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Chrysalis Farms TRANSFORMS

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Like the metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly, Chrysalis Farms has undergone a dramatic transformation by the ecology-conscious stewards who call it home.

To be closer to family in the area, William “Buck” Baker Jr. and Mary Kay Kohles-Baker looked online to see what types of homes were available in the area. Coming from Atlanta, the retired couple set the search filters to include property and water.

Only one site met their criteria: a 21-acre riverfront farm on the Clackamas River

with a run-down home. Undaunted, the Bakers immediately saw the potential. They moved in 14 years ago and though retired, went to work restoring the home and land.

“This is my fourth career,” Buck said. “In my first career, I practiced medicine in Florida with a large 50-physician group. The hospital administrators across the street came to me and asked me to be their medical director to ready them for managed care. So, I left the practice and became a hospital administrator. I was then recruited as a medical director at Piedmont Atlanta Hospital in Georgia.”

Mary Kay, a self-described prairie woman



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY: BUCK BAKER
Proud as a peacock: Angel is one of 21 peacocks at Chrysalis Farms and is a standout against his blue-green flock.

from the Midwest, worked as both a nurse and social worker and helped write a \$29 billion grant for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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Juniors Kylie Schmidt and Kellen Akers are mentoring youngsters at business workshops they designed as part of a larger DECA program.

DECA mentors mean business

Two CHS juniors teach young students leadership skills, cure classroom boredom

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

As part of their DECA project this year, two Clackamas High School students are teaching leadership skills to young students at North Clackamas elementary and middle schools.

Juniors Kylie Schmidt and Kellen Akers decided to create DECA-based interactive workshops to teach students universal business skills.

“We’re hoping to reach as many students, teachers and parents as possible in order to give this valuable, educational and entertaining curriculum to a wide range of young students,” Project Manager Akers said. “We are aiming to reach these young students before they feel pressured to master skills for a job, internship, school or teams. This will help improve their future careers.”

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Women spark inspiration

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Rosie the Riveter was a powerful image during WWII representing women who joined the effort by working in factories and shipyards.

Because many of the men who held those jobs were overseas fighting the Axis powers, women were needed as replacements. Rosie the Riveter became a cultural icon symbolizing American feminism and has endured as a symbol nearly 80 years later.

Lorraine Brown grew up in Oregon and spent her formative years in eastern Oregon where her father worked for Union Pacific Railroad for 48 years. After graduating from La Grande High School in 1943, Brown took a job working nights in Portland at the Willamette Iron and Steel Co. as a welder.

“I went right to work in the shipyard because the war was on and they needed people badly because all the men were being sent out to war,” Brown said. “I was there three years and that was enough.”

The job was physically taxing because of the heavy equipment and thick leather suit Brown wore. But Brown was young and, at the time, didn’t think anything of the difficult work. She even took welding classes.

“I made \$1.25 an hour, which was big money to me back then. My father worked for 25 cents an hour as a blacksmith and he worked very hard. I was excited to make the money,” Brown said. “My sister was five years older than me and worked at Libby’s Cannery.”

In her free time, Brown enjoyed roller skating at the Impe-

rial and Oaks Park roller rinks. She also ice skated.

From 1943 to 1946 when Brown was a welder, she worked on one carrier ship that she never saw completed. Proud of her work as a welder, Brown also was proud of helping the war effort.

The popular icon first entered the American consciousness in 1942 with the song “Rosie the Riveter,” by Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb. Women were encouraged to volunteer for wartime factories and the message was propagated by government posters and commercial advertising. The cover of the May 29, 1943, edition of The Saturday Evening Post features Norman Rockwell’s iconic image in blue overalls with an American flag backdrop. By 1944, a feature movie also had been made featuring Rosie.

“I didn’t think anything about the Rosie the Riveter image. It was just the idea that we were helping at the time. I went to work every morning on the bus, and it was a good feeling knowing I was helping. The industry needed people, and I was there to work,” Brown said. “Life was entirely different back then, and our boys went through so much. If only the younger generations could understand what they went through.”

After the war, Brown happily gave up her welding career and worked at KXL Broadcasters as a traffic manager overseeing on-air commercials and daily logs for five years until she married Gerald Brown. The couple was married for 64 years and had four children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Lorraine Brown, known as “Dimples” as a child, graduated from La Grande High School in 1943 and immediately moved to Portland to work as a welder helping the war effort. Women like Brown were known as Rosie the Riveters.

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Happy Valley teen excels in figure skating championships

Sam Mindra makes top-10 in junior men's division with clean, short program

By ELLEN SPITALERI
The Clackamas Review

Sixteen-year-old Sam Mindra of Happy Valley had some big goals as he entered the national figure skating championships last week in Greensboro, North Carolina. He wanted to place in the top-10, he wanted to improve his point score, and he wanted to attract the attention of coaches and officials at the national level.

And, after two rounds of competition, Mindra achieved those goals, all while skating above his qualifying level.

This year for the first time, the U.S. Figure Skating Championships were held for only two levels — junior and senior. Mindra is technically a novice, so by winning the novice division at the Pacific Coast Sectional Finals in November, he qualified for nationals.

Since there was to be no novice competition, Mindra, who represents the Portland Ice Skating Club and Team Axis, was bumped up to the junior men's division, said Mari Malama, Mindra's coach.

At nationals, Mindra skated a clean, short program to "Misa Tango," had a fall in his long program skating to "The Golden Age" by Woodkid, improved his point score to 165, and finished 10th overall out of 18 skaters.

"He did really well; we're proud of him," Malama said.

But the really big deal, she said, is that Mindra was approached to be considered for Team USA and invited to attend a high-level training camp immediately after the national competition wrapped up.

At the camp, coaches and officials "will be testing how well you spin and how well you jump, deciding who they will send to international competitions" and ultimately to the Olympics in 2022, Mindra said.

Looking back on the competition, Mindra said he felt good about his performances and that being out on the national figure skating scene motivated him.

"The crowd was supportive, so I thought, OK, I can do this," he said.

Training

When Mindra returns to Oregon, he will resume his training regimen of getting up at 6 a.m., driving to the ice rink in Sherwood, and training two to four hours Monday through Friday and one hour on Saturday. He takes Sundays off.

"Sam is a very hard worker, and when he wants something, he'll do anything he has to do," said Malama, who has been coaching Mindra for six years.

He had a good season this year, she said, noting that Mindra previously had a couple of rough seasons dealing with an ankle injury, surgery and physical therapy.

"It's been hard on him; he's had to catch up," she said.

Mindra can execute all of his triple jumps, including the triple lutz, which is his most dif-



PHOTO COURTESY OF OREGON CONNECTIONS ACADEMY
Sam Mindra practices a split jump during training at the Sherwood Ice Rink. His coach said he can cleanly land all his triple jumps.

ficult jump, but also his favorite, Malama said.

"We're working on adding the triple-triple combination" to his choreography, she added.

Mindra is able to train so many hours per week and attend competitions because he is a junior at Oregon Connections Academy, a tuition-free K-12 online public school.

"This helps me a lot. I don't have to sit behind a desk for six hours, I can take my school and my homework with me," he said.

'It factor'

Mindra said he most admires Nathan Chen, the current senior men's national and world champion, and Evgeni Plushenko, a former Russian figure skater who won four Olympic medals from 2002-2014.

Mindra has worked with



COURTESY PHOTO
Sam Mindra is pictured in the stands during the U.S. Figure Skating Championships last week in Greensboro, North Carolina. He placed 10th in the junior men's competition.

Chen's coach Rafael Arutyunyan, who sees promise in him, Malama said. She also noted that Daisuke Murakami, a for-



PHOTO COURTESY OF ACTIONPHOTOS BY MARIANNE
Sam Mindra finishes his routine with a spin at the Pacific Coast Sectional Finals in November, where he placed first in the novice division.

mer international skater from Japan who has relocated to Sherwood, has given helpful advice to Mindra.

"When Sam is out there performing, he has that 'it factor' and knows how to use his

adrenaline rush to project to an audience, Malama said, adding, "when he's on that stage, it's a big deal."

As for his future, "I'm ready to see what's ahead," Mindra said.

Chrysalis

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Buck's hospital applied for the grant money, but with numerous obstacles, the couple decided to venture off on their own. They founded the Atlanta Regional Health Forum, representing 10 counties in Atlanta, to improve health.

"The focus of ARHF was social justice, and we worked with an inner-city neighborhood called People's Town and largely very poor families. Our focus was to help families stay together. We worked with a local church called Damascus House, helping them with resources and connections. We wanted to predominately help children, and this is where our interest with children emerged," Mary Kay said.

Before they moved to Oregon, Mary Kay toured the property and saw the topography and appeal of the land. They started thinking they could use the farm for more than just a residence. They wanted to work with children again and decided to create a program for children's education about ecology; but first, the cleanup.

The house

The house has a unique provenance; the original owners were a prominent Portland couple: John Bessen was a physician and his wife owned the Congress Hotel (which was demolished in 1977.)

When one of the physician's patients, an aspiring young architect, couldn't pay a medical bill in cash, the doctor accepted a set of blueprints instead. That architect, Wade Hampton Pipes, eventually would be considered Oregon's foremost expert on English cottage-style architecture.

Those blueprints were used as the basis for the gabled home that was built in 1932 and lovingly restored by the Bakers. It features hand-hewn timber from Timberline Lodge, extensive river rock from the Clackamas River, and wrought-iron fencing. The Bakers even found numerous relics from the Congress Hotel in an outbuilding, including a door from Room 506, which Buck used when he rebuilt the guesthouse.

"The place was a mess. The buildings weren't painted, and English ivy was everywhere. We spent time pulling it and getting rid of the Japanese knotweed and Himalayan blackberry, all invasive species on our hit list," Mary Kay said. "We even had the largest batch of garlic mustard in the county. We are still dealing with other weeds like Scottish broom.

"The structure of the house was actually more difficult than the property. I painted all the house and stained the outside at least three times," she said. "It was so thirsty, it ab-

Massive trees with roots still attached were used to help create a refuge for young salmon. The project to create a side channel on the Baker's property was a collaboration of numerous organizations. SUBMITTED PHOTO



PHOTO BY: SHELLEY MCFARLAND
The Bakers rebuild an outbuilding on their property into a classroom to accommodate school fieldtrips.

sorbed it all."

The Bakers restored the house, outbuildings and the land. The property came with 21 peafowl that roam the grounds when not in their enclosure. Fourteen years later, they still have 21 peafowl, though not all original.

Buck remodeled a two-bedroom guesthouse, along with an education barn to use for school field trips. The Georgia transplants, Buck now 83 years old and Mary Kay, 77, quickly learned about the natural landscape of the Northwest and have fully embraced a lifestyle to protect the native land and wildlife.

Salmon habitat

After the Bakers bought 12 additional acres adjacent to their property, the county came to the Bakers with a proposition.

"The county said they owned two pieces totaling 20 acres of property downstream from us and wanted to restore a side channel for a salmon habitat that would start on our property and end on county property," Buck said. "They said they would get funding for the habitat, from sources including PGE, who when they put a dam on the river had to set aside funds to mitigate the effects on the salmon."

VITAL HABITAT

The Clackamas River Basin encompasses 900-square miles and is a vital component for the greater Columbia River Basin.

The Clackamas River supplies Oregonians with 10% of their drinking water. The Clackamas Watershed is a salmon strong hold and is home to one of the last two remaining wild, late fall coho runs in the Columbia Basin. It was federally listed as threatened in 2005.

The Bakers agreed to the arrangement and seven organizations worked together with the Clackamas River Basin Council on the Fisher's Bend Habitat Enhancement Project, which restored 2,350 feet of off-channel habitat providing fish refuge and rearing habitat.

Native vegetation was restored, and more than 50 logs and boulders were used to increase the habitat's complexity, which included reconnecting the floodplain to the river. Invasive weeds were controlled, and 37,600 native plants and trees were planted.

The \$700,000 project, with



Massive trees with roots still attached were used to help create a refuge for young salmon. The project to create a side channel on the Baker's property was a collaboration of numerous organizations. SUBMITTED PHOTO



PHOTO BY: SHELLEY MCFARLAND
Buck and Mary Kay Baker moved to their property they call Chrysalis Farms 14 years ago from Atlanta. In that time, they have transformed their homestead and lifestyle to help educate children about ecology.

the bulk of the funds coming from an Oregon Enhancement Board grant, was started in 2014 and has been completed, though monitoring will end in 2021. The land includes ponds, remnant wetland and the channel all in a mature ash, cottonwood, Douglas fir and cedar forest.

The project will help federally protected juvenile salmonids at critical stages in their life cycle by providing refuge in the side channel. In an existing pond, work also was completed to improve the habitat for native turtles while preserving the existing wildlife, such as ducks and coyotes.

"Our interest in this site grew out of our strategic plan, where we did an analysis of the river of which sites would be most appropriate for restoration. This was one of the top 10 restoration sites on the river," said Pat Kaczmarek, Clackamas River Basin Council communications and program specialist.

"It's an amazing floodplain area that provides the river

with different habitats that are not easily available this far down the river because people have narrowed the stretch of the river from its original pattern."

Today

The Bakers are excited to share their property with others and are proud of the rich partnerships they created while improving it.

"Education was an integral part of this project. It was written into the grants that youth would be assisting on some of the projects and Buck and Mary Kay have been holding wonderful classes out here," Kaczmarek said.

Today, Chrysalis Farms provides educational field trips to classes, free of charge. The Bakers provide the campus and instruction while the school provides supervision and lunch.

The bus pulls into the main entrance, where Buck waits with a tractor to take half the kids onto the property while Mary Kay takes the other half

on a walk near the river. Students learn about ecology of the river, symbiotic relationships between wildlife and nature and the importance of bees. There is even a small play area nestled in an old fruit grove for kids to play and climb.

"The first thing we did was understand what was native and invasive and harming the land. It grew from there; we are just stewarding what is here. Buck and I think about the Native American philosophy of maintaining something for seven generations," Mary Kay said.

"We ask, how do you maintain for the generations that can see it now, but what about the generations beyond that? Personally, I don't care if I ever go anywhere else. Outside the trees, shrubbery, birds, peacocks and deer, being here is like being in a chapel, you can't help but let it take your breath away.

For more information, visit: chrysalisfarms.org, clackamasriver.org,

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Welcome New Committee Members

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



TOM ELLIS

One of my responsibilities as Mayor is to appoint community members to the City's advisory boards and committees. We had 26 people apply for only a few vacant positions. I'm constantly amazed at the passion people have for our local community. Whether people have been here for decades or moved to Happy Valley more recently, many want to be part of shaping the City's future. After reviewing the excellent applications, I selected the following individuals to serve:

- NAOMI TURRENTINE:** Planning Commission
- BRIAN STRUCKMEIER:** Traffic & Public Safety Committee
- DARIA FINE:** Public Art Committee
- ANH LE:** Budget Committee

Please join in my excitement in welcoming these new committee members. I'm eager to see the work they do along with their new colleagues. In total, we have a group of over 45 volunteers who provide guidance to the City Council. We couldn't do this without all of their time and effort. Thank you, volunteers!

CITY COUNCIL

Volunteer appreciation

As we welcome new members to our volunteer committees, we also want to take a moment to thank all our volunteers. We couldn't function without the help of our many advisory committees. As a City Council, the guidance we receive from our volunteer committees is invaluable. Planning for the future isn't just about what the City Council thinks is best. It takes a collective vision established by the community and cohesive action from our volunteer committees.

Our volunteer committees seek out improvements to parks, find solutions to neighborhood traffic problems, manage future growth, provide oversight of how taxes are spent, select rotating public art, and promote youth engagement. They do all this in their spare time, just so that we can live in a better community.

After many years of dedication, please join us in thanking those volunteers who concluded their service on a variety of committees.

- **JODI BAILEY:** Planning Commission
- **KEVIN BAILEY:** Traffic & Public Safety Committee
- **CONNIE EMMONS:** Public Art Committee
- **BILL BERSIE:** Parks Advisory Committee and Budget Committee



The Happy Valley community benefits from the many volunteers who give of their time and expertise to help problem solve challenges, and guide City decisions and policies. Thank you to all the committee members who recently concluded their service.

The City is fortunate to receive guidance and input from our community volunteers. If you're like these individuals and you care about future growth, our design standards, city finances, public safety, parks, art, library, or youth engagement, we're always looking for more volunteers.

To apply for an appointed advisory board position, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application. Currently, all positions are full, but we accept applications year-round. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions>.



Attendees at the recent Community Advisory Board meeting listen to ideas put forth in the current Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan.

Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan discussions continue

On Jan. 23, the Pleasant Valley North Carver Comprehensive Plan (PVNC) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) convened once again to review its recommended land use, transportation, and employment area plans. As this plan takes shape, it will ultimately create a roadmap for long-term development in the area.

Benefits to having a Comprehensive Plan include:

- Housing options and livable neighborhoods
- A well-planned parks and trails system
- Strategies for addressing congestion and road safety
- A riverfront in Carver that people can efficiently utilize
- Local employment opportunities



Benefits like these often mean more marketable homes and properties, but the key to success is having the community be part of the planning process. Recognizing the importance of community voice, the City is hopeful that residents will continue to join the CAC during these ongoing discussions.

For more information about the plan, the CAC, and/or the meeting schedule, please check out the City's PV/NC Comprehensive Plan webpage — <https://hv.city/pvnc> or contact the City of Happy Valley Planning Division at 503-783-3800.

PV/NC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHAT: Community Advisory Committee Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m.

WHERE: Happy Valley City Hall

Why have a Comprehensive Plan?

Since the rules about Comprehensive Plans can be confusing, it can be helpful to understand how they work. Every six years, the Metro Council is tasked with reviewing and reporting on the land supply. During this exercise, Metro estimates the projected population and employment growth for the region over the course of the next 20 years and, and if necessary, adjusts the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) area to meet the needs of growth forecasted. The UGB is a boundary line tool used to control urban expansion. As population grows and areas are

added to the UGB, state law requires that a comprehensive plan be made to assure that current and future housing, employment, and infrastructure needs are properly addressed. The PV/NC area was added to the UGB in 2002 which meant a comprehensive plan would need to be developed.

Comprehensive plans must adhere to statewide rules and goals. This is so that planning ultimately ensures that quality public services like police, schools, and parks are also taken into consideration.

Other ways to get involved

In Spring 2020, the City will be hosting two Open Houses that will further provide the community and residents an opportunity to get involved. These Open Houses may include small group discussions and visual presentations to help foster conversation and feedback. Stay tuned for additional details.



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PUBLIC SAFETY
Chief Scott Anderson

Tax season is upon us and while gathering documents and crunching numbers may not be your idea of a fun night in, this time of year is a popular one with scam artists and thieves looking to get their hands on your personal information. By being mindful and vigilant, you can help keep fraudsters away from your hard-earned cash.

Unsolicited phone calls

While those dreaded robo-calls have become a year-round nuisance, it's likely scammers will up the ante and use additional fear tactics to try to get you to give up your information this time of year. Calls about how law enforcement is going to suspend or cancel your Social Security number (SSN) due to taxes owed is a typical ask, but please know it is completely bogus. Hang up the phone, block the number, or better yet, screen unknown callers by sending them straight to voicemail. A person's SSN will never get suspended. Never, ever! Only will the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) contact you should there be an issue related to your SSN or tax payments and even then, agents would never demand immediate payment and ask you to provide debit or credit card information or set up wire transfers over the phone. The Happy Valley Police De-



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partment is not going to show up at your door and take you away. When in doubt about the validity of a call, simply contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 for verification.

Suspicious Emails

The Internet is another place to do your due diligence. Be on the lookout for Emails that claim you need to click on a link or enter personal information to take care of a tax issue. The IRS will not communicate with you over Email and under no circumstances will agents ask you to give up bank account numbers, credit card numbers, or passwords. Look closely at the Email account the correspondence is coming from. The name and address domains will not match up with anything related to official IRS or Social Security sites. Scammers are simply phishing for your information and might also be at-

tempting to infect your computer with malware in order to steal other personal data, too.

Mail theft

A SSN is gold for a bad guy, but a document that displays this along with your name, birthdate, and salary, such as your W-2, well, that's like winning the lottery. With it, thieves can open credit cards, create new identities, tap into your bank accounts, and drain your life savings. Thieves will also be on the lookout for refund checks, which they can manipulate and forge in order to cash in. Be extremely diligent about keeping tabs on your mailbox and pick up your mail every single day. Sadly, Happy Valley is not immune to mail theft and our police respond to calls of mail theft all too often. If you will be gone for an extended amount of time and can't check your mailbox, you can contact the

US Post Office and place a hold on your mail delivery. Just head to www.usps.com and create an online account. From there, you can set up a mail hold for only the dates you need. You can also sign up for Informed Delivery. With this free service, you can opt in to receive digital previews every day that shows general mail that is scheduled to arrive each day. This is great to have throughout the year and worth looking into for sure.

What to do if a thief gets hold of your personal information

Acting quickly is imperative to reducing the effects of identity theft. Immediately put a fraud alert on your credit report and contact your bank and credit card companies. It's also a good idea to contact the Federal Trade Commission (1-877-438-4338) and create an

Identity Theft Report. To complete this, you'll need to contact your local law enforcement office and file a report. In Happy Valley, you can use the non-emergency number (503-655-8211) to get ahold of us. Most importantly, if your Social Security number was comprised, make sure you contact the Social Security Administration (1-800-269-0271) and Internal Revenue Service (1-800-829-0433).

There's enough to worry about during tax season, so take precautions and keep tabs on your personal information. As always, please look out for one another and let us know if you notice suspicious activity in your neighborhoods, especially around mailbox areas. Call 9-1-1 anytime you see suspicious activity or a crime in progress. Again, you can also call the non-emergency number at 503-655-8211 to provide information or make a report.

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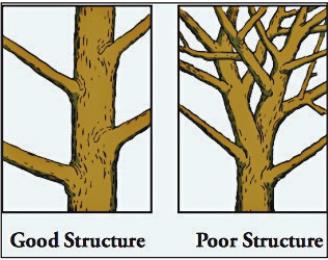
It’s prime time for tree pruning in the valley

City of Happy Valley

Winter is the perfect time to prune those trees in your yard and parking strip. This is because most plants are dormant during winter and shaping them now will promote better growth once spring hits. Although low temperatures mean you'll need to wear some extra layers while you're outside, completing this task in winter should be a bit easier this time of year since leaves have fallen and the tree's branch structure is clearly visible.

Prepare

Before you begin, make sure you have some hand pruners, lopping shears, and a pruning saw. Which one you use will be entirely dependent on the branch size you're working with. Keep in mind that trees are living organisms and it is important to be thoughtful when pruning instead of hacking away at branches with wild abandon. Stand back and take a good look at your tree. The pruning cuts you make now will affect your tree in the future. Choose wisely, aiming for small cuts that encourage wound recovery. Utilize the "less is more" approach. As you prune, cut branches just

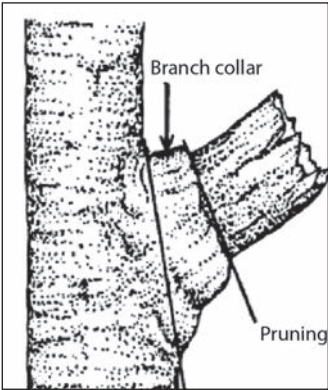


Balanced branch spacing is key to the pruning process. Illustration found at www.treesaregood.org.

outside the branch collar as this will preserve the trunk and minimize any permanent injury to the tree. As you go, try to think of the tree's limbs like scaffolding. You want your trees to have well-spaced branches, balanced in each direction radially, and one strong, central trunk.

Pace yourself

There are some general measurements to keep in mind as you prune your trees. In Happy Valley, for example, City code requires trees have a 12-foot clearance above roadways and 8 feet clearance above sidewalks (16.42.030 E4). That means branches should not obstruct the pathway of emergency vehicles, cars and pedestrians, or overhang into the roadway. Use your imagination as you make your cuts



When pruning trees, it's important to make sure you don't cut too close to the trunk, but rather just outside what is referred to as the branch collar. Check out <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/crop-production/fruit-trees/tree-pruning-basics> for more helpful illustrations.

and try to visualize future growth. Do be careful as there is such a thing as over pruning. Doing this can cause a tree stress – remember, they are living creatures. Limit the total tree volume removed to no more than 25%.

A great resource to check out is the International Society of Arboriculture's website. Their information on pruning young trees is extremely helpful if you need something to



Winter is a great time to prune your residential trees and prepare for Spring. Are your trees ready?

reference. Head to https://www.treesaregood.org/portals/0/docs/treecare/Pruning_YoungTrees.pdf and keep the information handy.

Get a head start

By Apr. 1, property owners in Happy Valley will be required to have any trees that encroach into the roadway

trimmed in preparation for 2020 Road Maintenance Program projects. Residents this will affect should have already received a letter from the City about this explaining any upcoming projects slated for work. Please note that for street slurry work, residents are being asked to make sure clearance above roadways is 14

Is my tree supposed to look like that?

If you have a question about the health of a tree on your property, parking strip, shared space, or City owned property, contact City Arborist, Leslie Gover. Just Email cityarborist@happyvalleyor.gov! Helping the City's tree canopy remain lush and healthy is of benefit to everyone. By taking steps now to preserve the life of trees, we will be able to enjoy them for years to come.

feet as this will ensure there is adequate room for construction equipment to pass.

Need some help figuring out this whole tree pruning thing?

City of Happy Valley residents can reach out to City Arborist/Horticulturalist, Leslie Gover, with questions about tree care. While she won't do the work for you, she will most certainly help walk you through the concepts and give advice on steps you can take to keep your trees healthy and sustainable. She can also provide guidelines when picking a private arborist or tree care company to help.

Deca

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Founded in 1946, DECA, which stands for Distributive Education Clubs of America, is a career and technical student nonprofit that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to be college and career ready in the fields of marketing, hospitality, finance and management.

Students enter projects in state and national competitions. Currently, there are over 200,000 high school DECA members representing 3,500 schools and 15,000 college members.

Schmidt and Akers have put on seven workshops to date and

have no more scheduled due to their DECA project deadline, but will have more next school year. They adapt the workshop curriculum to appeal to their specific audience. The curriculum includes professionalism, marketing, communication and networking, customer service and teamwork.

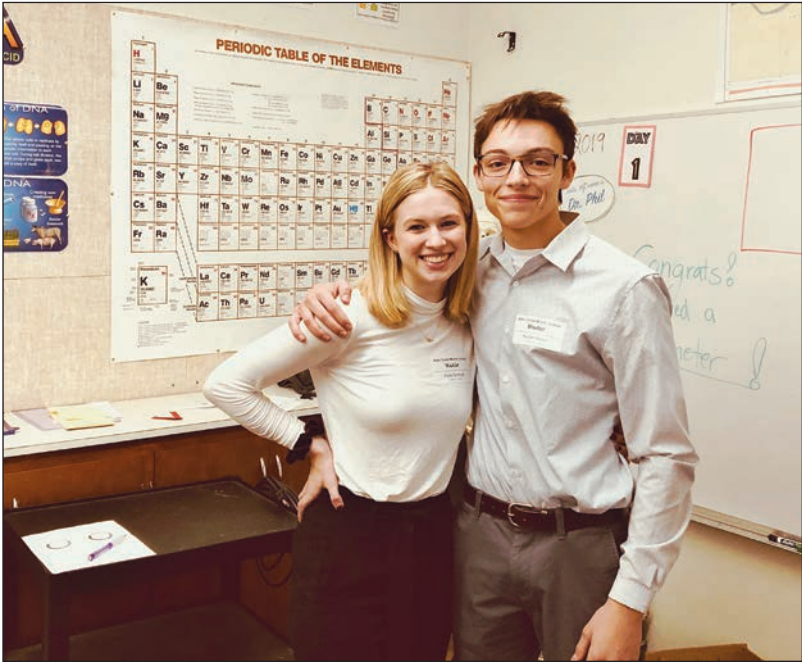
"The main benefit of this project is to get students of all ages engaged because of how we present our activities. We know from a student standpoint how boring it can become when you only receive lectures in school," Akers said.

Akers is on the CHS varsity golf team and plays the piano, cello and guitar. Schmidt, who played basketball before suffering an injury, is a member of the officer board at Sabin-Schellen-

berg DECA, the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society and volunteers at local elementary and middle schools.

Together, the two students are hoping to make a difference to improve their community and inspire others to become interested in professional careers.

"We understand how important learning real-life skills are, (and) that public schools are not required to teach us. Yet, the things we learn are given to us in a bland, repetitive and dry format that most students zone out from," Schmidt said. "Through our project, we plan to tackle both these problems in our school district, starting with young students. We also want to focus our attention on students and schools that may need more guidance based on city demographics."



Schmidt and Akers have enjoyed teaching at their workshops and connecting with young students hoping to inspire them to enter the business world. SUBMITTED PHOTO.



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Let's talk about Alzheimer's Disease

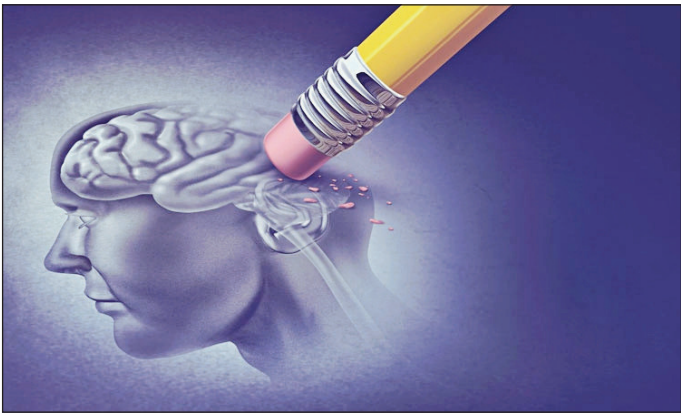
Happy Valley Library

In the United States alone, more than 5 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers. The disease is a global crisis that impacts families everywhere, including many, right here in our community. The repercussions of the disease can be daunting, frustrating, and emotionally draining. For Megan Melady, Program Specialist with the Alzheimer's Association's Oregon and SW Washington Chapter, her hope is that individuals and families never have to face this disease alone.

Geared specifically toward people who are facing a diagnosis as well as those who wish to be more informed on the topic, the Alzheimer's Association has created an educational program that covers the basics of Alzheimer's and dementia. Those who are interested in learning more can attend Melady's presentation at the Happy Valley Library on Feb. 8.

The one-hour program aims to cover the following:

- Explores the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia.
- Examines what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's.



Alzheimer's and dementia affects memory, other cognitive abilities and behavior that can interfere significantly with a person's ability to maintain their activities of daily living. The Happy Valley Library will host an informative presentation on Feb. 8.



"There is such negative stigma around the disease, but with education, hopefully it opens people up to talk more about it,"

Megan Melady, Alzheimer's Specialist

er's.

- Details the risk factors for and three general stages of the disease.

- Identifies FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms.

- Looks ahead to what's on the horizon for Alzheimer's research.

- Offers helpful Alzheimer's Association resources.

Melady has been with the Alzheimer's Association for five years and believes it is imperative that people are educated about the facts. "There is such negative stigma around the disease, but with education, hopefully it opens people up to talk more about it," she says. More often than not, patients try to minimize their

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 8

TIME: Noon-1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Happy Valley Library Community Room

symptoms out of shame or withdraw from others out of fear of how others will respond, but Melady says talking about it can help normalize the situation and encourage patients and their loved ones to establish effective plans. Family members often aren't equipped to manage the symptoms of a loved one affected by the disease, so educational programs, such as this one can be an opportunity for caregivers to further understand the disease and find ways to support treatment strategies.

Can't attend the upcoming presentation, but want more information? For individuals interested in additional resources by way of educational classes and support groups, folks are encouraged to check out the Alzheimer's Association's website at www.alz.org or contact their helpline at 800-272-3900.



Feb. 12

Happy Valley Youth Council Meeting:
6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber

Feb. 13

Traffic and Public Safety Meeting:
7:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber

Feb. 17

President's Day:
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Feb. 18

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

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

Feb. 25

Library Board Meeting:
6:00 p.m. at HV Library Community Room

Feb. 26

HV Business Alliance Meeting:
7:30 a.m. at City Hall Council Chamber

Feb. 26

Design Review Board Meeting:
7:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber

Feb. 27

Pleasant Valley/North Carver Community Advisory Committee Meeting:
6:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chamber

C'mon, get happy!

Friday, Mar. 20 is International Day of Happiness, a day to celebrate and do something that brings cheer and joy to the community and those we love most.

This year, the City will be coordinating several activities around town that promote togetherness, kindness, and of course, fun! Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date.

For a schedule of activities, check out www.happyvalleyor.gov.

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While most other states are already ahead of the game and rolling out updates to their state issued driver's licenses, Oregon will not have any process in place until July 6, 2020, a mere three months before the rule takes effect. As a result, it's projected Oregon DMV would need to issue 32 licenses per second in order to ensure everyone in the state receives what they need by that Oct. 1 deadline. This means many people may need to investigate alternative options to ensure their travel plans remain on course.

Thankfully, a US Government issued passport or passport card just might save the day. While a passport book covers just about all travel needs, be it domestic or international, a passport card is a great option for those who anticipate only needing to fly between the states or have plans to travel by land (i.e. vehicle) to Mexico or Canada. The passport card may also work for some cruises, but you will need to double check to determine if yours is included. Do take note of your current driver's license expiration date. If you are up for renewal between July 6. – Oct 1., you'll want to make sure you update your license accordingly even though there may be a bit of a wait at the DMV in order to stay compliant with Oregon law.

The City of Happy Valley offers passport services that may be a convenient choice for you and your family. Passport agents at the City can help walk you through the process of applying for either a pass-

port book or passport card and get you on your way. Check out <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/passport-service/> for all the details about everything you will need including official forms and fees due at time of application.

City Hall Passport Services are available on the following days:

OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday – no appointment needed

TIME: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY: by appointment ONLY

CALL: 503-783-3800 to schedule

A great resource to refer to is the Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration website www.tsa.gov/real-id. There is lots of information about what to expect and a listing of Frequently Asked Questions to help.

Check Your ID ID Requirements Are Changing



Beginning **October 1, 2020**, you will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or another acceptable form of ID to fly within the United States.



Learn about flying with a REAL ID at tsa.gov/real-id

The Real ID Act was designed to create additional safety precautions for travelers. Starting Oct. 1, new identification is required to board a commercial aircraft.

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February 2020 Library Events

The library will be closed February 18, 2020 for President’s Day

ADULT PROGRAMS

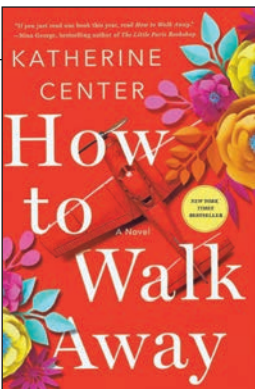
Pinochle Club
Monday, Feb. 3, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Happy Valley Library Book Group
Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Selection for February: The Traveling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa
Selection for March: How to Walk Away by Katherine Center

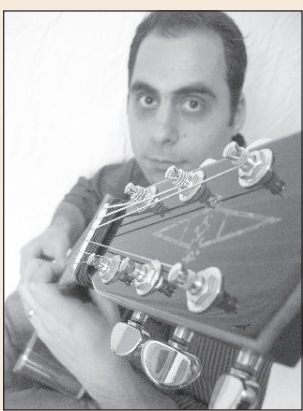
American Mah Jongg
Fridays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

String-Along Acoustic Jam
Sundays, Feb. 9 and 23, 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
Mondays, Feb. 10 and 24, 2-4 p.m.
Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips.



Get a jump start on next month’s Book Group selection with *How to Walk Away*, a story of hope, heartbreak, wit, and resilience.



Note Night
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Enjoy some live music while you browse for books or sit and savor the sounds. This month features James Jeffrey-West, a singer-songwriter who plays an acoustic blend of folk, blues, and pop-inflected songs, with plenty of fingerstyle guitar.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Stretch, Dance, Play! With Iris Nason
Feb. 12; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 2-5.

Homeschool Club: Valentine’s Day Crafts
Feb. 13; at 10:15 a.m., for grades K-5.

Music Time with Chuck Cheesman
Feb. 19; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 0-5.

Let’s Lego!
Feb. 15; at 1:30 p.m., for grades K-5.

Sign and Sing with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers
Mar. 4; at 10:15 a.m., for ages 2-5.

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



Kids will have a chance to get in on the Valentine’s Day fun when they make festive cards at an upcoming craft event on Feb. 8.



A special LEGO event is coming soon. Check out Creative Building with Blair Archer on Mar. 4.



Olive & Dingo
Saturday, Feb. 15; at 10:15 a.m.
Two clowns, stories, songs, rock n’ roll and balloon animals! WooHoo!

FEATURED ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Craft Night: Kokedama
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6:30-8 p.m.
Come make your own Kokedama hanging plant. Kokedama is the Japanese art of growing plants in a moss-covered ball of soil wrapped with string. All materials provided. Space is limited. Contact the library to reserve a seat.



Learn about the Japanese art of Kokedama and try your hand at creating one yourself at Craft Night on Feb. 5.

Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia
Saturday, Feb. 8, 12-1:30 p.m.
This program from The Alzheimer’s Association® explores the relationship between Alzheimer’s disease and dementia, examines what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer’s, and details the risk factors and three general stages of the disease. Learn about FDA-approved treatments, what’s on the horizon for Alzheimer’s research, and some helpful resources.

Classic Movie Night
Thursday, Feb. 13, 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 an entertaining 1948 comedic drama. Contact the library for movie title information.



Stories from Africa
Thursday, Feb. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Stories are meant to be told. In African cultures, stories entertain, inspire, and provoke. The more we share the more we realize how similar we are. Habiba Addo, a native of Ghana, shares her love for stories with tales from various countries across the continent of Africa.

Craft Night: Creative Papermaking
Tuesday, Mar. 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Learn how to turn shredded paper in to something funky and fun. Ruth from Talk about Trees will show you how to recycle junk mail and paper scraps and make beautiful handmade paper.

FEATURED YOUTH LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Sign & Play with Christina Schabow of Portland Early Learning
Wednesdays, Feb. 12, 19 & 26 at 1 p.m.
For ages 0-24 months. Songs, bubbles and movement make learning ASL signs fun for everyone.

Our Place in Space
Saturday, Feb. 1; at 10:15 a.m.
For K-5th. Through science experiments and hands-on activities, explore how Earth fits in among stars, galaxies, and other planets.

Valentine’s Day Crafts
Saturday, Feb. 8; at 2-3:30 p.m.
For K-5th. Make some sparkly and friendly cards to share.

Teen Advisory Board Meetings
Wed., Feb. 12; at 5-6 p.m. For 6th-8th graders.
Thurs., Feb. 6 & 20; at 5-6 p.m. For 9th-12th graders.
Plan programs, make decisions and hang out with other teens.



Get ready to blast off at Our Place in Space! Kids will learn about Earth and space in this interactive event that includes fun experiments and activities.

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Powerful storytelling through dance and music

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Stories can be true or fictional, but depending on how they are told, the emotions they evoke have the power to create lasting impact. Perhaps the listener learns something new or maybe they develop an entirely new understanding of an important concept. In any case, a story has the capacity to transform the listener. For Habiba Addo, storytelling has provided a significant platform to share her passion for African cultures and attendees at her upcoming event will have a chance to join her on a special journey.

Addo is a native of Ghana, West Africa. With a degree in

theater and a Certificate of Dance from Portland State University, she has performed and taught in both the United States and internationally for over 15 years. She shares with audiences cultural experiences from Ghana, Guinea, Gambia and Senegal, and even covers African cultures present today in Cuba and Brazil.

Often performing for children in Portland Public Schools, Habiba is passionate about giving others an opportunity to experience the beauty and history of traditional African cultures. Her work has also extended to many local organizations including Oregon Ballet Theater, Tygres Heart Shakespeare Company, Mambo Queens, Northwest Afrikan American Ballet, and

Miracle Theater. She is highly regarded in the community and was the recipient of the Lila Jewel Award in 2000, which elevates the work of women artists in Oregon who advance a social change message through their work.

“Storytelling promotes communication, self-confidence, diction, and the love of reading in children,” Addo says. “The more we share, the more we realize how similar we are.”

A fun experience for the whole family, Addo’s presentation will feature West African storytelling through dance and music. Through an engaging performance, audience members will listen to stories that have been passed down from one generation to the

STORIES FROM AFRICA

DATE: Thursday, Feb. 27

TIME: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Happy Valley Library Community Room

next that aim to remind and educate us about our own world and those worlds far, far away. Some stories may remind the listener of an important lesson, while others may simply lead to a good chuckle.

For Addo, storytelling is an opportunity to go home. Her warm sense of humor and genuine respect for revered African dance traditions guarantee an enjoyable and uplifting experience for all participants.



On Feb. 27, Habiba Addo will perform a collection of stories through music and dance. With a focus on African culture, Addo hopes to share her love for her native country and important life lessons.

Hey babies, give us a sign

Sign & Play with Christina Schabow of Portland Early Learning

Happy Valley Library

For parents, especially those navigating the journey for the first time, trying to figure out what your baby needs at any given point in time can be tricky. Parents desperately want to help their child when they are sick or hurt and would much rather offer a desired toy right away instead of engaging in an endless game of charades. While communicating with a baby or toddler might never be without its frustrations, there are things parents and caregivers can do to at least make the situation a little easier. With that, count sign language as a resource to add to your parenting toolbox.

Starting this month, Christina

Sign & Play

Dates: Wednesdays, Feb. 12, 19 & 26, Mar. 4, 11 & 18.

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: Happy Valley Community Room



Want to increase your bond with baby and find a way to communicate? Join other parents at an upcoming six-week series devoted to baby sign language.

gan using American Sign Language with young children who were having difficulty communicating. From the first time she saw a child sign, she was hooked. She continues to be awed by the ability and desire of the youngest of children to communicate.

Every class includes educational conversations about infant and toddler development to make sure parents feel con-



Christina Schabow helps parents find a way to communicate with their young children with the help of American Sign Language. Using interactive games and songs, parents will learn how to build a vocabulary of signs that can increase helpful dialogue.

dent with the “how to” of signing and what to expect from their baby developmentally. After becoming a mother herself, Schabow found a passion for supporting parents

during the life changing transition to parenthood and empathizes with those who struggle. As a result, parents are very much encouraged to ask questions and Schabow makes

a point to help explain things along the way. All of this while playing, singing, and doing activities that encourage parents and their children to work together.



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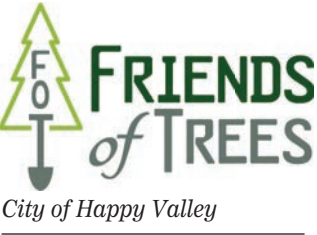
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Depending on the project, volunteers will help plant native trees and shrubs, or take part in special tree care activities that will help protect previous planting efforts. These projects not only enhance the aesthetics of the landscape, but create long term ecological health of our natural areas. Registering for projects is highly recommended as this helps ensure there are enough supplies. The team at Friends of Trees will bring any necessary gloves and tools to be used during the events.

Projects are perfect for individuals or groups. If you've been looking for a way to give back or get involved in a worthwhile cause, assisting with a Friends of Trees project might be a great option. Volunteers under 18 years of age are welcomed, too! The organization does require a youth waiver to be filled out and any youth under 15 years of age will need to be accompanied by an adult.



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Happy Valley Friends of Trees Projects

Happy Valley Heights Natural Area planting

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 8, 8:45 a.m. at 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: 11418 S.E. Norwood Loop

Plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs near the headwaters of Mt. Scott Creek.

Happy Valley Park planting

WHEN: Saturday, Mar. 14, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Happy Valley Park, 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.

Plant native trees and shrubs to restore the riparian vegetation around Mt. Scott Creek.

Happy Valley Heights Natural Area planting

WHEN: Saturday, Mar. 21, 8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: 11418 SE Norwood Loop

Plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs near the headwaters of Mt. Scott Creek.

Happy Valley Heights Natural Area Tree Care work party

WHEN: Saturday, Apr. 18, 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: 11418 SE Norwood Loop

Mulch hundreds of native trees and shrubs that were planted this past winter along the headwaters of Mt. Scott Creek.

SPECIAL EARTH DAY EVENT! Happy Valley Park Tree Care work party

WHEN: Wednesday, Apr. 22, 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Happy Valley Park, 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.

Celebrate Earth Day by mulching hundreds of native trees and shrubs that were planted this past winter.

Getting involved in an upcoming Friends of Trees project is simple. To RSVP for any of the dates scheduled in Happy Valley, you can register online by checking out the events calendar through friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar/

Click on the project you would like to attend and fill in your information. That's it!

If you have any questions or would like more details, Email volunteer@friendsoftrees.org or call 503-595-0213. The team at Friends of Trees can assist with any special accommodations you might have as well.

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Portable space heaters are a convenient way to keep warm when you have a small space or don't have access to central heating. Remember these helpful tips to ensure safety for you and your family.

HEATER CHECKLIST

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- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet.
- Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Happy Birthday! Oregon celebrates 161 years of statehood

By Shelley McFarland

Oregon became the 33rd state in the union on Feb. 14, 1859. Today it's home to more than 4 million residents and is the ninth-largest state. The Oregon landscape has changed dramatically over time. There is evidence of human existence 15,000 years ago, and during the prehistoric period, the region was flooded after glacial dams in Montana melted creating the Columbia River Gorge. The rich sediment from the flood that settled in the Willamette Valley (along with mild weather) makes for ideal growing conditions. Oregon is known for many geological landmarks including

Mount Hood and Crater Lake, which is located within Oregon's only national park. Surprisingly, it also is home to the single largest organism in the world, a fungus that covers 2,200 acres under the Malheur National Forest. During WWII, Oregon was the only U.S. state attacked by Japanese forces (Hawaii was not a state at the time.). On May 5, 1945, six civilians were killed near Gearhart by a Japanese balloon bomb. Oregon is known for many

things, including Nike, salmon, timber, hazelnuts, Willamette Valley wines, movies such as "The Goonies," "Stand By Me" and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," and arduous expeditions like the Corps of Discovery Expedition of Lewis and Clark and the Oregon Trail; even famous English privateer Sir Francis Drake made his way to Oregon near Coos Bay. Oregon was the first state to legalize physician-assisted suicide. Its state flag is the only one in the nation to be two-sided with elk, trees, wagons, Mount Hood, the Pacific Ocean, beavers, miners and farmers represented.

Happy 161st birthday, Oregon.



Electronics fundraiser nets \$1,200 for Backpack Buddies



By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Through its electronics recycling event on Jan. 11, Creator Lutheran Church raised over \$1,200 for the Backpack Buddies program in the North Clackamas School District. Enough money was raised to provide more than 300 weekend meals for children who are food insecure. "Our electronics fundraiser was a big success," Sherrie Clements said. "We couldn't have done it without the community, that's for sure. Thank you." The event will be held again in January 2021.

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'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' melts hearts at CHS

Cast, production crew use 'pure imagination to create innovative set

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Follow five children, spoiled Veruca Salt, gum obsessed Violet Beauregarde, portly Augustus Gloop, TV addict Mike Teavee, and Charlie Bucket on a delicious adventure touring Willy Wonka's world-famous chocolate factory.

Golden tickets are not needed to join the fun at Clackamas High School's winter production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" a musical adaptation of the book by the same name by Roald Dahl and dramatized by Richard R. George.

Narrators and Oompaloompas help guide viewers down the chocolate river and through Wonka's all-too-tempting factory in search of the least rotten kid to inherit the factory.

The show's "pure imagination" is put to the test by CHS Technical Director Steve Christensen and his crew of technical theater students who have worked hard to create a visually interesting play.

"We're going to have moving staircases, flying pipes, chocolate rivers and magical gates as we re-create the world of Willy Wonka. What makes this production so remarkable is the work of our student designers," Christensen said.

"This show is different because it has so many varied scenes. We go from Charlie's house to all the different scenes in Willy Wonka's factory. We are going to do that by both flying in scenes and roll-on units."

Christensen said the audience should expect quick scene changes and a production that appeals to both kids and adults.

"I think the biggest challenge is to combine all of the



Senior Justin Foster as Willy Wonka.

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IF YOU GO

WHAT: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," put on by Clackamas High School

WHEN: 7 p.m. March 6, 7 and 13; 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14; and 2 p.m. March 8 and 15

WHERE: Clackamas High School Auditorium, 14486 S.E. 122nd Ave., Clackamas

COST: Adults \$8; students \$5, general admission. Tickets can be purchased at www.seatyourself.biz/clackamas or at the door the night of the show. Box office opens one hour before show starts.

students' ideas for the design and make them all blend together. We have a stagecraft class that is designing and building all the sets and it is a challenge to get the show to flow together without any time between the scenes," he said.

Many of the students involved in the technical aspect of the play, including senior Ben Bressel and junior Jordan

Hamlin, are designing portions of the production, including the Wonkavator, Willy Wonka's magical elevator.

"We're adapting the idea from the movie to make the Wonkavator look like it is made out of glass, but we've taken our own artistic liberties as to what the shape and color will be," Hamlin said.

The production will feature senior Jonas Schouten as Charlie Bucket, senior Justin Foster and junior Isaac Elmore will share the role of Willy Wonka. Golden ticket winners will include junior Dario Esslinger-Dodge as Augustus Gloop, junior Ellie Cain and sophomore Rachel Gay as Violet Beauregarde, seniors Lindsey Donohue and Maebeth Cathey-Walker as Veruca Salt, and junior Cyril Stanley as Mike Teavee, along with 33 ensemble students.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is G-rated and recommended for children 6 years and older. Show runs 90 minutes with an intermission to eat a chocolate bar.



From the foot of the stage, student director Annie Hoang directs fellow students Aaron Leonard-Graham and Aislinn McCarthy as they rehearse a scene in their upcoming show "Deathtrap." SUBMITTED PHOTOS

La Salle drama students break new ground with 'Deathtrap'

Thriller sets fresh tone for high school thespian productions

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Veering from their tried-and-true productions of comedies, Disney musicals and one-act shows, La Salle Prep theater students are entering the world of murder.

The school's Advanced Acting and Production class will stage Ira Levin's thriller, "Deathtrap," Feb. 8-14. The play centers on a washed-up playwright who considers murdering his competition to further his career.

"It is different than what La Salle has done before," said senior Joe Koppy, who plays the intended murder victim, Clifford. "It gives us the opportunity to test ourselves as actors and grow our abilities as actors because the show deals with murder."

The production team, consisting of 13 students, signed up for the challenge and voted on the script last fall. Under the tutelage of drama teacher Michael Shelton, the class learned how to give a show legs by getting the rights to the script, holding auditions, selecting a cast, setting up rehearsals, building sets, negotiating with prop vendors and



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Student director Annie Hoang, right, talks over a scene from "Deathtrap" with student actor Aislinn McCarthy.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: "Deathtrap"

WHEN: 7 p.m. Feb. 8, 9, 14 and 15

WHERE: La Salle Prep 11999 S.E. Fuller Road, Milwaukie

COST: General admission \$8 at the door

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class skills such as scriptwriting, blocking, costuming and make-up.

"Working on a play teaches students more than just how to act and direct," he said. "Students learn life skills such as working within a budget, designing, collaboration, creating a schedule and calendar, holding each other accountable, building sets and memorizing lines."

"Then they inch out a little further by taking all the other ideas they've been working on in class and, having the vulnerability and bravery to put it all together, put it out there for the people to judge."

dreaming up costumes.

"Putting on a show is a key part of the work in the Advanced Acting and Production class," Shelton said.

Shelton also teaches the



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Guard, Air Force vet recounts rise to top gun pilot

Don Tonole came up through ranks, finally retired as lieutenant colonel

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Don Tonole didn't set out to be a top gun pilot, but he's certainly happy he did.

The Air National Guard veteran grew up in rural Lane County in towns like Noti, Cascade Summit, Cruzette, Divide, Crescent Lake and Fall Creek where Tonole's father was a track foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad; the family moved often.

"Until I was 7 years old, I had never been on anything except trains because the places we lived you couldn't drive into at the time, certainly not in the winter. When I was born in December 1935, my dad was working at Crescent Lake as a 'cat skinner' moving tractors, and we lived in a converted boxcar when it was still snowy," Tonole said.

"My father left the construction side of the railroad, and my first recollection is living in Fall Creek where he became a foreman," he said.

Life in railroad towns in the 1930s and '40s was a mixture of danger and small-town isolation (Tonole's father and two uncles were married to three sisters). Bears were commonplace in rural Lane County, and when people needed medical attention, especially in the winter, they could only take the train out to visit a hospital since emergency services were not available and automobiles were unable to reach them.

When America entered World War II, Tonole was living in Cruzette, Oregon, a major station during the war because of its double-siding tracks that allowed storing hundreds of cars without interrupting service.

During his teen years, Tonole lived in Divide, along with much of his extended family, and graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1950. He attended the University of Oregon earning a bachelor's degree in radio and television

with a minor in journalism and worked at a local radio station playing Top 40 hits. In order to avoid being drafted, Tonole joined the U.S. Air Force ROTC before graduating college.

"Two years were required for ROTC and I decided to stay. I graduated on June 15, 1958, with a college degree in the morning and in the afternoon on the same day, I was commissioned as a second lieutenant," Tonole said. "There are only a few positions that officers could be in the Air Force: a pilot, a navigator and a few non-flying positions. I ended up being a navigator or weapons system officer."

Tonole was activated into the Air Force in January 1959 when a pilot slot opened. He says military life was just a job to him, but he enjoyed his service, especially the opportunity to see the world. He has been to New Zealand, Mexico, Australia and across the United States and Canada.

After completing navigating and weapons system training flight school at James Connally Air Force Base in Waco, Texas, in 1960, Tonole met Marjorie, his future wife, at church. They married and were stationed in Tucson, Arizona, where they had three children.

While in Tucson, Tonole was frustrated with recent changes in the military that impacted his career. With his required four years behind him, he would need to serve another four years in the reserve to complete his commission. Tonole made the difficult decision to leave the military.

"I tend to be opinionated and not always agree with what the bosses say. After I was commissioned in 1959, I decided to stay in for 20 years. For the first four years though, they changed the promotion system four times. I had people who made captain that I outranked by two years, and they made captain before I did," Tonole said. "And during those first four years, I applied twice a year to squadron officer school without being accepted."

It wasn't until Tonole told his commanding officer that he was leaving the military that he was accepted to squadron officer school, but the die had



Proud moment as Tonole shows off his first-place Top Gun award he earned during the bicentennial of 1976. The pilot logged more than 3,500 hours during his career.

been cast and Tonole left active service. To complete his four reserve years, Tonole joined the Air National Guard.

"I applied for a promotion to captain in the guard, but I wasn't eligible for it yet. I was eligible in the Air Force, but not in the Guard, but they promoted me anyway. I went to Colorado Springs to speak to people I knew in the air defense command and asked them where the best Air Guard for me would be, and they told me the two best were Des Moines, Iowa, and Portland, Oregon," he said.

"It wasn't a difficult decision, and I ended up coming back to Oregon and spending 22 years in the Air National Guard. I've been on active duty as a reserve officer, regular officer and as an Air National Guard officer."

While with the Oregon Air National Guard 123d Fighter

Squadron at Portland International Airport, Tonole had numerous jobs including weapons system officer, civil engineer, chief of the fire department, chief of police, flying safety officer, nuclear safety officer, missile safety officer, operations officer and vice commander.

The squadron is a carryover of the 123d Observation Squadron (stationed on Sauvie Island) formed in 1940 and activated in 1941 and is one of 29 original National Guard Observation Squadrons in the nation tasked with keeping American soil protected. The squadron has been activated during each war since WWII.

Tonole continued to keep his flying position in the Air Force and the Guard and would deploy when needed flying two-man McDonnell F-101B and F-4C and Northrup F-89 jets, where he logged



Then and now: Don Tonole joined the ROTC in college and ended up making a career in the military and Air National Guard retiring in 1986 with the rank lieutenant colonel.



Marjorie Tonole, a retired teacher, and Don enjoy their retirement living at Glenmore Gracious Living in Happy Valley. PHOTOS BY: SHELLEY MCFARLAND

nearly 3,500 hours and competed in the Aerospace Defense Commands famous William Tell Defense Competition, a biennial aerial gunnery contest. During the 1976 bicentennial, Tonole and Maj. Brad Newell earned first place with the overall Top Gun title flying a McDonnell F-101B Voodoo.

"Being a pilot gives you the opportunity to see things you'd never see before. Two separate times we lost an engine, but it can fly on one. We know that because I'm sitting here. I was 'GIB,' guy in back, but you know, the back goes just as fast as the front and they land at the same time," Tonole said. "If you go above four or five g-force, you need to wear a compression suit. I've been to six or seven, but only for a short time."

Fast jets and adrenaline rushes are fun in competitions, but real-life situations could be stressful, like when Tonole was deployed during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

"My son was only 3 weeks old and it was all up to Marjorie, and I couldn't tell our family where I was because they moved the fighters out, so if Russian bombers came in they wouldn't know where to attack," Tonole said. "It happened quickly; no one knew it was going to happen."

Tonole is proud of his years as a top gun pilot, his service to his country, his family and 60 years of marriage to Marjorie. His service was rewarding, but required hard work, too. In July 1986, Tonole retired as vice commander of the 142d fighter group with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

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Two schools adopt Sparrows

Rock Creek, La Salle Prep students do community service to raise funds for medically fragile kids

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Sparrow Clubs USA is a Bend-based nonprofit organization that partners schools nationwide with medically fragile children who need financial assistance. In its 25-year history, Sparrow Clubs USA has raised \$7 million to help 1,250 kids. To raise funds, Sparrow Clubs USA partners schools with businesses to incentivize kids to adopt a medically frail child and earn money by volunteering.

Laura Queen, Portland coordinator for Sparrow Clubs USA, challenges students to work one hour of community service and in return local businesses pledged to donate \$10 for every hour worked. “Throughout the year, funds will be allocated to the family as students complete their community service vouchers. Local businesses put up the seed money to pay for the kids’ service hours, up to 260 hours. That money can be accessed to pay for medical bills and other ancillary costs the family might incur. Additional fundraising is optional for the school, but if a school does, then those monies are also placed into the family’s Sparrow account for them to access,” Queen said. The students understand that their service hour must be in the community rather than at home. Simply cleaning their room or doing other at-home chores is not accepted. The point is for students to get out and talk with neighbors or businesses and explain why they are performing community service.



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Amelia Huggins may be the youngest in her family, but she is a tough little girl. She is surrounded by her family including sister Claire, brother Robert and her parents.

ROCK CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

On Jan. 13, 920 students at Rock Creek Middle School adopted 15-month-old Amelia Huggins, who is battling acute promyelocytic leukemia (APML), a rare subtype of acute myeloid leukemia. Amelia was diagnosed during a regular well-baby checkup. A blood test suggested she was anemic, but when doctors received the results of the second blood test, they were able to diagnose the leukemia. Amelia was sent to Randall Children’s Hospital immediately where she received a blood transfusion, spinal tap and PICC line eventually spending four weeks in the hospital. She is responding well to chemotherapy, which she will have seven days a week and intravenous infusions five days a week until summer. Through it all, the sweet girl loves to smile and play with her older siblings. “The community has surprised us in the best way possible. We recently moved to the area and had just begun planting our roots before Amelia was diagnosed. The community has gone above and beyond as far as helping with our family’s needs,” said mom Alisha Huggins.

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“It’s so refreshing to see that there is so much good out in the world, and we’re thankful for all of those who have helped us, even those whom we’ve never met. We were absolutely taken back by how much the kids were inspired. It was touching to see the children’s reactions to Amelia’s story and their willingness to help contribute and give their time to help Amelia and her fight with leukemia.”



Amelia Huggins was a lovebug at the Rock Creek Sparrow adoption. The 15-month-old Sparrow gave hugs and smiles to the student. PHOTO CREDIT: SHELLEY MCFARLAND



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Former Rock Creek Sparrow Oscar attended the adoption where students were happy to see him.



Last year’s Sparrow Rosalyn has grown her hair back and on her way to recovery. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Now in their third adoption in as many years, Rock Creek Middle School’s continued support of Sparrow Clubs USA is unanimous. “Our involvement encourages students to take action on a cause bigger than themselves,

and to raise funds for an individual in need,” said Vice Principal Aaron Moreno. “The value it adds to our staff and students, as well as the community is priceless. We believe the experience our students have combined with action will produce lifelong

results of serving our community. Sparrow Clubs is a cause close to our hearts. We are a community of learners, we are a community that cares, and we are a community that serves.”

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La Salle Prep students listened to the Sparrow Clubs USA presentation given by Laura Queen. The students cheered and were excited to volunteer for their adopted Sparrow Taran.

Sparrows

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Jan. 24 was the adoption day for Taran Dodge, an 8-year-old who loves books, music, his iPad and playing with other kids or his dog Fanny Pack. Taran was born with his intestines outside of his body. In his first week of life, Taran underwent five surgeries and spent the next five months of his life in the hospital where doctors were able to create a working intestinal system for the infant. During this time, he became septic several times and likely suffered a brain injury that led to dystonic cerebral palsy. Even though Taran has endured 30 surgeries, cannot hold his head up, has no hand function and cannot walk, he continues to laugh and play with a big smile. His 22-year-old brother Asa is his caregiver. “Having LaSalle adopt Taran means everything to



Taran was surrounded by family at the adoption event at La Salle Prep. Seen with his mother Kelsey Smith, father Justin Dodge, brother Elias and his dog Fanny Pack who goes everywhere with Taran and provides comfort.

us,” said Taran’s mother Kelsey Smith. “Getting to know Taran gives people insight into the disability world.

His smile and happy demeanor or help them with misgivings toward severely disabled people, and the more people take

the time to get to know him, the more they come to understand how he is really just a little boy, same as all the oth-



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Portland Coordinator for Sparrow Clubs USA Laura Queen tells the story of how the organization started and how students can help.

with. He wants to learn and to teach,” she said. “He is a remarkable little boy who has endured more in his short life than anyone I have ever met, and yet he still smiles and finds delight in the simplest of things.” La Salle Director of Service Sarah Maher said the program is teaching the student body of 704 students how to see dignity in others. “Life and dignity of the human person is the root of all Catholic schools and that dignity lies with each person,” Maher said. “Taran being nonverbal and wheelchair bound doesn’t replace the dignity he deserves.” The students enthusiastically welcomed Taran at the adoption assembly and are planning to do more than just raise money for his medical needs; they are including him at many of the school’s events such as basketball games and dances. La Salle junior Dakota Canzano said she thought the program will teach students to “see through their hearts.” “As teens in high school, we are quick to judge,” she said. “This will open people’s eyes.”

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Ensuring a healthy tree canopy is important in Happy Valley. While a recent tree survey identified certain trees in need of removal at Happy Valley Park, new planting will be done to help replenish what is lost.



Results in from tree survey conducted at Happy Valley Park

Keeping our parklands usable and healthy is a big concern for our city and keeping the forest canopy sustainable and healthy requires monitoring.

A tree survey, conducted by City Arborist, Leslie Gover, was conducted in the winter and spring of 2017, which assessed trees located in Happy Valley Park. The survey identified trees that had been injured, were at risk of rapid decline and deterioration, and possessed compromised footings or branching structures. As a result of the survey, some of those identified with these challenges have been prioritized for tree removal.

Will those trees be replaced? Certainly! The City will be planting a variety of trees in Happy Valley Park, which will not only replenish those that must be removed, but also diversify the plant community and encourage the trees to reach maturity, which is vital. Older, bigger trees can buffer climate change by providing better air quality, stormwater runoff improvement, and carbon sequestration. To this end, we need our city trees to thrive.

Trees removed will be re-



Signs of a tree that is sick or dying include branches without bark, a hollow or spongy trunk, and leaves that turn brown or brittle during the spring and summer months.

placed within plant appropriate communities which means trees may be planted in other areas, more conducive to successful growth. The goal is to improve the soil, and plant groundcovers and shrubs that will help buffer a tree from injury and reduce hindrance to growth. Through these efforts, the City aims to improve the success of our trees and help create future play spaces for all

to enjoy.

The Parks Advisory Committee has been working closely with City staff on this issue. For residents who may have questions or concerns about the Tree Survey or tree removal, please consider attending an upcoming Committee meeting. The group meets every other month at City Hall at 6 p.m. Next two meetings are slated for Feb. 3 and Apr. 6.



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

Happy Valley accepting Community Garden applications

City of Happy Valley

This dark, dreary weather won't last forever, and Spring will be here before you know it. Whether you are an avid gardener or simply enjoy dabbling in the activity as a hobby, consider taking part in Happy Valley's Community Garden.

The Community Garden officially opens Apr. 1 and extends through mid-November. Located next to Happy Valley Park, the Community Garden is a great place to grow your own fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. It is also a great way to meet other residents with a passion for gardening. In order to participate, residents apply for the opportunity to tend to a raised bed garden plot, which are available at no cost and come in two sizes (5'X5' or 5'X10').

Between Feb. 1 through Feb. 14, current community gardeners in good standing are eligible to renew their plot at the Happy Valley Community Garden, however a renewal application MUST be received by the Feb. 14 deadline or plots will be released and reassigned to residents looking to join.

The Happy Valley Community Garden will then accept NEW applications starting Feb. 15 (no earlier) thru Mar. 15 or until all plots are filled. Applications must be filled out completely to be considered and plots will be assigned on a first



What does this gardening season have in store for you? Becoming part of the City's Community Garden is a great way to hone your gardening skills.



The fruits of your labor could be abundant! Picture fresh vegetables, herbs, flowers, or berries in your garden plot.

come, first served basis following that Feb. 15 open application date. Please note, all Spring/Summer planting must be completed by June 1. Community gardeners who have not tended to their plots by that deadline will be reassigned.

For further information about the Community Garden, contact Sheri Bartholomew at

(503) 783-3844 or Email sherib@happyvalleyor.gov. Application forms, gardener rules and expectations, and a garden plot map can be found on the city website at <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/community/programs/community-garden/>. You can also pick up an application at the front desk at City Hall.

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