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A representative from the Oregon Department of Forestry honored the City of Happy Valley on Apr. 19, recognizing its fifteenth year being named a Tree City USA. Mayor Tom Ellis and City Councilor David Emami accepted the recognition on behalf of the City, which took place at Happy Valley Park.

Friends of Trees, an organization that coordinates restoration projects in natural areas, led volunteers in a special tree care event following the words of recognition. Volunteers proceeded to help with several activities, such as mulching and ivy removal, which not only serve to enhance the landscape aesthetics, but also

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Spring in the Valley

Crimes against humanity

JR Ujifusa prosecutes prostitution and trafficking, making a difference one case at a time

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Happy Valley resident JR Ujifusa sees the dark side of the human condition — he is the primary prosecutor for all felony prostitution and human trafficking cases within Multnomah County.

Recently, Ujifusa was honored with the Department of Justice's Trailblazer Award for bringing awareness and attention to human trafficking. For over a decade, he has worked to hold traffickers and buyers accountable while being victim-focused.

Ujifusa grew up in Salt Lake City in a three-generation family of small business owners. He married his high school sweetheart, Kim, and graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's of fine arts degree in photography. After college, they moved to Oregon where Ujifusa attended Lewis & Clark Law School.

"I took the law school admissions test because I was curious. I had done all my premed requirements, but med school just didn't seem right. We had two kids by the end of my undergraduate schooling and I wanted a more balanced family-work life than what I knew med school and residency would allow," he said.

"I never thought of becoming

a prosecutor. I actually thought, based on my background in photography and the arts, I would do some sort of law around that. I was fortunate to get a job as an intern at the Multnomah County District Attorney's office during law school."

The internship was competitive for law students. Whether they were interested in criminal law or not, they all wanted trial experience. On Ujifusa's second day at the district attorney's office, he was assigned a jury trial and was hooked, calling trial work "chaotic and mentally challenging. You have to think on the fly and be able to adjust at any time. You are rarely at your desk and that's what I loved."

Road to the DA's office

"It's funny, I had a very naive or uninformed idea about what a prosecutor did. I used to joke that when I thought about the criminal justice system as a kid, I thought about detectives and

an investigation and arrest, but never thought about it after that.

"Prosecuting sex traffickers can be very dark and discouraging, especially when you have children around the same age as your victims. These victims go through horrific ordeals and are exploited in terrible ways."

— JR Ujifusa

ment group and the National Sex Trafficking Law Enforcement List Serve. He also is a federal Special Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon focusing on federal human trafficking. Moreover, he has been a guest speaker at numerous national

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JR Ujifusa was recently honored with the department of Justice's Trailblazer Award for bringing awareness and attention to human trafficking. The prosecutor lives in Happy Valley. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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Ujifusa

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and regional human trafficking conferences and training sessions.

Because of his extensive work on human trafficking, Ujifusa was appointed chair of the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States. This organization advises the attorney general and the secretary of Health and Human Services on the nation’s response to trafficking. It was formed as a multidisciplinary task force to help with administrative and legislative procedures to prosecute human trafficking offenders, develop successful implementations for victims of sex trafficking, and set up practices for states to combat sex trafficking.

Speaking about the task force, Ujifusa said, “being chair is such an honor. All committee members are so accomplished and have done, and are continuing to do, such great work around the nation,” Ujifusa said.

Currently, Ujifusa’s Multnomah County caseload consists almost primarily of human trafficking and murder cases. The Human Trafficking Team has roughly 20 to 40 open cases at any given time. And because of the nature of these cases with the complexity and the trauma that victims suffer, Ujifusa

works on between 40 and 50 pending investigations into traffickers and buyers. These investigations depend on the acquisition of further material, like additional evidence or victim cooperation.

Victim cooperation is key

Ujifusa says the range of time a human trafficking case covers varies. It could be a crime that happened yesterday with an immediate indictment or it can take longer. For example, Ujifusa recently indicted a trafficker from a 2006 investigation where the victim is finally willing to discuss what happened. In addition, the actual crime can last hours — a trafficker meets a vulnerable victim and exploits them almost immediately — or years, where the recruiting and grooming process takes months or years and then the exploitation continues for long periods of time.

“I believe that working with victims and being victim-centered is one of the most important parts of my job, and I take it very seriously. The dynamics and relationships between traffickers and victims is complex and full of trauma. There are many times that I meet with fearful victims, and in an informal way, explain to them what the criminal justice system looks like, knowing that at some point they may decide to go forward with prosecution,” Ujifusa said. “I want them to be comfortable when and if they decide to.”

With work that can take a toll



Ujifusa was appointed to the National Advisory Committee on Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

on one’s faith in humanity, Ujifusa keeps his perspective grounded by staying positive and relying on his family for support.

Staying grounded

“Prosecuting sex traffickers can be very dark and discouraging, especially when you have children around the same age as your victims. These victims go through horrific ordeals and are exploited in terrible ways. These crimes are thoroughly planned and executed to manipulate, control and exploit vulnerable people in our society for financial gain. I’m talking about both the traffickers and the buyers,” he said.

“Because of this, I rely heavily on my beautiful wife and my children to provide the escape I need from my work. There is no one as sweet and as giving as my wife. Her cheery outlook makes our home a haven. The

same can be said about our children, I love being involved with them and their interest and seeing their individual personalities.”

Ujifusa admits he was surprised how being a prosecutor could dramatically affect others’ lives for the better, all the while holding accountable the individuals who have done horrible things to their victims. Many of the perpetrators tell their victims they will never be caught.

“I’m a person, who in some ways, puts myself in the shoes of the parents of the victim, and I would want someone fight for them. In other instances, some of the victims might not have any family members,” Ujifusa said.

“Many times, I sit down with a young victim and I can feel or see the trauma they have endured and their vulnerability,” he said.

“It’s rewarding to hold the individual accountable who may have caused or added to the trauma of a victim, because it sends a message to the victim that they have worth and value. It shows them what was done to them is important, and they were believed, and they are worth fighting for. That part is important,” Ujifusa said.

Tips for protecting kids

For parents concerned about their children and sex trafficking, Ujifusa has some reminders to keep kids safe.

“In my experience, sex traffickers and exploiters look for vulnerable victims who are going through difficult times, looking for love and acceptance and/or are unsure about (themselves). Although victims of child abuse are very prevalent in this group, low self-esteem is the biggest common denominator. Mixed with access to the web and being exposed to situations and information they cannot process as a child, it’s a formula for disaster.

■ Talk to your kids, spend time getting to know their friends, know where they’re going and who they hang out with.

■ Limit the outside world from accessing them on their phone and computers. Be able to access those things to monitor who is communicating with them.

■ Let them know the dangers of the internet and social media. Explain to them how nothing is truly gone or erased that they post or send electronically.

■ If you approve of them hanging out at the mall or downtown or anywhere else, make sure they’re in a group with others you trust. Remind them not to give their name, number or address out to people they don’t know and go with someone to the restroom. Traffickers are charming and smart and use the guise of modeling scouts or an older boyfriend, or some other enticing lure to recruit and groom victims.

■ Explain to them that if they do find themselves in a bad situation that they are not in trouble for reaching out to you and that you’re there to help them get out of it.

■ Build up their confidence by spending quality time with them. Show them they are valued by giving them the gift of your time and being fully engaged.

Indicators, though not proof of trafficking, can include older boyfriends or friends, unexplained absences from school, a drop in school performance, unexplained clothes, phones or money, provocative pictures or clothing, being out overnight or gone until late at night, lots of internet friends unrelated to school or established social circles, injuries, tattoos, or a person who isolates them from their friends and family.

For more information about the National Advisory Committee on the Sex Trafficking of Children and Youth in the United States visit: www.acf.hhs.gov/otip/partnerships/the-national-advisory-committee

Superblock project aims to improve walkability

The City of Happy Valley

The City is looking to create a superblock that will offer contiguous sidewalks that link sections of Ridgecrest and 132nd and King Road and 145th. Purpose of this project is to increase safety of both pedestrians and motorists and provide more opportunities for everyone to enjoy a stroll around the area.

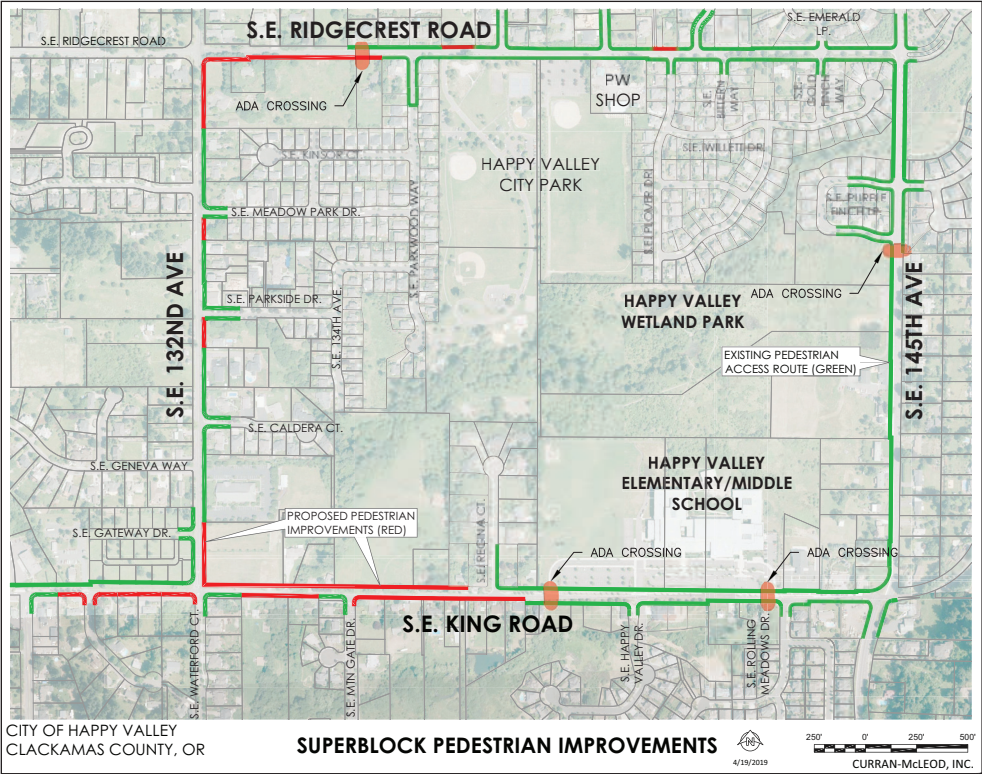
The superblock will allow for better traffic flow and connectivity between the sections of land that currently have gaps, allowing for increased usability of the space. This is of paramount importance to the

City’s youth, elderly and those with disabilities. Being able to safely traverse the area not only promotes healthy recreational activity by way of exercise, but it also helps boost cross-visibility between those on foot and those using the road.

Residents of the City have voiced wanting a project like this to come to fruition for some time. City Council has been working to make this a priority and has assured its inclusion in the master plan. Council has also recommended the project be completed as soon as possible, so staff are working diligently to

make sure all preparations are taken care of. The design for the project is still in process, but a potential start date of September 2019 is forecasted.

The City is excited about the superblock project as it will provide more opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy Happy Valley. The City will be working with adjacent property owners and utilities to ensure efficient communication and project planning. If you have any questions or concerns about this upcoming project, please contact Public Works Director, Chris Randall at 503-783-3800.



The corresponding map shows the scope of the superblock project that will create a walkable area within Happy Valley. The project aims to increase safety for both pedestrians and motorists, and provide more recreational opportunities for those wanting to explore the community.



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Fundraising to fight blood cancer continues

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND
Geri Naumcheff, 2019 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society All-Star National Woman of the Year Candidate, continues her efforts to raise money for the blood cancer organization. (Happy Valley News, November 2018)



The Happy Valley resident recently hosted casino night at Portland Cider Co. raising \$8,000. Other events included bingo at Sports on Tap and a concert performance by The Nu Wavers, a local '80s cover band, at Woodstock Wine & Deli.

Naumcheff also toured the new laboratory at the Knight Cancer Institute and talked with Oregon Health & Science University's Dr. Brian Druker about current advances in blood cancer research. It was a midpoint celebration event for all LLS All-Star candidates competing in an annual fundraising competition for local business and community leaders.

"We have been fundraising like crazy, and we are so grateful to all our community partners," she said. Naumcheff will be raising funds until May 10. For more information, visit: lls.org.



Leukemia & Lymphoma Society All-Star National Woman of the Year, Geri Naumcheff, recently met with OHSU's Dr. Brian Druker to discuss research in blood cancers.



- May 1**
Library Board Meeting:
6 p.m. at Happy Valley Library

May 3
Youth Council Applications due:
5 p.m. at City Hall.
See page 5 for details.

May 6
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting:
6 p.m. at City Hall

May 7
City Council Work Session: 6 p.m. at City Hall

City Council Meeting and Urban Renewal Agency Meeting: 7 p.m. at City Hall

May 8
Youth Council Meeting:
6 p.m. at City Hall

May 9
Traffic and Public Safety Meeting:
7 p.m. at City Hall

May 11
Happy Valley Fun Run:
8 a.m. at Happy Valley Elementary School.
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- May 21**
City Council Work Session: 6 p.m. at City Hall

City Council Meeting:
7 p.m. at City Hall

May 22
HV Business Alliance Meeting: 7:30 a.m. at City Hall

May 27
Memorial Day City Hall and Library CLOSED

May 29
Design Review Board:
7 p.m. at City Hall

June 3
Parks Advisory Committee Meeting:
6 p.m. at City Hall

June 4
City Council Work Session: 6:00 p.m. at City Hall

City Council Meeting:
7:00 p.m. at City Hall

Pianist Harrison plans benefit concert

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND
Composer and pianist Michael Allen Harrison will give a benefit concert at Christ the Vine Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 16. Proceeds from the event will help pay for student scholarships and specialized teacher training through the church's preschool fund.

Admission is \$20 per person. Christ the Vine Lutheran Church is located at 18677 S.E. Highway 212, Damascus.



Pianist Michael Allen Harrison will give a benefit concert At Christ the Vine Lutheran Church to help raise funds for student scholarships at the church's school.



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Identifying Priorities

CITY COUNCIL

We hear from residents all over town about projects and ideas that could make the City a better place. As tempting as it is to try and do everything, we recognize that most of the City's resources and staff time are spent providing day-to-day services such as road maintenance, public safety, permitting, etc. To make the most of our limited resources, it's important for us to prioritize and establish a cohesive set of goals for our team to accomplish.

Last month, we gathered together with senior staff members to go over projects that are currently underway and discuss future priorities. Below is a recap of the major projects underway, as well as the new priorities the City Council identified.

Major Projects Already Underway

- Planning for Pleasant Valley / North Carver
- Investing in Infrastructure through Urban Renewal
- Completing Sidewalk Gaps Around the Super-block
- Resolving Parks & Recreation Dispute
- Completing a Pedestrian Master Plan
- Engaging Residents on an Upcoming Public Safety Levy

Priorities on the Horizon

- Acquiring Property for future Parks, Community Center, and/or Public Works Facility
- Developing a Plan for a Future Downtown
- Revisiting Annexation Policy
- Exploring Council Compensation
- Evaluating Idleman Road Classification
- Finding Funding for Bike/Pedestrian Projects
- Assisting with Affordable Housing Efforts
- Implementing Private Security for Developments Under Construction

Of course, these projects are in addition to the critical tasks of keeping our city clean, well-run, fiscally responsible, and family oriented. While we all have our own projects of interest, we are able to set those aside so that we can focus on this cohesive set of priorities. We have big dreams for Happy Valley. The first step is to identify and set priorities and we are excited to get to work on this list.

Planning Commission Notice

TIME: 7 p.m.

DATE: Tuesday, June 11, 2019

The Happy Valley Planning Commission will review the proposed Happy Valley Urban Renewal Plan including its relationship to the Happy Valley Comprehensive Plan, and make a recommendation to the Happy Valley City Council.

Documents may be found on the City of Happy Valley website or by contacting:

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Economic and Community Development Director

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE TOM ELLIS



Through my activities as Mayor, I have had the opportunity to connect with several different audiences about a variety of topics. I listen to resident ideas and concerns and help make decisions that encourage our community's success. While much of my work as Mayor is focused on what looks like traditional government tasks, one type of activity has become a favorite—engaging our youth.

Now I must say, presenting to grade school kids in Happy Valley was a bit intimidating at first. What should I say? How will I be received? What will the kids ask? These were questions that frequently crossed my mind before taking the stage. I suppose I have gotten used to City Council meetings and other administrative gatherings, so the idea of interacting with the city's youth stretched my comfort zone. But here's the thing about our community's youth – they are innovative, respectful, and deeply interested in making this world a better place.



Mayor Tom Ellis went all in and took the center seat during a group picture with fourth and fifth graders at Scouters Mountain Elementary. Mayor Ellis presented to the students during an assembly and encouraged them to participate in the "If I Were Mayor" contest.

They simply want to share their ideas, too.

Recently, I visited Spring Mountain Elementary and Scouters Mountain Elementary to talk to fourth and fifth graders about the "If I Were Mayor" contest. This is a statewide program promoted by the Oregon Mayors Association. Depending on grade level, students create posters, write essays, or submit multimedia projects detail-

ing what they would do if they were mayor. Not only is this an opportunity to help educate our youth in local government and the responsibilities of the mayor, but it provides an avenue for the City Council to learn more about what our youth deem important. I was blown away by the ideas from these kids.

After visiting the schools and talking to students, I found a little more

pep in my step and a renewed sense of pride for our community. Our youth are filled with hope and positive energy, and their desire to help others is a good reminder to myself to stay focused on days when there is conflict or frustration. I am excited to see what paths these students take as they continue to learn and grow. I know they will be doing some great things.



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Last call for Youth Council applications

Teens in our community have a couple more days to submit their applications to be considered for Happy Valley's Youth Council.

The applications must be completed and submitted to City Hall by this Friday, May 3 at 5 p.m. Applicants will then attend the May 8 Happy Valley Youth Council meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall, where each applicant will participate in a panel interview. There are three openings for the 2019-2020 school year.

The 12-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. The applicant must reside in Happy Valley and be at the freshman through senior academic level for the 2019-20 school year in order to be eligible to serve. Visit www.happyvalleyor.gov for the application and more information.



Take a chance and you just might find yourself part of this group! Happy Valley's Youth Council is looking to fill three vacancies for the upcoming school year. Applications are due Friday, May 3 at 5 p.m.

Words of advice to all graduating seniors

As a senior in high school with graduation right around the corner, myself and hundreds of other teenagers are extremely worried about the next coming months to say the least. We are often caught up thinking about what our lives will look like next year. This can be in terms of college or just moving on from high school in general. Either way, most of us will see dramatic changes to our lives in the next coming months. This can scare many of us.

Seniors contemplate what they will do in the future, and they often forgot to enjoy these last few months of high school. They get so emotionally invested in next year that they completely miss out on their life in the present moment. Seniors must learn how to enjoy these last months because our lives will most definitely change. We need to value what we have right now and recognize the good rather than the bad. We need to finish this year strong so we can look back on our lives and have no regrets.

In addition, seniors need to thank their families and influencers before they leave as each of these people have shaped us. Before we graduate, we must forgive those who have wronged us and move on with our lives in order to find happiness.

Lastly, we must learn to say goodbye to our friends, family, teachers, and all those in our lives currently. These last few months may be short, but they are extremely valuable, and it is crucial that seniors make the most out of it.

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Real Estate
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From the desk of Chris Olson, Burns & Olson Real Estate

Dear Friends & Neighbors, I'm excited to write a monthly real estate column again. Jill Rowland has been my business partner for the last 5 years here at Burns & Olson, and I joke that everyone likes her best. I'm not sure who's in charge, but she says it's obvious. In the real estate internet age of Zip Forms and Doc-u-sign, we take pride in our inter-personal skills with face to face discussion about the issues with our clients. We welcome the opportunity to chat with you about your real estate needs.

April Update: March started with a gloomy outlook. The government had been shut down, interest rates were up, it seemed most folks were in a "wait and see" mode. As I write today in mid-April, things are looking brighter! Interest rates are in the low 4's with good credit. More buyers are entering the market. Home inventory seems lower and many sellers want to find their new home before they list. Sold prices are holding close but with negotiations needed. Interestingly the higher price market is strong, especially in the East County.

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By **BILL HENDRIX**
*City of Happy Valley
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With winter behind us, you might be thinking about getting a jump on home projects that have gone idle or have been on your wish list to complete. If this rings true for you and you're thinking about enacting some home design changes, make sure you acquire the appropriate permits. Construction permits help protect you and your ventures, and insure the thoroughness, quality and safety provisions of the Oregon Residential Specialty Code. The Building Division wants to remind you that our purpose is not to be a hindrance to your ideas, but rather your ally in making sure your projects are completed using professional practices for the use and enjoyment of all.

With that in mind, you may wonder, "Are construction permits required for my project?"

The following is a list of examples that will need a City permit:

1. Porches or decks where the floor or deck is more than 30 inches above adjacent ground measured at any point within 3 feet horizontally off the floor or deck, and where in the case of a covered porch, the covered portion of the porch comes closer than 3 feet to a property line. Please also note that the City of Happy Valley requires any deck where the deck platform is more than 10 feet from the surrounding grade to be designed by a licensed State of Oregon Professional or Structural Engineer.
2. Replacements of guardrails or handrails on decks or platforms above 30 inches of the adjacent ground. Replacement of joists and beams in any deck above 30 inches of the adjacent ground.
3. Nonhabitable one-story detached accessory structures used as tool or storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, where the floor area exceeds



Construction permits ensure your home project meets safety requirements and help protect you. If you aren't sure if you need a building permit, you can always contact the City's Planning Division to double check.

200 square feet and is higher than 10 feet measured from the finished floor level, to the average height of the roof surface.

4. Fence installations, except for barriers around swimming pools as required in Appendix G of the ORSC, over 7 feet high and typical field fencing over 8 feet high not constructed of woven wire or chain link.
5. Retaining walls that are over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, and other walls retaining an uphill surcharge.
6. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and those that require additional support.
7. Patio covers, as defined by the ORSC AH102, and porch covers over 200 square feet that are supported by an exterior wall. Any free-standing patio cover or similar structure with a roof requires a permit.
8. Door and window replacements where a structural member (header) is changed.
9. Permits for re-roofing are required where more than 15 percent of the existing space sheathing is removed to facilitate the installation of new sheathing.
10. Any home remodel that includes an addition of living space or converting crawlspaces to useable spaces beneath the home.
11. Installation of furnaces and air-conditioning units, ei-

ther new or replacements.

12. Any interior remodel that

HOME IMPROVEMENT TIPS
TIP: Do your due diligence and make sure any contractors you hire are reputable and know what they are doing. The State of Oregon Construction Contractor's Board has a website where you can check to see if your contractor is up to date on their license and if they have pending claims against them. See <http://www.oregon.gov/ccb/Pages/index.aspx> to utilize this resource.
All contractors doing work in the City of Happy Valley, must be licensed and obtain a Happy Valley Business License.

18. Where construction activity may disturb any area in excess of 500 square feet, an erosion permit is required.
 19. Any alteration or installation of electrical circuitry, either indoors or outdoors, to include electrical panel replacements or sub-panel replacements. Please submit electrical applications directly to Clackamas County for permitting.
- This list is not exclusive and Planning Division requirements may be applicable for other projects not outlined here. If you have any questions about whether a permit is required for your project, our friendly permit staff can be reached by phone at 503-783-3800 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, or you can stop by City Hall at 16000 SE Misty Drive and inquire in-person.
- For those who are planning to sell their home in the future, Realtors typically run a permit check on listings to see if permits were issued for projects adding to the value of your home. If you have a permit that has not had a Final Inspection, please contact the Building Division.

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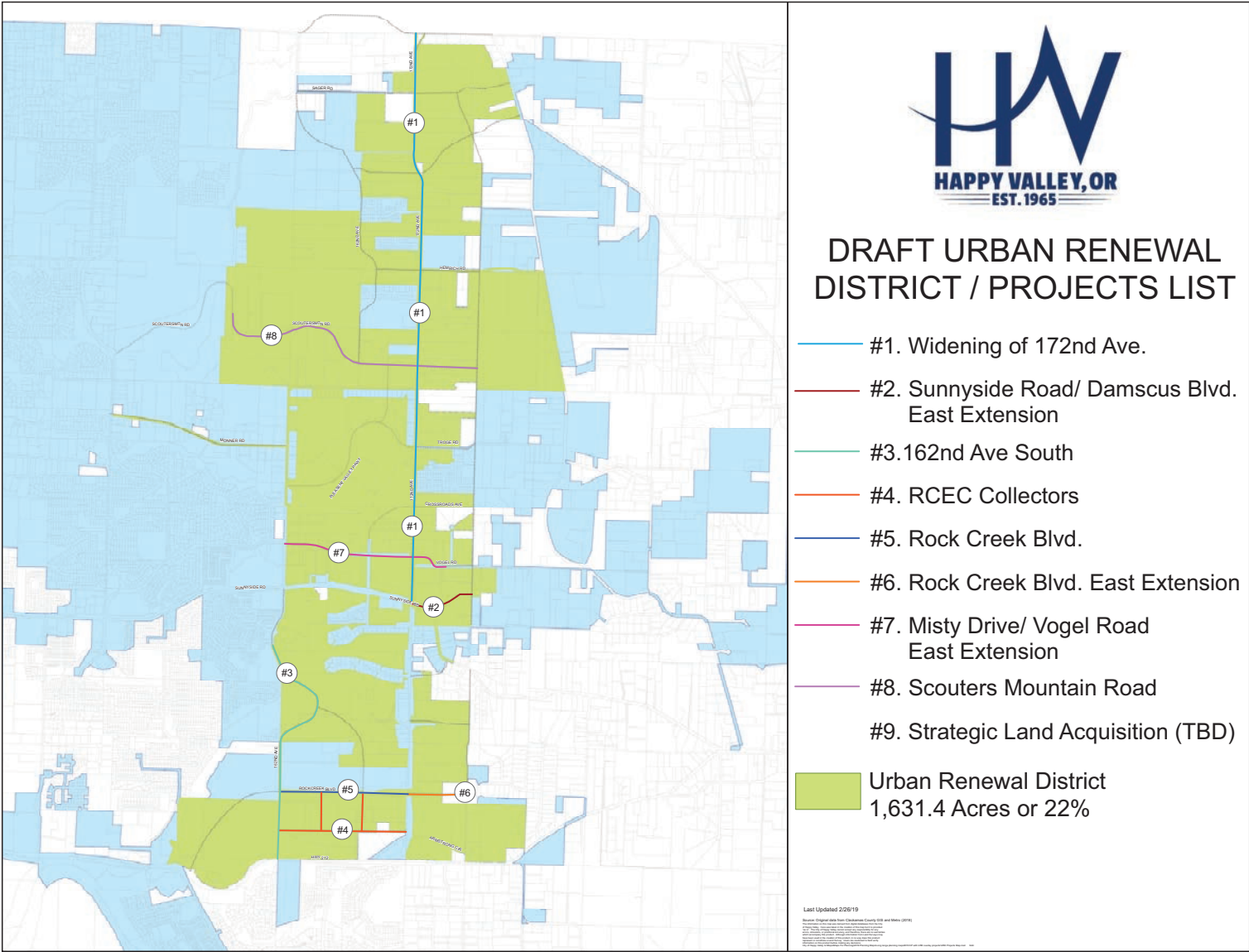
Infrastructure investments through urban renewal

City of Happy Valley

Over the course of the last few months, the City has engaged the public and other government agencies on an urban renewal plan to fund key infrastructure projects in east Happy Valley. For years, residents have asked for more investments in infrastructure, and the City Council is anxious to address those needs.

As a way to fund some of these projects, the City is considering the creation of an Urban Renewal District. Urban renewal is a tool used by many local governments across the country to fund key infrastructure projects. Most importantly, it does not increase permanent tax rates. Rather, it directs increased tax revenue as a result of new development in a specific area towards infrastructure investments. As assessed value grows in the district, the tax revenue generated from that growing base is dedicated towards the infrastructure projects.

To learn more about the plan and how to offer input, visit www.happyvalleyor.gov and look for the “Urban Renewal Plan.” If you would like to provide input or learn more, contact Ben Bryant, Assistant City Manager at benb@happyvalleyor.gov or 503-783-3840.



Pediatric clinic celebrates grand opening of new location

On April 24, Clackamas & Oregon Pediatrics celebrated their new location with an official ribbon cutting. Complete with colorful sea life murals and an open floorplan, this modern and inviting space offers pediatric services for infants, children and teens. The grand opening was a celebration, marking the clinic’s move from their SE Sunnyside location to a more spacious office near New Seasons. The new clinic offers additional parking, more exam rooms, and the opportunity for more doctors and specialists to provide services.

The clinical team is excited to offer families a practice that provides all aspects of wellness. Services at Clackamas & Oregon Pediatrics include routine care, behavioral health, and the bonus of

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specialists that focus on lactation, development, and outpatient surgical procedures. The clinic got its start over 20 years ago with the notion that every child deserves the opportunity to be healthy and happy. The practice is also rooted in a strong team approach. Staff are considered family and the practice demonstrates this all the way through to its logo which depicts youth receiving an embrace, connected by hearts.



Clackamas & Oregon Pediatrics celebrates its new Happy Valley location with an official ribbon cutting on April 24. The clinic offers comprehensive services to infants, kids and teens.



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May 2019 Library Events

The library will be closed Memorial Day, May 27.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Happy Valley Library Book Group: 6:30-7:45 p.m. Thursday, May 2.
■ Selection for May: “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry” by Fredrik Backman.
■ Selection for June: “A Visit from the Goon Squad” by Jennifer Egan.

American Mah Jongg: 1-4 p.m. Friday May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Creative Nonfiction Writers Group: 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday May 5, 19

Pinochle Club: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, 20

Note Night: 6:30-7:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. Featuring guitarist Chuck Bolsinger playing an eclectic mix of blues, folk, and country.

Classic Movie Night: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 9. May is for musicals! This month’s selection is a 1937 musical comedy starring a darling of screen and ice! Contact the library for title information.

String-Along Acoustic Jam: 2-5 p.m. Sunday, May 12, 26. Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed instrument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with other musicians.

Genealogy Club: 2-4 p.m. Monday, May 13

Board Game Connection: 5-7:45 pm Thursday, May 23. Gather around a table and connect with friends new and old over board games. New games will be featured every month.



ADULT PROGRAMS

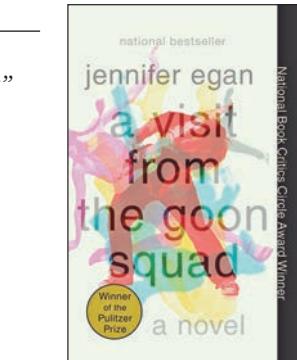
Organic Gardening Demystified: 6:30-7:45 pm Tuesday, May 14. “Organic” is a confusing word. In grocery stores, it means one thing. In gardens, it means another. Or does it? Come learn what it means when discussing fertilizers; plant, insect and fungus control; and caring for the environment and our health.

Behind the Music: Mussorgsky’s Pictures at an Exhibition: 6:30-7:45 pm Wednesday, May 15. Greg Scholl, a trombonist with the Vancouver Symphony, will talk about Modest Mussorgsky, Maurice Ravel, and the fascinating work “Pictures at an Exhibition.” He will also present some useful and interesting historical information from the context of the time the piece was written by Mussorgsky, and then orchestrated by Ravel.

AARP NeighborTalk: Saving Money. 10:30 a.m.-Noon Thursday, May 16. Whether you are working or retired, most of us are looking to find ways to save money while enjoying life and having enough resources for the essentials. Come share your ideas and tips on frugal fun, saving money, and finding help when you need it.

Paper and Spit: Genetic Genealogy. 6:30-7:45 pm Thursday, May 16. See accompanying story.

The ADRC: A Doorway to Wellness, Support, and Community. 6:30-7:45 pm Wednesday, May 22. Do you need information for yourself, a friend, or loved one about what services and programs are available for older adults, people with disabilities, and veterans? Come learn about the types of private and public resources available to individuals looking for assistance



Book Group selection for June.



Board Game Connection

Learn more at “Behind the Music,” a presentation about Mussorgsky’s 10-piece musical suite written after the composer visited an art exhibit of his friend, Viktor Hartmann.



Support and access to resources are key to being successful. This is especially true for the elderly, veterans, and people who are disabled. Attend the May 22 presentation by the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) to learn about services and programs available for this population.

and about the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), a free central source of information for all income levels.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Stretch, Dance, Play! With Iris Nason: 10:15 a.m. Wednesday May 8; ages 2-5

Homeschool Club — Outdoor Explorers: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday May 8; grades K-5

Music Time with Chuck Cheesman: 10:15 a.m. Wednesday May 15; ages 0-5

Dance Time: Zazzy Zoe: 10:15 a.m. Saturday May 18; ages 0-5

Let’s Lego! 1:30 p.m. Saturday May 18; grades K-5

Sign and Sing with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers: 10:15 a.m. Wednesday June 5 at for ages 2-5.

Sign & Play with Christina Shabow: 1 p.m. Wednesday May 15, 22; ages 0-24 months.

EGO Creative Building with Blair Archer: 4 p.m. Wednesday June 5; grades K-5



Zazzy Zoe gets the kids moving to lively songs made for dancing.



May the Fourth be with you at the upcoming Star Wars Party. The event includes crafts, games, and prizes!

FEATURED YOUTH PROGRAMS

Star Wars Party: 2-4 pm Saturday May 4. For all ages. Crafts, games, prizes. Be there, you must. Have fun, you will.

Mother’s Day Crafts: 1:30-2:30 pm Saturday May 11. For K-5. Make something special for mom, grandma, or auntie!

Author Visit with Aron Nels Steinke: 6:15 p.m. Tuesday May 21. Calling all comic book fans! Join Mr. Wolf author and illustrator Aron Steinke for a special family night of books and drawing. See accompanying story.

Summer Reading Program: Sign-ups start Saturday June 1. Get ready to explore a “Universe of Stories” in this year’s Summer Reading Program. Babies, kids, teens and adults can register to keep track of their reading this summer



Sign up to take part in the library’s Summer Reading Program and track all the great all your hard work. This year’s theme is “Universe of Stories.” Artwork by Happy Valley resident, Leala Tran, age 12.

and earn prizes. Find out more at happyvalleyor.gov/summerreading.

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The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) will be giving a presentation on May 22 at the Happy Valley Library.



Planning for the future

The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a free central source of information for all income levels. At a special presentation later this month, a representative will be available to talk more about all the helpful resources this organization has to offer.

Whether you are caring for a relative, need help understanding Medicare, or just want to know what services are available for older adults, people with disabilities, or veterans, this informational talk may be quite helpful. The ADRC simply aims to help people explore their options and gain access to the guidance they need to help plan for the future.

THE ADRC

A Doorway to Wellness, Support and Community

Wednesday, May 22; 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Happy Valley Library Resource Room

Local children’s author writes what he knows

Happy Valley Library

Aron Nels Steinke’s children’s book series, “Mr. Wolf’s Class,” is taking off. So much so that Steinke has been presented at Powell’s Books and embarked on book tours that have taken him to cities like San Francisco and New Orleans. Later this month, his journey will include a visit to Happy Valley Library.

Thankfully, a stop at the library isn’t much of a trek for Steinke. The author is a second and third grade teacher at Woodstock Elementary School in SE Portland. A professionally trained animator with a decade long history of making books and comics, Steinke spends his days teaching and creates graphic novels at night. But this isn’t any casual side gig. Steinke is an Eisner Award recipient, having earned the coveted recognition for his illustrations in

“The Zoo Box,” which was named Best Publication for Early Readers in 2015. For those unfamiliar with this award, it’s the equivalent of winning an Oscar in the comic book world.

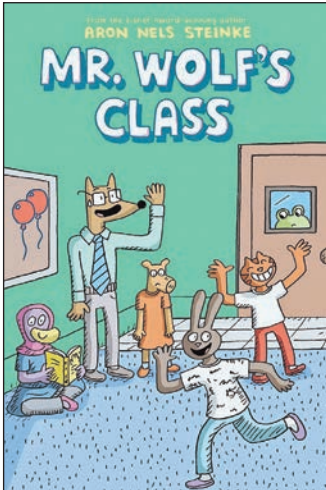
“Mr. Wolf’s Class” depicts animals of various types as they experience the trials and tribulations of elementary school situations. Mr. Wolf, the teacher, helps guide the students and even learns from them through such relatable situations as what it’s like to be the new kid. By writing what he knows, Steinke captures different perspectives and offers realistic experiences faced every day by kids and adults alike.

The author’s visit to Happy Valley Library is perfect for elementary students, parents, and anyone with an affinity for comics and graphic novels. His presentation will include a slideshow about the process of making a graphic novel and he



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Do you enjoy comics and graphic novels? Swing by the Happy Valley Library on May 21 for a presentation by Aron Nels Steinke, local cartoonist and children’s author.



“Mr. Wolf’s Class” pays homage to the everyday challenges of an elementary school classroom. Depicting perspectives from both the teacher and the students, it’s a perfect story for families to read together.

will be reading excerpts from his work and doing some live drawings. Attendees will be able to ask the author questions at the end.

Don Anderson learned several things as a result of his genealogy expedition. Originally believing he was of Native American descent, he then thought he was Irish until finally learning of his Scottish heritage.



Find out who you really are

Happy Valley Library

When an adoptee begins searching for his or her parents, it can become the ultimate life quest. The urge to find missing pieces to one’s personal history is simply that strong. But the fascination with seeking out familial roots isn’t exclusive to those who have been adopted. The curiosity to discover one’s origins is largely universal. With the introduction of mail-in DNA kits and popular television shows

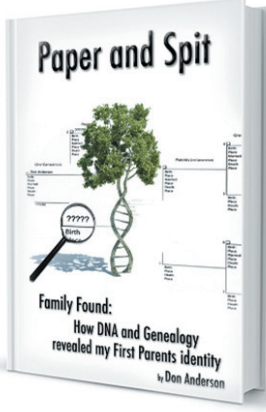
chronicling the discoveries of celebrity family trees, we’re riveted by the anticipation of finding out where we came from.

Don Anderson knows this feeling personally. As an adoptee in Oregon, Anderson yearned to identify his biological parents. He wanted to know who they were and capture his ethnic origins, too. His interest in finding this information wasn’t without hesitations. He questioned what would come of his findings – were his parents even alive? and most importantly, did his birth parents want to be found?

Within a few years, Anderson went from knowing absolutely nothing about his bloodline, to accumulating a wealth of information. Using a combination of

traditional genealogy and modern ancestral DNA tests, he literally uncovered a family history that was beyond his wildest dreams.

At his upcoming presentation at the Happy Valley Library, Anderson will share his story of using DNA and genealogy to discover his lineage. His curiosity to find his parents was just the beginning of the adventure. His search led him on a journey of twists and turns, encountering kindness from strangers and surprising information from unexpected sources, all leading to a satisfying con-



clusion. His book, “Paper and Spit” is a must read for all adoptees wishing to uncover the identities of their birth parents, but really, it’s a must read for anyone contemplating using their DNA to explore where they came from.

A husband, father, grandfather, voice coach, choral director and a native Oregonian, Anderson currently serves as a Project Administrator for Family Tree DNA. He assists adoptees in their search for biological family and shares his story in a very personal way. Even if adoption is not your story, Anderson’s journey just may inspire you to find out yours.



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Whether you have junk to be disposed of or gently used items perfect for donation, both will be accepted at Happy Valley Park Saturday, June 8 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Shredding truck

A shredding truck will also be on hand to safely dispose of your old paper files and documents. Limit two banker boxes per residence.

Boundries

Due to collection volume and space limitations, this event is limited to Happy Valley* residents. (*97086 zip code is not always within City boundaries. Bring I.D. for address verification within City boundaries.)

- To accommodate as many households as possible, we must specify:
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Donations

\$5.00 suggestion donation to the 4th of July Fireworks Fund gratefully accepted!

Save the Date! Dumpster Day returns on Saturday, June 8 at Happy Valley Park. Happy Valley residents will have an opportunity to drop off unwanted items from 8 a.m.-noon. A \$5 donation is greatly appreciated. Funds will help support the City's 4th of July Fireworks show.



Volunteers took a break during 2018's event and posed with some items. They say one person's trash is another person's treasure!

What we can't accept:

- **Hazardous waste:** paint, propane tanks
- All construction, demolition, or remodeling materials:
- **Flooring:** vinyl tiles, vinyl sheet, mastic
- **Walls:** plaster, decorative plaster
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- **Ceilings:** acoustical tiles, "popcorn" and spray-on texture

- **Insulation:** spray-applied, blown-in, vermiculite, pipe, HVAC and lagging
- **Electrical:** wire insulation, panel partitions
- **Other:** fire doors, fire brick, fire proofing
- Household garbage
- Commercial landscaping debris
- Residential yard debris – trimmings, sod, stumps, rock
- No refrigerators, freezers or appliances containing Freon (coolant fluorocarbons)

Items you can drop off:

- Unwanted household items**
- Electronics:** TVs and computer equipment for E-cycling
- Furniture:** Box springs, mattresses, couches, chairs
- Equipment:** BBQs, bicycles, exercise equipment
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- Tires:** Passenger car and light truck tires, any
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- ✳ Music & Dancing

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At the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation fundraiser, people raised their paddles to help citizens in their community affected by misfortune and tragedy.

Foundation raises \$75,000 for emergency aid

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

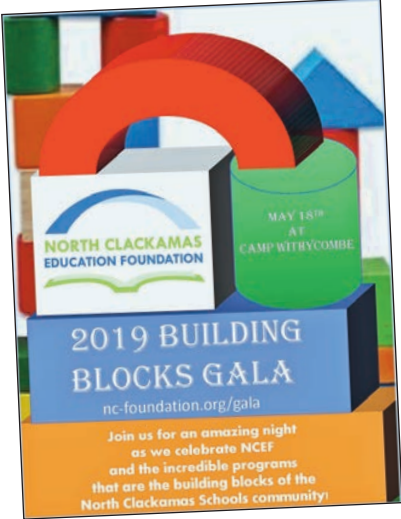
On Saturday, March 16, the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation held its eighth annual dinner and auction at Gray Gables Estate in Milwaukie to raise money for those in need in Clackamas County. With 200 people in attendance, the event raised over \$75,000 to “provide humanitarian

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,” according to the foundation’s mission statement. The honor guard of Clackamas and Multnomah counties presented the colors.

2019 Building Blocks Gala supports local students

Join the North Clackamas Education Foundation at their Annual Gala on Saturday, May 18 at Camp Withycombe for a live auction and dinner.

The North Clackamas school district serves more than 17,000 students in its 31 schools, from a variety of economic and social backgrounds. As population grows, the district faces increasing demands on resources. More than 34 percent of North Clackamas students qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, a commonly used indicator of poverty. Students in North Clackamas come from diverse backgrounds, speaking more than 56 native languages. The North Clackamas Education Founda-



tion, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, was founded in 1992 to provide educational opportunities to students in the North Clackamas School District. The Foundation grew out of the belief that equity and fairness have a great impact on the education of our students.

The North Clackamas Education Foundation strives to bring equitable educational offerings to the entire district. This is accomplished through fundraising and working with concerned private and public community partners. To become a sponsor, purchase a table, or buy a seat at the 2019 gala, please go to: <https://www.nc-foundation.org/gala>

Conversation with local sculptor Steve Farris



For artist Steve Farris, art can be created from anything and experimenting with materials can lead to something great. His sculpture, Orbe Abrégé, is currently on display outside Happy Valley City Hall.

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Anything can be an artform to the creative mind – even building furniture or modeling commercial fishing boats, according to Tualatin sculptor Steve Farris.

“Back when I was first starting to play around with making a living creating art, I was working as a fabricator for various Portland-area architects and designers,” Farris said. Interest peaked, he decided to build and design end tables for the annual Table, Lamp and Chair Competition.

“Since I didn’t have a lot of money, I used scrap iron and my designs were pretty austere... skip ahead a few years and I was making garden art from recycled materials.”

Farris’ garden art frequently depicted vase-shaped vessels welded from pipes and metal tanks. As his art began to sell at art and craft shows, he broadened his style to include larger and more dynamic pieces. One such sculpture, Orbe Abrégé, is currently on display at Happy Valley City Hall as part of the 2017-2019 Sculpture Garden Exhibition.

Orbe Abrégé is a contemplation on the balance between order and unpredictability. Slats of narrow steel rise into the air, tightly fanning around each other to form a rippling and symmetrical stem. Perched atop the stem is a fractured globe, made of short steel rods resembling the organic growth of tree branches.

Farris drew inspiration from many sources while sculpting Orbe Abrégé, water droplets in

particular. The sculpture’s stem was inspired by the splash that a raindrop makes when it breaks against a pond.

“I like it because of the...way that symmetry is followed closely in the base but broken down in the sphere. And yet, the two pieces of the sculpture complement each other, and both would look incomplete without the other.”

Evidence of his stylistic growth, Farris incorporated hidden elements into Orbe Abrégé. Nestled inside of the sculpture stem are solar lights, causing the sculpture to glow slightly during the dark night hours.

“This was my first sculpture with any kind of added lighting. But not my last. The evolution of this piece during construction has guided my work in new directions and I still consider it one of my most important sculptures.”

Reflecting on his experiences, and his growth, Farris offers advice for future aspiring artists: Get to work.

“If you want to be an artist - make art. Draw, paint, sculpt or whatever presents itself. Don’t worry about the accumulated rejections or the lack of money. The only way to become an artist is to work.”

The City thanks Mr. Farris for his contribution to the Sculpture Garden. Orbe Abrégé has been on exhibit outside of City Hall since July 2017 and will remain through June 2019. For questions and purchasing inquiries, please contact Jaimie Huff, 503-783-3828, jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov. To read Steve Farris’ complete interview, visit happyvalleyor.gov.



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Tree City

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create long term ecological health. Being recognized as a Tree City USA is considered an accomplishment and the designation is only given to cities that have met the agency's core standards of sound urban forestry management. The City of Happy Valley believes it is important to replenish the tree canopy and has made a commitment to establish a healthy, sustainable urban forestry program. To do this, Happy Valley invests in trees in a variety of ways, including purchasing trees for replanting and partnering with Friends of Trees several times throughout the year on

maintenance projects. The City also has a robust tree replacement requirement. Tree permits are required for any type of tree removal and tree mitigation is required for any healthy trees that are removed. If a developer is dividing land, the City requires the developer complete a Planned Unit Development (PUD) if more than 10% of the site is in environmentally constrained areas. This ensures a minimum of 20% of the final site contains open space which in turn results in more preservation of natural areas compared to traditional subdivisions found in other cities. If you would like to be part of future tree care events in the City, follow us on Facebook and keep an eye out for projects. Most activities in Happy Valley are scheduled in the Spring, so if you missed any of this year's events, you can always join us next year.



Oregon Department of Forestry representative, Jim Gersbach, presented the City with a banner in celebration of 15 years as a Tree City USA. Mayor Tom Ellis and City Councilor David Emami accepted the banner on the City's behalf. Following the ceremony, a volunteer project with Friends of Trees commenced at Happy Valley Park.

DISCOVER YOUR CITY

Instagram Challenge

Follow @CityofHappyValley to stay connected to City happenings and tag us in your photos from around town, as well. Want to be entered to win some fun prizes? Check out the Happy Valley Instagram Challenge and #ExploreHappyValley.

The City of Happy Valley is now on Instagram

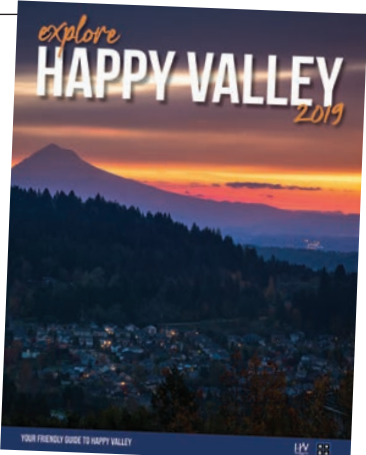
Have you had a chance to check out this year's Happy Valley Magazine yet? This annual publication provides a comprehensive review of all the events and services offered through the City. It is a great resource to have on hand as it provides helpful information about various programs and offerings around town. To add to the excitement, we're kicking off our new Instagram

account and want you to be part of the action. With Instagram, our goal is to share photos from our beautiful city and interact more with residents and visitors. We hope you will tag the City in your photos so we can live vicariously through your adventures in Happy Valley. Together, let's showcase all that makes this City one of the best places to live.

If you want an opportunity to win some prizes, we invite you to play our friendly Instagram game, as seen in the Happy Valley Magazine. Simply calculate which space on the gameboard is unique to you, complete the task, and document it with a post on your Instagram account. Be sure to tag us at @CityofHappyValley as well as any Happy Valley businesses applicable,

and don't forget to include #ExploreHappyValley so we can find your entry. You'll be entered in a drawing to win some fabulous Happy Valley goodies! Entries will be calculated based on successful completion of the challenge depicted and inclusion of the hashtag #ExploreHappyValley. A winner will be drawn at random and contacted via Direct Mes-

sage. Entries will be accepted through Dec. 31, 2019. Want to explore more of Happy Valley? Earn additional entries by completing more challenges! For full description of game rules, check out <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/community/new-in-town/> and click on the link to the Happy Valley Magazine. Now off you go, EXPLORE!



The 2019 Happy Valley Magazine provides a helpful overview of the City's events and services.

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Did you know May 12-18 is National Police Week?

If you see your Happy Valley Police out and about, please consider waving hello or taking the opportunity to thank them for their service. During this week, the nation honors all officers, including those who have died in the line of duty.

Happy Valley Police team up with clinicians to support community mental health

Happy Valley Police

Dedicated police services in Happy Valley are provided to residents via a contract between the City and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). As a result of this contract, Happy Valley police officers have access to an additional set of services that can further support them in their work.

One such example is the Clackamas County Behavioral Health Unit. The Behavioral Health Unit is comprised of several licensed clinicians who are trained to respond to emergencies involving a mental health crisis. When needed, a clinician will accompany a police officer on-scene to help deescalate an

individual and assess his or her mental health needs. Clinicians can conduct complete risk assessments and help police officers determine next steps based on the situation. In many cases, this type of intervention curbs individuals from unnecessary emergency room visits and incarcerations. This ultimately allows for less strain on law enforcement resources, hospitals, and jails.

A major benefit to utilizing the Behavioral Health Unit is that officers in Happy Valley can work col-



laboratively with clinicians and engage members of the community in a more trauma-informed way. In recognizing the need for mental health intervention, officers can contain situations that would be likely to escalate and reduce the time attributed to an emergency call of this nature. Clinicians can provide the follow-up to individuals who have had contact with law enforcement and help ensure the needed aftercare services are set up. For those who may be interested in learning more about the Clackamas County Behavioral Health Unit, a representative from

the team will be attending the City Council meeting on May 7 to share more about what they do.

In addition to the Behavioral Health Unit, the contract with the CCSO also provides the Happy Valley Police Department with access to the Drug Enforcement Task Force, Gang Task Force, Accident Reconstruction Team, Aero Unit, and S.W.A.T. These are only a few programs the Happy Valley Police Department can utilize, yet it demonstrates the comprehensive offerings available. Police services in Happy Valley are funded through a Local Option Levy, which is voted on by Happy Valley residents every five years. The next levy renewal will be in November 2019.

Don't get left in the dust



City of Happy Valley

There is still time to sign up for the Happy Valley Fun Run. The race, organized by Happy Valley Elementary School's PTO, is a professional event, complete with race shirts, timing chips and sponsor booths.

Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Participants can choose from three events which include a kids' one-mile dash, a 5k run/walk, or a 10k run.

The kids dash will begin at 8 a.m. while the 5k and 10k races will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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Community workshops gave Pleasant Valley and North Carver residents a chance to convene and talk specifically about what the areas might look like in the future. Attendees were tasked with giving their thoughts about land use and transportation planning.

Community workshops gather residents to help shape the future of Pleasant Valley and North Carver

With local input from the community, the City has been working to make sure that the Pleasant Valley/ North Carver (PV/NC) Comprehensive Plan is accountable and considers the future housing, employment, and infrastructure needs that will be necessary to help make the area beneficial for new and existing residents alike.

These efforts recently included public workshops where residents could learn about and comment on proposed ideas for land use, transportation and other related concepts.

The workshops, which took place on April 18 and 24, brought in many residents who were eager to share their ideas and hear more about the Comprehensive Plan's process. Each workshop focused on a specific geographical area (Pleasant Valley or North Carver) and included a combination of informational displays, live presentations, and small group discussions.



The PV/NC Comprehensive Plan provides the framework for the overarching integrated land use and transportation strategy. There are many potential benefits for this such as: safer roads over time; ability to reduce congestion; preserved natural spaces; an enhanced riverfront in Carver that people can use and enjoy; housing for those who live and work here; and a well-planned parks and trails system.

Whether you feel strongly about this plan and want to express your ideas, or simply want to be in the know about what is transpiring, getting involved is key.

Oregon Premier Futsal kicks facility plans

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Since opening eight years ago, Oregon Premier Futsal has offered residents an indoor facility to play the growing sport. In January, OPF achieved nonprofit status, which has allowed the organization to officially join with its affiliated outdoor soccer program: Eastside Timbers and Thorns, a one-of-a-kind organization in the metro area. Currently, plans are underway for OPF to build a 34,000-square-foot futsal complex in Gresham.

Futsal is a variant of outdoor soccer; besides being indoors, the court is smaller and on a hard surface, so the ball moves more quickly. The ball is weighted and intended to stay on the court. In futsal, there are five players compared to outdoor soccer, which has six.

General Manager Zane Fernandez said the complex will include three futsal courts, a team meeting room, pro shop, Cross-Fit gym, restaurant with bar, and a Providence Healthcare facility. It will be located next to the Eastside Timbers and Thorns' three turf soccer fields on Southeast 174th Avenue in Gresham. Once complete, OPF will close its Damascus location and move to the new Gresham facility. It is slated to open in two years.

"Butch Pollard, president of both Eastside Timbers and Thorns and OPF, is really invested in youth sports, and it's been his dream to build a community complex for kids. There aren't a lot of places for kids right now," Fernandez said. "It's been our goal since our opening, and our focus has always been the community. Our mission is to build a community center around futsal."

Fernandez also coaches for the Eastside Thorns, the girls' competitive soccer program. He grew up in Gresham playing soccer for the Eastside Timbers (called Eastside Soccer then) and Sam Barlow High School, where he graduated in 2010. Fernandez earned a premed degree, but



Kids get a kick out of the fast-paced game of futsal. The sport is gaining more popularity. Nonprofit Oregon Premier Futsal offers league play for adults and youth.

"From our leagues, camps and classes, we want to provide assistance for families so their kids can participate in our programs. Our nonprofit status affords us the opportunity to officially set up the scholarship fund and acquire donations and receive sponsorships," Fernandez said. "We have always offered discounts for people who needed it, but we're happy to set up this new fund."

Currently, OPF offers classes, camps and league play for both youth and adults. Up until now, the focus was youth, but recently, OPF began organizing more leagues for adults, including a beer league.

"The Walking Beer Futsal league is so much fun. For spring, our adult league is starting soon, and we're only charging \$300. It lasts eight weeks, and every player receives a beer at their first game," he said.

In the summer, OPF offers summer camps and clinics for youth including a Futsal Fun Camp where players attend an all-day, weeklong camp for ages 6 to 12 and all skill levels. Plus they have a Flex Train program targeting more competitive kids where the focus is on three pillars: physical, technical and tactical. Flex Train is in partnership with West Coast Soccer Labs and Athlete Supreme Athletic Performance Training.

"Many younger players only play futsal until 11 or 12, and they then play soccer. Across the country, it's huge.

OREGON PREMIER Futsal

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Oregon Premier Futsal has scholarship money available for youth interested in playing futsal. For more information, visit: opfutsal.com.

We're a part of the wave of soccer growing, and futsal is growing. Portland has one of the largest established youth leagues in the country," Fernandez said.

OPF partnered with Rose City Futsal and Eastmoreland Sports Club in 2017 to create the NW Futsal League with over 600 youth teams playing citywide.

"There are a few major benefits: You get more touches on the ball, it's much faster, and you need to think quicker. For kids, you get to stay engaged more, everybody on the team has to stay involved, and the kids have more fun. Plus, the parents get to stay inside, and the kids don't get dirty," he said. "The developmental benefits are big by playing futsal."

Oregon Premier Futsal is located at: 12402 S.E. Jennifer St. Ste. 190B Clackamas, OR 97015
Phone: 503-905-5023
Visit: opfutsal.com

SUBMIT IDEAS

If you were unable to make it to a Community Workshop, there is still opportunity to express your ideas and give feedback. Check out the City's website and click on the Online Workshop link which will be available through mid-May. There, you will find information about the Comprehensive Plan and places to submit your thoughts and concerns. www.happyvalleyor.gov/business/pvnc

The City is encouraging residents and interested parties to stay informed and voice their ideas by attending any of the ongoing public Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings. These meetings cover topics related to what residents wish to see as this Comprehensive Plan unfolds and provide opportunities for open dialogue and questions. The next CAC meeting is set for June 20th at 6:00PM at City Hall (This will be a joint meeting between the TAC and the CAC) and the Comprehensive Plan is slated to be completed by Summer 2020.

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Aaron Hazel recently won the Positive Coaching Alliance's 2019 Double-Goal Coach Award.

La Salle football coach wins national award

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

La Salle Prep head football coach and assistant athletic director Aaron Hazel was one of 50 coaches nationwide to win the Positive Coaching Alliance's 2019 Double-Goal Coach Award.

Hazel, a health and PE teacher, was selected to win the award from nearly 1,000 contenders across the country. He will receive \$200, a certificate and an invitation to accept his award at Santa Clara University during an awards presentation and benefit from PCA.

"Aaron's approach supports keeping all kids who want to play on the field," said Chris Van Wagner, whose son, Lucas played under Hazel. "He surrounds himself with a coaching staff that supports his approach, and the kids are the benefactors."

And like all good coaches, Hazel teaches his players life lessons.

"Aaron shares with his athletes and their families that his goal is to make them better men, better husbands, bet-

ter parents, better friends," Van Wagner said. "He shares that football is an avenue to learn these values, and is merely only a start to what they will find important later on in life."

Hazel played football during his high school career at La Salle Prep and graduated from Eastern Oregon University. Along with teaching, Hazel has coached football, basketball, baseball and girls golf at Vancouver's Skyview High School before returning to his alma mater in 2014.

"Above everything else, I try to teach our student-athletes that they're part of something bigger than themselves, and that their actions have an impact on others," Hazel said. "It's my hope that they develop the ability to have disciplined responses to the events they encounter on a daily basis."

"Understanding that their response is an event to someone else is a concept that I believe will set them apart from everyone else, giving them the skills and characteristics to be leaders in their community."

Happy Valley dojo masters compete in world competition

Seong, Wilson bring home gold, bronze taekwondo medals

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Recently, Minki Seong and Dan Wilson from U.S. World Class Taekwondo-Happy Valley competed in the U.S. Open Taekwondo Championship tournament in Las Vegas. The tournament is a G-2 world-ranking point event where competitors earn points for a coveted place on the U.S. national team. Over 3,000 competitors attended the tournament including athletes from over 80 countries.

"The U.S. Open was like the Super Bowl of taekwondo. It was incredible to watch top-caliber athletes from around the world perform taekwondo with such amazing precision and accuracy. As with any event like this, there was incredible excitement for winners, and others felt the agony of defeat," Wilson said. "But all competitors showed a great deal of respect and appreciation to each other."

Seong, owner of the Happy Valley dojo, holds a sixth-degree black belt and has been vying internationally for over 20 years. He competed against the reigning champion in the under-40 division earning a gold medal.

"This division is very competitive, and a victory in this division is like winning the lottery. It's amazing that we have a world-ranked taekwondo champion running a taekwondo school right here in Happy Valley," Wilson said.

Wilson holds a third-degree black belt and is the lead instructor at U.S. World Class Taekwondo-Happy Valley. He earned a bronze medal at the Las Vegas tournament.

"As for my competition, my chest was tight, and



Submitted Photos
Minki Seong, won gold at the U.S. Open Taekwondo Championship tournament in Las Vegas.

Seong, owner of U.S. World Class Taekwondo-Happy Valley and instructor Dan Wilson share a moment at the tournament.

my heart was beating hard. I was able to use this feeling to get into the competitor zone. I used my training to let muscle memory take control," Wilson said. "I've learned the key is preparation by training hard, hours of practice and expert coaching. I prepared as best I could and earned a bronze medal. My competitor bettered my efforts this time."

Additionally, five athletes from U.S. World Class Taekwondo-Happy Valley competed in seven events at the 2019 Washington State Championships in Lacey, Washington. Total medal count: one gold, six silver and one bronze.



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Making waves with water safety

Clackamas Fire District 1

Making waves with water safety

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 stay safe:

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- If you're not planning on swimming, be cautious around ocean shorelines, rivers and lakes. Remember that cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards are dangerous.



- Be aware of underwater obstructions in low water levels.
- When boating, wear a life jacket!
- Avoid alcohol use which impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and driving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.
- Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub.
- Enroll in home pool safety, water safety and CPR/AED courses to learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies.



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You may have seen the City's radar trailer. This portable, convenient piece of equipment sits just off to the side of the road and notifies you of how fast you're going via an illuminated reader board. Occasionally, it resides on Ridgecrest, other times it posts up on 132nd Avenue, and most recently, it spent some time on Nightingale.

Don't be fooled. This compact machine doesn't just clock your speed. It can do much more by providing the City with helpful information that ultimately serves you, the resident.

Numerous studies have shown the benefits of using radar speed signs and trailers. These little machines not only provide a nice visual reminder for motorists to slow down and maintain posted traffic speeds, but they also deliver quantifiable data. Areas needing special attention, such as those that incur frequent vehicle accidents or pose pedestrian

safety hazards are perfect examples. The radar trailer has the capability to collect traffic count data and speed data throughout the day, which can then be used to help identify when and where more traffic enforcement is needed. This feedback in turn helps the City and Happy Valley Police Department (HVPD) develop action plans to address issues. This might lead to additional surveillance by a traffic officer or give reason for the City to come up with an alternative safety intervention.

The radar trailer is set up by the City's Code Enforcement Team which is comprised of Community Service Officers. This team is typically alerted to problematic areas when multiple residents submit concerns to the City requesting help or an influx of vehicle accidents occur. Community Services Officers set up the trailer in the designated location and begin collecting data right away. The duration for data collection varies, but information is recorded 24/7 during the entire stint.

Statistics such as when traffic is at its peak, number of cars that travel the area, and general speeds are tallied. Altogether, the evidence helps shape what, if anything, needs to be done.

Radar trailers do not capture license plate numbers or take photos of drivers as they pass. Speeding tickets aren't issued because of someone's speed on the reader board either. This doesn't mean you won't escape a ticket if a Happy Valley Police Officer finds you exceeding the speed limit, however. Through the radar trailer's data collection, police officers might be alerted to sections of road that leadfooted drivers take advantage of. Officers might monitor that stretch of road more closely and that could lead to an issued ticket.

Feedback provided by the radar trailer is crucial to helping the City respond to and troubleshoot traffic situations. In the end, increasing public safety and reducing hazards are key to helping us all enjoy the City of Happy Valley.



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Strong opinions inspire Happy Valley mom to fundraise for books about diversity, inclusion

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Recently, the Scouters Mountain Parent Teacher Association held a discussion about how the PTA spends funds on inclusive books about diversity and race for the school library. Meetings were held by the PTA with interested citizens to understand how the PTA receives grant requests from teachers and what process is followed. Much of the community discussion was hashed out on Facebook leaving many wanting to learn more about how the PTA operates and what the North Clackamas School District policy is regarding books on subjects like inclusion, diversity, sexuality and race.

Out of the dispute came a quick response from April Dobson, a mother, educator and community organizer, who immediately set up a Facebook Gogetfunding account to buy books about diversity and race for Beatrice Morrow Cannady Elementary School, which is slated to open this fall.

"I used Facebook to fund the new library because much of the community organizing and sharing of information around the issue of the Scouters diversity library was happening there. So it was an easy place to gather the people who were already invested in standing up for the little guy ... and to focus them forward to the next point of community action, because it's not just about Scouters Mountain, it's about all the schools in the district," Dobson said. Because Dobson, a mother of three children attending different schools in the district, will have one of her children attending Cannady Elementary, she wanted to make certain all children have access to books about diversity.

Over 24 hours, Dobson raised \$650 for the school library. Two other Happy Valley women were inspired to follow Dobson's lead and raised funds for their children's school libraries- \$750 for Verne Duncan Elementary School, and \$400 for Spring Mountain Elementary School earmarked for diversity books.

"I wanted to run with the momentum the community had after this issue," Dobson said.

Although the elementary schools in North Clackamas School District, including Scouters Mountain and Spring Mountain Elementary Schools, already have an extensive collection of books about inclusion, diversity, race and ethnicity, the fundraising efforts will help purchase newer titles on these topics.

Associate Director of Elementary Programs for NCSD, Jennifer Dove-Kiltow, explains



Local mom, April Dobson, raised \$650 for her child's school library. A social activist, she felt compelled to make a difference after a divisive argument at Scouters Mountain Elementary.

that books for the libraries are acquired through a collaborative process involving input by library staff and local patrons within the parameters of the district collection development.

The district media specialist maintains an evolving list of vetted titles that conform to district policy, and selections are made from this list for orders with the goal of providing comparable access to information and ideas at all schools.

"We work to ensure that books in our libraries reflect our communities. Books, after all, are windows and mirrors offering a view or reflection of our identities and cultures. We want our students to see themselves and their lives in books. The work of making sure that we have books that do this in our schools is an ongoing process that doesn't end. There-

fore, not all schools have the same collection of books," Dove-Kiltow said.

Furthermore, the district encourages families to reach out to the leadership of their school if they would like to support any fundraising endeavors. Parents can support the school with district-approved materials to support a school focus such as books in languages other than English, as well as books that reflect student and community populations or STEM-focused material.

"As a school district, we value equity for every student, and we want our book collections to positively reflect members of our community and the value NSCD places on kids and families, embracing race, ethnicity, language, family economics, family makeup, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, mental and physical ability and religion," Dove-Kiltow said. "Our libraries, just as our classrooms, should support inclusion and acceptance."



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Spring plays light up CHS, La Salle Prep stages

Happy Valley News

Both Clackamas High School and La Salle Prep have spring plays to entertain theater-goers.

CHS tackles ‘High School Confidential’

Clackamas High School presents “High School Confidential” a comedy/drama with song.

The show runs 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, 17 -18, with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, May 19, at CHS, 14486 S.E. 122nd Ave.

“High School Confidential” takes a look at the complexity of the lives of teenagers today, while also gently dealing with the epidemic of teen suicide. The play explores the impacts of social media, academic pressure, parental expectations, relationships and the general anxiety of growing.

The audience meets a group of students waiting for the school bus on a Monday morning. The play follows them throughout a day as they deal with the demands of school. The students speak the truth of their lives with humor, honesty and insight as they try to make sense of the suicide of one of their classmates. By the end of the day, many issues are confronted, and the students face their lives with hope rather than despair.

To purchase tickets, visit: www.seatyourself.biz/clackamas. Cost is \$7 for students, \$12 for adults.

Box office opens at 6:30 p.m. Tickets also are available at the door.

La Salle Prep puts on ‘Beauty and the Beast’

“We are humbled and thrilled to have the chance to bring this story to the La Salle stage,” said artistic director Michael Shelton. “Beauty and the Beast” is a delightful, meaningful story about true love, who we really are, what really matters.”

Shows are at 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 3- 4, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee Sunday, May 5. Music teacher Otto Wild directs the vocals and band director John Donnelly conducts the orchestra, which is made up of student and professional

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Clackamas High School's spring play, “High School Confidential” tackles issues that teenagers face each day.

La Salle Prep actors Grace Winningham, Luke Wild, and Alison Paguio perform a scene from Disney's “Beauty and the Beast.” SUBMITTED PHOTO

musicians.

The show will feature extravagant costumes, many of which were rented from Westview High School in Beaverton, the first high school in the country to perform “Beauty and the Beast” when rights were first made available to the public nearly 20 years ago.

“Costumes are hugely important to this show,” Shelton said. “It’s a Disney show about magic and love and enchanted castles. There is a lot of specific, story-driven detail, which needs to go into the costumes to allow for functionality within the story.”

The show is being staged by dozens of student actors, directors, crew members and musicians with the support of a team of teachers, parent volunteers and professionals.

“Here at La Salle, we’re blessed with talented and dedicated students who have poured themselves into this production,” Shelton said. “I think the audience is going to be struck by the quality of the student designers and performers in this show.”

To purchase tickets, visit: lsprep.org. The cost is \$10 for students; adults pay \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Scholarships available for local youth musicians, academics, artists and athletes

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Local nonprofit Hoops for Hope is championing Happy Valley kids who are in need of financial help to continue their academic, artistic, musical or athletic endeavors.

Hoops for Hope will accept scholarship applications from students currently attending Clackamas High School or a feeder school of CHS. To apply, visit hvhoopsforhope.org.

“Hoops for Hope is a charity dedicated to helping our youth fulfill their dreams. We provide financial assistance to deserving Clackamas youth who demonstrate a need and wish to pursue an academic, musical and athletic endeavor,” said board member Wendy Wilson.

This year’s Hoops for Hope 3-on-3 Tournament, the organization’s sole fundraising event, is set for Sunday, Sept. 9, at Clackamas High School for boys and girls in grades 3-12.

To apply for a scholarship or register for the tournament, visit hvhoopsforhope.org.



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