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Fields of Life gives new hope to children in Africa

Happy Valley plans fundraiser
dinner to help create positive
change and building hope

By SHELLEY McFARLAND
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Fields of Life, an international non-profit helping poverty-stricken children in Africa, will host its annual fundraising dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Tumwater Ballroom, 211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City.

The Fields of Life U.S. headquarters is located in Happy Valley and run by Executive Director Frank Betzer who learned about the organization in 2015, while working for another international nonprofit group.

"I was really impressed by their work building schools, providing clean drinking water and empowering education for all



CHANGING LIVES, BUILDING HOPE

children, but especially girls. In speaking with the CEO and board, based in Northern Ireland, I found a fit with my passion and experience for connecting people who want to make a positive difference in Africa, and learned they were looking to open an American office to support donors who live in the U.S.," Betzer said.

Fields of Life works with local community, church and government leaders in villages and towns across East Africa to pro-

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Fields of Life, whose U.S. headquarters are in Happy Valley, provide clean drinking water to towns across East Africa. The nonprofit also helps establish schools to fill educational gaps.

Women in INDUSTRY

Sheri Markwardt PE, Sally Curran PE, Carol Earle PE and Karleen Aichele comprise the engineering division of Happy Valley. The women serve as a liaison between the citizens of Happy Valley, private contractors, other city departments, Clackamas County and state and federal agencies.

PHOTO BY: SHELLEY McFARLAND



Four city workers break stereotypes, engineer positive change for Happy Valley

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In honor of National Women's Month, we are highlighting a unique group of women working together for the city.

Sheri Markwardt, Carol Earle, Karleen Aichele and Sally Curran all work for the city of Happy Valley's engineering department. In what has been a historically male-dominated field, these four women serve as the liaison between citizens, private contractors, city de-

partments, Clackamas County, and state and federal agencies. Together, the women construct capital improvement projects that conform to long-range comprehensive infrastructure planning.

The engineering department employees help with private and public development. For public projects, they take care of the roads, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, traffic signs and ADA ramps and serve as coordinators and inspectors, ensuring buildings are built to code.

Sally Curran entered engineer-

ing because she liked to design buildings and bridges, but admits it's not what she does. The Happy Valley resident has worked for the city for five years and received her engineering degree from Oregon State University.

"I started out thinking I'd be building bridges, but it turns out I like stormwater and other things much more," Curran said. "I was good at math and problem-solving."

Engineering Technician Karleen Aichele is the glue that keeps the

office organized. She is tasked with managing those in the office, calling herself "a jack of all trades, but master of none." Her responsibilities include right-of-way committee issues, permits and the organization of numerous inspections during construction and after.

"Currently we have 30 large-scale construction projects in Happy Valley. But there are numerous one-off, larger permits going,

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Bock Bock! It's starting to look like spring, if you are considering raising chicks, read on to learn the pros and cons about chickens. Plus, find out what code restrictions with regard to poultry.

POULTRY PARADISE

Springtime planning: Are you thinking of chickens?

By SHELLEY McFARLAND
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Oh, those soft, fluffy, cuddly chicks.

Spring is in the air and many people are considering the benefits of owning chickens. If you've done any research, you've undoubtedly come across cute fowl that can play on swings and show affection, but urban farming is an undertaking. Before you put all your eggs in one basket, find out whether chickens are practical for your lifestyle — or even legal on your property.

Five years ago, Happy Valley resident Jessica Nelson decided to raise chickens as a project for her children and the benefit of having fresh, organic eggs.

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which means that there are 50-plus projects being managed by this office,” Aichele said. “Summer used to be the busy time, but there’s no break any longer.”

City Engineer Carol Earle earned her degree from Oregon State University and has worked for Happy Valley for 15 years.

“I played with Legos when I was a kid and liked to build stuff. I was good at math and science and my father was a mechanical engineer. Civil engineer was what I could get my head around,” Earle said.

Engineer Sheri Markwardt, originally from West Linn, received her undergraduate engineering degree from Harvey Mudd College, in Claremont, California, and her master’s degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University.

“I’d always been interested in building things as a kid. We’d go through houses that were being built,” Markwardt said.

With regard to entering a male-dominated field, none of the four women encountered a rocky road.

“I was an oddity for sure, and when I first started in college and received an internship, there weren’t any woman with me. But I didn’t have any problems being a women in this field,” Earle said. “When I came from Portland, the majority of the engineers were men, and looking back, they were management.”

By all accounts, the women may have felt underrepresented, but their academic institutions and colleagues didn’t care that they were women, only that they could perform.

“When I went to school, the majority of the students were women and my adviser was a woman who is very successful still on a state level. I actually don’t see engineering as a male-dominated field; at least it wasn’t for me. More women are in the public sector, but where the big difference comes is in the field. There are very few women contractors but there are women inspectors,” Markwardt said.

Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation to hold annual fundraiser, March 16

By **SHELLEY McFARLAND**
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On Saturday, March 16, Clackamas Emergency Services will hold its eighth annual dinner and auction at Gray Gables Estate in Milwaukie to raise money for those in need in Clackamas County.

Established in 1998, the foundation provides funds for immediate lodging, clothing, necessary toiletries and food to people who have experienced a fire, accident or other tragedy. Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation offers immediate support until social service agencies can provide more permanent help.

The foundation consists of Clackamas Fire District #1, Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office, Estacada Fire District #69, Milwaukie Police and Oregon City Police.

The CESF’s mission is to “provide humanitarian assistance to those who have been adversely affected by disaster, tragedy, injury or other misfortune, and to work actively toward preventing or minimizing the impact of such misfortunes in our community.”

This year, the dinner and auction will raise funds to support food programs, purchase smoke alarms, bike helmets for kids and life jackets. The funds also will place automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) throughout the community. To date, CESF has placed over 400 AEDs in

Clackamas County. Moreover, annual funds help the Children’s Center, Feeding the Hungry Inc. and Operation Santa Claus.

The event will feature a silent auction, live auction, paddle raise, dessert dash and a wine wall. Individual tickets are \$60; numerous table options are available. Sponsorship opportunities also are available.

“We are asking for your support so we can enable the firefighters and law enforcement officers in our community to continue to provide help to those who need our assistance,” said Kyle Gorman, president of Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation.

For more information, visit: www.clackamasfire.com/emergency-services-foundation.com

Benefit event

What: Eighth annual fundraising dinner and auction for Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation

When: 5 p.m. Saturday, March 16

Where: Gray Gables Estate, 3009 S.E. Chestnut St., Portland, OR

More: Visit www.clackamasfire.com/emergency-services-foundation.com

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CHS mom coordinates volunteers for Winter Formal wonderland

Jodie Schmidtke's efforts pay off as parents become more connected with school's needs

By **SHELLEY McFARLAND**
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A few months back, Jodie Schmidtke volunteered at one of the Clackamas High School dances. The Happy Valley mom, who has two children at the school, was surprised she was the only parent volunteering at the event where 800 students enjoyed an evening together. Schmidtke thought that maybe with a bit of coordination, more parents would become involved with the dances and help create a sense of community at the large high school.

"After I talked with the school, we knew there were parents who wanted to volunteer, and we could pull up lists of them. I know that if you have more parents involved, it creates more of a community and it makes kids feel more connected," Schmidtke said. "We do such a great job in the elementary and middle school as parent volunteers, I asked myself 'why does it drop off at the high school level?' Maybe it's a mentality that the kids are on their own now, but I'd like to change that mentality because we are still parents."

Schmidtke started her efforts by connecting with the school, the district and leadership teacher Manuel Martinez to talk about the event. Schmidtke joined Martinez and the student council to plan for the popular event, which took place Jan. 31 at the high school.

"Our student council was in charge of planning, resourcing and executing the Winter Formal Dance. Our student council is (composed) of 40 students and supported by six students from our Key Club who ran our coat check station," Martinez said. "We put approximately 700 hours into Winter Formal, organizing after our Winter Rage event in December."

The group came up with a Cinderella theme, and Schmidtke procured dozens of donated flocked Christmas trees, organized a snack shack, provided bistro seating and a living room area for kids to lounge in, and set up a photo booth.



Happy Valley mom Jodie Schmidtke helped Clackamas High School student council to organize the Winter Formal. She coordinated 26 parent volunteers and helped create a wonderland-feel at the popular event.

ter-school events for kids who want a safe and inclusive place to hang out, hopes to increase the attendance at basketball games, and helps the school communicate about clubs while organizing parent involvement.

"Jodie was absolutely amazing. She brought a well-organized, determined mind-set to make this happen as close to how the students wanted it. There was much apprehension because we normally rent a venue," Martinez said. "She used her ability to make positive relationships to get the props and supplies we needed. We actually turned our high school commons into a winter wonderland. She also got parent volunteers to help during the dance. This really was an added value that relieved the stress of not having enough chaperones."



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March 4 Parks Advisory Committee Meeting: 6 p.m. at City Hall	March 19 City Council Work Session: 6 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber
March 5 City Council Work Session: 6 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber	City Council Meeting: 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber
City Council Meeting: 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber	March 20 Urban Renewal Open House: 6 p.m. at City Hall
March 7 PV/NC Technical Advisory Board: 3 p.m. at City Hall	March 21 Public Art Committee Meeting: 5:30 p.m. at City Hall
PV/NC Community Advisory Board: 6 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber	March 26 Library Board Meeting: 6 p.m. at HV Library Community Room
March 12 Planning Commission Meeting: 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber	March 27 HV Business Alliance Meeting: 7:30 a.m. at City Hall Council Chamber
March 13 Happy Valley Youth Council Meeting: 6 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber	Design Review Board Meeting: 7 p.m. at City Hall
March 14 Traffic and Public Safety Meeting: 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber	City Council Work Session: 6 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber
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Welcome New Committee Members

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



TOM ELLIS

One of my responsibilities as Mayor is to appoint community members to the City's advisory boards and committees. We had a record 27 people apply for only 7 vacant positions on the Planning Commission, Design Review Board, Traffic & Public Safety Committee, and Public Art Committee. What struck me was the sense of duty and positivity of the applicants. Everyone was eager to be part of our city and wants to help move us forward. Please join me in welcoming the following new committee members:

Planning Commission

- David Emami
- Donald Hanna

Design Review Board

- Danny Scorte

Traffic & Public Safety Committee

- Dale Guenther
- Mark Montalbano
- Shelley McFarland

Public Art Committee

- Christine Aanderud

As a way for me to thank everyone on our committees, I have been attending at least one of their meetings. I'm eager to learn from our volunteers, know what they are working on, and make sure they are able to contact me with any thoughts for our future. In total, we have a group of over 45 volunteers who provide guidance to the City Council. We couldn't do this without all of their time and effort. Thank you, volunteers!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING ON A COMMITTEE?

While many of the vacancies are now filled, applications are accepted year-round and will be considered when vacancies are created. To apply for an appointed advisory board position, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application.

For more information and an application, visit: www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions.

Winter Storms Bring out the Best

Last month, many people stocked up on groceries, checked out new books at the library, and got ready to hunker down for the snow storm of the century. While the storm didn't bring as much snow as predicted, our crews were still working 24/7 to make sure roads were clear and safe.

As a City Council, we'd like to take a moment to thank our Winter Storm Response Team. They are a group of dedicated public servants from Public Works, Community Services, Police and Public Safety Departments. In addition, City staff coordinates with all our partner agencies like Clackamas Fire.

While several of us got to play in the snow with our kids over the weekend, the Winter Storm Response Team worked around the clock to keep travelers safe. They spent days and nights de-icing, plowing, and sanding streets. They removed fallen trees and assisted with car accidents.

Thank you also to the community members who posted words of encouragement on social media. Your positive feedback kept the team energized and working hard. Storm days can bring long shifts, but it's helpful to know the hours spent clearing roads is worth it for the community.

We're comforted knowing we have a team of people who are dedicated to keeping us safe. We're also appreciative of the kind and caring people in our city who reached out and offered a hand to help or relay words of support.

COUNCIL CORNER



◀ The City's Public Works team prepares to head out on the roads.

▼ Crews worked around the clock during February's Winter storm, de-icing and plowing priority roads such as Sunnyside and 162nd.
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KIND WORDS FROM THE COMMUNITY ON FACEBOOK

Thank you for the quick work on the roads of HV! Made the commute home so much easier.

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What Would You Do as Mayor?

Students Get a Chance to Pitch Their Big Ideas

City of Happy Valley

Know a student with big ideas, a compassionate heart, and interest in making the community a better place? The City of Happy Valley is again participating in the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) “If I were Mayor, I would...” contest. In this contest, students are invited to share their creative ideas about how they would govern the City of Happy Valley. Winning entries from local contests throughout Oregon are then submitted to a statewide competition. Last year, Araya Ouanesiousouk, a Scouts Mountain Ele-

IF I WERE MAYOR



Elementary, Middle and High School Students are encouraged to enter the “If I were Mayor, I would...” contest and share their creative ideas about what they would do as Mayor of Happy Valley. Entries are due at 5 p.m. Friday, Apr. 26.

mentary fifth grader was awarded first place in the statewide contest! This particular contest has proven to be a great way to encourage students to take a closer look at their community and share their thoughts about safety, the environment, health, social services,

youth programs and more. Need help getting started? The Happy Valley Library is a great resource for students looking to participate. The library computers are outfitted with the software programs needed and free Internet access. The deadline for submitting contest entries is 5 p.m. Friday, Apr. 26. The winner of each age group in the Happy Valley contest will be awarded a \$100 gift card and recognized at the May 21 City Council Meeting. The winning submissions will then be entered in the statewide contest where there will be a chance to win an Apple iPad Air 2 tablet.

So, if you were Mayor, what would you do?

CONTEST FORMAT

There are three categories for entry based on student grade:

- Elementary School (grades 4-5)
- Middle School (grades 6-8)
- High school (grades 9-12)

Elementary school applicants are asked to provide a 17” x 28” poster with their ideas. Middle school students are asked to write an essay. High school students are tasked with producing a digital media presentation using video, PowerPoint, Prezi, or other application. An entry form must be included with submissions. All contest details can be found at www.happyvalleyor.gov and www.oregonmayors.org

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YOUTH COUNCIL



Hermya Brock

Youth Council team provides a voice for our youth in our community

Hello! Welcome to the Happy Valley Youth Council section of the Happy Valley Newspaper. The Happy Valley Youth Council is a team of committed high school students who are selected to work alongside the City's Mayor and City Council to provide the youth perspective on local issues. We are the voice of the youth in our community and our goal is to listen to our peers to create events that bring awareness to important issues. The Happy Valley Youth Council spe-

cializes in creating events that promote safety. For example, our council started a “Teen Driver Safety” event. This event was created in partnership with local law enforcement to educate young drivers on the dangers and severe consequences of distracted driving. We also recognized abuse of prescription drugs in high schools and teamed up with the Drug Enforcement Administration to start a community “Rx Drug Turn in Day”, a city-wide event to dispose of expired prescription drugs. So far, our council has safely disposed of

over 5,000 pounds of drugs. We work hard to create change in the community, and this column is one more way we can work to make a positive impact. This space in will be used to highlight various topics the Happy Valley Youth Council is focusing on, as well as useful tips and information. We will cover topics like mental wellness, safe driving, and Youth Council activities. Come back every month for exciting new information!

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Who provides police services for the City?

In Happy Valley, we have unique law enforcement needs, but we also have a tight budget. To be fiscally responsible while still making sure residents have quality safety assurance, the City partners with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for police services. Through a contract, the CCSO has provided Happy Valley with police services since 1973.

Through this partnership and annual contract, the City is able to maintain local control and identity for our police, and save money by taking advantage of the service functions which a larger law enforcement agency, such as the CCSO can provide. This annual contract provides all the dedicated police services that you see today.

If we lose the dedicated Happy Valley police, won't the Clackamas County Sheriff step in?

If Happy Valley ends its contract with the Sheriff's Office for dedicated police service, the



PUBLIC SAFETY
Steve Campbell

Sheriff's Office will treat Happy Valley like any other incorporated city in the county: Sheriff's Office deputies will respond to calls involving life-safety, **when available**. In the absence of a contract for police services, the Sheriff's Office will not have the staffing or resources to provide dedicated patrol to the city. This means residents can expect much longer response times, double or triple that of the current response time, which currently is about 4-6 minutes for priority calls.

Imagine waiting for help at upwards of 18 minutes if there wasn't a County deputy available to respond. The CCSO simply does not have the resources, staffing or funds to patrol the City of Happy Valley without the funds generated by the police levy.

What are the benefits to partnering with Clackamas County Sheriff's Office through this levy?

Through the levy, the Sheriff's Office serves the community with devoted law enforcement resources that include;

- Emergency Response
- 911 Dispatch Services
- Police Patrols
- Major Crimes Investigation
- Crime Prevention
- Drug Enforcement
- School Programs
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- 12 sworn police officers.

How many officers are on duty per shift?

Currently, there is an average of 2 officers per shift, 24/7/365. In most cases, there are between 2-4 deputies working a shift with overlapping schedules.

I sometimes see Clackamas County Sheriff vehicles in the City versus Happy Valley cars. Why is that?

- There are two answers to this question.
1. Due to the location of the Clackamas County Sheriff's office (Sunnybrook and 92nd area), it is likely that you see Sheriff patrol cars driving through Happy Valley as they are on their way report to unincorporated county districts.
 2. Because we do contract with the CCSO for police services, you could also see a Sheriff Deputy and patrol car because someone from the County is filling in for a dedicated Happy Valley Officer when they are out sick or in a training. This is another benefit to being in partnership with the CCSO and in this case, the relief deputy filling the shift is still being paid by the City through the contract.

Will the money collected from the police levy be spent in other areas of the City budget?

Absolutely not. Money that is allocated directly for police services, will only be spent for needs related to public safety.

What is the current levy rate and will this change?

This is still being evaluated. Since 2002, the police levy rate has remained at \$1.38 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. A Citizen Police

Task Force, comprised of volunteers from the Traffic & Public Safety Committee, began meeting in February to look more closely at Happy Valley's police services. This group will be convening monthly to review such topics as statistical data, budgets, and staffing models as it relates to the Happy Valley Police Department's scope of work. This group will also be making recommendations to City Council later this summer on areas pertaining to officer ratios, projected service needs in the future, and funding needed to secure the level of service residents expect from police. Recommendations will be derived from information submitted to the Citizen Police Task Force by the Happy Valley Police Chief, as well as Happy Valley's City Manager, Finance Director, and Director of Public Safety. The ultimate goal is to develop a plan that meets the needs of Happy Valley residents in a financially accountable way.

Where can I learn more about this topic?

The City is dedicated to promoting factual messaging and discussions amongst the community. Both the City and Happy Valley Police Department have Facebook pages and you are invited to follow to stay in the know about any updates. The Happy Valley Newspaper will also continue to cover important topics related to the levy. The City will additionally reach out to HOA's and community leaders in the coming months in hopes of personally connecting with residents about this issue, too.

Who can I contact with questions and concerns about the levy?

Please direct all questions to: Steve Campbell, Director of Public Safety at 503-783-3818 or Jason Tuck, City Manager at 503-783-3833.

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Arnold (Arnie) Ahlberg passed away on Jan. 1, 2019 in Happy Valley. A WWII veteran, Arnie served on a mine sweeper in the Pacific theater. After his active duty, he stayed in the Naval Reserve, retiring with the rank of Captain in 1977. Following WWII, Arnie began a long career as a Civil Engineer for Standard Oil of California, retiring in 1985.

Originally from Estacada, Arnie graduated from Commerce High School in Portland, Oregon and began college at Willamette University. He then studied at the University of Washington prior to his commissioning as a Navy Ensign. For Arnie, family always came first. He enjoyed every minute of time spent with his wife of 71 years, his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Arnie absolutely loved the outdoors, traveling and golfing. He lived a life loved and respected by family and friends who will miss him dearly.



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NEW DATE

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Date: 7-9 p.m., Saturday March 16.

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2019 spring sports schedule

** See online for additional details of location and games ■ All games are subject to change.
Visit OSAA.com to confirm game times and locations or clackamasathletics.com and lasalleprepathletics.org

Clackamas baseball

03/11	vs. Tualatin (Clackamas HS)	4:40pm
03/15	vs. Sheldon	6pm
03/18	vs. Grant	5pm
03/19	@ Westview	5pm
03/21	vs. Lincoln	7pm
04/11	@ Gresham	5pm
04/12	vs. Gresham	7pm
04/16	vs. Barlow	5pm
04/18	@ Barlow	5pm
04/19	vs. Barlow	7pm
04/23	@ Sandy	5pm
04/26	@ Sandy	5pm
04/30	@ Central Catholic	TBD
05/03	@ Central Catholic	TBD
05/07	@ Centennial	5pm
05/10	vs. Centennial	7pm

La Salle Baseball

03/11	vs. Tigard Jamboree	2:30pm
03/12	vs. West Albany	4:30pm
03/14	@ Crescent Valley	5pm
03/19	@ Hood River Valley	4:30pm
03/21	vs. Silverton	4:30pm
03/25	vs. Tournament	1:30pm
03/25	@ Tournament	3:45pm
03/26	vs. Tournament	1:30pm
03/27	vs. Tournament	TBD
04/02	@ Wilsonville	5pm
04/03	vs. Wilsonville	5pm
04/05	@ Wilsonville	5pm
04/09	vs. Hillsboro	5pm
04/10	@ Hillsboro (Hare Field)	5pm
04/12	vs. Hillsboro	5pm
04/16	@ Scappoose	5pm
04/17	vs. Scappoose	5pm
04/19	@ Scappoose	5pm
04/23	vs. Putnam	5pm
04/24	@ Putnam	5pm
04/26	vs. Putnam	5pm
05/07	vs. St. Helens	5pm
05/08	@ St. Helens	5pm
05/10	vs. St. Helens	5pm
05/14	@ Milwaukie/MAA	5pm
05/15	vs. Milwaukie/MAA	5pm
05/17	@ Milwaukie/MAA	5pm

Clackamas softball

Date	Opponent	Start Time
03/13	vs. Canby	5pm
03/15	vs. West Linn	4:30pm
03/18	@ Jesuit	5pm
03/20	@ Oregon City	5pm
03/26	@ Savanna Showcase (CA)	1:30pm
04/02	vs. Glencoe	4:30pm
04/03	vs. Redmond	4:30pm
04/05	@ North Medford	4:30pm
04/08	vs. Mountanside	TBD
04/10	vs. Gresham	4:30pm
04/12	@ Central Catholic	3:45pm
04/15	vs. Centennial	5pm
04/17	@ David Douglas	4:30pm
04/19	vs. Barlow	4:30pm
04/24	@ Sandy	5pm
04/26	@ Gresham	5pm
05/01	@ Centennial	5pm
05/06	@ Barlow	5pm

La Salle softball

03/12	vs. West Albany	4:30pm
03/15	@ Pendleton	4:30pm
03/16	@ La Grande	TBD
03/19	vs. Hood River Valley	4:30pm
03/21	@ Ridgeview	4pm
03/23	vs. Savanna Showcase (CA)	12:30pm
03/23	vs. Savanna Showcase (CA)	2:30pm
03/25	vs. Savanna Showcase (CA)	12:30pm
03/25	@ Aliso Niguel (CA)	12:30pm
04/09	vs. Parkrose	5pm
04/11	@ Wilsonville	5pm
04/16	@ St. Helens	5pm
04/17	@ Putnam	4:30pm
04/19	vs. Scappoose	5pm
04/23	@ Hillsboro	5pm
04/24	vs. Milwaukie/MAA	5pm
04/26	@ Parkrose	5pm
04/30	vs. Wilsonville	5pm
05/01	vs. St. Helens	5pm
05/03	vs. Putnam	5pm
05/07	@ Scappoose	5pm
05/08	vs. Hillsboro	5pm
05/10	@ Milwaukie/MAA	5pm
05/14	vs. Parkrose	5pm
05/15	@ Wilsonville	5pm
05/17	@ St. Helens	5pm

Clackamas boys track

04/05 2:30 PM
Chehalem Field and Track Classic
@ Newberg: Beaverton, Central Catholic, Clackamas, Crater, Forest Grove, Franklin, Glencoe, Hillsboro, Lakeridge, Mountanside, Newberg, North Salem, Sunset, Tualatin, Westview

04/10 3:30 PM
MHC League Meet
@ Clackamas: Centennial, Clackamas, Reynolds

04/10 3:30 PM
MHC League Meet (Clatskanie High School)
@ Clackamas: Central Catholic, Clackamas, Reynolds

05/10 2:00 PM
MHC League Novice Meet (Centennial)
@ Centennial: Barlow, Centennial, Central Catholic, Clackamas, David Douglas, Reynolds, Sandy

05/14 TBD
MHC District Championships
@ Sandy: Barlow, Centennial, Central Catholic, Clackamas, David Douglas, Reynolds, Sandy



Clackamas girls track

04/05 2:30 PM
Chehalem Field and Track Classic
@ Newberg: Beaverton, Central Catholic, Clackamas, Crater, Forest Grove, Franklin, Glencoe, Hillsboro, Lakeridge, Mountanside, Newberg, North Salem, Sunset, Tualatin, Westview

04/10 3:30 PM
MHC League Meet (Clackamas)
@ Clackamas: Barlow, Centennial, Central Catholic, Clackamas, David Douglas, Reynolds, Sandy

05/10 2:00 PM
MHC League Novice Meet (Centennial)
@ Centennial: Barlow, Centennial, Central Catholic, Clackamas, David Douglas, Reynolds, Sandy

05/14 TBD
MHC District Championships
@ Sandy: Barlow, Centennial, Central Catholic, Clackamas, David Douglas, Reynolds, Sandy



La Salle boys track

04/03 4:00 PM
Dual BTF Meet
@ Wilsonville: La Salle Prep vs. Wilsonville

04/10 4:00 PM
NWOC 3 Way
@ La Salle Prep: La Salle Prep, Milwaukie / Milwaukie Acad. of the Arts, Parkrose

04/17 4:00 PM
NWOC 3 Way
@ Putnam: La Salle Prep, Putnam, St. Helens

04/24 3:30 PM
Dual BTF Meet
@ Scappoose: La Salle Prep vs. Scappoose

05/01 4:00 PM
NWOC 3 Way
@ La Salle Prep: Hillsboro, La Salle Prep, Wilsonville

05/03 2:00 PM
Nike/Jesuit Twilight Relays
@ Jesuit: Bend, Canby, Forest Grove, Glencoe, Jesuit, La Salle Prep, Newberg, Scappoose, West Salem, Wilsonville

05/08 4:00 PM
Dual BTF Meet
@ La Salle Prep: Putnam vs. La Salle Prep

05/16 3:00 PM
NWOC Districts
@ Putnam: Hillsboro, La Salle Prep, Milwaukie / Milwaukie Acad. of the Arts, Parkrose, Putnam, Scappoose, St. Helens, Wilsonville

La Salle girls track

04/03 4:00 PM
Dual GTF Meet
@ Wilsonville: La Salle Prep vs. Wilsonville

04/10 4:00 PM
NWOC 3 Way
@ La Salle Prep: La Salle Prep, Milwaukie / Milwaukie Acad. of the Arts, Parkrose

04/17 4:00 PM
NWOC 3 Way
@ Putnam: La Salle Prep, Putnam, St. Helens

05/01 4:00 PM
NWOC 3 Way
@ La Salle Prep: Hillsboro, La Salle Prep, Wilsonville

05/08 4:00 PM
Prep Dual GTF Meet
@ La Salle Prep: Putnam vs. La Salle

05/16 3:00 PM
NWOC Districts
@ Putnam: Hillsboro, La Salle Prep, Milwaukie / Milwaukie Acad. of the Arts, Parkrose, Putnam, Scappoose, St. Helens, Wilsonville



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March 2019 Library Events

Spring break is the week of March 25

YOUTH LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sign and Sing with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers — March 6; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 2-5.

LEGO Creative Building with Blair Archer — Mar. 6; at 4 p.m., for grades K-5th.

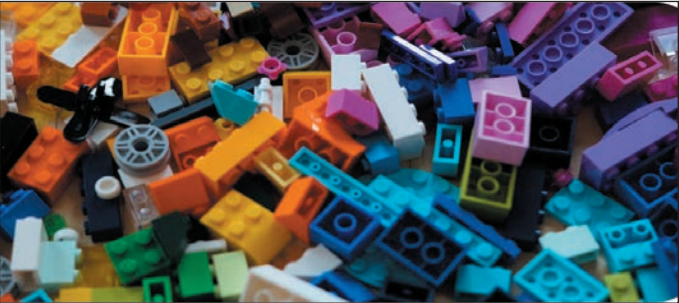
Stretch, Dance, Play! With Iris Nason — Mar. 13; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 2-5.

Homeschool Club: Build It Challenge — Mar. 13; at 1:30 p.m., for grades K-5th.

Music Time with Chuck Cheesman — Mar. 20; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 0-5.

Sign and Sing with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers — Apr. 3; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 2-5.

LEGO Creative Building with Blair Archer — Apr. 3; at 4 p.m., for grades K-5th.



Ready to build something extraordinary? Join Blair Archer for LEGO Creative Building and make something awesome!



Experience the fun with Red Yarn Puppets, a family friendly performance rooted in folksongs and puppetry.

FEATURED YOUTH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Oregon Symphony Storytime — Saturdays, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, at 2:30 p.m. Each week features a different instrument accompanying stories in this special storytime.

Olivia & Dingo — Saturday, Mar. 16, at 10:15 a.m. Rock out with the silliest duo around for a zany show!

Red Yarn Puppets — Tuesday, Mar. 19, at 6:15 p.m. Andy's back with his puppets and songs for a hoppin' family night.

WORMS, WONDERFUL WORMS — Saturday, Apr. 6, at 10:15 a.m. Dig into some worm science with recycling and composting expert Laurel Bates of Clackamas County.

FEATURED ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS



Spring is upon us! Master Gardener, Laura Eyer will give tips and helpful ideas on what you can do to spruce up your landscape on Saturday, Mar. 9.

Landscape Design 101 — Saturday, Mar. 9; at 11 a.m. Master Gardener Laura Eyer will talk about hardscape (paths, patios and decks), logistics (driveways, neighbors, and utilities), a basic design plan, plant selection, and more.

String-Along — Sundays, Mar. 10 and 24; at 2 p.m. Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed instrument and share some tunes with other musicians. Adults of all skill levels are invited to drop in and play.

Willamette Valley: The New Capital of American Food & Wine — Tuesday, Mar. 12; at 6:30 p.m. See accompanying story for details.

AARP NeighborTalk: Grandparenting — Thursday, Mar. 21; at 10:30 a.m. The role of grandparents, including the challenges and joys of grandchildren will be discussed. Talk is geared toward deepening the understanding of issues impacting people ages 50+.

Board Game Connection — Thursday, Mar. 28; at 5 p.m.



▲ This month's AARP NeighborTalk will focus on grandparenting.

► Daniela Mahoney, a Czech born artist and educator, presents the ancient art of egg decorating.

Gather around a table and connect with friends new and old over board games.

Craft Night: Czech and Slovak Egg Decorating — Tuesday, Apr. 2; at 6:30 p.m. Inspired by traditional folk art of Eastern and Central Europe, Daniela Mahoney, a Czech born artist and educator, presents the ancient art of egg decorating. Explore traditional methods of egg decorating using blue ink, straw and paper.

Poetry Workshops — Wednesday, Apr. 3, 10 & 17; at 6:30 p.m. See accompanying story

Growing with Raised Garden Beds — Saturday, Apr. 6 at 2 p.m. Master Gardener Priscilla Robinson will explain how you can maximize your garden space, prepare your soil, plan crops and extend the growing season using raised garden beds.



ADULT LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Creative Nonfiction Writers Group — Sundays, Mar. 3 and 17; at 3 p.m.

Pinochle Club — Mondays, Mar. 4 & 18; at 1:30 p.m.

Happy Valley Library Book Group — Thursday, Mar. 7; at 6:30 p.m. Selection for March: Nutshell by Ian McEwan. Selection for April: Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel

Mah Jongg — Fridays, Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 29; at 1 p.m.

Genealogy Club — Mondays, Mar. 11 & 25; at 2 p.m.

Note Night — Wednesday, Mar. 13; at 6:30 p.m. Featuring Sharon and Michael performing American Traditional music.

Classic Movie Night — Thursday, Mar. 14; at 6 p.m.

GROWING WITH RAISED GARDEN BEDS — Saturday, Apr. 6 at 2 p.m. Master Gardener Priscilla Robinson will explain how you can maximize your garden space, prepare your soil, plan crops and extend the growing season using raised garden beds.



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Putting Words on Paper: Poetry Workshop Set for April

The art of poetry has been around for ages. Cultures from all over the world throughout history have used the format to express symbolism, tell a story and evoke emotion or deeper meaning of subjects. Some forms of poetry follow strict formatting rules, but for the most part, what constitutes poetry is determined by the individual who creates it. To this end, anyone can be a poet.

If you’ve ever wanted to explore poetry further or find inspiration, the Happy Valley Library will be offering a series of Poetry Workshops throughout April that will provide both educational background on the subject as well as activities geared toward honing your craft. Poet and English professor, Carolyn Martin, will guide each session and share experiences from her own journey as a writer.

ABOUT WORKSHOPS

For all sessions, space is limited. Please sign up at the reference desk or call 503-783-3455 to reserve your seat.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CAROLYN AND HER WORK, VISIT: carolynmartinpoet.com



Poet and workshop instructor, Carolyn Martin, describes poetry as the way her mind interacts with the world – through images, rhythms, sounds, and intensities of language.

Poetry Workshops

SESSION I: “I, too, dislike it”
Wednesday, Apr. 3; at 6:30 p.m.
So begins Marianne Moore’s delightful commentary on the nature of poetry. In this lively, interactive workshop, we’ll look at the work of Billy Collins, James Wright, Natasha Trethewey, Kay Ryan, and Robert Frost to illustrate what makes this art form so likable – even loveable. We’ll celebrate the joy of language used with such passion and intensity that it may inspire your own writing.

SESSION II: Where Inspiration Comes Sliding Through
Wednesday, Apr. 10; at 6:30 p.m.
In this lively, interactive workshop, we will share sources of inspiration that can enliven your own writing. Using her own poems as springboards, Carolyn will discuss themes, techniques, and strategies that will offer you the freedom to experiment with poetry in new and exciting ways.

SESSION III: Chasing Inspiration
Wednesday, Apr. 17; at 6:30 p.m.
Inspiration isn’t something you wait around for – although that’s one approach. Rather, it’s something you can consciously chase and catch in innumerable ways. This workshop will focus on the best strategies to ignite your inspiration when the Muse has stopped sending lightning strikes. We’ll begin with a writing exercise that will prove that point. You’ll leave with ideas that will keep you chasing inspiration for months to come. Please bring a roll of scotch tape to the class if you can.



Reserve your spot at the upcoming Poetry Workshop Sessions at Happy Valley Library. Attendees will have the opportunity to compare and contrast different poetry styles and explore ideas through in-class writing exercises.



A scenic view of wine country in the Willamette Valley.

Willamette Valley: The New Capital of American Food & Wine

Oregon author, Adam Sawyer, will be making an appearance at the Happy Valley Library this month to share stories and details from his latest book, *Unique Eats & Eateries of Portland, Oregon*.

Now recognized as home to one of the nation’s most vibrant culinary scenes, the story of how Portland became a food and beverage Mecca is a fascinating one.

Sawyer will focus on a variety of topics including the culinary gifts of the Willamette Valley. With Portland being named the “2018 Best Food City in America” by Wallet Hub and Wine Enthusiast Magazine naming the Willamette Valley its “Worldwide Wine Region of the Year” in 2016, it’s worth a deep dive into the reasons behind the local praise. Sawyer will give some history as to how the “Farm to Table” movement garnered momentum and how the Willamette Valley’s ice age floods may even be the secret ingredient to some of our area’s outstanding fare.

Sawyer will talk about the influx of world-class chefs and artisans who have come



Oregon travel writer, Adam Sawyer, will be visiting the Happy Valley Library later this month to share stories from his latest book. Attendees at the presentation will learn about the Willamette Valley food scene and culinary talent.

to the Metro area to further their craft. Between our organically grown ingredients and the creative foodie subculture, one could argue the Northwest has become the chief hub of all things tasty. Cheesemakers, bakers, ranchers, brewers, winemakers, distillers, farmers, and even salumists (yes, this is real!) have taken up residen-

FOOD TALK

Willamette Valley: The New Capital of American Food & Wine
Date: Tuesday, Mar. 12; at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Happy Valley Library Community Room

cy, creating dining expectations that are beyond the simple five-star rating scale.

Sawyer’s presentation won’t just focus on fine dining. Portland’s dive bars and food cart scene will be highlighted. Arguably the most unique facet of eating in Portland, the food cart culture here is quite different from that of the food trucks that are making the rounds in just about every other city. You’ll learn how the urban boundary and even city ordinances factor in to the shaping of our food history.

Leaving no stone, or perhaps cup unturned, there will of course be an exploration into the myriad of beverages that have emerged. Between the local wine, beer, distilled spirits, cider, and mead, a discussion here could be a seminar on its own.

Mixed together, Portland and the Willamette Valley is ahead of its time when it comes to culinary specialties and it doesn’t look like the movement is ending anytime soon.

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Park areas can be reserved in four-hour blocks of time and prices vary based on the number of guests in attendance.

■ **AREA A:** is a large covered area complete with a BBQ. Located near the south parking lot and main

children's play structure, there is also a sand volleyball court nearby that groups can reserve for free for a two-hour period.

■ **AREA B:** is located in the southwest corner of the park. It has a large covered picnic area and BBQ. A sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and parking is nearby.

■ **AREA C:** is the covered area adjacent to the Splash Pad. This is a great choice for children's birthday parties on hot summer days. The Splash Pad operates during the summer months, typically from Memorial Day to Labor Day. When reserving, please confirm the Splash Pad will be open on the date of your party.

■ **THE GAZEBO:** the most recognizable landmark of Happy Valley Park, can



The Gazebo is a popular spot to reserve. Birthday parties, family gatherings and even weddings utilize this feature as an event backdrop.

also be reserved. Its central location within the park and attractive design make it a popular choice for parties.

If you are interested in holding an event at Happy Valley Park this year, a map, area pictures, and the application form



Happy Valley Park can be a busy place, especially during summer months, so make your reservation early to secure your spot. PHOTOS BY CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

can be found online at www.happyvalleyor.gov/community/parks-trails/happy-valley-park/. To check park site availability, visit the Park Reservations Calendar at <http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/events/category/park-reservation/>. If you have any questions, call 503-783-3800 to learn more about Happy Valley Park reservations.

Annual Lunch Buddy legacy

Friends plan annual golf tourney to honor Mike Nelson, help kids

By SHELLEY McFARLAND
Pamplin Media Group

The 10th annual Mike Nelson Memorial Golf Tournament is set to tee off at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 15, at Mt. Hood Oregon Resort.

Mike Nelson was a character and well-loved by the people who knew him. The Happy Valley resident still holds the high-jump record at Clackamas High School. When the 49-year-old died of a heart attack 10 years ago, three of his grief-stricken friends decided to honor his memory with a golf tournament fundraiser for the North Clackamas Lunch Buddy Program, a nonprofit Nelson loved.

"My buddy Mike went to meet his lunch buddy every Friday. He was a unique individual and good guy, big into helping kids, Special Olympics and helping with cancer organizations. One of his parents and his sister both died from cancer. Having a memorial tournament seemed like the thing to do," said Kerry Belle Isle.

Friends Belle Isle, Josh Lunceford and Ken Rommel worked together that first year to host a fun-filled tournament at The Resort at the Mountain, now called Mt. Hood Oregon Resort,

After their friend Mike Nelson died, friends Kerry Belle Isle, Josh Lunceford and Ken Rommel decided to honor his legacy with a golf tournament to fundraise for the North Clackamas School District's Lunch Buddy program. SUBMITTED PHOTO.



EVENT DETAILS

What: 10th annual Mike Nelson Memorial Tournament

When: 9 a.m. Saturday, June 15

Where: Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, 68010 E. Fairway Ave., Welches, OR

Cost: \$120 per person/\$480 per team of four

More: For information about the tournament and to sign up, email Kerry Belle Isle at belleent@aol.com.

waukie Lumber in outside sales, has worked tirelessly to procure prizes, including a guitar autographed by country music stars in Nashville. The tournament has over 100 sponsors, including premier sponsors Coaster Brew Pub, Coasters Coffee and Milwaukie Lumber.

"We're surprised we are still (around) at 10 years because a small tournament like this usually lasts for a few years then peters out. But we have so much backing and support from the community. It's a big thing and a lot of work, but we're supporting a cause that was special to us and that was Mike Nelson," Lunceford said.

"The value of the Lunch Buddy Program is reflected in how the kids react to having a buddy. They are so excited to have a friend come in to the school and give them attention. They're able to have someone put eyes on them and listen to them while having fun at lunch and recess. It's such a simple concept, but little kids are so excited to receive the attention. It lifts up their day. We have kids in tough situations, and having someone come to the school who is excited to see them and cares about them is what it's about," said Rachel O'doud-Vega, North Clackamas Lunch Buddy Program director.

"This golf tournament is the bread-and-butter to the financial life of the program."

The Lunch Buddy Program has grown with the golf tournament helping sponsor more children. Over the course of the past nine years, the Mike Nelson Memorial Tournament has donated \$46,150 to the program, which now services 90 students in the North Clackamas School District.

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Local Infrastructure to be Addressed at Urban Renewal Open House Meeting

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley residents have asked for more investment in improved roads, better sidewalk connections, and land for parks.

The City Council and staff members recognize the concerns residents have about infrastructure needs and have been looking for ways to address them. We know, for example, that residents would prefer 172nd Avenue north of Sunnyside to be completed at once, rather than the continued half-street improvements made by developers.

We also know connecting 162nd Avenue is important to link the Taralon neighborhood with the future high school near Rock Creek. To bring these projects to fruition, and many more like them, the City needs a new funding tool.

To that end, there will be an Open House on Wednesday, Mar. 20 to talk about the potential of using urban re-

newal. Most simply, urban renewal is a tool used by many local governments across the country to fund important key infrastructure projects.

As a smart growth community, the City of Happy Valley strives to evaluate transportation and development needs in a thoughtful way. With Happy Valley becoming more and more popular, it has been imperative that planful strategies be utilized when making decisions and that improvements to daily life, the economy, and environment are balanced with the values this community holds dear.

Last year, the City commissioned an infrastructure study to determine how to fund the needed transportation, public safety, and parks improvements in the city that are needed. System Development Charges (SDCs) and urban renewal were identified as possible funding sources to complete these needed infrastructure projects. After the feasibility study was reviewed by

the City Council, they directed the preparation of an urban renewal plan for review and potential adoption. A work group also formed, comprised of taxing jurisdictions, business owners, developers, City Council and Planning Commission members. This group has already met once and will meet two additional times in March to review and provide input. The work group will convene to discuss the urban renewal boundary, determine specific projects needed, and brainstorm financing specifics for the urban renewal area.

Urban renewal does not increase permanent rate levy tax rates. When an urban renewal area (URA) is established, the assessed value within the URA boundary becomes the "frozen base" assessed value. As assessed value in the URA grows over time, the difference between the total assessed value and the frozen base is considered "increment" assessed value. Each year, property tax revenue from

HAPPY VALLEY URBAN RENEWAL OPEN HOUSE

WHEN
March 20th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

WHERE
Happy Valley City Hall
16000 SE Misty Dr. Happy Valley, OR 97086

The March 20th Urban Renewal Open House is an opportunity to learn about not only the proposed Happy Valley Urban Renewal Area, but also to learn about the usage of urban renewal across the state.


Agenda

- 1. Why urban renewal in Happy Valley? (10 min)
- 2. Urban Renewal 101 (10 min)
- 3. Q and A (10 min)
- 4. Happy Valley Project List (20 min)
- 5. Q and A and Project Poster Discussion (30 min)

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

POTENTIAL PROJECT CATEGORIES:

- STREETS
- SIDEWALKS
- UTILITIES
- STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITION For future parks & downtown area



URBAN RENEWAL OPEN HOUSE

DATE: Wednesday, March 20
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Happy Valley City Hall

As members of the Happy Valley community, we invite you to join us at the Open House to find out more about urban renewal and the potential projects being considered for Happy Valley. It will be an opportunity to learn exactly how this process works, ask questions and get involved. Attendees will have a chance to provide some feedback and input as well during this event.

from the increment, called Tax Increment Finance (TIF) revenue, which will go to the URA. In turn, those dollars derived from the TIF are spent on capital projects located in the URA and administration of the urban renewal program. After the URA is closed, all future tax revenue from the increased assessed valuations is distributed to the overlapping taxing districts. What this means is urban renewal is purely a division of taxes; it does not create a new tax or increase the existing tax rate.



The PV/NC Community Advisory Committee convened in January to talk about Comprehensive Plan updates and vision. These meetings, which are facilitated by Angelo Planning Group, provide opportunities for attendees to offer ideas, feedback, and pose questions aimed at helping determine land and transportation use needs. All members of the PV/NC community are encouraged to attend these open meetings to be part of these discussions.

Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan is Taking Shape

The City of Happy Valley continues to make headway on the land use and transportation plan that will ultimately guide the future of the Pleasant Valley/North Carver (PV/NC) area. Since the PV/NC area is located within Portland Metropolitan Area's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), an urban comprehensive plan is required by state law to assure needs are properly met. Citizen involvement is paramount to this process and as the project moves forward, there is still opportunity for the community to help in shaping the plan.

To bring consistency to the information gathering process, a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) was formed



to help with public outreach and to provide feedback on the content and language of the plan. The CAC, which has been meeting regularly since October, is comprised of 13 individuals who reside within the PV/NC area. Committee members were recruited and appointed by the City Council to act as representatives for the plan area, and each brings a broad and diverse set of perspectives to the table. While the committee members take an active role in this work,

those interested in hearing more about the Comprehensive Plan and want to participate are also encouraged to attend these open meetings. Any resident interested in being part of the process is welcome to offer input and help shape the vision for the area's future.

If you would like to get involved or share your thoughts related to the PV/NC Comprehensive Plan, please consider attending the next Community Advisory Committee Meeting, which will be covering factors related to transportation. The City is also preparing two Open House events which will occur in the Spring. These Open Houses will serve to gain additional feedback from residents.

UPCOMING PV/NC COMMUNITY EVENTS

■ **COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**
DATE: Mar. 7; at 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Happy Valley City Hall

■ **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: Focus on Pleasant Valley**
DATE: Apr. 18; at 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Happy Valley City Hall

■ **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP: Focus on North Carver**
DATE: Apr. 25; at 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Happy Valley City Hall

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Fields of Life

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vide the infrastructure and support for education, clean drinking water and local enterprise projects. These projects, like building a school or drilling a well, directly benefit the children and families in the villages served.

The nonprofit was founded in Ireland as a nondenominational, Christian-based international aid organization focusing on post-conflict Africa. Its mission is to bring positive change to war-affected areas through provisions of education, clean water, health services and community-based projects to help relieve extreme poverty.

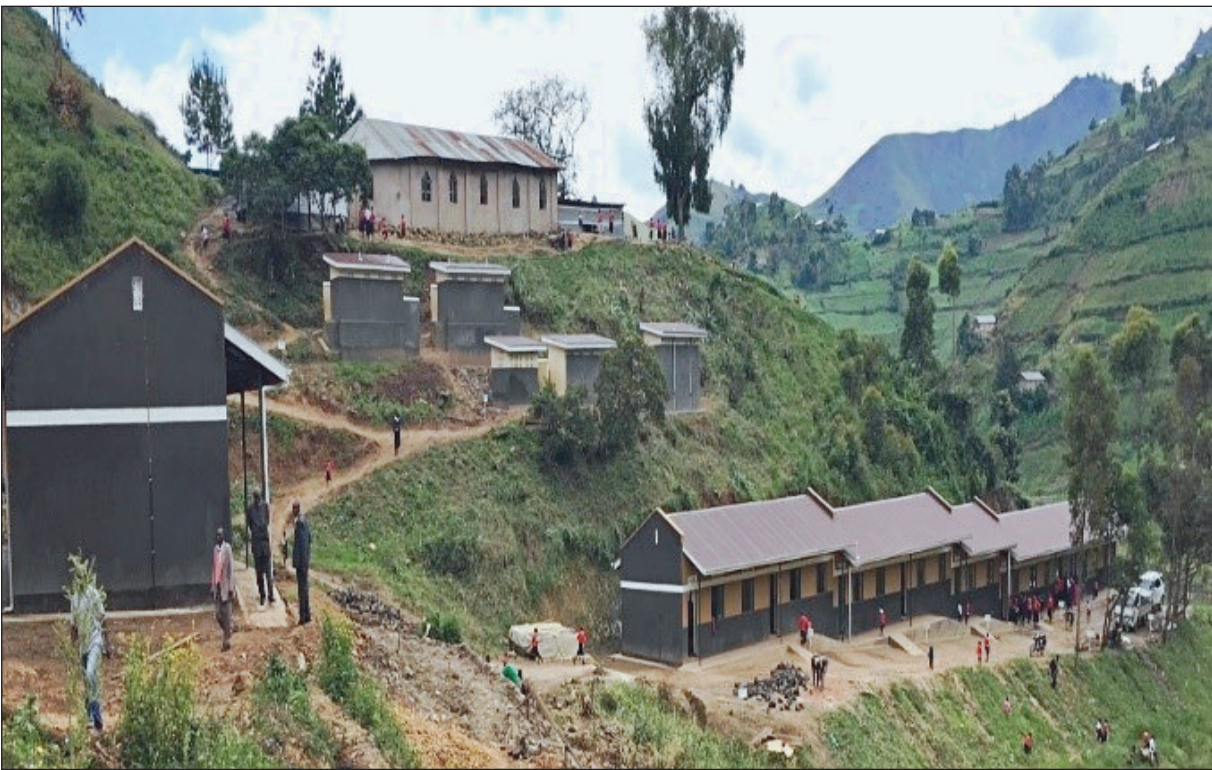
It was founded by the Rev. Trevor Stevenson and his wife, Ruth, who lived in Uganda in the 1990s. The area they lived, Luwero, was known as “the killing fields” after the murderous reign of Idi Amin’s regime. As a catalyst for change, Stevenson named his organization Fields of Life to counterbalance the area’s history of brutality. Fields of Life has international headquarters in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and affiliated headquarters in Cork, Ireland; Kent, England; and Happy Valley, Oregon.

To date, Fields of Life has drilled over 730 wells, built 124 schools throughout East Africa and has helped 50,000 children with quality education. Moreover, 31,000 children have access to health programs, and 6,000 children are sponsored enabling them to receive resources.

Some funds from last year’s dinner went to drilling a well at the Yangani Health Center at the Bidi Bidi Refugee Settlement in Yumbe district, Northern Uganda. According to Betzer, Bidi Bidi is one of the “world’s largest refugee settlements and now home to more than 272,000 South Sudanese refugees, 60 percent of them children. Less than 30 percent of the population has access to clean, safe drinking water. Most people are dependent on water from polluted springs and creeks or daily rations from the UNHCR (Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees) water trucks.”

“I vividly remember when the UNHCR had to bring us water in jerry cans when the solar-

The nonprofit Fields of Life works to improve the lives of villagers in East Africa. The organization has currently helped over 50,000 children to receive quality education.



Clean water is essential to survival, East Africans, oftentimes, have to tote clean water for miles. Fields of Life drills wells so access to clean water is readily available.



powered water system could not help us anymore. Sometimes, we would have to walk around the camp in search of water and only end up with very little for the day. I was so relieved when this borehole was constructed because it took away our water troubles,” said midwife, Brenda Agurukwo. “We thank Fields of Life for the great work you have done for the people of Yangani.”

Now, 648 children and adults in Yangani village and patients at the health center have daily access to clean, safe water. Betzer explains that Fields of Life supplies more than just clean water, it invests in the communities by laying the foundation for education.

“In 2015, Fields of Life was asked to build new classrooms, toilets and teacher housing in the very poor village of Karwa,

Kisoro District, in southwestern Uganda near the borders with Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo. After visiting the district and seeing firsthand the struggles that the people of Kisoro face, a Northern Ireland girl’s youth organization partnered with Fields of Life to fund construction of the school with the hope that it would enable girls, as well as boys, to gain a quality education,” Betzer said.

In Karwa, barriers were broken when girls were allowed to enter the secondary school. In years past, cultural norms placed a higher value on a boy’s education and excluded girls from attending school. One 12-year-old girl named Bridget was allowed to enter school where she emerged as the top student in her school’s final exams a year later.



“I was really impressed by their work building schools, providing clean drinking water and empowering education for all children, but especially girls.”

— Frank Betzer, Fields of Life USA executive director

“The news spread across Kisoro District like wildfire, not because she was the top student, but because she had achieved much better results than the boys in her school. She challenged the cultural norms and showed that girls could be highly successful in school,” Betzer said.

In the next three years, according to the nonprofit, Fields of Life plans to “provide 150,000 more people with access to clean, safe drinking water by drilling an additional 250 deep borehole wells, set up rainwater harvesting systems and other water solutions, build six addi-

tional schools in Uganda and Rwanda providing up to 3,500 more children access to education and extend our I AM GIRL program to an additional 20 schools to improve the personal hygiene and health of girls and boys, increase adolescent student attendance and retention and reduce cultural barriers and taboos associated with the role of educating girls.”

With a background in nonprofit management and fundraising in the Portland-metro area for 20 years focusing on aiding orphans and vulnerable children in Africa, Betzer was a perfect fit to lead the U.S. head-

quarters in Happy Valley.

“When Fields of Life decided to open a U.S. headquarters, I knew that Happy Valley was the right location because of the kind and generous friends, neighbors and businesses in our community. People in the Pacific Northwest have long been known for our passion for helping others and being a part of the global community. I’m proud that the efforts we’ve started here are having a direct impact in the lives of vulnerable children and families in East Africa,” Betzer said.

For more information, visit fieldsoflife.org.

Help Fields flourish

WHAT: Fundraising dinner to celebrate Fields of Life’s 25-year effort to change lives in East Africa

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6

WHERE: Tumwater Ballroom, 211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City

COST: \$40 individual, \$320 table of 8, \$500 sponsored table of 8, \$2,500 event sponsorship.

PURCHASE TICKETS: at www.buytickets.at/fields or contact Beth at Beth.Killian@fieldsoflife.org or 971-444-5983. Proceeds benefit Fields of Life’s schools and water projects.

MORE: Event includes appetizers, buffet dinner, no-host bar, travel experience auction



Girls are given the opportunity for education alongside their male counterparts in a culture that emphasizes a boy’s schooling over a girl’s.



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I spy with my little eye ...

STORY BY
SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Did you get the correct answers to last month's I spy contest? Here are the answers. Get outside more this spring to see the valley.



The Cave is a fun place to explore after a grueling game of putt putt golf at Eagle Landing Golf Course located at 10200 S.E. Causey Ave. If the cave looks too spooky, sit outside and watch the golfers finish up their round.



The wine glass chandelier at Venvino Art Studios located at 13329 S.E. Misty dr., where a fun art experience is waiting for you.



Many kids can easily recognize this colorful floor at Happy Valley Arts Academy, 14654 S.E. Sunnyside Rd. where students hone their musical talents.



Books, books, books! Come into the Happy Valley Library, 13793 S.E. Sieben Park Way where you can escape into the world of literature. Check out all the library has to offer!



Eastridge Covenant Church, 14100 S.E. Sunnyside Rd. is home to a contemplative labyrinth. Sit a spell and relax at this mindful location.

Last call for Community Garden applications

Time is running out to be considered for this year's Community Garden season. Raised bed garden plots are available at no cost to residents and while there are two size options, (5'X5' or 5'X10') only a handful of the 5'x5' plots remain open to new applicants.

February's snow brought cold temperatures and even some school closures, but Spring will be here soon, and the City will finally experience colorful blooms and garden grown produce. If you enjoy gardening or want to take up the activity, this is a great way to get involved.

The Community Garden season officially opens Apr. 15 and will extend through Nov. 15. Located next to Happy Valley Park, the Community Garden is a great place to grow your own fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. It is also a great way to

meet other residents with a passion for gardening.

The Happy Valley Community Garden is accepting applications through Mar. 15 or until all plots are filled, whichever comes first. A waitlist will be established if applications outnumber available plots. Applications must be filled out completely to be considered and plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

For further information about the Community Garden, contact Sheri Bartholomew at (503) 783-3844 or email her at sherib@happyvalleyor.gov. Application forms, gardener rules and expectations, and a garden plot map can be found on the city website at www.happyvalleyor.gov/community/programs/community-garden/. You can also pick up an application at the front desk at City Hall.

Help plants blossom and grow at Happy Valley's Community Garden. The garden is located behind the Public Works shop that adjoins the southeast border of Happy Valley Park located at 13770 Southeast Ridgecrest Road.



Last Call Photo: Only a few 5'x5' raised bed garden plots remain available at the Happy Valley Community Garden. Applications will be accepted through Mar. 15 or until all plots are claimed. A waitlist will be compiled as well.



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Happy Valley boasts an abundance of trees and a commitment to keeping our tree canopy and native plant life healthy and cared for. Volunteers help make this possible.

Tree Planting Opportunities Continue in Happy Valley

Our city boasts some of the most beautiful trees in the state, so it may not come as a surprise that Happy Valley is designated a Tree City USA. This national program started in 1976 and encourages cities to actively promote and expand tree growth. Happy Valley has earned the Tree City USA designation consistently since 2004 and continues to devote efforts to retain this title.

To help with this mission, Happy Valley is fortunate to have a great partner in Friends of Trees, an organization dedicated to “inspiring community stewardship of our urban forests by bringing people together to plant and care for trees and natural areas.” Through their support, multiple community plantings are held in Happy Valley each year.

If you want to get involved and do something to give back to our lovely trees, we encourage you to participate in an upcoming Arbor Day event. True, Arbor Day may officially be



Apr. 26, but here in Happy Valley, we celebrate with several projects to maximize volunteer support and replenish more areas. These events commemorate the amazing and far-reaching benefits of trees and encourage local communities to be part of the solution.



Projects are perfect for individuals or groups and doing something for the Earth is a great way to give back.

To further assure that Happy Valley’s tree canopy remains healthy and robust, the City has a detailed tree removal ordinance and makes sure developers do their part to replace the tree canopy that is displaced. As part of the guidelines we adhere to as a Tree City USA, the City spends \$2.99 per capita on urban forestry. Things like tree pruning, tree maintenance, plantings,

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPY VALLEY PARK
WHEN: Saturday, Mar. 16, 8:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
WHERE: 137770 SE Ridgecrest Rd., Happy Valley, OR 97086
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***SPECIAL TREE CARE EVENT:** project will focus on mulching and ivy removal
WHEN: Friday, Apr. 19, 8:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
The only participation requirements are to dress for the weather, wear sturdy/closed-toe shoes, and be prepared to have fun! Coffee, tea and pastries will be available before the project starts. Residents of all ages and experience levels are encouraged to participate.
To RSVP for an event, you can register online by checking out the events calendar through friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar/. Click on the project you would like to attend and fill in your information.

and removal of hazardous trees on City property are covered by these funds. These efforts help curb erosion, aid in stormwater management, create cleaner air, and even boost property values.

CHS actors compete at regionals

By SHELLEY McFARLAND
Pamplin Media Group

Last month, 48 theater students from Clackamas High School competed in a regional acting competition. Over 600 theater students from the Northwest attended the event, which qualifies a student to audition for a spot in the state showcase performance at the Oregon Thespians State Festival in April.
To qualify for state, the performer must score in the top 10 percent of all competitors in their category. Students who place in the top 20 percent are recognized at the event but do not move on to audition at state.

State qualifiers:

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Jillian Donohue Duo acting novice
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Chickens

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“Our chickens are our pets, much to my husband Jeremy’s chagrin. Since he grew up on a farm, he liked the idea of having chickens but can’t understand why we still want them around when they aren’t laying,” Nelson said.

“We live on half an acre, so we have lots of room for them. We really enjoy watching them; they come running when they see anyone near the coop. They love it when we toss them fruit and veggie leftovers.”

Initially, the Nelsons bought five chicks, but one ended up being a rooster, which is illegal within the city limits, so they returned him and another one died. And because chickens need 14 to 15 hours of sunlight to maximize egg production, their chickens don’t produce eggs in the dark days of winter.

“Our birds are old ladies, so we just let them take the winter off. In the summer, we’ll average one to two eggs per day between our three chickens. They used to all lay one egg a day in the summer, but the older they get, they lay fewer eggs,” she said.

Nelson explains that chickens are easy to care for. They need a clean coop where they can lay eggs and that can be locked at night to stave off predators. The coop should be cleaned of debris and feces every other week. Chickens also will need a fenced area to roam.

“In the summertime when they’re laying eggs, we keep some straw in the nesting boxes. We have a water feeder and a grain feeder that we refill as needed,” Nelson said. “When the temp is below freezing we use a special water jug that stays heated to keep their water from freezing. Chickens like to be out of their coop during daylight hours and locked up when it’s dark.”

When choosing chicks, Melissa Rickman, from Clackamas Feed & Pet Supply, says the size and temperament of breed and egg production should be considered. Ask if chicks are sexed. At family-owned Clackamas Feed, they only carry female chicks, so there’s no chance of mistakenly receiving a rooster like the Nelsons did.

“The number of chicks a family should obtain depends on where you live. If you live in the city, you’re only allowed so many. Also, consider how many eggs you’d like to have for your family,” Rickman said. “Spring is the most common time to buy chicks. You’ll have eggs within five to six months.”

Rickman stresses that people should do their homework before investing money in a chicken project.

“We would like people to understand the care that chickens require before buying, and



Read up on Happy Valley’s municipal code to make sure you are following the city requirements to prevent neighborly disputes.



Having chickens can be a fun experience for kids and adults. Keep in mind that during the cold months, chickens are less likely to lay eggs when cold. On average, most chickens lay one egg per day.

we will educate them if they need any help. We want what’s best for the animal, and we want the customer to be happy,” Rickman said.

Clackamas Feed recently received its chicks and will have new chicks every two weeks until the end of April. They also have ducklings for sale.

Along with the babies, Clackamas Feed sells all the supplies you will need to start your poultry paradise.

And the city would like the public to understand the restrictions regarding poultry in the city.

For more information, visit: clackamasfeed.com

KNOW THE RULES

The City of Happy Valley’s Municipal Code outlines the following:

6.04.050 Livestock and poultry

B. Livestock or poultry or other animals or fowls running at-large in the city may be taken up and impounded by a police officer and disposed of in accordance with proper procedures.

6.04.060 Animal runs, pens, cages.

A. No person may construct, locate or maintain animal runs or barns, chicken or fowl pens on the front half of a lot or closer than seventy (70) feet from the front property line, whichever is greater, or closer than one hundred (100) feet from any residence other than the residence of the owner.

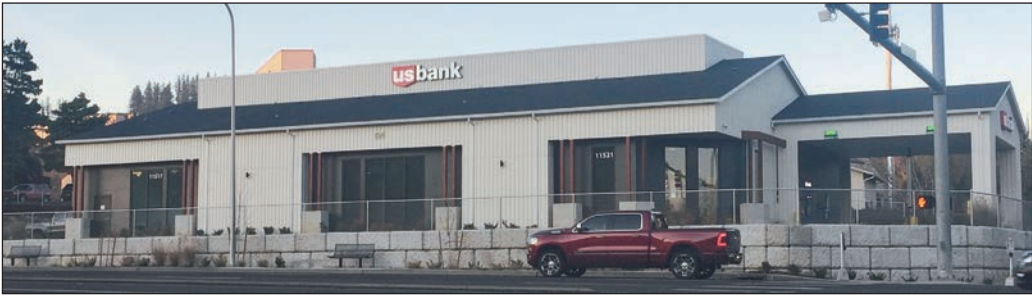
B. Animals, chickens and/or fowl shall be properly caged or housed and proper sanitation maintained at all times. All animal or poultry food, except fodder, shall be stored in metal or other rodent-proof containers.

16.44.070 Agricultural use regulations.

A. Under no circumstances shall any livestock animals, domestic or farm animals, poultry, or fowl be kept for commercial purposes in a residential, commercial or other nonagricultural zone. Cows, horses, sheep or goats may not be kept on lots less than forty thousand (40,000) square feet. The total number of such animals (other than their young under the age of six months) allowed on a lot is limited to the square footage of the lot divided by the total minimum areas required for each animal as listed below. The raising of swine is not permitted on lots less than five acres without prior approval by the City.

For all details, check out the City’s complete Municipal Code documentation qcode.us/codes/happyvalley

US BANK ADDRESS CORRECTION:



In the February Happy Valley News we listed the incorrect address for the new US Bank branch. The correct address is 11521 SE Sunnyside Road. Clackamas, OR. We apologize for any confusion.

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Participants at the 2019 Oregon Youth Summit gather for a group photo. The summit included a variety of activities that served to create opportunities for students to share ideas.

Happy Valley Youth Council Attends Statewide Youth Summit

City of Happy Valley

On Feb. 22, young leaders from around the state attended the second annual Oregon Youth Summit at Willamette University in Salem. It was a day for Youth Council representatives from cities throughout Oregon to come together, learn from each other and look for statewide approaches to issues Oregon youth face.

Nine cities participated in this event, and over 100 youth, advisors, city council members and city staff attended.

The decision to create an Oregon Youth Summit originated two years ago when students from Happy Valley's Youth Council attended the National League of Cities (NLC) conference in Washington D.C. Connections the students made at the national level were great, but Happy Valley's youth council advisors realized the importance of bringing all of Oregon's youth councilors together to get involved at the state level. It was at that point when Happy Valley's Youth Council advisors and teens developed the Youth Summit concept and organized the event to take place in the state's capitol.

This year's Oregon Youth Summit again proved beneficial. With the support of the League of Oregon Cities and the assistance of Willamette University, the day included a session of sharing between youth council representatives on programs and initiatives happening in the students' respective cities. In the afternoon, breakout sessions allowed for more thorough discussions on such topics as how to promote more youth involvement in communities and a conversation devoted to increasing mental health awareness.

"We greatly appreciate the partnership with Willamette University for making this event venue possible. Their help coordinating the details and allowing us to hold our event on the college campus near the Capitol is instrumental to the success and future of this Summit," said Stephani Hern, advisor to the Happy



Happy Valley Youth Council member, Hermya Brock, addresses the crowd during a panel presentation. Representatives from each city's youth council had a chance to report about activities and special projects.



Happy Valley Youth Council members, Madison Jones (pictured left) and Brennan Kelly listen to a presentation.

Valley Youth Council.

"As an advisor, your hope is to watch a Youth Council grow and find ways to connect on a broader scale. I am so proud of our young leaders as they continue to help other cities discover and start Youth Councils of their own. Their ability to educate and demonstrate the importance of the youth voice is powerful. Our Youth Council is blazing the trail."

Happy Valley's Youth Council was started in 2010 and is comprised of student leaders from local high schools. Local students are se-

lected to work under the guidance of city government representatives to give teens a voice and a stake in their community. Happy Valley's Youth Council sponsors drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs, aims to reduce teen suicides, provides teen driver safety events, and are involved in many city events. Happy Valley Teens interested in joining the Youth Council are invited to submit an application in April/May. For more information, visit <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions/youth-council/>.

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