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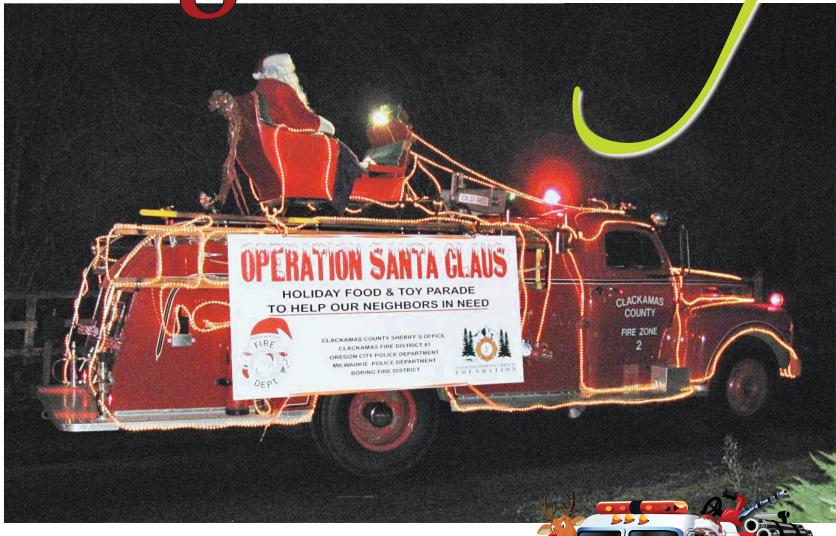
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Celebrates 45 years

Deters serves as Santa's helper

Behind the scenes, battalion chief carries on tradition of giving

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Many Clackamas Fire District #1 residents are looking forward to Operation Santa Claus when jolly Old St. Nick rides atop a fire truck, lights blazing and sirens blaring as firefighters. first responders and volunteers collect food and toys to help local residents in need. During his

achieve a common goal, which is tenure in management at people helping New Seasons Market, Steve people." Deters was encouraged to volunteer in the community, and when a

family friend suggested the fire department, he jumped at the opportunity. At the time, Deters was living in Damascus and volunteered for Boring

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Students find helping others over holidays is best present

Area schools take part in variety of service projects

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Clackamas High School – **Winter Blitz**

Started 20 years ago by a couple Clackamas High School students who wanted to help one family, Winter Rage was born. From the initial event, students started to see how the community benefited from their efforts and participation increased. Now called Winter Blitz, nearly 200 families now benefit from the charitable services of the teenage Cavaliers. Their efforts include class "adoptions" of a family, sponsorships from businesses like Clackamas Federal Credit Union and Portland Nursery, and a partnership with the Milwaukie Lion's Club, which helps with the canned food drives by organizing and distributing the food to families in need.

With 321 students participating, the Key Club event solicits volunteers from other school clubs, like National Honor

Spring Mountain **Hawks worked** through their Day of Giving to create apple pies for the Witchita Center and tie blankets for two hospitals. PHOTO BY: SHELLEY MCFARLAND



Society and Spanish Honor Society, who help translate for Spanish-speaking families. Plus, more than 150 adult volunteers help make the Winter Blitz a success

"Seeing how you can help bring a smile to another person is a present in itself. Service teaches students compassion and helps us develop skills that will prepare us as we become adults. We learn that we can depend on each other and help those who may be struggling; these lessons don't just apply to high school students, but for everyone,"

said Key Club Vice President Darla Le. "Winter Blitz allows our student body to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, and what better time to give

back to our own community than the

holidays. I truly believe that this event

brings our student body together like

no other day of the year." To help, drop off donations from 7:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Clackamas High School East Campus, 14331 S.E. 132nd Ave., or schedule a porch pick-up through chs.winterrage.gmail. com during the same hours. Monetary



less fortunate. PHOTO BY: SUBMITTED

donations also are accepted at the main class period wrapping gifts, too.

"We are being big sisters and big brothers to the elementary school in our neighborhood. This amazing La Salle community has the awesome gift of a human and Christian education for both staff and students. I believe that we have much to give in heart, prayer and resources. We strive to teach our students about the injustices in our community, whether it be poverty, hun-

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Fire District #59. He was accepted into the reserve program in 2000, and it didn't take long for Deters to realize that being a firefighter was the path he was meant to take. He ultimately tested for a career position and was hired as a full-time firefighter/EMT, leaving his management position at New Seasons.

"Like many of the men and women in our organization, I changed professions after being exposed to what the fire service is all about, and not just the calls for service. I consider myself fortunate to work in this industry and for an organization like Clackamas Fire that allows me to continue using and applying skills that I learned in the business world," Deters said.

In 2012, Deters was tasked with merging the volunteer programs of the Boring and Clackamas fire districts. The success of that assignment led to further efficiencies and agreements between the two organizations resulting in a contract for services, and all Boring Fire employees were sworn in as Clackamas Fire employees in 2014. Boring Fire District voters approved permanent annexation in 2016.

Today, Deters is a battalion chief whose duties include overseeing Volunteer Services, Facilities Division and is assigned to special projects when needed.

"Operation Santa Claus is in its 45th year and there have been many people before me involved with the program. I don't consider myself as running the event. I just get to make sure it all happens and all the talented career and volunteer people involved get the resources they need to make it a success," he said. "I have been involved with Operation Santa Claus since being assigned to oversee the volunteer program in 2012. In that time, the program has grown from 12 parades to 15 community parades collecting over 57,000 pounds of food and 8,500 toys and gifts, and helping over 500 families

throughout our fire district.' Although Clackamas Fire helps residents throughout the year, Operation Santa Claus is the single largest outreach event for the organization. In addition to the parades, local businesses, schools and agencies collect for the event, too. Deters acknowledges the numerous firefighters who originally started Operation Santa Claus and worked to make it successful, and he takes pride in carrying on the tradition.

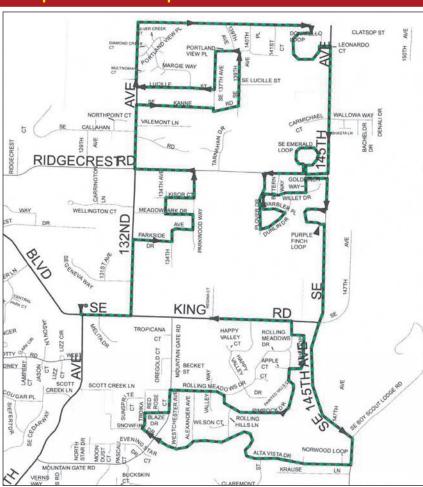
"Helping in the community is what the career and volunteer men and women of Clackamas Fire do daily, and service to others is at the center of everything for us. Operation Santa Claus is just one example of the great work we do in the community all year long," Deters said. "This event allows us the opportunity to interact with our communities in a nonemergency setting to work together to achieve a common goal, which is people helping people. We take great pride in insuring that everything collected from our communities is returned to those living in our communities who are in the greatest need.'



Route map for Operation Santa Claus: Friday, Dec. 13.

Route map for Operation Santa Claus: Saturday, Dec. 14.





Operation Santa

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unteers collect food and toys donated by neighbors along the parade route.

Operation Santa Claus began after firefighters recognized a need in the community, especially during the holi day season. The monthlong drive is funded solely through community support and serviced with volunteer hours through the Clackamas Emergency Services Foundation, a nonprofit associated with Clackamas Fire District #1 to assist needs in the community.

In 2018, through 15 community parades and partnering with 30 businesses and three schools, Operation Santa Claus collected 53,771 pounds of food and 8,369 toys to help 500 families.

Almost every evening from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 30 through Dec. 15, Operation Santa Claus will drive through neighborhood streets collecting nonperishable food and new, unwrapped toys. Donations also are accepted at Clackamas Fire District's 31 fire stations. To help with Operation Santa Claus. send checks to Clackamas Emergency Service Foundation at 11300 S.E. Fuller Road. Milwaukie, OR 97222.



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an antique 1936 fire engine as he works to collect food and toys for neighbors in need. Dozens of volunteers, including first responders, run behind the parade collecting the donations while handing out candy canes.

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Thank You to Residents

hank you to everyone who voted in support of our Happy Valley Police Department. Police services in Happy Valley will continue to be funded for the next five years through the Public Safety Levy. I am proud of our local law enforcement deputies and they do a great job of keeping our

community safe. I want to thank every HOA, PTO/PTA, City

Committee, group, and individual who provided an opportunity for myself and our City Councilors to talk with you about this issue. We greatly appreciated the open dialogues and the chance to answer questions about our city's police services

I was able to talk to many of you about safety and better understand what is important to you and your family when it comes to law enforcement. I enjoyed hearing about your positive interactions with our deputies and your willingness to advocate for their continued service in our city.

The overwhelming support shown for our police during this recent election is a great example of this community's dedication to ensuring our residents and our families continue to live in a safe environment.

As we move forward and renew our law enforcement contract, the City is committed to again working collaboratively with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to ensure quality safety services for all our residents.

We are already working on increasing staffing to provide more consistent patrol coverage and have two additional deputies anticipated to start in March 2020. Thanks again for all your support.



Understanding the importance of adhering to a budget, the City has consistently demonstrated sound money management and was recently awarded a **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial** Reporting. Fiscal responsibility is a major priority for City staff and Council.

Fiscal Responsibility

ne of our primary functions as a City Council is to ensure fiscal responsibility. We are happy to report that the City was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This honor was awarded for the City's most **COUNCIL** recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is

To receive this award, cities are evaluated by an impartial panel that reviews financial documents. The panel looks specifically at how well the city demonstrates transparency in its reporting as well as its ability to clearly communicate the

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the 4th year in a row

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city's financial story. Nationwide, roughly 25% of cities with a similar population size to Happy Valley's complete the CAFR report and Happy Valley is part of a select group in Oregon that submitted this advanced report.

Happy Valley's financial reporting has consistently demonstrated the City's management of funds to be responsible and accurate.

In addition to the award, Moody's Investor Service conducted an analysis and released an annual comment on Happy Valley's credit position. The City earned a slightly stronger credit rating than the U.S. median for cities. The report analyzes the

City's finances, economy and tax base, debts and pensions, and management and governance. Within the analysis, the

City's financial position "is far stronger than other Moody's-rated cities nationwide" according to the report.

The City Council has long emphasized the importance of fiscal responsibility. We're proud of our Finance team for implementing this goal in a manner that will lead to long term savings. The positive credit rating will reduce the cost to taxpayers of borrowing funds for future capital projects. In addition, the award for excellence in financial reporting signifies the City's commitment to transparency.

The full CAFR report is available on the City's website at http://www.happyvalleyor. gov/city-hall/finance/budgetsfinancial-reports.

Additional deputies to join the Happy Valley Police Department

the Happy Valley Public Safety levy will continue to provide funding for police services in the City and allow for the hiring of additional deputies beginning March 2020.

On behalf of the women and men who protect our community, I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to every resident that came out and voted for our police levy. The overwhelming support we received energizes us as we move forward in building relations and gear up to make several positive changes, all of which you, the residents of our community, deserve.

As we continue our partnership with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, we are

committed to providing excellent police services to our residents. As we develop and implement our five-year strategic plan, we know the key components that allow us to make these positive changes center on continuing to improve the communication between the police department and our community.

One way to improve communication is by inviting all members of our community to attend monthly Traffic and Public Safety committee meetings which are held

on the second Thursday of each month. At these meetings, we discuss changes necessary to improve safety and develop safety programs in our city together. This month, the committee will be meeting at 7p.m. on Dec. 12 at City Hall.

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A major advantage of the levy's funding will be the ability to hire additional deputies to patrol our streets. With levy funds and in response to growth in population, we will be able to bring on an additional six to eight new deputies within the next five years. The City



Police Chief Scott Anderson strategizes with Deputy Choe before heading out to visit with residents during this summer's National Night Out. With the passing of Measure 3-551, dedicated police services will continue in Happy Valley. The City will see additional deputies joining the department over the course of the next five years.

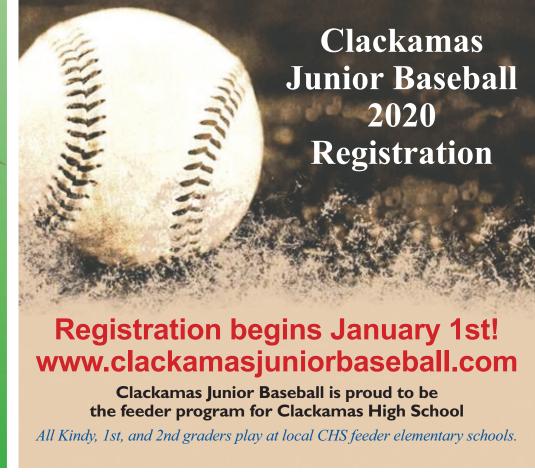
Council, in conjunction with the Traffic and Public Safety Committee, will be looking to provide a minimum staffing of two deputies per shift 24/7/365. This will allow for better coverage of the City's area. The City will also be looking at the possibility of adding an evening traffic enforcement deputy and a school resource officer to work with students within our community schools. These additional law enforcement deputies will directly benefit

Once again, I want to thank you for supporting your Happy Valley Police. If there is anything our safety services team can do for you, please let me know. You can contact me directly at stevec@happyvalleyor.gov. We are happy and honored to serve the safety needs of all Happy Valley residents and look forward to continuing to work together with you.

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Teens from across Clackamas County gathered for the 10th annual Youth Town Hall. The evening provided an opportunity for high school students to talk about important issues.

Happy Valley's 10th Annual Youth Town Hall included relevant panel speakers engaging in open discussion

The Council room was packed with over 75 teens at City Hall on Wednesday, November 13th. Teens from across Clackamas County were energized and ready to talk, connect and share concerns. Through guided discussions, the participating teens voiced their concerns and collaborated about issues that are especially meaningful to them.

The mission of the Happy Valley Youth Council's annual Youth Town Hall is to inspire high school students by introducing them to other teen leaders and provocative thinkers. This evening event encourages them to think beyond their reality by interacting with other youth and hearing their own personal stories. Many strong topics are discussed and talked about during the town hall. This year, the event included a panel of guest

Happy Valley resident and business owner, Eric Post, moderated this year's activities. Panelists included Happy Valley City Councilor and local business owner, David Golobay, North Clackamas School District Executive Director of High Schools, Petra Callin, Clackamas County Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Galli Murray, and Clackamas County Sheriff, Craig Roberts. Students had the opportunity to not only hear from the panelists but also ask questions and engage in open dialogue.

From this night, the Youth Council will continue to work on strong issues with other local teens to develop new ideas for projects to enhance their community. The consensus across the room is to have more of these open forum discussions. We need to listen, learn and support each other. Many thanks to those teens that participated and help to make their community a better and safer place to live!



During the event, teens voiced concerns and asked questions about topics related to school safety, mental health, and community.

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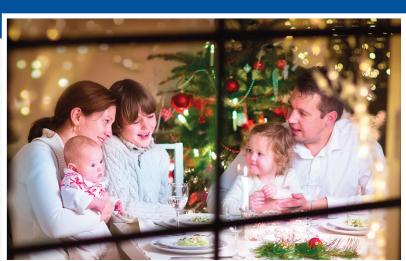
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Service

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ger or homelessness and then give them opportunities to act, such as supporting our neighboring families during the holiday season," said Sarah Maher, director of service and dean of

To help, drop off new clothes, new shoes, gift cards, toiletries, and toys in the school's main office at 11999 S.E. Fuller Road in Milwaukie by Dec. 17, for the Dec. 18 wrapping party. Each toy should be worth no more than \$15.

Spring Mountain Elementary School – Day of Giving

Now in its seventh year, Spring Mountain Elementary School's Day of Giving was a big success. Day of Giving Chair Andrea Gandor coordinated a "Donation Clash of the Classrooms" competition and the winning class earned a doughnut party.

"I really wanted to get the kids excited about bringing in donations, so the competition seemed like a fun way to get kids involved. I hope this competition strategy will encourage kids to take notice of all of the great donations piling up instead of just tossing their item in and walking off," Gandor said. "Our community is strong when we work to-

gether, selflessly, to thrive." At the front of the school, 19 bins (one for each classroom) were filled with donations of hygiene products and delivered to the Wichita Center. In addition to the bins, each grade completed a service project on Nov. 21. Students in kindergarten, TLC and first grade hand-crafted cards to be delivered with food through Meals on Wheels of Clackamas County. Dozens of handmade apple pies made for the homeless for Thanksgiving were made by second and third graders; 26 fleece-tie blankets made by fourth graders were donated to Randall Children's Hospital; 43 fleece-tie pillows were donated to Shriner Hospital for Children of Portland, and 180 letters were written by both fourth and fifth graders and sent to soldiers, veterans and first responders. In addition, the school solicited book donations to benefit The Clackamas Bookshelf



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Fourth graders at Mount Scott Elementary School collected nearly 2,000 pairs of socks to donate to the Witchita Center, a nonprofit that helps families in the North Clackamas School District.



▲ Ben, Mason, Malu and Natalie spear off the letter writing campaign at Spring Mountain's Day of Giving. Students wrote thank you cards to soldiers and first responders. ▶ All smiles for students at Spring Mountain Elementary School as they united to make 26 tie blankets for children in Randall Children's Hospital.

Scouters Mountain Elementary School – Day

Scouters Mountain Elementary School's first annual Day of Giving at Scouters Mountain Elementary was held Nov. 22. Kids participated in a full day of service activities. Organizers Katie Coffey and Julia Stavig organized a pie-making assembly with each second, third and fourth grade classrooms making six. The pies were donated to the Portland Rescue Mission.

"I think students think that service is important because it makes them feel good about being active members in their community. Providing a service to someone in need has a lasting positive impact on a student, which they can take with them for the rest of their life," Coffey

Happy Valley Middle School, the Wichita Center and Back-

Rock Creek Middle School and Beatrice Cannady Elementary School - canned food drive

To help eliminate food insecurity in their community, students at HVMS, RCMS and BCES are collecting food for local food banks.

At HVMS, the Eighth Grade Executive Council is hosting its annual drive from Dec. 3-10. All food collected will be given to pack Buddies, which serves the North Clackamas School Dis-

"Did you know that 18% of Clackamas County children experience food insecurity?" asked Executive Council member Simar Waraich. "Our goal is to collect more than 2,500 cans and are looking for canned soups, chilis, fruit, snacks, oatmeal and granola bars. Thank

you for supporting Happy Valley Middle School and our com-

Beatrice Cannady Elementary School is rounding up its young AdvoCATes to collect food for the Milwaukie Lions Club and Milwaukie-Portland Elks Lodge #142 through their Winter Food Drive, which provides food for Clackamas families over the winter break.

"We have been doing some great work with our students around what it means to be an advocate, using Beatrice Morrow Cannady as an example of what that looks like. I hope to utilize the foundation we've been creating around advocacy to inspire our 'AdvoCATes' to want \hat{to} join in and participate in this incredibly important event," said organizer Chad Craner.

Craner hopes to collect nearly 1,000 cans of food — about two per student - through the drive, which runs Dec. 2-13.

Mount Scott Elementary School - Socktober

Socktober is in its third year at Mount Scott Elementary School. Previously, the school collected money for people with blood cancers through Pennies for Patients. In three years, the school donated nearly \$4,000 to the organization. Each year, a service project is chosen for the school to participate in. The Socktober service project was introduced as a national campaign.

Last year's Socktober effort netted nearly 1,500 pairs of socks that were donated to the Wichita Center, which services families in the North Clackamas School District. Mount Scott proudly beat the previous year's number by collecting 1,957 pairs of socks.

"We want our students to know that if you want to see a change in the world, you can't wait for someone else to start making a change, they need to be the change and initiator. Kids don't need to wait for adults they can be great leaders. Even small acts of kindness can have a big impact, and when we all work together big things happen," said Socktober organizer Karen Morgan. "It is important that we all take time to care for each other because it's the right thing to do. We should be doing this without the expectation of rewards, prizes or parties. It is showing our humanity to others and making sure everyone is treated with dignity."





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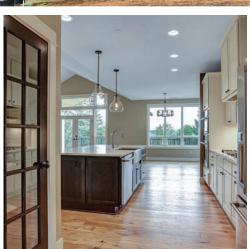
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Donations are recommended and all proceeds benefit the efforts of local Scout Troop 611.

Dates for both drop off and pick up:

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Scouts from Troop 611 will once again be offering drop off dates for those interested in recycling holiday trees and wreaths. Donations directly benefit the troop.



Sparking school spirit

CHS activities director fosters student pride, sense of community

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

School spirit and teenage angst are contradictory emotions, but Rhiannon Boettcher is trying to dispel some of the latter and make high school more fun and inclusive.

New this year to CHS, Boettcher, the activities director who also teaches leadership and Avid, already has made an impact at the school. Square One Day, formerly Assurance Day, was the first major event for Boettcher and her leadership council. Incoming freshman started a day early to learn the layout and procedures of the school without the other grades present.

"When they posted the job the school was dedicated to they were hiring someone to bring it," Boettcher said. "I was in and excited for it. It's been my goal to figure out the culture of the school to start with, then move to find out what we are lacking and why. Once you understand the problem, then you can deal with it."

After Square One Day, Boettcher moved directly into homecoming planning. As a team, Boettcher and the council organized the assembly, court and dance and decided to bring back the homecoming parade. Altogether, these events culminate around the homecoming football game.

"The school hasn't done this type of parade, ever. There was once a parade around the track, but then vehicles were no longer allowed on the track. The response to our parade was great," Boettcher said. "Principal Tammy O'Neil participated, too, and talked with even have children in the parade but were happy to join in the fun and wave.'

At the parade, more than 200 spectators lined the sidewalks to cheer on the cars carrying different groups like homecoming court, cheerleaders, theater, youth football, Decca and Kraken Underwater Robotics Club. Each class was encouraged to decorate a golf cart with their homecoming theme, and several groups, like Gender Sexual Alliance, Latin X Club, Key Club and the band walked with signs.

Next up is Winter Rage, the one-day giving event where students organize donations to help 200 families in need. To boost spirit and renew interest, Boettcher is helping students by working with Key Club to organize a pay-to-play "Family Feud"-style game show night and community dodgeball tournament.

Along with Winter Rage, originally, and I was inter- other activities for the year inviewing for it, I was told that clude a blood drive, door decorations, assemblies and prohaving more school spirit and motional videos for the students to look forward to. All events are organized by the leadership council, which consists of 26 elected or handpicked students.

> Boettcher graduated from Centennial High School, where her parents served on the school board. She attended Mt. Hood Community College, the University of Oregon where she earned her bachelor's degree in political science and minored in geology, and Lewis & Clark College to earn her master's degree in teaching in

> Now in her 12th year as an instructor, Boettcher spent eight years teaching and three years as a technology teacher and technology coach to other teachers at Hazelbrook Middle School in the Tigard-Tualatin School District.

"We need kids to care about coming to school. Not everyone here enjoys math or science. For some kids, the only

folks, many of whom didn't reason they come here is for ers while creating more diverart class or choir, so what are we providing for kids who don't make those connections even within classes?" Boettch-

> 'Having school spirit and a sense of community and belonging will make kids want to be here. The big buzzword is 'relationship,'" she said. "With spirit, kids are going to make relationships with each other and teachers and even the administrators. That's incredibly important to create a strong school."

Currently, CHS has roughly 2,600 students in two separate buildings. Boettcher admits that spirit and interpersonal relationships can be challenging when teachers only interact with the other instructors in their building, the intercom system can't be used (because the two are not connected), and the overall size of the student body. But with half the students transitioning to the new Adrienne C. Nelson High School next year, Boettcher nopes school spirit will be come stronger.

To help her with creating an atmosphere of spirit, Boettcher meets monthly with other Mt. Hood Conference activity directors to share ideas and brainstorm.

We talk. Some of these people have been doing this for many years, and some of the stuff they do is very impressive," Boettcher said.

Concerned with reaching each student, Boettcher takes pride in setting up systems to create a sense of inclusion.

We did an activity in leadership called 'Connect the Dots' where we listed all the groups we could think of that exist in the school and then all the activities we currently do, and we made connections to see who it serves. We then look at what groups aren't served and how we can fix that," Boettcher said. "One of my goals this year is to make stronger connections with these groups and their advis-

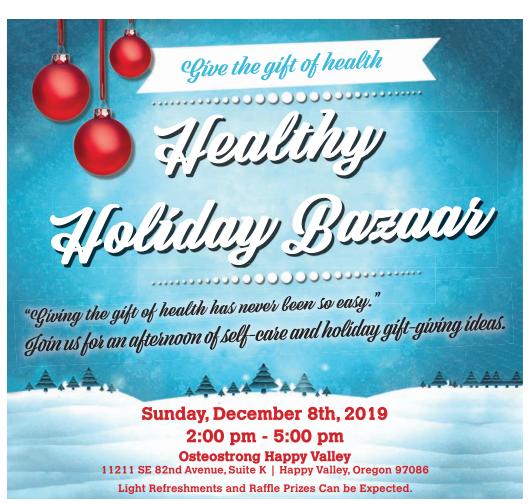
sity of events.' With the year in full swing and a few successful events behind her, Boettcher feels confident that she is championing students and creating an atmosphere to grow a sense of community and spirit at

"The kids are good at the ideas and I'm good at organizing, so it's my job to facilitate their ideas into becoming reality. I want the community to know all the great things the kids are doing here and all the great kids doing it," she said. T'm hoping that at the end of the year, my kids will feel that we did more than we were capable of. If I could hear that from students, it would be amazing.



Leadership and **AVID** teacher Rhiannon **Boettcher** is working to foster a sense of school spirit at CHS. The homecoming parade was a successful event and Boettcher and her leadership council have more activities planned for the school year. PHOTO BY: SHELLEY MCFARLAND









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December 2019 Library Events

The library will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2020

ADULT PROGRAMS

Pinochle Club: Mondays, Dec. 2 and 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Happy Valley Library Book Group: Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Selection for December: In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende

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

String-Along Acoustic Jam: Sundays, Dec. 8 and 22, 2-5 pm. Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed in strument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with other musicians.

Genealogy Club: Monday, Dec. 9, 2-4 pm. Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips.

Note Night: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:30-7:30 pm. Enjoy some live music while you browse for books, or sit and savor the sounds. This month features harpist Jini O'Flynn playing a mix of Celtic tunes, waltzes, and holiday favorites.

FEATURED ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Craft Night: Felted Penguins: Tuesday, Dec. 3, 6-7:45 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. Space is limited. Contact the library to reserve a seat.

Game Day: Saturday, Dec. 7, 12-5 p.m. 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. December will feature worker placement games. We'll have a plethora of games to explore!

E-Books and Audiobooks Workshop: Tuesday, Dec. 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Did you know that the library has books that you can download for free to your Kindle, tablet, or phone? Stop in for a demonstration and learn all about it. Bring your device and we will help you get started. Can't make the class? Stop by the reference desk any time and we will show you how it works!



Sundays are a great day for a jam session. Bring your guitar or other stringed instrument and start the week off with some acoustic vibes.



 $\textbf{Classic Movie Night:} \ Thursday, Dec.\ 12, 6-7:45$ 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 movie is a festive and charming holiday classic. Contact the library for movie title information.

Memories of a Czech Christmas:

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Helena and Mark Greathouse present traditional Czech Christmas music and dance and share Czech Christmas traditions as Helena remembers them from her childhood, with stories that reveal surprising differences between the way Czechs celebrate Christmas and traditional American customs.

See page 16 for more details.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Stretch, Dance, Play! With Iris Nason: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 10:15 a.m., for ages 2-5.

Homeschool Club: Tissue Paper Lanterns: Thursday, Dec. 12, 10:15 a.m., for grades K-5.

Music Time with Chuck Cheesman: Wednesday, Dec. 18, 10:15 a.m.,

Dance Time: Jingle Bell Party with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers: Saturday,

Dec. 21, 10:15 a.m., for ages 0-5. Let's Lego!: Saturday, Dec. 21, 1:30

p.m., for grades K-5.



Homeschool Club offers fun and engaging opportunities for students to explore. This month, homeschoolers can create beautiful tissue paper lanterns.

FEATURED YOUTH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Teen Advisory Board Meetings:

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 5-6 p.m. For 6th-8th graders. Thursday, Dec. 5 & Dec. 19, at 5-6 p.m. For 9th-12th graders. Plan programs, make decisions and hang out with other

Make Some Gifts: Saturday, Dec. 14. 10:15 a.m. For K-5th. We'll provide the materials. You bring your creativity to craft and give!

Teen Winter Party: Thursday, Dec. 19, $6-7:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ For $6\mathrm{th}\text{-}12\mathrm{th}$ graders. Bring something you don't want anymore (decent condition please!) and get ready for some swapping shenanigans.

Spanish Storytime: Saturday, Dec. 28, 10:15 a.m. Join Vitzah for singing, stories and more fun in Spanish.

Slavic New Year Celebration: Saturday, Dec. 28, 1-3 p.m. Everyone is invited to celebrate the new year with a visit from Grandpa Frost, crafts, food and



Teen Books and Chill: Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2-5 p.m. For 6th-12th graders. Relax with a cup of cocoa, books, puzzles and friends. PJs, stuffies and pillows welcome.



A fun party game is just one of the highlights at this vear's Teen Winter Party. For middle and high schoolers, this event is perfect for getting in the spirit of the season.



Learn about Slavic New Year traditions at the library's special event celebration on Dec. 28.



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On Veterans Day, Mayor Tom Ellis (center, back) visited with a group of local veterans. A veteran himself, Mayor Ellis believes it is imperative to highlight the service and work that so many in our community do as members of our country's armed forces. Throughout 2020, the City aims to showcase those in our community who help fight for our freedom via a brief article. If you or someone you know is a member of the armed forces, past or present, we'd like to hear from you!

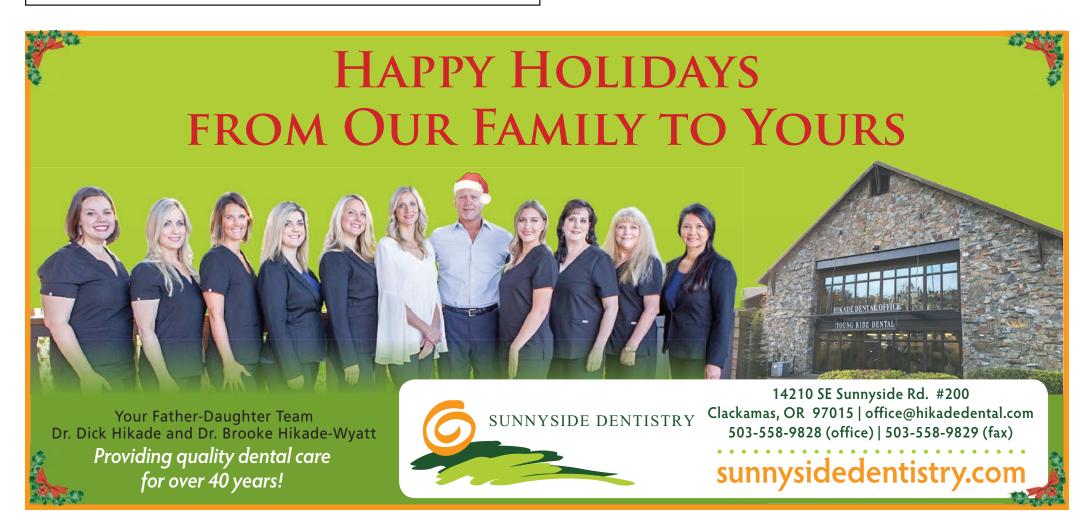
Highlighting our heroes

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley would like to recognize our community's veterans and active military on a more regular basis. To do this, Happy Valley News will aim to share the story of someone in our community who has served or is Please contact the City's Comcountry's armed forces each month, starting January 2020.

The City is encouraging veterans to reach out to us directly if interested and we addifrom family and friends. ments.

currently serving in one of our munication Specialist, Stephanie Warneke, at swarneke@ happyvalleyor.gov or 503-783-3823 if you or someone you know would be willing to share something about their tionally welcome nominations experience and accomplish-



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Happy Valley Library

Bilingual storytimes are a great way to strengthen a child's early literacy skills and learn something new. They also provide opportunity for non-English speaking families to see themselves and their culture through books, rhymes and movement.

Led by Spanish Educator, Vitzah Santilli, Spanish Storytime is geared towards children and their caregivers, with a special emphasis on keeping little ones entertained. Santilli prepares stories, songs, flannel boards, puppets and crafts to encourage a love of reading and books.

According to Santilli, research strongly points to the many educational benefits of reading aloud to children, all of which apply to foreign languages. It is important to read to children, she says, because it is reflected when studying and acquiring knowledge.

"It can improve your child's listening comprehension by providing exposure to a native speaking

language," says Santilli. "It provides an opportunity for language practice WITH-OUT a major commitment from a parent/family

member and can help the child become more involved with the community."

Spanish Storytimes at the library are



Vitzah Santilli uses a felt board and colorful illustrations to help Spanish Storytime attendees practice words in both English and Spanish. The program encourages kids and their caregivers to immerse themselves in language and the group's activities promote a love for reading.

children. Santilli believes parents are the child's best teacher, so she encourages them to read books with their child every-

If you would like to check out Spanish

fun and an excellent model for reading to Storytime with your child, simply attend the next gathering. All Storytimes are held in the Community Room at Happy Valley Library on the third Saturday of day as well as attend Storytime together. the month. No registration is required and everyone is welcome.

Students from Scouters

Mountain Elementary spent

an evening at Happy Valley Library during a recent

Family Night event. Students

got a sneak peek at some of the library's inner workings

and even perused some

reading materials. The evening provided an

opportunity for students

and their families to learn

more about the library and

its available services.

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E-BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Coming soon is a helpful workshop aimed at those interested in learning how to borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks from Happy Valley Library's digital book services. Take advantage of the tens of thousands of titles available to download at no cost to you and start your next book whenever you're ready.

With your LINCC library card, you can download a variety of titles for free. There are so many popular eBooks and eAudiobooks available for all ages and for all types of devices and computers. You can check out up to six titles at a time for a maximum of 21 days from two different content providers.

The books can be downloaded, renewed, and returned anywhere you have an internet connection. Then, once a book is downloaded to your device, the internet connection is no longer needed in order to read or listen to the book. Literally, take your next read anywhere you go! Not sure what you need to do to set up your next eBook or EAudiobook? The upcoming workshop will include a demonstration of the service and helpful tips to navigating the systems. Bring your smartphone, tablet, or Kindle and librarians will help you get started. Can't make it to the workshop? Stop by the library anytime and they'd be happy to show you how it



Learn how to utilize the library's digital book services by attending a workshop on Dec. 10. The event will serve to help patrons navigate their smart devices and utilize the service efficiently.

Family Night sparks interest in the library

Happy Valley Library

Two years ago, Scouters Mountain Elementary PTA member, Orlando Perez, approached the Happy Valley Library with an idea. "The library has all of these amazing resources and I want all of our families to know about them," said Perez. With that, Perez and Children's Librarian, Anna Bruce, developed the idea of a Family Night for the school, hosted at the Happy Valley Library.

The event was successful, so the library has extended an invitation to all the area elementary schools this year in order to reach more students and families. So far, Sojourner, Oregon Trail and Scouters Mountain have all visited the library for a Family Night and another school is scheduled to participate in the spring. Each Family Night offers a lowkey visit to the library, with a behindthe-scenes tour of work areas, information about student and family resources,



crafts, games and door prizes. Families are also invited to open a library card during the visit in order to continue

their library connection post event. 'For us, it's so powerful to see families who are already familiar with the library share with new families all of the fun, free services we offer," said

dating; the library is relevant to their

There is still time for other schools to book a Family Night. If your school has yet to formally visit the library, contact Anna Bruce. The Youth Services librarians are excited about connecting even more families with the many services Bruce. "Their enthusiasm is really vali- offered at the library.

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City expands passport services

City of Happy Valley

If you've been meaning to come in and apply for a passport, but haven't been able to make it work due to the normal passport schedule hours, the City has a couple more options available to you.

City Hall is now offering passport services on Wednesdays, by appointment only. Happy Valley Passport Agents have typically just been available to process paperwork on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This schedule will continue, and no appointment is necessary on these days, but if you would like to schedule a Wednesday appointment, just contact Happy Valley City Hall at 503-783-3800 to SE Misty Drive.

check availability.

The City is also offering an upcoming weekend date for those who cannot come in during the Monday through Friday timeframe. The City offered a special Passport Saturday on Nov. 16 and will offer one final Saturday option on Dec. 7. Passport agents will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on this day to help process applications. This is a first-come, first-served event, so no need to make an appointment. Just make sure you have all your required documentation and fees when you arrive.

For more information about Happy Valley's passport services and a helpful explanation of all forms and payment needed, check out www.happyvalleyor.gov. City Hall is located at 16000

Sleep clinic opens in Happy Valley

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

On Nov. 1, The Oregon Clinic Sleep Center opened in Happy Valley.

Sleep labs are increasingly in demand as Americans suffer from numerous sleep disorders. These disturbances, including apnea, can put health at risk by causing high blood pressure, stroke, heart disease, diabetes and depression.

When a patient has a potential sleep disorder, we want to see them get into a lab for testing fairly quickly so that we can continue to work on diagnosis and treatment," said Dr. Andrea Matsumura, a sleep medicine physician at The Oregon Clinic.

"This new sleep center not only adds a convenient location for our patients in Clackamas County, but also reduces wait time for all of our sleep patients throughout the region."

THE OREGON **SLEEP CLINIC**

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At the Sleep Center, nine employees, including doctors and technologists, monitor a patient through the night in a state-of-the-art sleep facility with six rooms each featuring an en suite bathroom, Sleep Number queen bed, flat-screen TV and the comfort of a hotel room. The new center's lab can serve 36 patients in addition to home study pa-

The Oregon Clinic accepts most insurance and will bill both primary and secondary insurance.





The Oregon Clinic **Sleep Center is** equipped with hotel-style suites to test patients for a multitude of sleep disorders, including sleep

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Stay safe this winter with these candle safety tips

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Candles are the leading cause of fires, especially during winter weather months and the holidays. Statistics show that most candle fires start when candles are left unattended in the home.

Here are some helpful tips to keep your family safe when using candles...

- Never leave candles unattended.
- Make sure a grown-up is always in the room when a candle is burning.
- If a grown-up leaves the room. make sure he or she puts out the candle
- around burning candles no playing with or near candles, with candle wax, or with items that could catch fire near candles.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that could catch on fire.
- Don't put candles in windows

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the wind could knock them over. Keep matches

or doorways where

- and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Make sure to use candles and ■ Set up a "kid-free" zone candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily.
 - Consider using flameless candles to replace real flame candles.
 - Develop and practice your home escape plan.
 - Make sure your home is equipped with working smoke



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Procrastinators Holiday Market set for Dec. 14

Are you missing the Happy Valley Farmers Market?

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over 300 vendors will sell items like soap, jewelry, wine, food, clothing, crafts and books. Food and beverages also will be available for purchase.



Hundreds of vendors will be on hand to sell their wares at the Procrastinators Market. Find specialty items, food and Santa and Mrs. Claus at the one-day event.

A Czech musical Christmas

Happy Valley Library

Join the fun on Dec. 18 when Happy Valley Library welcomes Mark and Helena Greathouse for an entertaining and educational afternoon rooted in music and Czechoslovakian culture. The husband and wife duo will present Memories of a Czech Christmas, a holiday program featuring traditional Czech Christmas music, singing and dancing, and the accordion, of course.

Musically inclined since an early age, Mark was first introduced to the accordion by his father when he was just five years old. He took to it instantly and eventually honed his craft, winning several awards in Oregon before heading off to Europe for college. In the late 1960's, he was studying German when he met Helena. "We were both foreign students at the University of Hamburg in Germany. The attraction was mutual, and when Helena discovered I could learn anything she could sing, I added my unique accompaniment to her music," Mark

reports. Helena, a celebrity of sorts in her native Czechoslovakia, has always loved the stage. At seven years old, she sang on the Czechoslovak National Radio and performed lead roles in pro-



Mark and Helena Greathouse share their love for music and their sense of humor through musical variety shows. Later this month, the couple will present Memories of a Czech Christmas, complete with traditional costumes.

MEMORIES OF A CZECH CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

grams on her country's national television and live theater. She studied dance and even competed in rhythmic gymnastics as a teenager, excelling at the sport competitively. When she met Mark, she was pursuing a degree in Statistics and Economics.

Bonding over their love for music and entertaining, the cou-

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ple performed together in an international folklore cafe in Hamburg before they married in 1970. The couple moved to America soon after they wed and both Mark and Helena had what they call "normal jobs" with Bonneville Power Administration. When they were offered early retirement, they pounced on the opportunity, opting to embrace their true in-

terests in music and the arts. Playing into their last name, the duo formed The Greathouse of Music, and have performed musical variety shows and recorded music featuring original piano compositions. In 2010, propriate for all ages.

they made it to the Judges' Round of America's Got Talent, placing them as one of the 400 acts to advance from the 70,000 initial entries nationwide. They have created a variety of music and comedic scenes, playing into their quirky love story and the cultural similarities and differences between them. The duo travels back to Europe often to visit family and friends and performs their music over-

At their upcoming event at the library, Mark and Helena will present a vibrant and varied program of lyrical melody, song, and dance. Helena will perform in traditional folklore costumes from Eastern Europe. Some music will be sung in languages other than English, but the duo makes a point to explain the meaning and context in efforts to help the audience understand and relate to the piece. Helena will also share some funny stories about her own holiday experiences during the Czech holiday season and will talk about the differences between American customs and those of her native country. The event aims to encourage attendees to learn something new and enjoy both the whimsy and traditional nature of the holidays.

This event will take place in the Community Room and is ap-



CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

Dec. 3

City Council Work Session: 6 p.m. City Hall Council Chamber

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

Dec. 5 Pleasant Valley/North **Carver Community** Advisory Committee: 6 p.m. at City Hall

Dec. 7

Passport Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at City Hall

Leaf Drop Event: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Public Works Building

Dec. 12

Traffic and Public Safety Meeting: 7 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber

Dec. 13-15

Operation Santa Parades: 6 p.m.-9 p.m. (Please see page 2 for details.)

Dec. 17

City Council Work Session: 6 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber

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

Dec. 19 Public Art Committee Meeting:

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Dec. 23 City Hall: CLOSED

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How to stop thieves in their tracks this holiday season

The holiday season is here and while fun and festive events are on the rise, so too are an influx of thefts. Happy Valley is generally a very safe community, but our city is not immune to having cars or homes broken into. Bad guys will target anyone they think is an easy mark, so being proactive about safety is crucial. Here is my go-to list of things you can do now to help prevent thieves from ruining your holiday experience.

If You Are Traveling

■ Lock your doors and windows. This is a no brainer, but you'd be surprised how often thieves take advantage of an entryway that simply wasn't secured.

■ Set your home alarm, if you have one, and make sure your alarm permit is up to date with the City and displayed in a visible location. If your alarm sounds, police patrol units will respond to the call and having your permit

right information should we need to get a hold of you.

■ Get an automatic timer for your lights. With it getting dark so early now, this is an easy way to provide some helpful illumination in general. but this also helps detour thieves by giving the appearance that someone is inside.

■ Let your neighbors know you'll be gone. If they are aware of your absence, it's more likely they will notice

Discourage thieves from targeting your property this holiday

season with these helpful safety tips from Happy Valley Police Chief Scott Anderson.

something amiss.

Chief Scott

Anderson

■ Have mail and any deliveries stopped. If items pile up, it's a sure sign you're not home.

■ Take advantage up to date helps ensure we have the of the City's Vacation Check service. Did you know someone from the City's Code Enforcement team will gladly swing by your property and do a perimeter check? Check out www.happyvalleyor.gov for all the details about how to submit a request.

If You Are Out for the Evening

■ Turn on lights and a radio or TV, so it looks like someone is home. If thieves think you are home or at the very least are unsure if the home is

empty, they will be more likely to move along to another location.

■ Lock doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few min-

■ Don't display valuables or gifts where they can be seen from outside. Make sure blinds and window coverings conceal views.

Protect Your Vehicle

■ ALWAYS lock your vehicle. I cannot emphasize this enough. Most car break-ins reported in Happy Valley have been from cars being unlocked. This means all the thief must do is lift the car door handle and then they have complete access to your belongings, including your garage door opener, if you use one. Thieves are much more

one attempt.

■ Store all items out of sight. Anything left in plain view—from your holiday gifts to spare change, sunglasses, cell phones or tools – could motivate a break-in or a thief's willingness to take their efforts to the next level by breaking a window. Make it a habit to unload your items every time you get home from an outing and conceal items if you have more stops before reaching your final destination.

Protecting Your Package Deliveries and Mail

■ Ship your package to a location where someone you know will be available to receive it, whether that's your house, a neighbor's house, or your place of employment. If you have a neighbor who is home during the day, ask them to pick up packages at your house whenever they see them and return the favor for your neighbors.

■ Track your packages online and request a text or other alert about delivery status.

■ Sign up for Informed Delivery via www.usps.com. With this free service, you can opt in to receive digital previews of your general mail that is scheduled to arrive that day.

■ Doorbell cameras and other security cameras are getting more affordable and often give you a real-time view of your porch and/or property. Many have two-way audio, so you can talk with the delivery person (or thief) on your porch while you're at work or sitting on the sand in the South Pacific.

likely to give up and move on to anoth- Camera footage could come in handy if er car if they can't open yours within a thief targets your home or car, and it could even be helpful to another resident. Perhaps your camera caught a helpful view of a thief as he or she passed by your home. You can share your surveillance footage with the Happy Valley Police Department and we may be able to use it to help identify thieves that have been targeting neigh-

After You've Opened the Gifts

■ Thieves know that after the holidays, many households will have new and often desirable items in their homes. Residents make it easy for thieves to figure out which homes to target by putting boxes that identify their new gifts in plain view with their other garbage and recycling. Consider keeping broken-down boxes inside until the evening before or even the morning of your regular garbage pick-up.

Of course, even the best safety practices may still lead to an unwanted break in. Be a good neighbor and remain alert as you look out for one another. Getting to know your neighbors is often the best way to help prevent crime. Call 9-1-1 anytime you see suspicious activity or a crime in progress. You can also call the non-emergency number at 503-655-8211 to provide information or make a report.

Finally, as 2019 comes to a close, I want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year. From everyone at the Happy Valley Police Department, we are honored to serve you and look forward to the year

Ladies Night at Terra Casa benefits Make-a-Wish Foundation

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Some 300 women shopped from 4-8 p.m. Nov. 12 at Terra Casa's Ladies

Started in 2010, the private event put on by the home and garden retailer gives shoppers an opportunity to buy merchandise at a 20% discount in a fun and festive set-

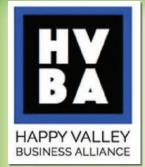
A portion of the ticket sales from this year's catered event will go to the 2019 chosen nonprofit: Make-a-Wish Foundation. To receive an email invitation for next year's event, join the preferred customer guest list at terracasa.com



Hundreds of local women shopped at Terra Casa's annual customer appreciation night.



Terra Casa was flush with holiday decorations and gifts for its unique shopping extravaganza. **Customers** were treated to wine and a catered buffet, too. PHOTO CREDIT:



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Guiding Happy Valley PTA

Regional director Nicole Bailey uses kindness, dedication

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Nicole Bailey didn't set out to climb the Oregon Parent Teacher Association ladder, but when her daughter started attending elementary school, Bailey found a way to be involved.

Today, the Happy Valley resident is in her first term as the OPTA Region Four Director that encompasses 36 schools in Clackamas

County

Bailey is a fixture at Spring Mountain Elementary School: She volunteers where needed, whether on field trips or in the classroom at the school three of her four children have attended. Bailey also is the volunteer coordinator for the Spring Mountain PTA, board member for the the Clackamas Council, convention committee member for OPTAP, and a CHS Cavalier dance mom. She has served as council president for the Clackamas Council and was

for five years. "Being Region Four director has elements of outreach. I reach out to a school's PTA to see what they need, since many people in the PTA world don't know there are region directors to help. When a problem arises, they will call the PTA office, who in turn contacts me to help them," Bailey said.

Spring Mountain PTA president

"We're fortunate here that we have the Clackamas Council through the OPTA as another layer of support for the PTAs and every Clackamas County PTA is a member. The Clackamas Council even funds the Clackamas Clothes Closet to help with youth clothing needs in all of Clackamas County.'

Bailey's responsibilities as director include making sure PTAs are in good standing with insurance, helping new presidents learn duties if needed, and providing knowledge to PTAs about which fundraisers have been successful. Bailey also is on hand to help maintain protocol when disputes arise,



cruise, makes time to volunteer as Region Four OPTA Director. Her dedicated work with the organization helps local PTAs understand their state and national support

such as a contentious book buying issue with the Scouters Mountain PTA.

'The issue at Scouters Mountain was actually an amazing thing to be a part of because I watched the community come together and be there for the kids and show the kids that we were standing there for them. It was cool and worth all the heaviness to be a witness to the good in the community," she

OPTA is part of national PTA, the largest and oldest nonprofit advocacy group in the nation working on behalf of children and representing 23,000 school PTAs. The role of the national PTA has been to campaign for the betterment of children's lives through services and programs at school.

In years past, PTA works have included school lunch and inoculation programs, formulation of child-labor laws, transportation safety, and programs to educate today's youth about sex education, alcohol, tobacco and lobbying for federal education funding.

Each school can form a parent-teacher council. The difference between a PTA and PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) or other similar group is the level of support. PTO groups are not affiliated with PTA and are run through the one school they

"Beyond the national level,

through PTA, we have two representatives in Salem fighting for the kids, pushing things like the Student Success Act and going to the Means and Ways budget meetings and working to find ways to serve the kids," Bailey said.

'When a PTA pays dues, the money goes for representation on a state and federal level for the kids. With a PTO or other type of council, they don't have this level of representation or networking. We have people available to us all the time to answer questions, and insurance is less expensive for a PTA."

Locally, the PTAs organize fundraising to help pay for instructional teachers, coding clubs, school needs like playground equipment and books, literacy events and book exchanges. They also organize events like Oregon Battle of the Books, service projects like Day of Giving at SME and collect for need-based nonprofits.

"The fundraising component of PTA catches the community's attention; it's what makes us valuable overall. I like seeing more community-oriented events that we aren't using for fundraising," Bailey said. "Let's get families together for a lowcost or free fun night like carni-

"That component is more valuable than the fundraising. It would be great if the state could fund according to the quality education models and we can go back to what the PTA is for, which is advocating for every kid and helping them reach their full potential.'

On average, Bailey volunteers 10-15 hours a week through all the organizations she represents, though during the fall months, those hours can wax due to the start of the school year and wane in summer when school is not in session. Bailey, a mother of four originally from Hawaii, loves being involved with children and schools locally and would like to see other parents join their child's PTA as a rewarding experience.

'I'd like to see people step up. PTA is one of those organizations that many people feel like they don't want to participate in, but once you do, you see the benefits. For me, it's being a part of the kids' education and the direct connection of what they are receiving in the classroom. The effort I am putting in is rewarding, just like our fight for the Student Success Act, which is now being funded," Bailey

"There is going to be more money available now, and all these things make me feel I will be in PTA until my children won't be impacted anymore. But I might stay on after that. Who knows? I'm passionate about what we are doing and fighting



Outer East Arthouse presents 'All is Bright'

Against a backdrop of war, social upheaval and personal turmoil, a young priest is searching for peace. "'All is Bright' is a heartwarming, poignant and fastpasted show with colorful characters searching to find calm in a chaotic world as a backstory behind the beloved Christmas song 'Silent Night."

The 50-minute play is produced by Outer East Arthouse, a Happy Valley-based theater company and is appropriate for all family members.

Performances:

11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 22 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23

LOCATION:

Eastridge Covenant Church 14100 S.E. Sunnyside Road

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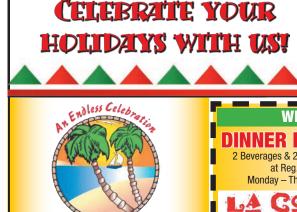
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City seeks volunteers for committees

City of Happy Valley

Joining a City committee is a great way to get involved and help make a difference in the community. It's also a way to share your expertise and talents or lend your voice to relevant topics. Whether you have a particular interest in the City's future growth, want to help improve public safety, or can help develop programs that increase opportunities for public art, being part of a committee is an easy way to participate in local government.

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 discuss is-

sues and ultimately provide strategic guidance to the City Council by way of recommendations and idea submissions. Volunteers might help shape policy, provide assessment of data, or explore resident perspectives on various topics.

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 and is interested in hearing from residents who would like to be part of these processes.

To apply for one of these appointed advisory board positions, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application by Friday, Dec.6. 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.



Cavs soccer team falls short of goals

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

The boys varsity soccer team at Clackamas High School lost to Centennial 0-1 in the second round of the state playoffs. Going into the game with an undefeated record of 10-0-3, the team held aspirations of making a bid for the state finals.

"Our team did very well throughout the whole season. We were very excited for playoffs and to see how far we could go. Losing to Centennial was a very tough loss for all of us," said senior Tyler Bennett. "The best experience for the team was going to all the away games together and just hanging as a group. We all got to be really good friends over the course of the season, and I think that was a big part in what made our season so successful."

Despite the playoff loss, the Cavaliers finished the season with a successful 12-1-3 record and earned the school's first boys soccer conference trophy since 2012.

"It was a very disappointing loss for all of us, not just the seniors. Everyone knew that we just didn't play our game and we let the other team and the refs get in the way of our success," Bennett said.



Though the Cavaliers lost in the second round of the state playoffs, overall, the boys varsity soccer team had a successful season. **Winger Bereket** Mitiku hopes "next season the boys will use this setback as motivation to go out and hopefully have another great season as well as winning the season championship." SUBMITTED PHOTO.



Clear storm drains to protect your property and our water

Heavy rains and fall leaves can cause high water and increase pollutants reaching our streams and rivers. When it rains, water washes over roofs, streets, driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and land surfaces. Along the way, it can pick up a variety of pollutants, such as oil, pesticides, metals, chemicals, and soil. This polluted stormwater drains into the storm system that eventually discharges into our rivers and streams. These pollutants can endanger the quality of our waterways, making them unhealthy for people, fish, and wildlife. No matter where you live, there's a drainage system in place to help rainwater find its way to

Q:What is a storm drain?

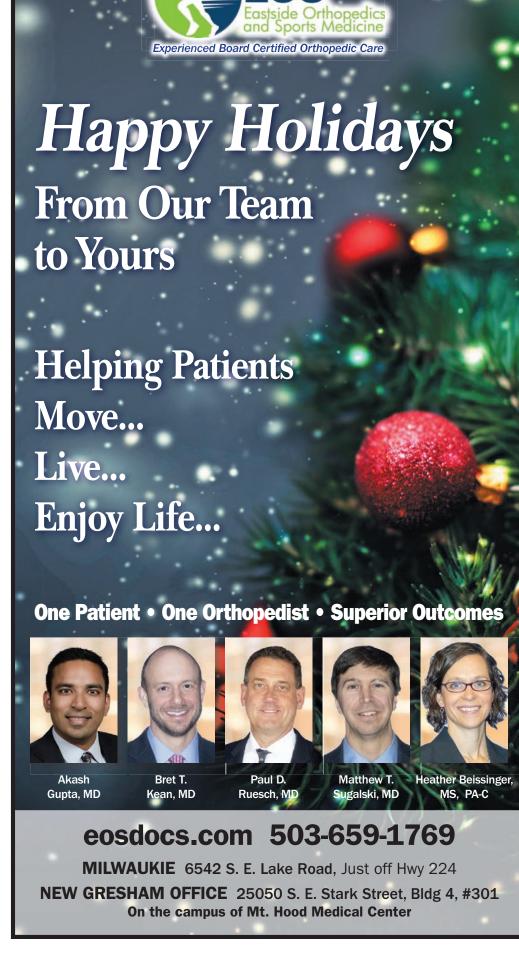
A. The metal grates in the street that connect to piping that carries rain and snowmelt to nearby creeks, rivers, wetlands, or groundwater.

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.





Need a gift for the holidays? Check out the HV Store

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley gear is a fun gift for out-of-town friends and family, and college-bound students who want a reminder of home. A variety of items are now available for purchase including: hats, tshirts, sweatshirts, vacuum-insulated water bottles, bags, golf umbrellas, wine glasses, coffee mugs, pencils, key chains, USB car chargers, and more.

The HV Store is located in the lobby of City Hall and is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Located at City Hall, the HV Store offers a variety of items perfect for showing off your affinity for Happy Valley.

Last chance to drop off yard debris for FREE!

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley's Public Works Department is offering one more day in 2019 so you can drop off your yard debris at no cost to you.

City residents are encouraged to drop off seasonal yard debris (leaves, woody debris and grass clippings) 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 debagging their drop-off materials on-site.

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

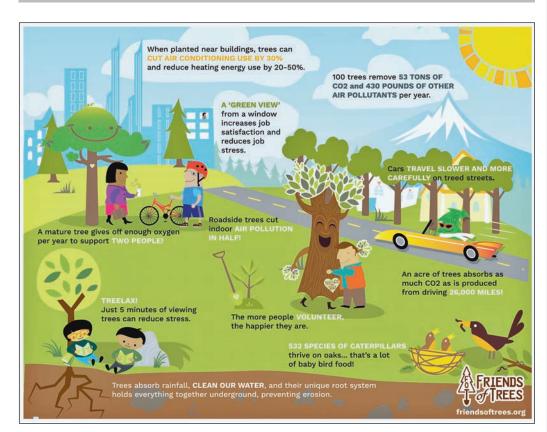
*Remember to bring proof of residency with



Did you know the City has a resident arborist that you can consult with? If you have ever wondered about the health of your property trees or wanted to know if there are ways to prolong the life of your trees, residents of the City can contact Leslie Gover by simply emailing her at cityarborist@happyvalleyor.gov. Gover's expertise offers a wonderful resource at no cost to the resident.

The City's FREE Leaf Drop Off event is an easy way to dispose of yard debris. Take advantage of this opportunity on Dec. 7.

> *Remember to bring proof of residency with uou to the event



While Winter is quickly approaching, it's never too early to help Mother Earth. If you enjoy being outdoors and want to help keep Happy Valley's natural areas healthy, consider signing up for a Friends of Trees

Friends of Trees prepares for another season of growth

Established to improve the urban tree canopy and restore natural areas, Friends of Trees has helped over 750,000 trees and native plants take root and flourish. What started out in a small Portland neighborhood now spans over 120 neighborhoods in six counties across two states.

Did you know Happy Valley benefits from some of the projects coordinated through Friends of Trees? The organization has been a long-time partner with the City, creating opportunities for replenishing growth and helping sustain the lush greenspace that comprojects in Happy Valley, a special opportunity is set to be held later this week.

Windswept Waters Natural Årea Planting

*Site location: between S.E. Windswept Waters Dr. & S.E. Granite Dr.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 7

Time: 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hundreds of native trees and shrubs are set to be planted at this special site, located near the confluence of Rock

prises this beautiful area we Creek and the Clackamas Rivcall home. While Spring is the er. The trees planted will clean most popular time for service the air and water, as well as provide better wildlife habitat. Interested parties are encouraged to sign up to reserve their

space in the volunteer group. If you would like to learn more about Friends of Trees or sign up for a project, check out their website at www. FriendsofTrees.org. Head to the event calendar and you will find lots of options, including a variety of Happy Valley projects being offered in Spring 2020. Start planning now and invite your friends and neighbors to be part of the

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Plans are taking shape with the help of resident feedback



City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley continues to work with the Pleasant Valley/North Carver Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and local residents on the Comprehensive Plan that will guide the future of the Pleasant Valley/North Carver (PV/NC) area. Here's what's happening on two important fronts.

Parks are part of the vision for Pleasant Valley and North Carver. The project team and CAC have studied how best to provide parks close to all residents, preserve and celebrate nature, and promote a sense of community through planned open spaces and recreational areas. The draft plan recommends three types of parks for the plan.

Community Parks

The City aims to create two new community parks on sites of 15 to 40 acres each. The Carver riverfront area may be one of the sites. Each community park would most frequently serve residents within two square miles of the park. Both would support passive recreation such as picnicking or strolling, and may include active recreation such as sports fields.

Neighborhood Parks

The City aims to create ten new neighborhood parks on sites of two to five acres each, most frequently serving residents within half a square mile of a site. All would support unstructured, non-organized play with features such as swings, slides and open grassy areas.

Open Space / Natural Areas

Happy Valley aims to preserve open spaces and natural areas that are known to be geographically or geologically unique, though we don't yet have a list of specific sites. Bevond the benefits of habitat protection, such areas typically have trails for hiking. An example is Hidden Falls Nature Park near 152nd Drive.

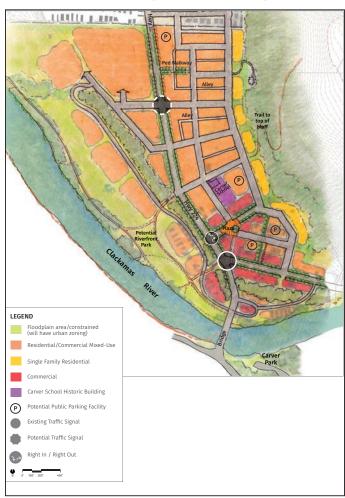
Transportation

The PV/NC will "integrate" Happy Valley's land use and transportation needs by making sure we have enough roads, trails and bikeways to support a growing population. And of course all these routes would include more tree plantings. The draft plan includes several key transportation solutions and recommendations:

- Updating the City's Transportation Plan to show planned roads, trails and bikeways to serve the PV/NC area - creating a plan before development occurs.
- Creating a parkway design for Foster Road from near SE Cheldelin Road to SE Vogel Road — for an attractive gateway into Pleasant Valley and safer driving, biking and walking along $\bar{\text{Foster}}$ Road
- Realigning Route 224 near Carver Junction to help prevent traffic congestion near the Clackamas River bridge and connect the Carver community to the river.

■ Continuing collaboration

Concept A - Existing Location of Highway 224



Concept B - Highway 224 Realignment



The graphics detail ideas for the North Carver Waterfront. Concept maps help residents visualize potential for the area and begin seeing how the space might work.

with the Oregon Department of Transportation to plan the "Sunrise" improvements Hwy 212, and improve safety and traffic flow at Rock Creek junction (Route 212/Route 224).

The comprehensive plan and you

Since the PV/NC area is within the Portland Metropolitan Area's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), an urban comprehensive plan is required by state law. Your involvement as a community member helps shape the plan parks and transportation. You still have plenty of chances to weigh in.

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets regularly to discuss plan ideas and give feedback. If you would like to get involved or share your thoughts, please consider attending the next meeting. It's at City Hall on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.

You can also attend two Open House events in planning for spring 2020. Watch for details at www.happyvallevor.gov/business/pvnc with-— including the parts about in the next two months.

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