through May 8th at 8:00 p.m.

COST: \$26 for students, \$36 for adults

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DEVELOPMENT 101

Local land use planning

There are many reasons to enjoy living in this community. From our beautiful parks, meandering trails, well maintained streets, safe neighborhoods, and attractive commercial centers, Happy Valley is a wonderful place to call home. Much of the look and feel of the city took decades of thoughtful planning and steadfast leadership to instill development standards that reflect the community values.

Even before the Metro UGB was established in 1978, the City of Happy Valley adopted its first Comprehensive Plan. Acknowledging that urban development would occur in Happy Valley, the Comprehensive Plan established a set of policies to guide growth. These policies are community value statements aimed to protect natural areas and steep slopes, encourage use of open space, provide a variety of housing choices, facilitate economic development through available employment lands, develop good transportation routes, assure new construction is architecturally attractive, and allow citizens to be involved in future growth.

Beyond a set of guiding principles, the Comprehensive Plan set in motion a zoning map. While property owners have a right to de-



Decades in the making: All areas of Happy Valley are developed in accordance with Happy Valley's Comprehensive Plan. While property owners have the right to develop their land inside the UGB, the City's zoning map details allowed uses in various areas throughout the city.

velop their land inside the UGB, the Happy Valley zoning map details allowed uses in various areas throughout the city. It seeks to ensure neighborhoods remain residential, multi-family units are near services such as transit, commercial and industrial areas are along major roads, and adequate land is reserved for open spaces like the Scouters Mountain and Mt. Talbert Nature

Parks. In Happy Valley, developers are also required to meet specific criteria. Based on the Comprehensive Plan policies, the Happy Valley Development Code outlines stringent standards that development applications must meet. One of the most visible criteria are the design standards. Given Happy Valley's history as a residential community, all commercial and mixed-

use buildings must follow architectural designs that implement the "Happy Valley Style" which is a modern Cascadia type design inspired by craftsman, prairie, and rustic styles. This leads to pitched roofs and natural materials such as stone and wood. These elements are particularly well evidenced in construction over the last decade including the Hikade Dental Building; City Hall;

and various buildings along Sunnyside Road that are located within the City of Happy Valley versus other nearby communities. As a result, new buildings not only have a higher level of appearance, they match the residential nature of the community and reflect the historical past of this area.

Finally, developments are often required to provide or upgrade public facilities at their own expense. Developers are not only obligated to provide the water and sewer pipes to serve the new buildings. They often have to build roads, trails, parks, and set land aside as open space. Examples include the Mt. Scott Nature Park and trail system; the community center, open spaces and trail system in the Taralon Master Planned Community; and, large open spaces and trail systems in developments such as Jackson Hills and the Reserve. In the most recent Scouters Mountain development, the developer agreed to dedicate 40% of the overall site as open space. Fortunately, all residents get to benefit from the public facilities and pedestrian/bicycle amenities added to the community.

Stay tuned for the article next month where we will look at the city's infrastructure, including how it's built and who funds it.

ARTICLE 2

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Happy Valley Youth Council Seeks New Members



Know a teen who loves to be involved or wants to be an advocate for other teens in our community? Applications are now being accepted for teens interested in filling a vacancy on the Happy Valley Youth Council. The applications must be completed and submitted to City Hall by Friday, May 11th at 5:00 PM. Applicants will then attend the May 16th Happy Valley Youth Council meeting at 7p.m. at City Hall, where each applicant will

participate in a panel interview. The 11 member Youth Council works to promote a positive influence for their peer group and their community through safety events and participation in many of the City's community events. Any Happy Valley or Clackamas area teen who will be at the freshman through senior academic level for the 2018-19 school year is eligible to apply and serve. Visit www.happyvalleyor.gov for the application or more information.

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MAY 2018 Library Events

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Happy Valley Library Book Group

Thursday, May 3, 6:30-8 p.m.

Read the book selection for the month and come to the library to discuss the book with other readers. This month we're reading *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!

Mah Jongg

Fridays, 1-4 p.m.

Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Be sure to bring your 2018 National Mah Jongg League cards.

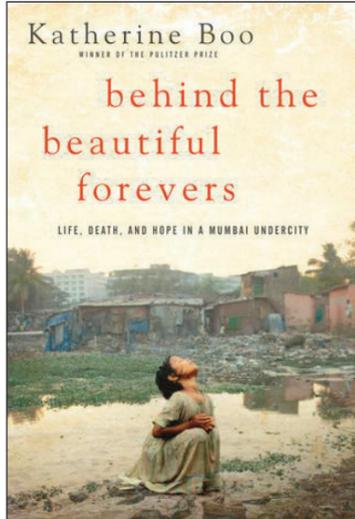
Repair Fair: Saturday

May 5, 12-3 p.m.

Do you have something broken at home you've been meaning to fix? Come join us at the Repair Fair! Bring broken items from home and work with a volunteer repair specialist to try to fix it at no charge! It's a great way to learn about repair, save money, and keep things from going into the trash!

Right Plant-Right Place: Gardening with Native Plants:

Tuesday, May 8, 3:30-5 p.m.
Planting well-chosen native plants can create wildlife habitat,

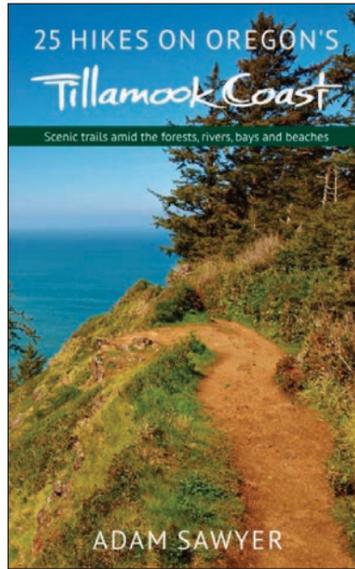


Join the Book Club and enjoy *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo.

conserve water and reduce the need for pesticides and fertilizers. Using native plants in your landscape also brings the beauty of our region's natural areas closer to home. Master Gardener Priscilla Robinson will show you how to choose native plants adapted to the sun, soil and space where you plan to plant them.

Note Night: Wednesday

May 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Enjoy some live music while you browse for books or sit and savor the sounds. This month features



On May 17, join us for a slideshow presentation on the 25 amazing hikes in Tillamook Oregon.

members of the band "No Time 2 Lose" performing American Traditional music which includes Blues, Jazz, and Country, with some big band and classical music thrown in for good measure.

String-Along

Sundays, May 13 and 27, 2-5 p.m.
Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed instrument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with

other musicians. Adults of all skill levels are invited to drop in and play some American traditional Bluegrass or Folk music in a casual, jam-style setting. Bring a song you know to share.

Genealogy Club:

Mondays, May 14 and 28, 2-4 p.m.
Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips. Insights are discovered and pathways revealed as we attempt to solve the mysteries of our ancestors' elusive stories!

Hiking Oregon's Tillamook Coast:

Thursday, May 17, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
From thigh-pumping treks to leisurely beach strolls and everything in between, 25 Hikes on Oregon's Tillamook Coast, the latest book from Oregon author Adam Sawyer, has something for hikers of all levels and abilities. With helpful tidbits and humorous anecdotes, this slideshow presentation is an informative, light-hearted detailing of the best the county has to offer.

Board Game Connection:

Thursday, May 24, 6-8 p.m.
Gather around a table and connect with friends new and old over board games. Learn a new game or bring a personal favorite and teach someone else! New games will be featured every month.

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Mother's Day Tea:

Saturday, May 5, 10:30 am
Bring someone special for a tea party, complete with crafts and games.

AKA Science presents... Earth Rocks!:

Wednesday, May 9, 4-5 pm
• Grades 3-5
Each month explore different topics and then take stuff home to amaze your family and friends!

Tallulah's Daddy:

Saturday, May 12, 10:30 am
Creepy crawly, dancing fun with Matt, his guitar and his drum.

Creature Teachers:

Tuesday, May 15, 6:30 pm
The Teachers are back with their wild animal friends for another up-close show-and-tell.

LEGO Creative Building with Blair Archer:

Wednesday, May 16, 4-5:30 pm
• Grades K-5
Make your ideas a reality using lots of LEGOs!

Let's Lego!:

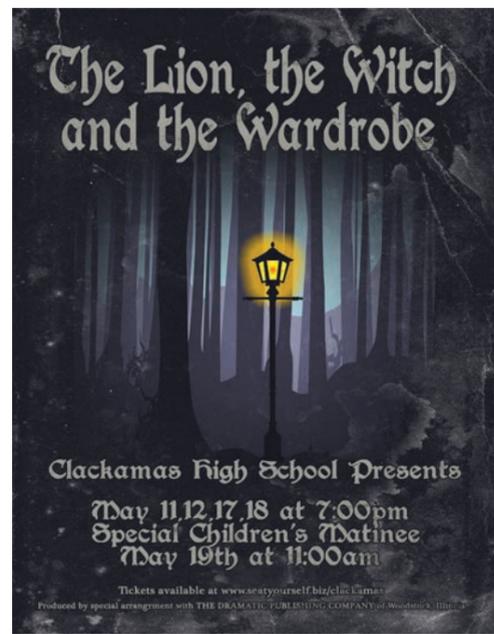
Saturday, May 19, 1:30-3 pm
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North Clackamas Educational Foundation plans annual gala to raise grant funds

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

With its 26th annual gala set for May 26 at Camp Withycombe, the North Clackamas Educational Foundation (NCEF) is hoping this year's event will surpass fundraising expectations.

The North Clackamas Education Foundation serves more than 17,000 students in the North Clackamas School District. NCEF provides gap funding for programs benefiting students, teachers and families. The nonprofit was founded in 1992 to provide fair and equitable opportunities for North Clackamas students.

Last year's gala raised over \$94,000 for educational purposes for the 2017-18 NCSD school year. This year's gala will feature performances by Clackamas High School's Chamber Orchestra, desserts created by Sabin-Schellenberg Center's Culinary Arts students, a live auction, dinner and a raffle. NCEF will dedicate 100 percent of the gala proceeds to innovative teacher and classroom enrichment programs, activity fees, family support, scholarships, and music and arts education, while ensuring equitable access to programs for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

Executive Director Stephanie Rose said the grants awarded by NCEF "give students access to tools that improve their lives, enrich their education experience, and engage them in the world beyond their classroom."

A portion of the funds from last year's gala were awarded to Angie Richen, a fourth-grade teacher at Mount Scott Elementary School, to improve the library's selection of culturally diverse books. Richen was inspired to apply for the grant after an African-American student indicated there were no books in the school library that represented her race.

"She felt isolated and unrepresented. She moved away and never experienced the benefit of the grant project. However, she was the student that inspired this project. Both the student and her mother were appreciative of our willingness and effort to make all students feel included,"



Mount Scott teachers Karen Morgan (left) and Angie Richen (right) accept the grant award from NCEF Board Member and Awards Committee Chairperson Dr. Gary Chapman.

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: North Clackamas Education Foundation's 26th annual gala

WHEN: 7 p.m. Saturday May 26

WHERE: Camp Withycombe, 15300 S.E. Minuteman Way, Clackamas

COST: Single tickets are \$80 or sponsor tables can be purchased.

Richen said.

Richen says the grant will benefit all students at Mount Scott Elementary School through a biography project that will address fourth-grade standards in the areas of reading for information, informational writing that includes research, note taking, citing sources and community building based on culture, ethnicity and diversity.

Over the past three years, NCEF has awarded more than \$100,000 in discretionary grants for projects while supporting school-based programs such as Backpack Bud-

dies, the Family Support Center, Lunch Buddy Mentor Program, and Ready, Set, Go!

"Due to these grants, students can explore the universe with modern technology, learn about the history and cultures of people around the world, contribute to their neighborhoods by planting gardens and cleaning up community spaces, and participate in projects with their peers and teachers in meaningful ways," Rose said.

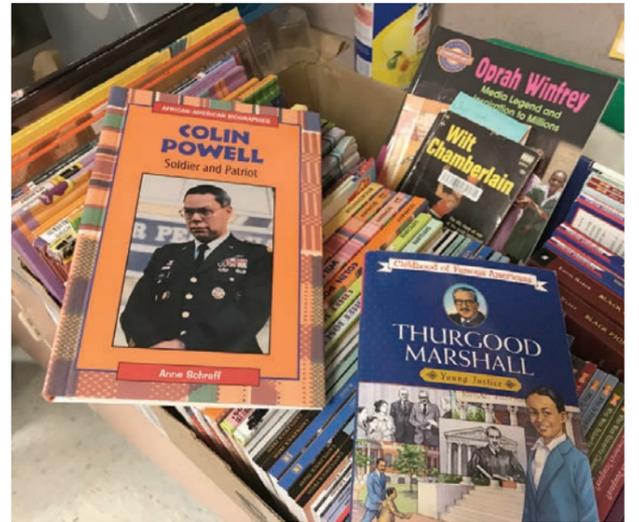
Multiple Happy Valley schools received 2017-18 NCEF teacher grant awards:

■ Oregon Trail Elementary School teachers Kim Kellogg and Gretchen Rowland-Horrikan received \$1,000 to create a garden for students to share with the community. Along with the agricultural experience, students will apply math, science and English skills to the creation and care of the garden.

■ Through the efforts of teachers Karen Morgan and Angie Richen, Mount Scott Elementary School will expand its library with a purchase of over 40 new books to increase the quantity, quality and availability of diverse reading options. "There is no one like

me in this school, I don't fit it," were the words of a fourth-grader who provided the impetus to apply for the grant. The \$770 grant will help broaden cultural awareness and celebrate cultural differences across all reading levels.

■ With a \$1,700 teacher



The grant was used to purchase books of cultural diversity for the school's library.

grant awarded to Megan Neal, Happy Valley Middle School will increase the number of verse novels available to seventh-grade language arts teachers. Verse novels are increasingly popular narrative poetry. Students will examine and evaluate the content in a shared literary experience with works written by and about underrepresented populations.

■ Laurie Thurston from Clackamas High School earned a \$500 teacher grant to purchase books for ninth-graders reflecting diversity. Thurston seeks to create more reading options by offering books that reflect cultural and gender diversity. Students

will participate in discussions and write about how reading different points of view impacted them.

■ Clackamas High School students in grades 10-12 will research, design and build their own musical instrument. The \$1,050 teacher grant was awarded to Dan Robinette as a cross-disciplinary project to combine music and science. The study of vibrations, patterns, resonance, sound waves and energy will be explored through an engineering project.

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Luau fundraiser to benefit football programs

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

The Clackamas Touchdown Club, in partnership with Clackamas Youth Football, will hold its annual fundraiser at 6 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the Persimmon Golf Club, located at 500 S.E. Butler Road, in Gresham. The eighth annual event provides funds for Clackamas-area football players in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The funds raised will provide new and up-to-date safety equipment, field fees, travel expenses, meals and scholarships. This year's event will feature music, raffles, silent and live auctions, dancing, Hawaiian buffet and a no-host bar. Tickets cost \$50.

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CRIME in the NEWS

Between school violence, workplace violence, church violence, it seems violence is in the news more than ever these days.

The fact is, violent crime in the US has declined dramatically since its peak in the early 1990's. Happy Valley and Oregon have seen similar declines in violent crime. Thirty-six U.S. states have a higher crime rate than Oregon and Happy Valley has one of the lowest crime rates in Oregon.

In 1993, the violent crime rate in the U.S. was 747 / 100,000. In other words, 747 of every 100,000 people were victims of violent crime. In 2016, the violent crime rate in the US was 386/100,000. This is a significant drop. (Stats from the FBI annual crime report)

Many factors contribute to the decrease in the violent crime rate.

- The early 90's were the height of the crack epidemic and the gang violence that went along with it.

- In the 90's there was a massive influx in hiring of police officers due to the COPS grants of that era.

- Enhanced sentencing laws have kept some repeat offenders in prison longer.

- Community policing and data-driven policing have helped also.

Property crimes have seen a similar decrease over the same time frame.

According to the PEW Research Center, public perception is that crime continues to get worse. In a 2016 opinion survey, 57% of respondents reported that crime was worse in 2016 than it was in 2008. FBI and Bureau of Justice Statistics both report crime declined significantly in that time frame.

Why do people feel less safe even though they are much less likely to be a victim of a crime now than at any time since 1993?

There are many factors, but TV sensationalizing of violent crime, the politicizing of certain crimes and social media (viral videos) all likely contribute to the general feeling that crime is increasing.

If you have any questions about the crime rate in Happy Valley or your level of safety feel free to contact me by phone or email, found here: www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/police-department

I also am available for presentations on safety at your workplace/school/church.

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BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

In Happy Valley, many citizens will be flying their American flags over the Memorial Day weekend in remembrance of soldiers who died while serving in the U.S. armed forces. Knowing the guidelines

for proper flag use will ensure respect for Old Glory.

Can I fly my flag at night?

Ideally, your flag should be flown from dawn to dusk. Lowering your flag at night is a sign of respect, but you may fly it at night if it is properly illuminated throughout the dark hours.

Can I fly my flag in inclement weather?

The American flag should not be flown during stormy weather unless it is made from an all-weather fabric, such as nylon. The intent of lowering the flag during inclement weather, including high winds, is to keep

the flag undamaged.

How do I display my flag on a single mast with another flag?

Out of deference, the American flag must be flown higher than any other flag, including a state flag or military flag. Do not fly the U.S. flag on a single mast with another nation's flag or with a flag that has a company logo, branding or advertising.

How do I retire my Old Glory?

Once the flag has become tattered, it needs to be disposed of properly, ideally burned in the triangle formation.

CAST YOUR BALLOT!



Ballots are due by May 15 for the upcoming primary election. To be counted, ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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MY PARK STORY *Local resident shares her park experience*

Parks are essential to any community. They are a place to play, gather, exercise and learn. They expose their visitors to their natural wonder each day. For all the many reasons people visit parks, from sporting events to bird watching, spending time outdoors has many joys and benefits. This spring we are introducing a new series called, My Parks Story, sharing the stories of local park users. By seeing a park through another's eyes, we hope you will discover something new to explore in Happy Valley.

This month's story features Bernadette Hudson, an area resident, parent, sports coach and scientist.

1. How do you currently use the parks around us?

My family and I currently use the parks in the area primarily for sports, trails/hiking/running, and nature viewing. In the past, we have also used the playgrounds more. We still occasionally will combine activities so Mike, my husband, or I will run and the girls will use the playgrounds or have practice (soccer or softball). When the kids were little, we'd go to the splash pad, and we used to take our dog to the dog park over at North Clackamas a lot when he was young and spry.

2. What is the biggest benefit you and your family receive from parks?

I love having parks and trails close by so that when we want to get out for a family activity, we don't have to travel far. It makes us more likely to actually do it. I wish there were more trails in the area because we would certainly take advantage of them.



Sisters, Nora and Clara, explore local woods.



The Hudson family frequently explores the trails and parks in the local area. Most weekends they can be found either on the softball field, playground basketball court or out in nature.



Family scavenger hunts ensure the family is always discovering something new on their hikes.



3. What do parks add to the community?

Parks are a great feature to have in the community because they make it easy for families or individuals to have options for recreation nearby. I like the diversity of parks in our area - from playgrounds to hiking trails. I also like that many of our parks have sports fields associated with them. This allows our local recreational sports leagues to have local places for practice and games and allows the kids to play sports with others in their area - lots of friendships have been built that way.

4. Do you have a favorite park?

Mt. Talbert is probably our family's favorite. It's very close to our house, offers good hiking, is not very crowded, and we can do different trails every time we go.

5. Best time to visit a park?

I'd say any time! I prefer the parks when they are not too crowded, so we will go hiking all year long at parks that offer trails.

6. Any hidden gems in HV you want to share?

I like the trails that connect different areas or are hidden away in the neighborhoods - the

trail through Happy Valley Park wetlands, the trail through Happy Valley Nature Park, the trail along Mt. Scott Creek, the trails on Mt. Talbert, etc. I wish we had more trails like this around the area, including longer trails that would be good for biking.

7. Favorite recreational activity in HV?

Definitely hiking and kids' sports.

8. Any tips to make exploring nature fun for the whole family?

We will often do family hikes where we come up with a scavenger hunt list prior to the hike - things we will look for as we are hiking (heart shaped leaf, something yellow, 3 birds, sticks shaped like a Y, etc.).



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La Salle Prep explores identity issues on stage

Students respond to characters, conflicts in 'Legally Blonde'

In April, La Salle Prep featured their spring theater production, "Legally Blonde the Musical." Theater teacher and director Michael Shelton said this year's theme was "identity."

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

"I was drawn to this show, specifically, because the lead is a female and a large portion of the major characters are female. I really wanted the students to have an opportunity to tell a story that was very much driven by strong, empowered women. Additionally, I felt this show worked well to discuss personal identity," Shelton said.

The show follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she confronts the stereotypes and misperceptions others have about her. In the process, she learns to love herself.

"She learns to see her own worth and become an empowered force to be reckoned with. That message, I think, is an important reminder for all of us," Shelton said.

Shelton, who holds a master's degree in theater from George Fox University, said

this kind of play resonates with youth because it's fun and relevant.

"The kids love it. In many ways, the dynamics between the play's characters and conflict is relatable to what they see around them in their everyday lives. Additionally, the message of the play, this idea of learning to love yourself, finding your voice and using that voice to make the world a better place, is hugely inspiring and timely for these kids, our audience and the world," he said.

Shelton thinks theater changes lives because it's a community experience.

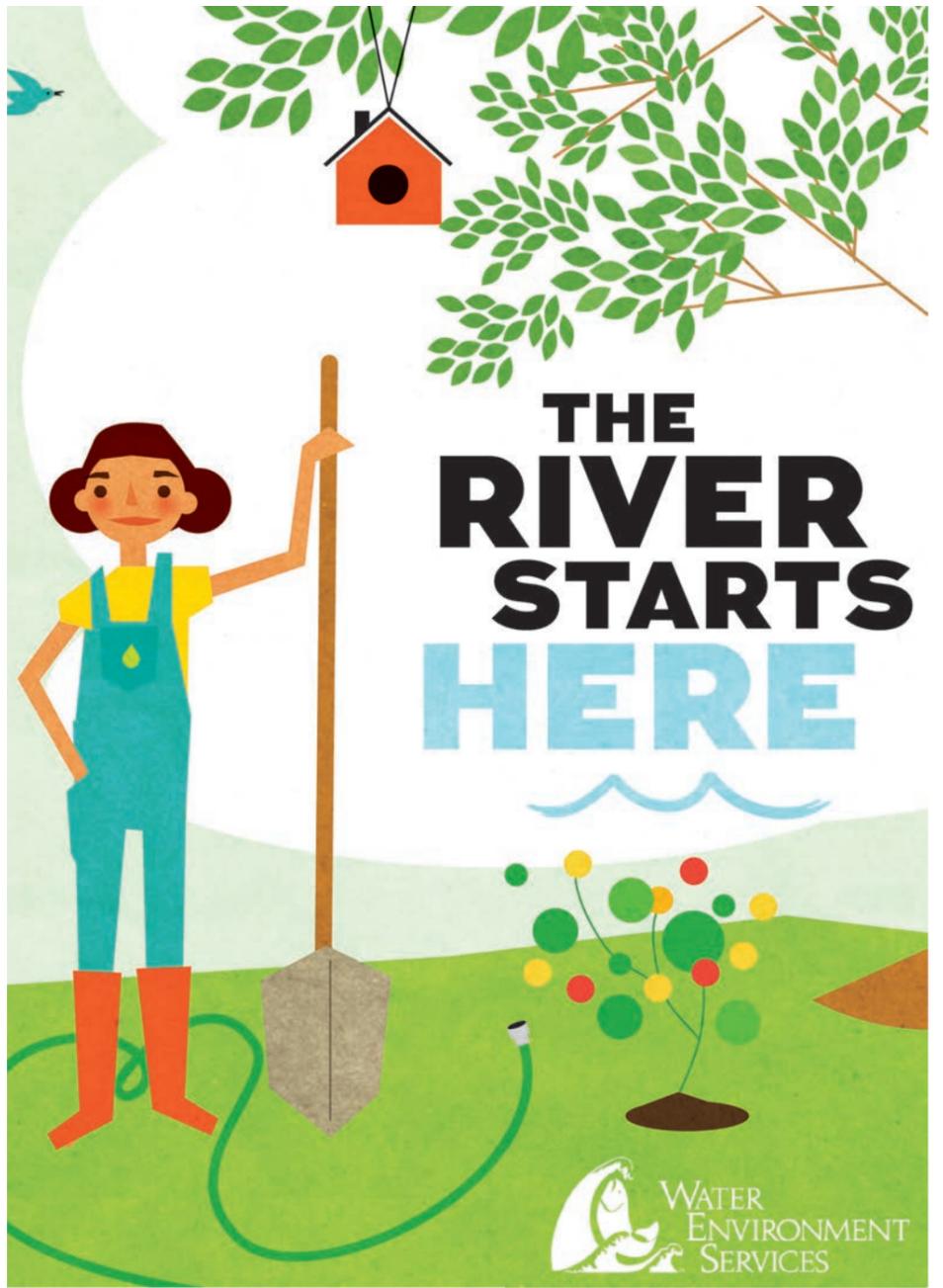
"Whether for entertainment or inspiration or revolution, theater allows all of us — if only for two hours — to come together and learn about other people, other lives, other perspectives, challenges and triumphs, tragedies and hopes. It builds empathy for others. It requires the students involved to always be thinking critically, problem-solving creatively, and developing solutions collaboratively," Shelton said.



La Salle Prep seniors Amanda Acker played Elle Woods and Maren Kain played Paulette Bonafonté in the school's spring musical "Legally Blonde."



La Salle Prep seniors Carson LeMaire and Amanda Acker sing in La Salle's recent production of "Legally Blonde: The Musical."



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AN AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT

Para-athlete Adin Williams sets sights on Youth World Games

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Happy Valley resident, Adin Williams, 17, is set to compete for Team USA in the upcoming International Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation's Youth World Games in Athlone, Ireland. The Gladstone High School junior participates in swimming and track for the high school and swims for the Oregon City Swim Club. He also referees youth soccer games to earn money to cover the costs of the Youth World Games.



Happy Valley resident, Adin Williams, will compete in the Wheelchair and Amputee Sports Federation's Youth World Games in Ireland in June.

Williams has won numerous awards for swimming. He hopes he will be chosen to represent America on the U.S. Paralympic Swim Team in the future.

"My favorite sport is swimming. I'm doing well in the U.S. Paralympic Swim program and am very excited to be part of Team USA for Adapted Sports USA," Williams said. "It's pretty exciting to be chosen for Team USA. It means a lot, especially to be the only athlete from Oregon. I'm looking forward to going to Ireland and representing the United States in the best way that I can."

Adaptive Sports USA is the governing body that selected Team USA for the 2018 IWAS Youth World Games. Selection was based on athlete times and accomplishments in previous competitions. Williams applied for consideration in November. Adaptive Sports USA then vets each applicant to make sure they meet the required standards, which include competing nationally and internationally.



Williams also had a physical exam and review of his medical records. He was put in a classification category that includes athletes with dwarfism.

"Being a para-athlete means that I have opportunities to compete against peers with equivalent impairments. I train as hard as or harder than able-bodied athletes, and I'm excited that my commitment to my sports has

includes athletes with dwarfism.

After high school, Williams plans to continue his education, with a focus on accounting. He already is taking college-level accounting classes. Few colleges have para-athletes on their swim teams, but

Williams is hopeful he can make it an option. He will continue to swim with the goal of being selected to the U.S. Paralympic Swim Team.

"Adin is determined in everything he does. He exceeds expectations in schoolwork and in sports. He has overcome many obstacles and continues to prove people wrong when they underestimate him," Schroedl said. "His perseverance has helped him win awards in academics and sports. He is a genuinely nice person that is always kind to others and makes sure he is doing positive things."

Some of Williams' athletic accomplishments and awards:

2016, 2017, 2018 OSAA: first place in para-athlete 50 free and 100 free swimming

2016 OSAA: first place in 100-meter and 400 track

2017 OSAA: boys first place in 100-meter, second place in 400 track

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Happy Valley Public Safety Is your alarm system working for you?

Alarm systems can be useful tools in preventing and helping to stop crime. In the ideal situation, an alarm will only sound and notify police in the event of a break-in or an attempted break-in. However, each year, Happy Valley Police respond to hundreds of false alarms. In a 30-day period from Mar. 13-Apr. 13, HVPD responded to 42 alarm calls. All of these calls were either false alarms or the site was found to be secure by the responding officers.



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Most of the time false alarms are the result of either user error or an alarm system that is malfunctioning. This is why it is important to know how to properly use your alarm system and, if looking at purchasing a system, finding one that will meet your needs.

There are many different systems available: monitored service through a security company, unmonitored home systems, cameras, audible alarms, and many more options. If you are considering a new system or an update to what you may currently have, I encourage you to explore the various options out on the market. There are many resources and consumer groups on the Internet, like Consumers Advocate (consumersadvocate.org) and Consumer Reports (consumerreports.org), that rate equipment and security companies. To ensure you get the best

alarm system for your needs, you might consider the following factors; residential or commercial use, pets, children, potential need for medical response, ease of use, and remote access.

Why Do I Need an Alarm Permit?

Alarm systems in the City of Happy Valley that elicit a police response whether audible alarm and/or dispatched by a call center require an alarm permit from Happy Valley per City Ordinance

8.12.010. The purpose of the alarm ordinance is to encourage alarm users to assume increased responsibility for maintaining the reliability and proper use of the alarm systems to prevent false alarms and thereby protect the emergency response capability of Happy Valley Police.

Having an alarm permit allows the Police to have contact information for you and your family/friends in case of an emergency at your home or business.

Tips for Reducing False Alarms

- Close and lock doors before activating your alarm system
- Educate alarm users on how to operate the system and provide them with the pass code and how to cancel a false alarm with the alarm company
- Make sure pets, seasonal decorations, balloons and fans are away from motion sensors.
- Clean away insects or cob-

webs around any motion sensors

- Change the alarm sensor batteries and back up battery
- Notify your alarm company if you install DSL, VoIP, FIOS or other internet based phone services.
- Hold monthly trainings with new users
- Keep your contact information up to date with your alarm company
- Have malfunctioning equipment/sensors replaced quickly

Utilizing these tips will aid in the reduction of false alarms and allow the Police to focus on other Public Safety functions. Additionally, with the upgrades in technology, more alarm systems have user notifications which allow you to view or cancel an alarm before the Police are dispatched.

What To Do If You Set Off Your Alarm By Accident

- Remain calm, don't panic. Enter your code slowly to disarm the system
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At the City Council meeting on Mar. 20, each Happy Valley Youth Council member gave a presentation highlighting their activities this year. Specifically, their findings from the Youth Town Hall, Oregon Youth Summit, and National League of Cities Conference. They are an impressive group of students and we are lucky to have them represent the City of Happy Valley.

Thank you to the sponsors that helped fund this group of young people, allowing them to take their efforts to the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC.

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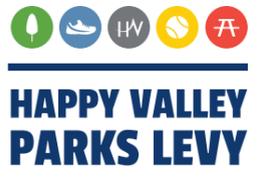
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MEASURE 3-526



Measure 3-526, a parks and recreation levy, has been referred to the ballot for the voters' consideration.

If the measure PASSES,

fields, playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, and other items at city-owned parks would get five years of funding for building and maintenance. The revenue would also provide funding for recreation programs such as community events, summer camps, and youth and adult sports and activities.

If the measure DOES NOT PASS,

there would not be funding available to build and maintain fields, playgrounds, trails, picnic shelters, and other items or provide recreation programs such as community events, summer camps, and youth and adult sports and activities. Park maintenance would be reduced, and no new programs would be developed.

Why has the levy been referred to the ballot for voter consideration?

Starting in 2018, the City of Happy Valley assumed the role of the parks and recreation provider from the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD). Previously, residents paid property taxes to NCPRD at the rate of \$0.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value (approximately \$160/year for the median home with a market value of \$425,300 and an assessed value of \$295,584). The City is now responsible for the management of parks and recreation. The City Council referred this measure to the voters after also considering a monthly parks and recreation fee. If the levy passes, all funds would be spent on parks in Happy Valley.

If the levy does pass, how would it impact property taxes?

If the parks levy passes, a rate of \$0.54 per \$1,000 would be assessed. This is the same tax rate that was assessed when NCPRD maintained the parks and recreation programs. If the measure passes, this would be in addition to the City's permanent tax rate of \$0.67 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

If the levy does not pass, how would it impact property taxes?

If the parks levy does not pass, tax payers would not pay \$0.54 per \$1,000 to either parks provider (the City of Happy Valley or NCPRD) and parks maintenance and recreation programs would be reduced or eliminated.

Permanent tax rates in the region

Happy Valley's permanent tax rate is \$0.67 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The passing of Measures 5 (1990)

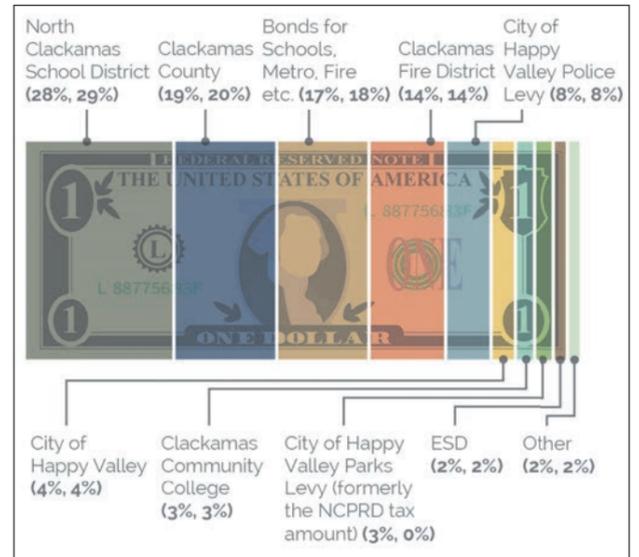
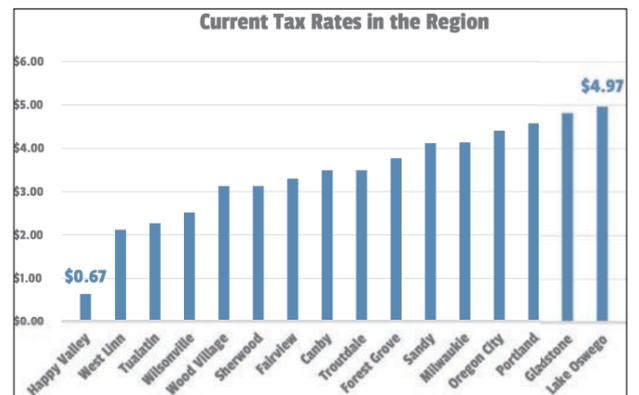
and 50 (1997) set limits on the amount of tax levied on property values for schools and government districts and set a permanent tax rate on all tax districts in Oregon. Due to these measures, Happy Valley's permanent tax rate of \$0.67 cannot be increased. The chart below breaks down the permanent tax rate in other cities in the region.

How are property tax revenues distributed?

The City's permanent tax rate is 4% of the property tax assessed. If the parks and recreation levy passes, it would account for 3%. This is the

same percentage as property owners were paying to NCPRD. The rest of the tax bill goes to the schools, Clackamas County, and other service districts. If the levy passes, residents would pay \$0.54 per \$1,000, the same rate they paid to NCPRD. If the parks levy does not pass, tax payers would not pay \$0.54 per \$1,000 to either parks provider (the City of Happy Valley or NCPRD).

NOTE: Values in the dollar graphic show percentages if the levy passes and if it doesn't pass, respectively (X%, X%).



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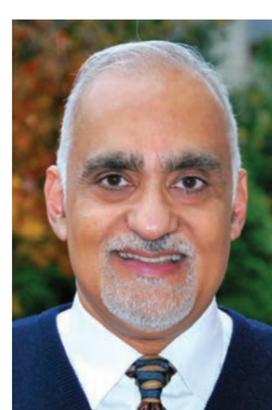
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