

LET’S PLAY! City welcomes new All Abilities Park

City of Happy Valley

Saturday, Oct. 19 was a big day for Happy Valley as the community celebrated the Grand Opening of a new All Abilities Park. The inclusive play area, which is stationed near covered area A at Happy Valley Park, is designed to promote the healthy development of all children’s physical, cognitive and sensory abilities and serves as a space that will give everyone the chance to play, grow and learn together.

The afternoon included a short program and an official ribbon cutting that incorporated a handmade paper chain created by students from Scouters Mountain Elementary School. The craft provided a fun and child-centric way to celebrate the new play structures.

Barrier-free access to play can be hard to find for many children and their families. Most play structures are geared toward very specific physical skill sets and can be quite difficult for those who struggle with range of motion or need supportive devices to aid in their movement. Having an all abilities play structure means anyone can participate in play regardless of ability, age, or social status.

The All Abilities Park was created in partnership between the City of Happy Valley and Rotary of Clackamas and by the generosity of several major donors.



Mayor Tom Ellis and Happy Valley City Councilors join members of Clackamas Rotary in cutting the ceremonial ribbon, a festive paper chain created by students at Scouters Mountain Elementary, at the All Abilities Park Grand Opening on Oct. 19.



A perfect spot for families with kids of various ages, the All Abilities Park offers equipment for many skill sets.



Ben Kriloff (seated) enjoys some time on the park's swing while his dad, Sean Kriloff, looks on.



Bigger kids and those who are efficient at climbing can experience a challenge, too as some play structures offer more advanced skill building.



Happy Valley's All Abilities Park offers open space with a variety of play structures and stations. Many pieces of equipment offer support by way of more stable play and options to play at a child's own pace.



Learn the facts about coyotes in the city and understand how they navigate their habitat.

Coyote: friend or foe?

Animal sightings on rise, but no major cause of alarm

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

If you live in Happy Valley, you probably have seen a coyote or two. Many residents post photos of coyotes boldly walking through their neighborhoods. For some people, this can be alarming. But should you be concerned?

Seeing coyotes in the daytime is not uncommon; many people assume that coyotes are nocturnal, but that isn't entirely true. Coyotes tend to be nocturnal when living near humans, but will hunt any time, especially with pups to feed. Yes, small pets often are prey for coyotes, but rodents are their predominant source of food. They also eat birds, insects, fruit, human garbage and pet food. Coyotes typically weigh between 22 and 20 pounds and hunt alone.

Happy Valley resident Christine Anderson, a biology instructor at Mt. Hood Community College, said that eliminating a coyote from its habitat could have unintended effects.

"When you remove coyotes from their home, the population immediately reduces, but

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Last month, the City combined its annual Harvest Fest with a new Oktoberfest flare. It was an audacious new addition that took a considerable amount of time to plan, organize, and produce. It took new vendors, sponsors, and volunteers. Looking back on the event and thinking of all the residents who were having a great time with their family, I wanted to make sure to express my gratitude for our City Staff who gave up a weekend to make the event happen. Our team at City Hall, led by City Manager Jason Tuck, constantly impress me with

their dedication and quality of work. Beyond their work with the Harvest/Oktobfest, the City team is hard at work all year around. Next month, the City Council and I are set to receive a presentation from the City's Senior Management on the progress we have made during 2019 on our key initiatives. After seeing a sneak peek at the report, I must say, I'm blown away. Not only has the City staff made significant progress on the City Council's priorities, they continue to provide high quality customer service while processing a

record number of requests from residents in the community. It's truly the quality of their work, not just in the quantity, that impresses me most. Sure, the Library checks out more children's materials than any other library in Clackamas County, but that's only because of the quality of programs that bring people into the building. The City continues to grow the number and size of community events such as the Harvest/Oktobfest, 4th of July Festival, Summer Concerts, and Movies in the Park, but it's the additional value our team brings to each event that amazes me.

The reason we have such a great team is because our employees care about this community and devote countless hours to make it better. I'm truly inspired by our City staff members. We are very fortunate to have them. The City Council and I recognize that none of our ideas and initiatives would be possible without City employees. They are highly trained, skillful, and thoughtful. I'd argue they are the best around. If you see them around town, please join me in thanking them for all their dedicated service to Happy Valley.

Partnership with Rotary leads to new playground in Happy Valley

In September, we had the opportunity to roll up our sleeves and join many volunteers from the Rotary Club of Clackamas to build an All Abilities Park playground at Happy Valley Park. Since then, the City's Public Works team finished most of the final details, including the installation of a special rubber flooring that will offer a safer and more comfortable foundation for those using the area. After all that hard work, we met two weeks ago for the official ribbon cutting. This is a great moment for Happy Valley. As one of the first of its kind in the area, this playground is an exciting new amenity in our community. The playground will serve all kids, regardless of physical or developmental abilities, and will be in proximity to several other communal areas within the Park. It boasts spacious areas that can be traversed by various means and will have equipment designed specifically for mobility and sensory challenges. Children will have access to a variety of activities that promote safety, tactile interest, and of course, fun. This project wouldn't have been possible without the support from the Rotary Club of Clackamas and the generous donations from many local families. We want to give special thanks to generous donations from the Fuller Family, Lyla J. Husband, and Bill McCracken and Pam Husband. Thanks also to everyone who came to the build day as a way to give back to our community.

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Mayor Ellis and the City Council joined members from the Rotary Club of Clackamas at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the All Abilities Park Playground.

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Probst! City's Harvest Fest and inaugural Oktoberfest receives warm welcome



CIRCLE: A pumpkin decorating booth let the kids get creative.

City of Happy Valley

Residents and visitors alike enjoyed a fun-filled day at Happy Valley Park on Saturday, Oct. 12 during the annual Harvest Fest and first ever Oktoberfest.

Through a tourism grant from Mt. Hood Territory, local taphouse Valley Growlers and the City of Happy Valley joined forces to bring the festive event to fruition alongside generous sponsors.

Between pumpkins, wagon rides, dog races, and a lively beer garden, the day paid homage to Fall and the traditional German festival.



Wagon rides led attendees around the park.



Pumpkins everywhere! Kids had an opportunity to pick out a pumpkin to keep.



Going for the win! Kid contestants got serious during the pie eating contest.



Dog races were the highlight of the day. Weiner dogs, Corgis, and a special category for dogs under 20lbs led to lots of laughs and applause.



Mayor Tom Ellis (center) helps kick off the day's festivities with City Council. Pictured left to right (Councilor Markley Drake, Councilor David Emami, Emcee Gustav, Mayor Tom Ellis, Community Services Director Steve Campbell, Council President Brett Sherman, and Councilor David Golobay)



A petting zoo welcomed kids of all ages.



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OPERATION Santa Claus



Get ready to help families in need this holiday season with Clackamas Fire and Santa

City of Happy Valley

The Operation Santa Claus program is organized by Clackamas Fire District #1 volunteers and employees to help provide toys and food baskets to local families in need. The funding is largely supported by the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation and donations from members of the community. This year, the season kicks off on Nov. 30.

All Clackamas Fire District #1 community fire stations will have collection barrels so the public can drop off donations of new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food. Ma-



ny local businesses will be participating as donation sites as well, including Clackamas Town Center's Giving Tree, which is partnering with the foundation in this year's efforts. On top of that, 15 neighborhood parades will provide yet another opportunity for residents to get involved.

During the parades, fire district volunteers and employees lead Santa's fire engine down neighborhood streets to collect non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys. These donations alone are

used to fill hundreds of food boxes for families in need.

Capt. Brandon Paxton, public information officer for Clackamas Fire District #1 said, "last year's Operation Santa collected nearly 54,000 pounds of food and over 8,300 toys to serve 2,118 citizens."

Operation Santa Claus Parades in Happy Valley include:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
Happy Valley Station 6, 12901 SE King Rd., 6:00-9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
Happy Valley Station 6, 12901 SE King Rd., 6-9 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
Pleasant Valley Station 7, 10921 SE 172nd Ave., 6-9 p.m.

Please check our website for a complete list of parade dates and parade route maps at: www.clackamasfire.com.



Santa waves as he heads out on his fire engine during a neighborhood parade last year. Volunteers and fire district employees run alongside, collecting new toys and food from residents during this popular event.

Free resource fair to provide information about senior services



Coordinated by Friends of the Milwaukie Center, this annual event showcases a large variety of senior living communities and senior resource providers and services in the North Clackamas and adjoining areas. Representatives are on hand to answer questions face to face and share information about housing resources and other necessary services for seniors.

Learn about: Estate Planning and Wills, Insurance Plans, Downsizing and Moving Options, Real Estate Advice, Financial Planning, Health and Nutrition Support Services and of course Housing Alternatives, Home Visiting Agencies and Independent and Assisted Living Options. This is a great opportunity to get some helpful information and get all of your questions answered in one place!

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A free resource fair offers seniors and their families a way to learn more about local housing and service options.

HVBA

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Providence Medical Group to consultants to government-aligned organizations, like Clackamas County Fire District #1 and Clackamas County Dog Services. Sarish, senior mortgage adviser at Sunrise Mortgage, encourages residents to consider joining as a representation of their business or the business they work for. Standard membership is \$150.

At member meetings, guest speakers from across Oregon give talks on various subjects.

"We try to align the guest speakers with what's current and how it could affect us as a business or community. We want someone dynamic so that we learn something when we leave. We have Major League Baseball representatives, motivational speakers, congress people and we even had someone speak about Pickathon," Sarish said. "We even have the mayor, chief of police and the fire chief all attend the meetings and talk to us about what is



Happy Valley Alliance President Ana Sarish.

happening in the city. It's really part networking and part learning."

Recently, HVBA sponsored the City of Happy Valley Youth Council's drive-in movie night.

"The drive-in movie was a success, and it was a fun and unique event for our community. We are sponsoring the Rotary's All-Access Park, too. We want to be engaged in community events so we will continue to sponsor other city events," Sarish said.

As president this fiscal year, Sarish hopes to promote more business networking within the alliance and court new membership.

"I want to get more marketing out to help change the platform for more business diversity to reach everyone. Our business orientation needs to broaden to how we can best serve our businesses," Sarish said. "Happy Valley is such a great market because people here really do support each other. We need to get our names out more, so residents know who to support."

"We are helping to shape the direction of the city. There needs to be a healthy balance in a city of business and community, and I see us as part of that."

For more information, visit: HVBA.biz.

HVBA meetings

■ **Monthly board meetings:** 7:30-9 a.m. the third Wednesday of month at City Hall, 16000 S.E. Misty Drive; open to anyone

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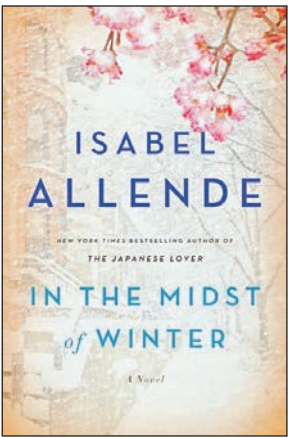
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November 2019 Library Events

The library will be closed for Thanksgiving on Nov. 28 and 29

ADULT PROGRAMS



Grab a copy of next month's Book Group selection. In the Midst of Winter essentially tells the intersecting life stories of three people who are brought together by a car accident in the snow.

Happy Valley Library Book Group: Thursday, November 7, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

■ Selection for November: News of the world by Paulette Jiles

■ Selection for December: In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende

Managing Thoughts and Emotions: Tuesday, November 12, 3:30-5 p.m. Our mind and body are interconnected. That's why managing thoughts and emotions is so important for reducing stress and improving our health and quality of life. Attendees at this presentation will follow a guided meditation exercise that will encourage them to experience how thoughts behave and how to respond more wisely to stimuli. The good news is that through mindfulness meditation practice we can change the content



and quality of our thoughts in our body/ mind to lead happier and more peaceful lives. Presenter, Surja Tjahaja

holds an MBA degree from the University of Southern California. He is especially interested in how meditation promotes neuroplasticity and healing. He currently teaches meditation in the Portland, Oregon area in the cities of West Linn, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie and Oregon City.

Practicing mindfulness is something everyone can do. Join us on Nov. 12 as Surja Tjahaja explains how to apply mindfulness teachings to real life situations.

American Mah Jongg: Fridays, 1-4 p.m.

Pinochle Club: Mondays, November 4 and 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Note Night: Wednesday, November 13, 6:30-7:30 pm Enjoy some live music while you browse for books, or sit and savor the sounds. This month

features the jazz duo Silverwood, with Chris Lee on vibraphone and Shao Way Wu on bass, playing classic, contemporary and original jazz compositions.

String-Along Acoustic Jam: Sundays, November 10 and 24, 2-5 p.m. Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other

stringed instrument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with other musicians.

Genealogy Club: onday, November 25, 2-4 pm. Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips.

ADULT FEATURED PROGRAMS

Game Day: Saturday, November 2, 12-5 pm. Board games, card games, party games: get your game on all afternoon at the library! Stay for as little or as long as you like. November will feature empire building games. We'll have a plethora of games, old and new, to explore!

Craft Night: Popcorn Ears of Corn. Tuesday, November 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come make fun ears of corn filled with ready-to-eat popcorn! Adorn them with a hand-decorated gift tag, and they're perfect for sharing with friends and family!

Classic Movie Night: Thursday, November 14, 6-7:45 p.m. Relive classic films from the silver screen or enjoy them for the first time. Casual moviegoers and film buffs alike are welcome to come and share a cinematic experience at the library. This month's film is a 1944 dark romantic mystery. Contact the library for movie title.

"A Christmas Carol" Staged Reading: Wednesday, November 20, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Experience the Dickens classic for the first time, all over again. This performance is like campfire

storytelling... with dialogue! Come and behold: with just words, we will plunge you into the action and reveal the world you're in, bit by bit. If you're ready for a whole new kind of Dickens experience, get ready for some surprises... All in a wild, witty whirlwind of storytelling.

Bigfoot in Our Backyard!: Saturday, November 23, 2-3:30 p.m. Joe Beelart, author of "The Oregon Bigfoot Highway", has been chasing Bigfoot in Clackamas County and all over Oregon for 25 years. His book details verifiable sightings, track finds, and other Bigfoot related incidents in the 70 miles between Estacada and Detroit, Oregon.

Craft Night: Felted Penguins Tuesday, December 3, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Learn the basics of needle felting by making a fuzzy penguin. Artist LeBrie Rich will teach you about the tools and techniques for sculpting wool with a felting needle. With an optional acorn cap beret, your little penguin can become an ornament.



Love Dog Man books? The newest installment of the series, Fetch 22, is cause for celebration. Hang out at the library for some fun as we commemorate the occasion!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

Homeschool Club: Drawing Class Nov. 14; at 10:15 a.m., for grades K-5.

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

Dance Time: Talullah's Daddy. Nov. 16; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 0-5.

Let's Legol!: Nov. 16; at 1:30 p.m., for grades K-5.

Sign & Play: Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20; at 1 p.m., for ages 0-24 months.

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Fogel of Tiny Talkers: Dec. 4; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 2-5.

LEGO Creative Building with Blair Archer: Dec. 4; at 4:00 p.m., for grades K-5

YOUTH FEATURED PROGRAMS

Autumn Art: Saturday, Nov. 9; at 10:15 a.m. For K-5th. What can you make with acorns, leaves and more fun fall stuff?

Family Night with Angel Ocasio: Tuesday, November 19; at 6:15 p.m. With juggling, tricks and plenty of laughs, Angel brings his comedy show for the whole family.

Spanish Storytime: Saturday, Nov. 23; at 10:15 a.m. Join Vitzah for singing, stories



Want to help a cat in need? This month's Teen Service Project will focus on crafting for a cause. Join us in making cat fleece blankets for shelter kitties.

and more fun in Spanish.

Dog Man Party: Saturday, December 7; at 10:15 a.m. There's no catch, just an awesome party to celebrate

the newest Dog Man book - Fetch 22.

Teen Service Project: Thursday, Nov. 21; at 6-7:30 p.m. For 6th-12th graders. Craft for a cause, making cat fleece blankets for the shelter with felt artist LeBrie Rich.

Teen Video Game Tournament: Wednesday, Nov. 27; at 4-6 p.m. For 6th-12th graders. Take a break with snacks and Smash Bros.

Teen Advisory Board Meetings: Wed., Nov. 13; at 5-6 p.m. For 6th-8th graders. Thurs., Nov. 7 and Nov. 21; at 5-6 p.m. For 9th-12th graders. Plan programs, make decisions, and hang out with other teens.



Perfect for the little ones, Dance Time with popular children's musician, Tallulah's Daddy, is a great way to spend the morning. Performance starts at 10:15am on Nov. 16.



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Letting teens take the lead

On Tuesday afternoons, two different groups make their way back to the Happy Valley Library's Community Room. First the teens arrive, picking out the books and activities they'll use, followed by parents and their young students. It's just another weekly meeting of Teen Tutors, a 30 minute reading time that pairs a teen with a young reader to work on reading confidence and fluency.

It all started with an idea from long time teen volunteer Nicole Zhen. "I was inspired to found the Teen Tutors program after noticing the lack of free after-school literacy programs in my community. The program is incredibly important to me because I learned English with the help of my teachers and want to give back to other students." She and Youth Services Librarian Anna Bruce first worked on developing this idea in the fall of 2016.

Their first six-week term, scheduled for January 2017, got off to a rocky start. "We started recruitment and then the snowstorms hit. With schools and the library closed more than usual, it was difficult to find both tutors and students in time for the kick off. But it ended up being a great way to test the waters, tweak things and then develop a more robust program," shared Anna.

The first session provided good feedback for how to shape the program in the future. It also timed well with Nicole's acceptance into the prestigious HERLead program. The weeklong institute helps young female leaders develop an idea for social change, draft a proposal, apply for a grant and see their project in action. After participating in this program, Nicole returned to the library with ideas on how to improve and enhance the Teen Tutors program.

Over the 2017-2018 school year, Nicole has implemented the new program. Through a \$900 grant she applied for and received, Nicole purchased several Kindle Fires, reading and spelling apps, games and interactive learning tools. As program coordinator, Nicole recruited and managed the teen tutors, which included training, support and attendance. Anna provided the technical library support: recruiting students, posting announcements on the library's website and Facebook page, and other duties as needed per Nicole.

As for the mechanics of each 30



Happy Valley Library will hold two additional sessions this year for its Teen Tutors program. Inquire with library staff if you would like to get involved in helping young readers strengthen their literacy skills.

minute session, it includes reading practice, conversation, and spelling and writing games, but is really guided by the needs of the student. Having the consistency of a paired teen and student allows for a relationship to develop over the six-week term. At the end of each session students, parents and teens each complete an exit survey, gauging their enjoyment of the program, confidence in their participation and willingness to participate in future sessions, along with the opportunity to give feedback. Many students choose to return for another term.

Parents share that they enjoy not only seeing their child look forward to reading, but also seeing a teen step into such a positive role. As for the teen tutors, "It gave me experience working with young kids, which is something I hadn't had before," remarked Shu Yi. And the students love hanging out with a big kid, who thinks that reading is fun.

Nicole has since graduated, but the program continues with leadership handed down from teen to teen. The dynamic nature of Teen Tutors has managed to make connections between young readers, parents, teens, schools and the community at large. Putting the heft of its responsibility with teens has not only freed up staff time, but provided teens with an understanding that the success of the program mainly rests with them. Nicole and the entire cadre of teens have proven themselves not only capable but incredible leaders in their community.

Searching for Bigfoot

Joe Beelart is a Bigfoot believer. He has spent hundreds of hours, if not more, on campouts and forest expeditions, in efforts to study the elusive creatures that have frequently been the subject of camp folklore and wild tales. His brush with Bigfoot first occurred one Christmas day in the early 1990's when he went out on some logging roads just looking for deer and saw a hairy, human shaped creature emerge from the woods. For a glorious 15 seconds, Beelart watched the creature until it retreated into the brush. He has since had several other encounters with what he believes was Bigfoot, all of which he attributes to careful research and methodical evidence collecting.

For those who share in Beelart's passion for Bigfoot, or perhaps the potential for its existence, a special presentation will be held on Nov. 23 that will highlight his experiences and delve into the local history associated.

In his book, The Oregon Bigfoot Highway, Beelart outlines a route that has played host to Bigfoot sightings that date back all the way to 1911. He includes reports from others who have encountered the creature



and describes the methods to which he and fellow Bigfoot chasers attempt to learn more about the mysterious beast.

Attendees at the presentation will hear Beelart speak of his experiences as well as see photos from his travels that include sections of the Cascades, coastal range, and Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Beelart knows Bigfoot isn't embraced by everyone and that some may dismiss his claims to have encountered one. "It's to each to decide if Bigfoot is real, but like UFOs and Ghosts, people see them every year," he asserts.

The book studies the 70 miles between Estacada and Detroit, Oregon and details verifiable sightings, sup-

portive evidence, and unexplained incidents that have left campers and researchers scratching their heads in puzzlement. "Nothing is hidden," Beelart says, "except our barefoot friends!"

Beelart revels in the opportunity to share his experiences and is eager to meet other enthusiasts or even those who are simply curious. He will be bringing track casts, knuckle prints, handouts, slides, photos, and may even have some special guests and fun prizes. Attendees are encouraged to come with an open mind and a willingness to suspend their disbelief. After all, you never know. You just may find Bigfoot is closer than you think.

Bigfoot in Our Backyard!

When: Saturday, Nov. 23
Time: 2:00-3:30 pm
Location: Happy Valley Library Community Room

Bigfoot buff and author, Joe Beelart (left) and his wife, Sharon. Beelart will be presenting a lively presentation at Happy Valley Library that showcases his experiences searching for Bigfoot.

Thanksgiving tradition continues with local fundraiser

Mark your calendars and get ready for the 2019 Turkey Trot. This 5k Run/Walk and 1k Kids Run is once again set for Thanksgiving morning.

Proceeds will benefit Clackamas High School Lacrosse Club, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and Children's Cancer Association.

Pre-run pickup at Bfit at 147th and Sunnyside on Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be registration forms to sign up at that time as well. Cash, check and cards accepted.

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When: November 28, 2019

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'HONK'

Musical take on
'The Ugly Duckling'
opens at CHS Nov. 8

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

What could farm animals know about acceptance? You might be surprised when a duckling learns to love himself in the fall production of the Clackamas High School theater department's play, "Honk." It's a modern, musical interpretation of "The Ugly Duckling," Hans Christian Andersen's beloved story.

The beautifully reimaged version is a clever, zany and heartwarming story by British award-winning musical theater writing team George Stiles and Anthony Drew.

Follow duckling, Ugly, through his journey at the farm where other animals and his siblings find him different. Ugly tries, but just can't fit in, so he sets out on a self-discovery adventure across the marsh. Along the way, Ugly meets wacky characters, including a wily and wicked cat who is plotting to eat him.

Throughout his hilarious and perilous adventure, Ugly finds true love, self-acceptance, and discovers that being different can be beautiful. Musical numbers include "Warts and All," "Different" and "Every Tear a Mother Cries."

"Honk" is wildly funny, but it's also a slick and clever piece of theater in the classic musical theater sense. It says 'pizazz, pizazz, look at us sing and dance, come along with us.' The Brits are famous for clever use of language," said Carrie Jo Vincent, CHS theater director.

"There are quirky puns and turns of phrase that make it fun. It's a rare piece of theater that kids will take on one level and adults will take it on another level, and both will love it and embrace the show."

Vincent said the show is exciting for the high school ac-

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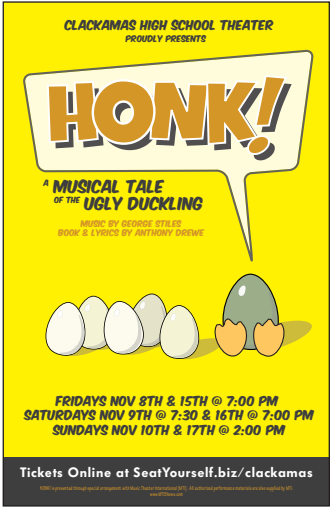
WHAT: "Honk," a musical interpretation of "The Ugly Duckling"

WHEN: 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 and 15, Saturday, Nov. 16; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9; 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10 and 17

WHERE: Clackamas High School, 14486 S.E. 132nd Ave., Clackamas

COST: General admission — adults \$12, students and kids \$8, theater students \$6; available at box office only. Reserved seating tickets can be purchased at box office one hour before showtime or online at www.seatyourself.biz/Clackamas. Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance.

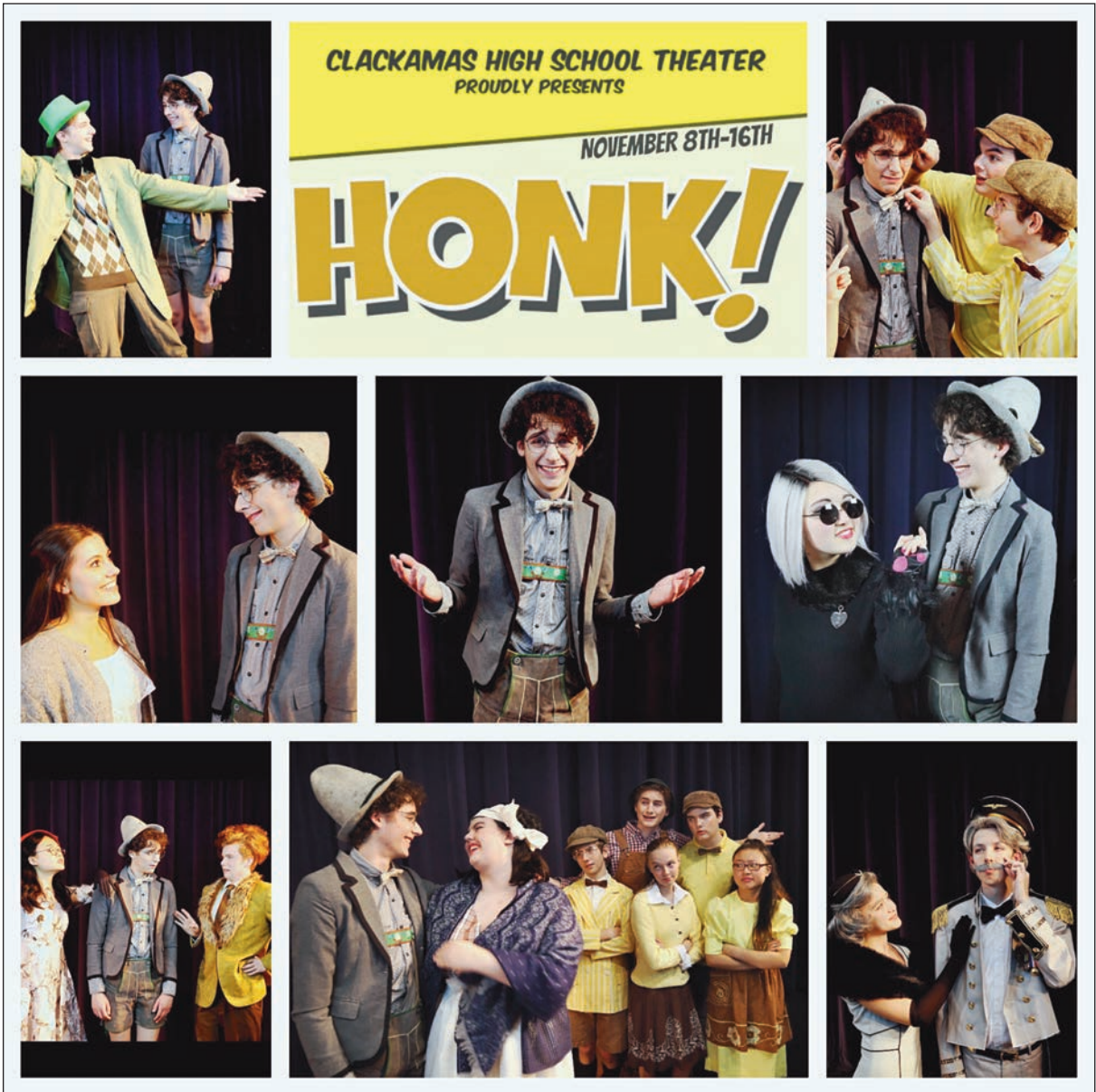
MORE: "Honk" is intended for ages 6 and up and runs two hours with intermission.



"Honk" is the first play of the theater season. The other two productions will be "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "Frogs: A Modern Adaptation."

tors who not only have to learn musical numbers and dance steps, but physically embody the farm animal personas they are portraying.

"It's a story that we connect with emotionally. We



Many people feel awkward during their teen years, but follow duckling Ugly's journey for self discovery and acceptance during Clackamas High School's performance of "Honk." SUBMITTED PHOTOS.

have each felt like an ugly duckling. You go through high school, where there are a lot of ugly ducklings, and people tell you to 'hang on, you're going to have your swan moment' and you're not sure, right?" Vincent said. "It's also a story of forgiveness. We tend to be in a period of pointing fingers and retribution, but Ugly recognizes and forgives those around him.

That's a beautiful moment in the show when the recognition and forgiveness occur."

Ben Tissell directs the high school cast that includes senior Ryan Hamilton-Sutherland as Ugly. Playing opposite him are senior Samantha Blaine as Cat, senior Grace Hoffman as Ida, Ugly's mother, and junior Isaac Elmore as Drake, Ugly's father. These performers are supported by

60 students in the cast, crew and orchestra.

Vincent encourages all age groups to see the show and says "Honk" has an important message for teenagers, including those in the production.

"Sometimes, teens feel pretty ugly, and their behavior can be ugly. It's very difficult to see the swan in them. And they don't make seeing

the swan in them easy a lot of the time," she said. "Many times, kids come into theater feeling different and carrying numerous labels. It's powerful to see these kids together telling the tale of inclusion."

To finish out the theater's 2019-20 season, CHS will produce "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "Comedy Sports" and "Frogs: A Modern Adaptation."

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CURTAIN CALL

■ Retiring CHS drama, dance teacher Carrie Jo Vincent pays it forward

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

As she finishes out her career at Clackamas High School, Carrie Jo Vincent is finding ways to seed the theater program at Adrienne C. Nelson High School when it opens.

Vincent started her teaching career at Madras Junior High School in 1983 and in her 36 years as an educator, she has imparted her love of theater to thousands of teenage students.

Growing up, Vincent's father was a history teacher and coach and, like many children, she vowed to find a career different from her parents.

Though her father tried to turn her into an athlete, Vincent was drawn to acting. A natural entertainer with excellent verbal skills and a vivid imagination, Vincent would write plays and act them out at home. After a theater class in seventh grade, Vincent was hooked.

"My grandmother dragged me out to the family plots when I was 14 and asked me what I wanted my gravestone to say, which is an odd thing to ask, but she was a profound person. I told her I wanted it to say, 'all used up' which the truth is, teaching uses every ounce of your humanity every single day," Vincent said.

"All your intellect, your physical capacity, all your heart, you have to be all in. It's been a great ride. I have used all that I have as a human being teaching children." Vincent said she found the right career for her; one she called dynamic and exciting and one she felt she was meant to do.

For the past few years, with her retirement impending, Vincent has chosen plays she wanted to direct, not just for herself, but for her students, too. Does Vincent have a favorite play? Yes, though she laughed as she said it changes over time.

"I honestly tell the kids that my favorite play is the one I am in the middle of doing," she said. "Because it absorbs so much of your energy. You need to saturate yourself with the material to get the a-ha moments you need. I really try to be madly in love with the one because I will be spending time deep in it," she said. "Plus, my passion for the project helps sustain the kids, especially when you're in the thick of it. I don't focus on the plays so much as my students and their performances and how it changed them."

Over 28 years, Vincent has seen society grow and change to accommodate a rainbow of students and how they identify themselves, but acknowledges that teen struggles are universal. She said the effective part of teaching is the human-to-human connection.

"It's changed a tremendous amount, and yet it hasn't changed at all. In essence, it's the same: Young people walk into my room, and they want



PHOTO BY: SHELLEY MCFARLAND
Carrie Jo Vincent will retire at the end of this school year. She hopes to help the new high school's theater program before she leaves.

WANT TO HELP?

To help fund the theater department, Vincent asks that residents attend the three play performances for the school year or donate directly to: ed.co/teams/clackamas-high/chs-theater

to discover who they are and what they are capable of. They have a deep desire to expand themselves. That has never changed," Vincent said.

"They're awkward and they don't understand themselves or the world around them and they don't always go about finding their way like a movie script, it's a bumpy process. That's never changed. They want you to see them and their uniqueness. The rest is just cultural shifts, but there are a lot more tools now and access to both students and teachers to help kids."

Vincent has enjoyed watching her students mature and move on to adulthood in the current societal climate and the acceptance that is shown to everyone.

"It's exciting that we are allowing human beings the opportunity to fully embrace themselves in a new way and our youth are leading us forward to that place. I have a lot of old wiring, and my students are very patient with me as I learn," Vincent said.

"In my time, I can't tell you how often a special-needs student brought something so beautiful to the classroom. These kids have learned how to appreciate the beauty in

each human outside of the cognitive norm, whatever that is," she said. "They have their own stories to tell, and it makes all of our experiences richer because of it."

One memory in her career that stands out was in 2017 during a powerful production of a six-woman play detailing life during the Vietnam War and the audience that engaged with the actors.

"I'll never forget when a local veterans organization came to see 'A Piece of My Heart' and two-thirds of the audience were soldiers and several Vietnam surgical nurses. I went out into the house briefly, and they were sobbing. At the end of the show, they spontaneously thanked the kids and gave them flowers," she said.

"It was powerful to feel with all of them — they who had lived through the experience, and the power of that story to help them heal and connect with each other and to share that with kids."

As she enters the last act of her career, Vincent is helping seed the theater program at the new high school, while leaving her theater department at CHS in good standing for the next educator. She made sure the theater is in excellent working order and has been focusing on the students.

"I'm working with the kids to have the professional protocols they need to make the emotional transition. I want them to embrace the new person," she said. "The new school is going to need money to fund the first productions, and I would bet that if the school district has the funds, they will seed the program,

but we know the economy can be a tricky beast."

Vincent is hoping that through fundraising efforts now there will be enough cash for her program to gift the Nelson High School program. More than just money, Vincent says that throughout the district, the theater programs all share props and equipment.

"We are not competitive, we each want to make great theater happen in each other's schools, too, because every kid should be able to put on a costume if they want," Vincent said. "But we are close neighbors with the new school, and many of these kids will have started theater at Clackamas High and there will be a real sharing relationship."

"I know what it's like to start a program from zero dollars and build a bankroll. It would be lovely if those kids could just step into a continuation, rather than building from scratch."

Because she gave so much of herself over the years, Vincent is hoping to refill her artistic cup with a variety of activities. Retirement is going to be busy with reading, gardening, watching theater, enjoying her family and possibly volunteering in arts advocacy. She also is looking forward to spending time alone and finding little adventures for pleasure.

"I hope that the students remember that I really believed in them," she said. "Kids can be very vulnerable when they open themselves to you, and I hope they know I cared, and I wanted the best for them on their way to adulthood. Sometimes just being a place where a kid feels safe is enough."



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On Sept. 27, Clackamas High School celebrated Homecoming with a special parade to commemorate the occasion. The community was invited to take part in the festive event by lining the sidewalks and waving to CHS students as they passed. The evening culminated in cheering on the Cavs at the Varsity football game against Tumwater.



Students got creative and decorated golf carts for the parade.

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Clackamas Cheer members wave their pom poms.



The band gets in formation and makes their way down the street.



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A special Veterans Day message from the Mayor



Mayor Tom Ellis

As Veterans Day approaches, I would like to thank all our military men and women, past and present, for the sacrifices they have made and continue to make to keep our country free. As a Veteran myself, November 11th is always a very special day. To all veterans and active duty men and women around the world, my appreciation for you is deep and my admiration is even deeper. Thank you so much for your service. Happy Veterans Day.



Veterans Day will be celebrated on Monday, Nov. 11. To all our military personnel, thank you for your service.

Private Schwab

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rettes, like Camp Chesterfield or Camp Camel,” he said. “Because of the war, there was no common currency during this time. All the countries had their own currency, but it wasn’t used until later. Most everyone used goods, like cigarettes, as currency. A big bar of Ivory soap was very precious. To the German women that would wash my clothes, I paid them with a bar of soap and maybe a couple of cigarettes.”

In order to help stabilize the local economies, the allies created Allied Military Currency, which was issued to occupying troops though goods were still exchanged as a form of payment. The government gave the servicemen bank books to account for their salary.

“I was a buck private and earned \$51 a month, and that bank book of allied money was very important to the GIs because they would turn it in for greenbacks when returning back to the United States. But if you were gambling or lost a lot of money, whatever you had in the bank book, you hoped you could cover it.”

In Germany, Schwab was assigned to drive officers around to Munich, Cologne, Frankfurt and Berlin, including numerous trips to Nuremberg, Germany, for the Nuremberg Trials, a set of military tribunals prosecuting war crimes that lasted until October 1946.

During his time in Germany, American servicemen interacted with German citizens and even former soldiers. There was animosity on both sides, including continued un-

sanctioned violence, but not all interactions were unpleasant.

“There was a man in front of the postal exchange in Bremerhaven and he had an easel set up, and he only had one arm. He was a discharged German soldier and I could see what he was drawing, it was beautiful. It looked like a photograph; his talent was God-given. I was taken up by it, he was very skilled. I asked him to draw me, and I paid him only two packs of cigarettes which was worth a lot then,” Schwab said. “I remember I asked him how he lost his arm and he said it was during the war, but I don’t have any other memories of our interaction.”

When Schwab’s tour was completed in the winter of 1946-47, he spent a night in a Bremerhaven camp and unfortunately his military canvas bag was rifled through as he slept and many items stolen, including a German Leica camera he paid for with two cartons of cigarettes.

Fortunately, his drawing was undisturbed, and he brought it home and has become a treasured memento from his past.

Schwab returned to civilian life where he said people welcomed him home. He attended Simpson University in Seattle (now located in Redding, California), became a successful electrician for 40 years, and owned his own business, called MST Pacific.

He married Carol Rae Hildreth and together they had four children, Ken, Kathy, Douglas and Darlene and settled in the Portland metro area in 1965 where all the kids attended Clackamas High School.

In 1980, Schwab and his wife traveled to Europe to visit many wartime places, including Dachau concentration camp and Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest near Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian Alps.

“It was all quite an experience; 18 was too young. At 18, you don’t know ‘siccum,’” Schwab said.



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Harmony House

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Harmony House has two live-in staff members, a house manager and a resident advocate. It currently houses six young women but can accommodate eight. Through life-skill classes, the residents are helped with setting goals for their future. Goals might include obtaining a driver's license, employment or education.

Along the way, Harmony House helps guide the women through bureaucratic red tape and finds resources each needs to meet her goals. Harmony House is funded through private donations, grants and fundraisers; there is no government funding.

Transitional Youth was founded 28 years ago by Burt Waugh providing homeless youth in downtown Portland with meals, clothing and hygiene items, along with outreach. Today, Transitional Youth has grown, and its ability to help marginalized youth has grown with it.

WANT TO HELP?

Harmony House welcomes donations of art supplies, musical instruments, equipment for horses, jewelry, shelving, bins, a van, gift cards and cash. Harmony House also could benefit from donated time from artists willing to teach skills, mentors to offer life-skills classes like resume building, mock interviewing or budgeting, and general volunteers. Email Rhona Mahl at rhona@transitionallyouth.org.



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Rhona Mahl, executive director of Transitional Youth and Braking Cycles is excited to open Harmony House and give marginalized young women the tools to succeed in life.

“Our focus is to provide a safe and healthy community for the girls to call home. But at the same time, we hold the bar really high in expectation that they will learn to work, and learn that their hard work pays off,” Mahl said. “We want to steer our girls away from government dependence. A lot of organizations today teach our kids to rely on government dependence, but we want them to learn real skills that can transfer to any job so they can take care of themselves.”

In her eight years at Transitional Youth, Mahl said she has seen only one youth from a two-

parent home; most come from the foster home system, many of them having been placed multiple times. The stories can be heartbreaking and difficult, especially when the youths have been trafficked or introduced to drugs by their parents. Yet in some cases, it's the parents who have reached out to Mahl for help with their child.

Mahl is empathetic to those she serves, but at the same time, presses them to expect more from themselves.

“I went to an alternative school because I was a street youth myself. I was on the street at 13 and using drugs, and I

didn't care if I lived or died. I ended up pregnant at 14, and that's where my life changed,” Mahl said. “I was walking down the street, and I was high and fell. I was instantly sober and in my right mind. I heard: This baby isn't going anywhere.” I said: ‘OK god, if this is you, then I need help,’” she said.

“It was a God encounter; I know there's a God because of that moment. At that point, I started to fight for my life rather than against it. I eventually found a safe place, and I had to make it on my own,” Mahl said. “That's where my desire to help kids was birthed. I knew there were kids out on the streets like me. I made myself a promise to come back and help them.”

For over 20 years, Mahl has been helping guide traumatized young women in crisis to make it on their own, too. Her success is proof to others that it can be done. Today, Mahl has four daughters and six grandchildren. She said seeing someone's life change is powerful.

“I think about all the work and the money it takes to run our organizations. Then I think about that one kid, and it's worth it. It's incredible,” she said.

For more information, visit: brakingcycles.org or transitionallyouth.org.

Coyote

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those remaining in the population will reproduce more often and litter sizes can increase; the population will become larger,” Anderson said. “Plus, there is a restructuring within their group when coyotes are removed, which can be chaotic when they are trying to find a new territory or pack. This can push coyotes into more frequent human interactions when they are looking for new food sources. It actually works against us.”

Coyote attacks on humans are rare and typically result in scratches, nips or bites. Researchers at Portland State University collaborating with Portland Audubon said there only have been two documented human deaths attributed to coyotes. One case in 1970 involved the death of a 3-year-old child

whose parents regularly fed the coyote. The other incident occurred in 2008 when a pack of coyotes killed a woman hiking in Canada. experts were surprised by that attack and considered it very unusual behavior.

Coyotes generally are monogamous with only one pair in a pack producing one litter a year. For the most part, coyotes shy from humans and stay hidden, but are habituated in urban settings and will venture out to find food, especially during puppy season.

According to Brian Thomas, Northwest District supervisor of USDA Wildlife Services, coyotes are very resourceful animals and can adapt to living among humans. For residents concerned about coyotes in their yard, there are actions you can take.

“Homeowners need to be mindful of their pets and not let them stray. Cats and small dogs are easy prey for coyotes. It would be nice to have a fenced yard, but fences don't always

keep coyotes out. It's always a great idea to not let uneaten pet food sit out, and clean up any edible trash,” Thomas said.

Anderson further explained that eliminating any food sources, including free-roaming pets, will dissuade a coyote from your space. Providing coyotes with a food source encourages their return and bold behavior. Anderson said that hazing works particularly well to reestablish boundaries for coyotes.

“When people can start a program like hazing, like putting coins in a pop can and shaking it when a coyote is near, it will help make the coyote more fearful of the human population without hurting them. If they are cruising through, that's normal behavior, but if they are stalking pets, then hazing is warranted,” Anderson said. “We are putting houses in their habitat, and it's forcing them to be out in the open more. We're building faster than they can find new habitat.”

The City of Happy Valley receives calls from citizens want-

ing coyotes to be removed or relocated. Steve Campbell, Happy Valley Director of Community Services and Public Safety, said that city staff or police are typically the first line for reporting. City officials “may investigate the area depending on the circumstances, then report the sighting to the USDA Wildlife Services. In most cases, the mere sighting of a coyote doesn't trigger an investigation, only if the coyote was displaying particular behaviors.”

Thomas said if the USDA Wildlife Services is called, and an investigation determined that the property owner took measures to protect their property, pets and livestock from coyote attack to no avail, they will take direct action to capture the animal and euthanize it. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, which works closely with USDA Wildlife Services, does not recommend relocation of coyotes.

For more information, visit: portlandcoyote.com or urbancoyotersearch.com.

Share the warmth

Clackamas Fire is holding a Winter Warming Drive to collect winter clothing items for those in need. The drive kicked-off last month on Oct. 15 and will run through Nov. 15. Once again, the fire district has partnered with Feed the Hungry, Inc. and the Clackamas Service Center, who will be receiving the collected donations. The fire district is accepting new and gently used coats, and new hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, and personal hygiene items for adults.

The fire district is accepting donations at the following locations:

Administration Office:
11300 SE Fuller Rd., Milwaukie, 97222

Fire Marshal's Office:
2930 SE Oak Grove Blvd., Milwaukie, 97267

Boring Fire Station 14:
28655 SE Hwy 212, Boring, 97009

Feed the Hungry, Inc. is a non-profit organization that began in 1991 providing warm meals every Sunday. The Clackamas Service Center began in 1973 as a small project reaching out to low-income families in Clackamas County by providing food and clothing. It is a non-profit, completely supported by donations. The Clackamas Service Center strives to overcome poverty by offering services to help individuals overcome their situations and begin to take care of themselves.

On Dec. 8, the fire district will help prepare a meal for Feed the Hungry, Inc. located at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2036 SE Jefferson St., Milwaukie, 97222, as well as provide the Winter Warming Drive items for dinner guests. Every year, the fire district's collections exceeds the number of Feed the Hungry, Inc. dinner guests, and clothing items are donated to the Clackamas Service Center.

Winter Warming Drive

Give the gift of warmth this holiday season

Donations Needed:
New and gently used coats
New hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, socks, and personal hygiene items

Donations may be dropped off at the following locations from October 14 to November 15, 2019

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Q:What is a storm drain?

A: The metal grates in the street that connect to piping that carries rain and snowmelt to nearby creeks, rivers, wetlands, or groundwater.

Regularly clearing your storm drains of leaves and debris helps reduce flooding and property damage while protecting watershed health and the quality of our drinking water. The Oregon Environmental Council and Water Environment Services offer these tips:

- Find the storm drain grates in front of your home or business and clear them of leaves and debris.
- Use a rake or pitchfork to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of it. Dispose of leaves in your yard waste container or compost bin. Or spread the leaves on your garden to protect and nourish perennials.
- When leaves fall into the street, rake them at least one foot away from the curb so they won't block the path of rain water. Please do not rake or blow leaves from your yard into the street.
- If you can't clean a clogged storm drain yourself, call the Happy Valley Public Works Dept. at (503) 783-3800.
- Never dump anything into a storm drain. It's against the law.

Thank you for helping to protect public health and the environment. For more information, visit Clackamas.us/wes.

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Local theatre group takes a classic tale for a spin

City of Happy Valley

Fans of classic literature are in for a treat when Artistic Director, Matt Haynes, and his ensemble from The Pulp Stage visit Happy Valley Library for a special performance on Nov. 20. The non-profit touring company will be performing Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, but this isn't just any old stage play. The actors will be performing a modified version of the classic, which aims to offer a new take on the popular story. "The changes don't provide any kind of bold new vision, but rather the opportunity to problem-solve a dramatic conflict," says Haynes. "The original Dickens text is great storytelling, but not great drama. In great drama, the protagonist has a clear want, then spends the story facing off against people who have conflicting wants. The excitement of the drama is in seeing how opposing characters duke it out. And in most drama, the means of duking things out is through high powered dialogue - using words to threaten, charm, guilt or trick the other person."

In the original story, we all know Ebenezer Scrooge is a general force of bitterness. When he gets taken on his journey, he doesn't really make choices along the way. The ghosts come along and show him things, but it's only after his plea for mercy that he tries to

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Staged Reading with The Pulp Stage

DATE: Wednesday, November 20, 6:30-7:30 pm

LOCATION: Happy Valley Library Community Room

redeem himself. By this time, however, the obstacles are few and the story is almost over. But, as Haynes says, what if there is more to it?

In order to build intrigue, Haynes and his team have created alternate storylines that reveal other forces at play. There's a hilarious and brilliantly realized character, a new uncannily rendered setting, and a new insight into Scrooge's past. Ultimately, there's a new way of looking at the world after all hope seems lost.

"While I kept a narrator, I had a whole lot of dialogue on my hands and needed to give it dramatic fuel. Thus, Scrooge now has a specific want, requiring specific choices with specific consequences. His ghostly guides are there not just to show him things, but to also actively challenge him, test him and sometimes mislead him. Scrooge's enlightenment comes not so much from a spiritual download, but rather from a rescue mission against the



Pulp Stage performers, (from left to right) Nicolette Coiner, Caleb Sohigian, Amanda Mehl, and Phillip J. Berns, captivate audiences during a recent show.

clock," Haynes explains.

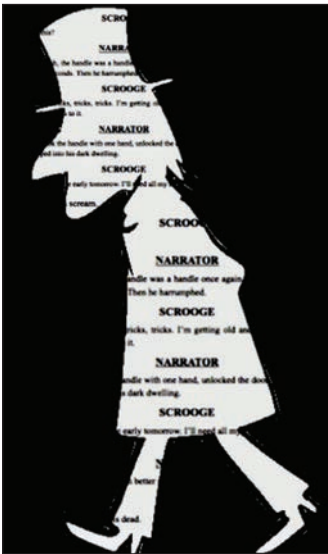
Haynes started The Pulp Stage in 2009 and launched his first show during the 2010 Fertile Ground Festival in New York. For the past 10 years, he has produced shows in the genres of science fiction, fantasy, and suspense. He and his team have engineered scripts so that they only need to be read aloud to create an exciting and satisfying evening of theatre. The touring company can take shows just about anywhere and even conduct their rehearsals in nomadic fashion. "We've elected not to

invest in a home space. We hold our meetings, rehearsals and development sessions in workspaces in Portland," he says.

So, what can attendees expect at the upcoming performance at the Library? Haynes replies, "When you see one of our shows, you only see actors in chairs with tablets. The actors stand to "enter" a scene and sit to "exit." The scripts take place in scenes where there is only dialogue taking place or where there is narration covering the physical actions that take place in the sto-

ry. It's all like campfire storytelling with dialogue!"

Haynes hopes that attendees have an experience of effortless excitement while listening to the story. "I hope that there are things about the story that are strange and surprising enough that when attendees go home, there is excitement in reflecting on the story and the way it was told. We like to close our shows with the saying: "When a great movie or television series is created, the world has a treasure. But when we create moments of live delight, the world has hope."



The Pulp Stage is well known for providing live storytelling experiences in science fiction, fantasy, and suspense. This holiday season, they're bringing these sensibilities to Charles Dickens' ghostly tale of discovery and redemption. Fans of this classic will hear the story in a new way – as a chorus of voices create Dickens' world of 1800s London, and beyond.

Haynes' play is also in book format on Amazon for those who want to perform the story in their own homes. He hopes his performances encourage more people to develop a love for live theatre.

City of Happy Valley, school principals find common ground



By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Every few months during the school year, Happy Valley city representatives and school principals meet in a roundtable format to discuss city activities that could relate to the schools. The forum was established by the city to improve connections and spark conversations.

In October, the group met to discuss multiple topics for the upcoming year. Anna Bruce, children's librarian at the Happy Valley Library, praised principals for encouraging stu-

dents to access the library. Bruce mentioned that during the summer months, 40,000 children's items were checked out each month. On average, 33,000 items are checked out per month, which is 11,000 more than any other nearby library.

The city talked about upcoming events including Junior Achievement testing, the All Abilities Park and the 2020 If I Were Mayor contest. Assistant City Manager Ben Bryant spoke about the Super Block

project near Happy Valley Middle and Elementary Schools, which will add sidewalks and ADA crosswalks, the plan to straighten the curves on Southeast 129th Avenue, and getting started on projects to guide the progress of Southeast 172nd Avenue.

Bryant also spoke about the planned Legislator Night at City Hall where local lawmakers would be available to talk to their constituents. A task force through the Public Safety and Traffic Committee will of-

fer assistance and resources, if needed, with school parking lot issues.

Clackamas Fire representative Denny Dahlgren praised principals for eliminating fire code violations and provided a timeline for upcoming school fire inspections. Happy Valley Chief of Police Scott Anderson and School Resource Officer (SRO) James Keen addressed safety matters.

Anderson talked about the possibility of an SRO at Adrienne C. Nelson High School

when it opens and provided principals with statistics and a call log for each school.

Keen encouraged principals to talk to their students about school violence and the "see something, say something" approach to threats. Both deputies explained that active or ongoing investigation status will prohibit them from giving out information publicly and every threat is investigated thoroughly.

At the end of each meeting, city officials and principals

have an opportunity to share good news, highlight events and activities, and connect with one another.

"NCSD deeply appreciates these conversations between Happy Valley city officials and local principals. Schools are integral components of any community, and efforts to establish effective, two-way communication can result in mutually beneficial outcomes," said Jonathan Hutchinson, communications director for the North Clackamas School District.





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If those leaves are continuing to pile up and that yard debris is still sticking around, there is another opportunity to rid yourself of the clutter. Happy Valley's Public Works Department is offering another chance for residents to drop off yard debris for FREE.

Seasonal yard debris (leaves, woody debris and grass clippings) can be discarded at the Public Works building for free recycling.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Public Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site.



A second FREE Leaf Drop Off day will take place on Dec. 7. This service is provided to City residents in hopes of helping folks get rid of that lingering yard debris that has piled up.

*Remember to bring proof of residency with you to the event.

This is a residential service only which means no commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted.

It's the GREAT PUMPKIN

Happy Valley



Oh, my gourd! Happy Valley resident Gary Kristensen on Oct. 14 gave Spring Mountain Elementary School two whopping pumpkins, which he grows as a hobby. They weigh 864 and 814 pounds, respectively.

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Another reason to like Wednesday

The City of Happy Valley will now offer residents and visitors the opportunity to process passport paperwork on Wednesdays, however this day will be offered by appointment only. Previously, passport services were not offered midweek. To take advantage of this opportunity, interested parties just need to call City Hall ahead of time and request an appointment.

The City began offering passport services in 2010 as a solution to the need for a local facility in this geographic region. There are several select staff members who are certified passport agents to provide assistance in addition to their regular job responsibilities.



The City has added Wednesday to the passport services schedule. Those interested in utilizing this day simply need to call ahead and request an appointment.

Passport services will continue to be available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm with no appointments necessary on those specific days.

If you would like to schedule a Wednesday appointment, please contact Happy Valley City Hall at 503-783-3800.

For more information about Happy Valley's passport services, check out <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/passport-service/>

Time to get involved with your community

City of Happy Valley

Do you care about future growth or design standards? Do you have an interest in improving public safety? What are your thoughts on public art? Are you interested in how the City spends its resources?

Happy Valley is always looking for volunteers who are interested in their neighborhoods and their community to join one of the eight advisory boards. Dedicated citizens meet on a regular basis to address current issues and look for ways to make the City an even better place to live and work. Currently, we have potential openings on a variety of volunteer committees, including:

■ Planning Commission

■ Design Review Board

■ Traffic and Public Safety Committee

■ Public Art Committee

■ Budget Committee

These committees provide strategic guidance

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



community.

Planning for the future isn't just about what the City Council thinks is best. It takes a collective vision from the community and cohesive action from our volunteer committees. The City is fortunate to receive guidance and input from our community volunteers on these committees.

To apply for one of these appointed advisory board positions, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions>.

For questions, please contact Ben Bryant, Assistant City Manager at benb@happyvalleyor.gov or 503-783-3840.

to the City Council. The community volunteers on these committees chart a path for implementing a consistent design style for commercial developments, create traffic solutions at key bottlenecks, and select artwork to be featured in the