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While the usual hustle and bustle of city life has been quiet in light of recent events, Happy Valley welcomes the initial signs of Spring. A reminder that new life is emerging and with it, vibrant colors and the promise of renewal.

Local educator wins national award

Shelly Reggiani honored for fostering equity among diverse student populations

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

On Feb. 14 at the Women in School Leadership Awards dinner in San Diego, Shelly Reggiani received the School Superintendents Association Central Office/Principal Award given to any female central office or building-level

leader who exhibits leadership for learning, excellent communication skills, professionalism and active community involvement.

Reggiani, who was nominated by Superintendent Matt Utterback, has spent 26 years in education and currently is the executive director of Equity and Instructional Services for the North Clackamas School District.

After graduating from West Linn High School in 1989, Reggiani attended Oregon State University where a unique opportunity set her down a career path in education.

“When I was in college, I was talking with my college coun-

selor and thinking about some of the best ways I could discover what I wanted to be. She suggested I do one semester of internship, more like a volunteer experience with credit at a middle school with students with special needs,” Reggiani said. “I did that for every consecutive quarter after because it was an amazing experience and it was the first time I worked with students, and it was magic for me. I loved participating with students and opening doors and making a difference.”

Reggiani earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from OSU in 1993 and 1994 respectively. She started her ca-

reer at Milwaukie Junior High where she taught language arts and social studies for five years.

“Middle school is magic. There is something amazing about middle school students; they’re too old to be little kids and not old enough to be an adult. But there’s something special in the developmental stages of kids this age; they’re just amazing to me. Their creativity, humor and innocence all blended in one. It’s magic, and I love that,” she said.

After a tenure at Sunrise Middle School and principal positions at Clackamas Elemen-

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Shelly Reggiani recently received the School Superintendents Association Central Office/Principal award for her diligent work for NCSD. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

CHS art exhibit to showcase student work

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

More than 1,000 works of art in a variety of media will be on display from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the annual Clackamas High School Art Show.

The show represents student work from 22 classes, including digital photography, AP art, art and technology, ceramics and mixed media as well as Art 1 and 2.

Art teacher Linda Kielsing said the exhibit will be an excellent representation of the types of projects students work on throughout the year. In her five years at CHS, Kielsing and the three other art teachers are working to revitalize the annual show.

“It existed for a number of years before I came to Clackamas High School. But with budget cuts, the show had fallen off a little bit, so we’ve resurrected it the last few years. It’s really important to make the stu-

dent’s work visible and be on the building and have the community come in — even members of the school community — to see their artwork,” Kielsing said.

In her 29 years as an art teacher, Kielsing has observed that students become artists

when they lean into their ideas and find they can be a therapeutic outlet for expression.

“It’s all about their ideas, and I’m there to help support them with skills and techniques. Once they are engaged with what’s important to them, then art becomes more natural for

them to explore and to convey their ideas through,” Kielsing said. “The benefits are huge because art is an opportunity for students to have their voice heard in an open way for what they want to say. It’s powerful.”

Senior Erin Carty, who takes AP art, creates portraits with a

human nature and identity aspect.

“Art fulfills a curiosity I have about how people portray their identity and how others perceive it. Overall, art to me is a way to spread messages about things that I’m passionate about through images that are

IF YOU GO:

WHAT: Clackamas High School Art Show

WHEN: 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 1

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

COST: Free

both easy to understand and thought-provoking,” Carty said. “Art allows me to decompress from a long day or to provide myself with the opportunity to focus on something that isn’t schoolwork. This especially has made my school experience more bearable, even while taking difficult classes.”

The art show will coincide with the CHS theater production of “The Frogs: A Modern Adaptation.” The art show will include a pottery-throwing demonstration and Clay for a Cause fundraising event to benefit the Oregon Food Bank, with donations from purchased handmade ceramic bowls. There also will be snacks available for purchase.

Student artists will display their work at the show in a variety of mediums.



Many of the students in the 22 art classes given at CHS express themselves through art.



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Bad Bones BBQ turns on heat, competes in New Zealand's Meatstock

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

On a chicken wing and a prayer, Happy Valley residents Brian and Shelly Gurney of Bad Bones BBQ recently traveled to New Zealand to compete in Meatstock 2020, a music and barbecue festival that drew top teams from around the world.

Bad Bones BBQ was one of only two American teams at the two-day event where each team cooks ribs, chicken, pork butt and brisket and is judged on appearance, texture and flavor. The meats are presented to a panel of six judges who grade them. The judged meats are given a score and the team with the highest number is named grand champion.

“Every team turns in a box that has six items in it for the judges. It’s the same style here in America,” Brian Gurney said. “When you turn in your chicken, you have to have at least six pieces of chicken for the judges to taste. Each region we go to has different flavor profiles; we don’t really know. But it can even be different between one state. Like in Arizona, it’s spicier or Canada is a bit sweeter.”

The Gurneys, who bottle their own sauces, brought their sauces and rubs to the competition and tried not to worry about regional preferences. Instead, they did what they knew best: American-style barbecue.

“The cookoff itself was an amazing event, and the people were so gracious to us and they love barbecue. They set us up with smokers, they helped us get meat, which was very different than what we are used to. People would come up to us just to meet us and ask us if we needed anything, plus the event was very well done,” Gurney



Brian and Shelly Gurney have cooked up a delicious business complete with sauces, classes, catering and competition. Bad Bones BBQ recently traveled to New Zealand to compete and will attend cookoffs across the country in 2020.

said. “They sell tickets and there were thousands of attendees with music, a beard competition, a butchering competition on a stage, and three of the top New Zealand teams and us. We were live on screens for the stands of people.”

Gurney says the best part of the competition was meeting people and going to outside events where they felt welcomed and enjoyed dinners with other barbecue lovers. One event was set outdoors in a pastoral landscape as the sun set, with New Zealand wines and a lamb on a spit.

“Barbecue is very social. When we first started this, I never thought we’d meet so many people all over the country and the world. Social media is nice for us to see our friends competing, and we have made so many friends from New Zealand Facebook. It’s a circuit; it’s

its own little world,” Gurney said.

The Gurneys have been married 14 years. When they met in the Pearl District, Brian, a graphic designer, photographer and backyard devotee, told Shelly, an esthetician, that he was going to one day compete in the world championship of barbecue, even though he had never competed before.

“I’ve always loved to cook and once, when I was 10 years old, I remember my mom came home and I had French onion soup on the stove. I just followed recipes out of books,” he said. “I love food, and I love cooking with natural ingredients and keeping it simple; it doesn’t get any better than that.

“I’ve always loved cooking with fire. It’s interesting that you can build a fire and it cooks the meat and imparts that smoky flavor, I love that. Beef ribs soak up all the flavor and the bark tastes like jerky.”

The Gurneys started compet-

ing about 10 years ago at small, local cookoffs until gradually they never stopped. They joined the Pacific Northwest Barbecue Association, a nonprofit advancing the local barbecue scene through classes, competitions and events.

“We graduated to the bigger events, and in our second season we got to go to the world championship, which was crazy. Most teams don’t get to go because you have to be the state champion, then get drawn on top of that. Meaning that for every state win, your name is put into the draw,” Gurney said.

“In a state like Oregon, we will probably have five or six state competitions, but a state like Texas would have hundreds of state competitions. Each state will generally only allow one team to go to the world championship,” he said.

When he started entering barbecue cookoffs, Gurney said he just wanted to win a state championship. But so far, Bad



Bad Bones BBQ is launching five bottled sauces to be sold online and retail stores. The sauces will include their popular BEAST flavor. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



Gurney teaches classes where he tells his students to “let the meat do its thing.” The champion barbecue enthusiast eats, breathes and dreams cooking.

Bones BBQ has won 19 state grand championships — including six times in Oregon and five times in Washington — Canadian national champions in barbecue, and twice winning the national chili championship.

The Gurneys have been to almost all of the major competitions across America. They also have 11 reserve (second place) wins. With all their victories, Bad Bones BBQ is considered a national team, and this year they will be at cookoff competitions in Florida, Texas, South Carolina and Tennessee.

“I eat, sleep, breathe, cook and even dream about it. It drives me crazy. And if I’m going to cook something, even small, like beef ribs, I’m thinking about it all night,” he said. “There’s no reason, I just do, and I think it helps us because I have time to practice it. I have so many smokers, and I have another one being built right

now, and I want a pig cooker.”

Besides competitions and events, Gurney is teaching classes that he calls rewarding because of the interest in barbecue. Bad Bones BBQ also is in production bottling their sauces and packaging their rubs for distribution (including their popular BEAST sauce, though Gurney’s favorite is the apple-chipotle sauce) available in stores by this summer or online. They also cater events.

For the backyard barbecue enthusiast, Gurney’s advice is to take your time and put the sauce on after cooking so the sugars don’t burn.

“Be patient with it; let the meat do it’s thing. It may take a few times and it will always be different, but it’s trial and error. Keep at it. And if you want to take a shortcut, use my sauces,” he said.

For more information, visit: badbonesbbq.com.

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The Happy Valley Magazine is an annual publication that focuses on what makes this city great. In this year's issue, you have the opportunity to not only learn more about the people, places, and things unique to Happy Valley, but you'll also have a chance to help City staff select the next community event. Choose from the list below and get ready for a fun community gathering later this year. Voting is open now!

Head to www.happyvalley-or.gov to select the event you would like to see added to the 2020 line up. City staff will tally the votes and winning event will be announced in May. Voting ends Apr. 30.

Drive-In Movie

Did you have a blast at last summer's Drive-In Movie Night and want to recreate an evening under the stars? Or perhaps you missed our pop-up show and need a do-over? With

this option, the City will organize a night of movie magic, complete with food vendors, games, and nostalgia.

Paws in the Park

Need a reason to celebrate your pup? Let the City coordinate a fun-filled day complete with activities, food, silly competitions, and vendor booths that will have the whole family howling for more.

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tary and Happy Valley Elementary schools, Reggiani landed at the NCSD central office where she oversees services for English learners, interpretation, translation and community engagement.

When Utterback became superintendent, he requested a stronger equity footprint for the district and asked Reggiani to lead the development. The school board voted for the equity changes in 2015, one of the only school districts in Oregon to do so at the time.

“With the advocacy programs for students and families, my team members serve bilingual families and the dual-emergent programs, our Title 1 buildings, counseling, social services, homeless services, Title 9 and Title 6 services for our Native American students as well as our Talented and Gifted program and social and emotional learning” Reggiani said.

“All of those advocacy programs, which support kids in the classroom, are what my team focuses on,” she added. “And the equity component is the professional development and the responsiveness from the district.”

In her 10 years at the central office, Reggiani has helped forge a path for equity, and although other school districts are practicing some of the same work as NCSD, the results are different due to the intentional work and goal-setting being done at NCSD.

“This year’s Oregon graduation rates were just released and 100 percent of the African American students in NCSD graduated. That is not something that has happened before in North Clackamas, and it hasn’t happened in the Portland metro region or elsewhere in Oregon. That’s intentional work,” Reggiani said.

“Our ever-English learners — that’s a student who has participated in an English learner program anywhere from kindergarten up to high school — graduate in the high 90 (percentile), that’s a high percentage of students who are learning English as a sec-

ond language,” she said. “Our students who are current English learners graduate at slightly above Oregon’s rate. A student who has just arrived in the United States and been here less than four years is graduating at that rate inside of our system because of our intentional work that pays attention to their individual needs, their identity; it’s critical,” Reggiani said.

The 2018-19 statewide graduation rate is 80%, while NCSD’s graduation rate hit a record high of 87.7%, an increase of 17.7% over the past decade. Reggiani attributes the success to dedicated staff willing to take on the difficult conversations to improve the district and keep the focus on the students and their unique diversity.

“Equity is central to our work at the district and matches beautifully with our strategic plan. Equity is one of our key goals. We developed an equity lens with the guidance to go along with it to guide discussions for filtering out who does this benefit and who is left out of the conversation,” Reggiani said.

“We are trying to create a system that allows children with all their different identities to achieve their goals and potential, and we have to recognize what gets in the way for some people and, more importantly, what is inside of our system that gets in the way of our kids reaching their potential,” she added.

In 2018, Reggiani received her doctorate in education from George Fox University, which she calls a life achievement and teaches at Lewis & Clark College in its English language certification program for teachers learning how English learners adapt to a new language.

“Shelly’s practice is rooted in the fundamental belief that an equitable school experience is essential for each of our students as well as for the future of our society. She understands that our work is about the development of the human being, and that without an equitable educational experience, we are depriving our students of the opportunity for social uplift,” NCSD Superintendent Utterback said.



REGGIANI



Happy Valley Youth Council gather for a group photo outside the National Mall. In addition to travel opportunities that provide hands-on learning experiences, joining youth council is an opportunity for students to build lasting friendships.

New member recruitment for the Happy Valley Youth Council begins April 1st

Know a teen who loves to be involved or wants to be an advocate for other teens in our community? Applications are now being accepted for teens interested in filling a vacancy on the Happy Valley Youth Council. The applications must be completed and submitted to City Hall by Wednesday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m. Applicants will then be asked to attend the May 11 Happy Valley Youth Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, where each applicant will participate in a panel interview.

The 12-member Youth Council works to promote a positive influence for their peer group and their community through safety events and participation in many of the City’s community events. The applicant must reside in Happy Valley and be at the freshman through senior academic level for the 2020-21 school year in order to be eligible to serve. Visit www.happyvalleyor.gov for the application and more information.



The Happy Valley Youth Council recently visited Washington, D.C. during the National League of Cities annual Congressional Conference. Here, the group gathers for a photo outside the White House.



As a Happy Valley Youth Council member, opportunities to learn about local, state, and federal government are plentiful. Students also have opportunities to meet their state representatives. Here, members of several youth councils visit the Oregon Capitol building.



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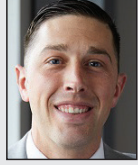
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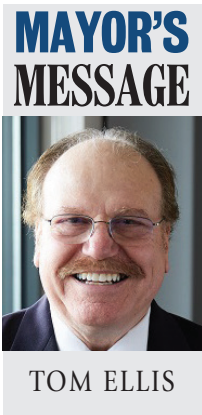
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STATE OF THE CITY

I know we've all been focused on addressing COVID-19 the last several weeks. Prior to this global pandemic, I joined the mayors from Milwaukie, Gladstone, and Oregon City to discuss the state of our cities. This is an annual forum hosted by the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce and I appreciate their partnership with Happy Valley and our neighboring cities. Since I know many of you didn't get a chance to attend the event, I wanted to take a moment to share my thoughts on what we've accomplished in the last year and what's ahead in 2020.



First and foremost, as I've mentioned in a couple recent columns, we resolved our dispute with the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. Even before my time as Mayor, this was my #1 priority. Starting in July, Happy Valley will take ownership of several parks in the City and be responsible for maintenance. In addition, the City will begin organizing recreation programs to meet the needs of our community. Finally, the City will receive \$14.3 million to go towards park improvements and new facilities. Reaching a settlement agreement was a significant achievement this past year, but the work has only begun. I expect exciting things to come for parks and recreation in 2020 and beyond.

We also made significant steps towards improving our infrastructure this last year. Phase 1 of the Superblock Sidewalk Project is complete with additional phases still to come. Thanks to a partnership with Rotary, we completed the All Abilities Park Playground in Happy Valley Park. The Council also adopted the City's first Urban Renewal District to begin collecting funds to widen 172nd Avenue, extend 162nd Avenue to the new high school, and many more transportation projects. These road improvements will take years to complete, but we got the ball rolling.

I was also very appreciative to the community for passing the Policy Levy with 78% approval. Thank you to my fellow City Councilors and the



The State of the Cities is an annual event, hosted by the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce. Local mayors participated in a panel discussion which included topics related to city accomplishments and future community goals. Pictured left to right, Mayor Tamara Stempel of Gladstone, Mayor Dan Holladay of Oregon City, Mayor Tom Ellis of Happy Valley, and Mayor Mark Gamba of Milwaukie.



Mayor Tom Ellis prepares to present at the State of the Cities 2020.

Traffic and Public Safety Committee for all the work they put into educating the public on this important issue. As a result of the levy passing, not only will we be able to continue providing police services, the City has already begun to add two additional of-

ficers. Our Community Development Team has been hard at work engaging the community on a vision for the North Carver / Pleasant Valley Comprehensive Plan Area. As the City grows, it's important to many of us that we don't

lose our small-town character. A Citizen Advisory Committee has been leading this effort and recently completed their work. This next year, the draft plan they developed will come to the Planning Commission and City Council for final approval.

Beyond our accomplishments this past year, I've been very impressed with our city events. The concert series in the park and the one next to the Library continue to grow in popularity. Our 4th of July, National Night Out, Harvest Festival, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and other events brought families together. The Library also continues to attract a record number of patrons. New this year, we added an Oktoberfest element to the Harvest Festival that was very popular. In addition, the Drive-in Movie Night was a success and brought back great memories.

To say it's been a busy year is an understatement! The State of our City is strong. We have a lot on our agenda and I'm more optimistic now than ever before about the future of our community. I couldn't do this alone. It takes a great City Council, dedicated staff team, and many wonderful volunteers. Thank you everyone for making this a wonderful city!



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The City Council has always felt it's important for Happy Valley to learn best practices from other cities and have a seat at the table to influence regional, state, and national discussions that impact our local community. Last month, we had the opportunity to join city councilors from all over the country at the National League of Cities meeting in Washington D.C.

Many of the issues we face are not unique to Happy Valley. We discussed numerous topics such as COVID-19, 2020 Census, diversity, transportation infrastructure, affordable housing, cybersecurity, and many others. It's encouraging to see local governments operate on a non-partisan platform to implement innovative solutions. We all

came back from the National League of Cities energized to continue making Happy Valley a better place.

In addition to learning from our peers, we were able to meet with our senators and congress members. As local representatives, it's imperative our voice is heard in Washington D.C.

The most exciting part of our time at the National League of Cities was that we got to share it with Happy Valley's Youth Council. Our students join youth council members from all over the country to discuss issues such as reducing teen suicide and programs to address distracted driving. We are grateful for many in the community who sponsored events that helped fund the youth to attend the National League of Cities.



Happy Valley's City Council gathers with the City Manager and members of the Youth Council during a recent visit to Washington, D.C. The group participated in the National League of Cities conference.

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If I Were Mayor contest takes new form

The Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) "If I were Mayor" contest is an annual event the City of Happy Valley typically embraces as tradition. In this contest, students are invited to share their creative ideas about how they would govern the City of Happy Valley and local winners are submitted to a statewide competition. With students at home following the extended school closure, things are looking a little different for this springtime event.

While the contest will no longer be formally judged at the City level and we will not accept actual physical submissions, we would like to invite students to put their thinking caps on and still participate – virtually! At its core, "If I Were Mayor" gives students the opportunity to take a closer look at their community and share their thoughts about safety, the environment, health, social

services, youth programs and anything else they think is vital to the City. Engaging in this activity could be a great way to stay connected to learning and spark some creativity. For students interested in taking part, here's the plan:

Follow the guidelines for the assignment as outlined on the City website at <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/community/programs/if-i-were-mayor/>.

Send your finished product by Email via photo, text document, etc. to Communications Specialist, Stephanie Warneke at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov. The deadline for submitting your finished product is 5 p.m. Friday, Apr. 24.

GENERAL CONTEST FORMAT

There are three categories based on student grade:

- Elementary School (grades 4-5) – Poster
- *Take a photo of your poster or you could even create a poster on the computer – you



When life gives you lemons, let's make lemonade! Although the formal Happy Valley "If I Were Mayor" contest is canceled this year, the City would like to encourage students to participate virtually during the extended school closure.

- decide!
- Middle School (grades 6-8)

- Essay

■ High school (grades 9-12)
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The Cavalettes were heartbroken at the cancellation of the state dance competition due to COVID-19. The dancers were poised to finish well with their unique piece ‘Slumber.’ SUBMITTED PHOTOS

CHS Dance, basketball teams end short season on high note

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Clackamas High School's dance and basketball teams ended their season abruptly when the Oregon School Activities Association canceled all sporting events due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. Both teams were on their way to the state playoffs and disappointed at not being able to finish their seasons.

Dance team

“The Cavalettes have been through so much over the last four years, I am so thankful I got to be a part of this team throughout all of high school,” senior Elli Strauss said. “This team has brought me so much joy and great memories over the past years. (These) girls are some of the most hard-working, loving and dedicated girls I’ve ever met. Also, a special thanks to all of the

coaches and staff who have dedicated hours on end to make us the best team we can be.”

The Cavalettes won numerous awards during the 2019-20 season, including a contemporary piece that took first place in every competition where it was performed. The team also was poised to do well at state.

With a nine-month season, dance team is the longest running of all the varsity sports. When the team heard the news of the cancellation, they gathered to reflect on the season and the experiences they shared. The team hopes to organize a showcase performance later.

“Although our season has come to an end in an unexpected way, it was still, by all means, a successful season. I’ve always told my team, we dance not because of the trophy we walk away with at the

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Like the dance team, the CHS boys varsity basketball team was looking forward to the state tournament. The team improved their season from last year and Coach Cameron Mitchell says the boys were disappointed at the abrupt end to their season.

Season ends

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end, but for the memories, experiences and feeling we have when we go to bed at the end of the night after a great practice or performance,” coach Alexis Woolsey said.

“The dancers along with myself and my staff poured our hearts and soul into our show, Slumber, and are heartbroken that we didn’t get to perform it in the Memorial Coliseum. But through all this, we are reminded that being on dance team is not about the final destination, but instead the journey,” she said.

Basketball

With a record of eight wins and 16 losses in the 2018-19 season, the boys varsity basketball team found success in the 2019-20 season with 21 wins and five losses, which qualified them for the state tournament. Like the Cavalettes, their tournament was canceled, and the boys could not realize their dream of winning the state championship.

“While we are extremely disappointed that the season was cut short, I think it’s important to remain positive and grateful,” said Cameron Mitchell, head basketball coach. “We had an amazing season and I’m so proud of how these young men represented the Clackamas community on and off the court. This was one of the most passionate, dedicated and supportive teams that I have ever been a part of. We will be back stronger than ever.”



Clackamas’ Damon Erickson (11) drives around Barlow’s Jesse White during the Feb. 11 Mt. Hood Conference boys basketball game at Clackamas High School.

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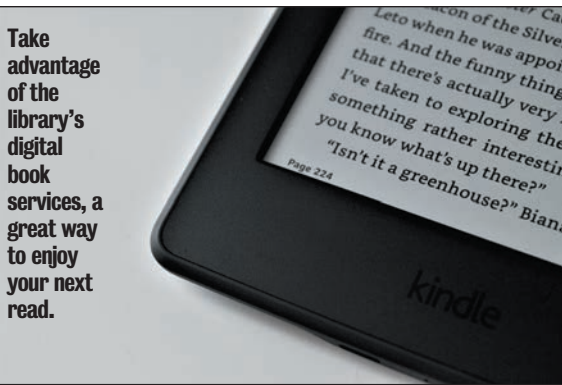
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Announcement

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By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Clackamas High School Theater Department's latest production, "The Frogs," is set to be performed starting May 1 and will run for two weeks.

Originally performed at the Festival of Dionysus in Athens in 405 B.C.E., Aristophanes' play, "The Frogs," follows Dionysus along with his slave, Xanthias, as they travel to the underworld of Hades to search for Euripides in order to bring him back from the dead.

In this modernized version, Dionysus' quest to restore dignity to television is hijacked by a group of unsatisfied amphibians in a humorous farce. The cast features several talented actors portraying a star-studded, who's-who cast of Greek gods.

Directed by Michael Streeter and co-directed by Tyler Oser, the show is peppered with humor and the elements Greek tragedies are known for — death and love — along with frogs.

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Clackamas High School Theater Department puts on "The Frogs."

WHEN: 7 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, May 1, 2, 8 and 9; 11 a.m. Sunday, May 3 and 10

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

COST: Adults \$8; students \$5. At this time, tickets can be purchased at the door only. Box office opens one hour before show starts.



Come out to support the Clackamas High School theater program. "The Frogs" is a swampy, funny trip through Greek drama in an unexpected way.

Happy Valley Fun Run postponed

Happy Valley's annual Fun Run will postpone its festivities, but will aim to reschedule the event later this Fall. The event, organized by Happy Valley Elementary School's PTO, is open to the community and includes a one-mile Kids Dash and timed 5k and 10k races. This year, the race also planned to include a costume contest. While the run won't be happening this May, it's

never too early to start planning your individual or group costumes. The Happy Valley PTO is anticipating holding the event in September but will provide updates as plans are put into place. This popular annual event is a great way to give back to the community as it encourages adults and kids alike to lace up their running shoes and help support programs for local students.



Even though the Happy Valley Fun Run is postponed this year, it's never too early to start preparing. This year, participants are encouraged to dress in costume, so get creative and be thinking about what you'll be donning at the starting line later this Fall.

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A message from Police Chief Scott Anderson

City of Happy Valley

Like everyone in our community, we are concerned about COVID-19 and what effects it may have in the coming weeks and months.

With this said, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and Happy Valley Police Department are committed to public safety and providing reassurance in these uncertain times. Please know that your Happy Valley Police Department is fully staffed and we have contingency plans in place should any of our deputies become unavailable to report to work. We will be responding to emergencies, patrolling the City, and frequently checking in on local businesses in efforts to provide a community presence that is supportive and attentive.

As always, residents are encouraged to call 911 for any emergency or 503-655-8211 for non-emergency police matters. We understand the importance of following the recommended social distancing measures, so for our health and yours, we too are being cautious about how we interact with the community. I want to stress that we are responding to emergency calls as we always have, however some non-emergency calls are being handled strictly by phone and other community events, like citizen ride-alongs and presentations to groups, have been suspended for the time-being so we can do our part to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The Community Policing Center is also closed to the



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public, but you can always reach us by phone.

Between calls, we are patrolling neighborhoods as much as we can, but also spending extra time patrolling our commercial districts since many small business owners have closed their storefronts. We know these are many of your favorite shops, clinics, gyms, stores, and eateries and we want people to know that we are helping keep watch.

We would love a kind wave or friendly nod as we pass in our patrol cars, on bike, or on foot. We're excited to do the same in return to our valued community members. Please be patient with us if you call and we take your report over the phone or if we arrive at your location and take an extra second to put on gloves or a face-mask. We will be patient with you as well. After all, we are in this together.

While these are trying times, remember that your Happy Valley Police Department is here to help. I ask that you observe the various orders by the city, county and state regarding social distancing as this will help us immensely in being available to tackle emergencies and be there when you need us. This too shall pass, and your cooperation will help us all stay healthy and calm in the meantime. The men and women of Happy Valley Police Department appreciate your support and we will continue to provide outstanding police service during this difficult time.

– Chief Anderson

April is Window Fall Prevention Month

You can protect your child from falling from a window. Window falls are predictable, therefore preventable. We need your help to reduce the risk of injury to children. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, about eight children under the age of five die each year from falling out a window, and more than 3,300 are seriously injured enough to go to the hospital.

The Window Safety Task Force offers these suggestions to help protect children:

- Teach children to play away from windows
- Teach caregivers and children that screens keep bugs out, but they don't keep children in
- For any windows that are six feet or higher from the ground, install window stops or guards,

limiting open windows to no more than four inches

■ Keep windows closed and locked when not in use

■ Keep furniture or anything a child can climb on away from windows

■ Always supervise children and ask about window safety when your child visits other homes

■ Lesson the potential impact of injury from a fall through strategic landscaping – use wood chips, grass, or shrubs beneath windows

For more information on window stops or guards, and how to install them, visit www.stopat4.com. The safety stores located at Randall Children's Hospital and Doernbecher Children's Hospital carry safety devices for windows as well.



Take a moment to ensure your home windows are secured with things like window stops or guards. This will help limit windows opening too far and causing a hazard for children.

Happy Valley Farmers Market moves to new location

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Kicking off the 2020 season Saturday, April 25, the Happy Valley Farmers Market announced its move to a new location in the parking lot of the Sunnyside Foursquare Church, at 13231 S.E. Sunnyside Road.

"The new location provides greater visibility, more parking and foot traffic. We are excited for what the future holds, and we thank the church for allowing us to host the farmers market on their property," said Jamie El-Khal, owner of Happy Valley Farmers Market.

Since 2012, the community farmers market has provided marketgoers with fresh fruits and vegetables from local growers, ready-to-eat foods, handmade items, artisan foods, handcrafted spirits and ciders, and sales representatives.

This year also will include a bounce house, shave ice and live music. Also new this year, SNAP benefits will be accepted at participating farms and food vendors. To accommodate the farmers' fall harvest, the season will be extended through Oct.



Step into spring with the bounty of fresh flowers, produce and artisan offerings at the annual farmers market starting April 25. Due to recent COVID-19 related closures, double check listings.

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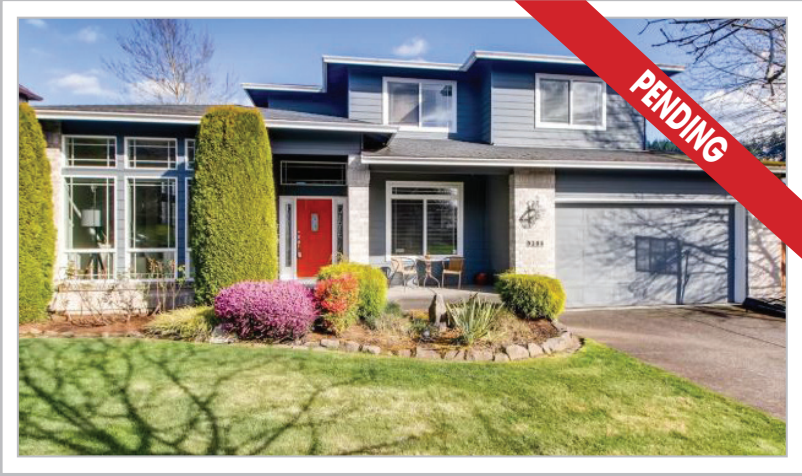
What: Happy Valley Farmers Market

When: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, April 25-Oct. 31

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A VETERAN’S STORY: How one family deals with deployment

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Grant Roper was deployed stateside last month. The Air National Guardsman has been deployed before and though it may not seem like a hardship to some, it certainly impacts the family.

Roper grew up mostly in Happy Valley attending Lot Whitcomb Elementary, Sunrise Middle School and Clackamas High School before moving to Vancouver, Washington, and graduating from Columbia River High School in 1999. He had a football scholarship but decided to enter the Air National Guard, following suit of his brother, father and grandfather.

“I took the summer to decide what I wanted to do and joined in October 1999,” he said. “I actually didn’t really know what I was getting into. My brother was enlisted working full time out of the base, but he took me under his wing and said it’d be a great opportunity for me. It’s paid for my college and given me employment. I took on temporary orders and immediately before 911, I took on a full-time position.”

Roper originally signed up for a four-year enlistment with a two-year option. He attended an eight-week bootcamp stint at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas followed by 12 weeks of security forces training. Back home in the Portland-metro area, there were opportunities for Roper.

“They had so many shortages here, so while I was going to school and working, I’d take orders out at the base to supplement, and it ended up turning into a full-time job and career,” Roper said.

As a security manager for the fighter squadron at the Portland Air National Guard Base, Roper works with the pilots and the fighter squadron to keep the jets and hangar safe, which includes when the fighter jets are outside the United States.

“I help the pilots with their clearances for the jobs and programs they do on base and keep them as a war-fighter asset. Those guys go a lot of places and do numerous things, and I help manage that, along with the aircraft and when we have



Air National Guardsman Grant Roper maintains plane and hangar security at the Portland Air National Guard Base. He was recently deployed which makes life challenging for his family including wife Kelly and daughters Sydnee and Haylee.

to move them back and forth around the country or overseas, it takes coordination that I help with,” he said.

In 2002, after his enlistment, Roper reconnected with a childhood friend, Kelly Anderson, whom he eventually wed in 2005. Kelly also grew up in Happy Valley and after living in both Vancouver and Gresham, the couple decided to return to Happy Valley where they had family and valued the school system for their two daughters, Sydnee and Haylee.

This deployment, Roper’s seventh, will last just over three months, but others have lasted as long as a year. Of the five they have gone through together, Kelly says the deployments became harder once they had children.

“I can take care of myself just fine, but when I have to take care of everyone else, it’s harder,” she said. “You don’t realize how helpful your husband is until he’s not there and you don’t want to let the kids know if you’re struggling. They’re rock stars and have done three deployments now. It was easier before FaceTime because when they see him it makes it difficult.”

With her daughters’ happiness in mind, Kelly tries to make fun memories before and after her husband’s deployments. Once deployed, Kelly organizes a candy jar filled with counted candy to eat daily while

waiting for Roper’s return. The girls enjoy the visual of seeing the candy go down and knowing their dad will be home soon. During the deployments, Kelly and the girls set up routines, and when he is home, they all adjust to his schedule.

“With the job he has now, Grant travels more but for shorter times. The girls are more used to it now because his schedule is always fluctuating. Our family is very helpful; it’s one of the reasons we moved back to Happy Valley,” Kelly said. “People have helped us with lots of things. Sometimes it’s all hands-on deck, and they’ve even assembled baby furniture for us.”

Many members of Roper’s extended family live relatively nearby, either in Portland, Gresham or Happy Valley and when needed, family members like Kelly’s parents and in-laws are able to pick the girls up from school or take them to dance while Roper is deployed and Kelly is working downtown at her job in computer drafting and design at David Evans and Associates.

Aside from the Ropers’ family, other dance families, friends and neighbors help at times. One neighbor has strung Christmas lights, mown the yard and raked leaves. There is no perfect time for deployment, and at times, Kelly doesn’t even know the whereabouts of Roper, but the couple makes it work.

“The last deployment, Kelly was pregnant and found out while I was coming out of evasion and capture school. I was ridiculously tired from being up for 48 hours and having the crap kicked out of me, and I get a text that said, ‘by the way, we’re pregnant,’” Roper said. “I got back two weeks before Haylee was born.”

When Roper does come home after deployment, it takes everyone a bit of time to adjust.

“We hadn’t been in our house very long before I came home. I didn’t know where some of our stuff went; it’s frustrating,” Roper said. “My 5-year-old daughter is saying, ‘Dad, that’s not where that goes,’ and I’d get frustrated. But Kelly would remind me that I’ve been gone and I have to get used to their flow, not the other way around.”

Over the years, Roper finished college, earning a degree in criminal justice. Because he did it while he was enlisted, his G.I. bill can be transferred to his children. When not deployed, the Ropers spend their time with their daughters, who are involved in dance competitions.

A self-described dance dad, Roper takes hip-hop classes to show his daughters he can do it. He even has arranged to fly to Sydnee’s national dance competition in Las Vegas during his deployment. Roper also teaches CrossFit in Gresham five hours a week and volunteers on the Happy Valley Budget Committee and Public Safety and Traffic Committee.

When asked about whether he would encourage his daughters to continue the family military tradition, Roper says yes.

“My brother retired as command chief at Portland Air National Guard Base, and I was the proctor at the ceremony; basically I retired my brother. And we did have a woman fighter pilot who moved on to a bigger aircraft,” Roper said. “Sydnee was excited to see her because you don’t see female pilots very often. We told her it’s hard work; you need to know math and science, and after talking to the pilot, Sydnee knows what it would take. I’d be all for it. It’s an awesome service for her country but also, for the sacrifices, you get a ton out of it.”



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Help distracted driving take a back seat

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and safety organizations across the nation are encouraging people to commit to keeping our roads safer.

According to the National Safety Council, more than 700 people are injured in distracted driving crashes every day. Distractions range from talking on a cell phone (both hand-held and hands-free), texting, eating, applying make-up, and anything else that diverts your attention away from driving.

To prevent tragedies due to distracted driving, the U.S. Department of Transportation urges motorists to do the following:

- Turn off electronic devices and put them out of reach before starting to drive.

- Be good role models for young drivers and set a good example. Talk with your teens about responsible driving.

- Speak up when you are a passenger and your driver uses an electronic device while driving. Offer to make the call for the driver, so his or her full attention stays on the driving task.

- Always wear your seat belt. Seat belts are often the best defense against unsafe drivers.

Additionally, all pedestrians and bicyclists are reminded to focus on their surroundings and not on their electronic devices.

Many people think of texting or talking on a cell phone as distracted driving, but it really can be anything. Scanning radio stations, reaching for something behind you, adjusting your car’s control knobs, talking to a passenger, or simply focusing on thoughts other than driving are all examples of distractions. In order to keep Happy Valley’s roads safe, we must all do our part to make a conscious decision to focus on the road ahead.

Unfortunately, cell phone use while driving is rampant and one of the main causes of distraction. To make matters worse, phone use is usually seen as the cause of an auto accident AFTER it has already occurred, although we’ve all probably seen our fair share of motorists using their phone in plain sight.

Starting this month, an additional traffic deputy will be joining Happy Valley Police Department to help support the afternoon/evening commute. This person will be patrolling trouble spots on City roads, educating the public and enforcing traffic laws. In Happy Valley, having a deputy assigned specifically to this task has proven to curb dangerous behaviors and reduce vehicle crashes. Ultimately, distracted driving is preventable and sometimes we all just need a reminder of the risks and dangers. Please join us this month and commit to helping keeping our community’s roads safe.



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The draft of the Pleasant Valley/North Carver (PV/NC) Comprehensive Plan will soon be up for review by the City's Planning Commission and City Council. Before this occurs, the City of Happy Valley will host two informational Open Houses, so the public can view a variety of visual materials and information relating to the recommendations. The Open Houses are primarily informational, but written comments and feedback will be accepted and incorporated, as necessary. Residents will have additional opportunities to comment during the Planning Commission and City Council public hearings. The Comprehensive Plan is set to be finalized summer 2020. The PV/NC Comprehensive Plan provides guidance regarding such things as land



use, transportation, parks, and environmental issues that will be instrumental to ensuring planning is successful in the Pleasant Valley and North Carver areas. City staff from the Economic and Community Development Department have been working diligently and have utilized community feedback throughout the process to help shape the direction of the Plan. Ideas from property owners, the general public, neighboring cities and counties, and other stakeholders have also been included. The upcoming Open Houses will provide an opportunity for the ideas and concepts derived over the course of the previous months to be presented in more detail.

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
- Local employment opportunities

Benefits like these often mean more marketable homes and properties, but the key to success is having the community involved in discussions. The City is hopeful that residents will attend one of the upcoming Open House events to review recommendations made thus far. Open House dates will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. The public is encouraged to visit <https://hv.city/pvnc> for updates and follow us on our City Facebook page as well.



Members of Happy Valley's Public Works team proudly display the City's commemorative Tree City USA flag after planting a tree in Happy Valley Park.

New trees planted in honor of Arbor Day

Apr. 24 is Arbor Day, a day set aside throughout the world to raise awareness for trees and the important role that they play in our environment. Last month, members of the City's Public Works team took some time to plant a Cornus nuttalli cross, a type of native dogwood, that was specially selected to help diversify the forest. This tree was planted just behind the new play area of Happy Valley Park in the shade of the existing larger trees. The first tree of its kind in the Park, it serves as one of the second generation of trees that will help replace older ones as they naturally decline. It joins existing cedars, maples, and cottonwoods to help shade Mt. Scott creek which will keep the stream cool for fish and wildlife habitat.



The planting of new trees helps support the overall health and growth of the City's tree canopy.



Join us!

Come learn more about the City of Happy Valley's Comprehensive Plan, which will guide the vision for land use and transportation in the Pleasant Valley and North Carver areas. You're invited to attend one (or both!) of our public open houses.

By attending an upcoming PV/NC Comprehensive Plan Open House, residents will have an opportunity to learn more about the proposed plan that will soon be reviewed by City Council and the Planning Commission. Stay tuned for announcement of dates.

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Thunder Elite's Lightning cheer team recently competed in Texas showcasing their unique routine "Survivor" in front of thousands of spectators. Following Texas, the team competed in Portland and were crowned 2020 Pac West National Champions.

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Lightning cheer team thunders into national competition

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

In front of 38,000 spectators from around the world, Thunder Elite All-Star Cheerleading's Lightning team competed with 25,000 other cheerleaders at the National Cheer Association All-Star National Championship in February in Dallas, Texas, the largest cheer competition in the country.

Lightning, composed of nine girls ages 10 to 14 years old, competed against 13 other teams in the small junior Level 3 division where they placed second by only 0.02 points. Their routine was an innovative take based on the TV show "Survivor."

"The routine is out of the box for normal cheerleading, and the kids won an innovative choreography and showmanship award," said Athletic Director Jessica Skaw. "The team that won their division stopped to thank us for 'changing cheerleading' with their performance. The kids were in happy tears from performing so well and are ecstatic to come back to win NCA next year."

Upon their return to Happy



Thunder Elite fosters a competitive spirit for cheerleading while teaching technique. Thousands of local kids have spent time at the cheer facility which is considered the largest in the metro area.

Valley, Lightning competed in a local competition at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland and placed first.

Though Thunder Elite originally opened its doors in 2000, Skaw's parents, David and Candy Skaw, purchased it in 2008 and immediately set about a new business model for the company.

Now in its 20th year, Thun-

der Elite is the area's oldest cheer facility, and operations for the 7,500-square-foot gym fall to Skaw. With more than 500 clients, Thunder Elite offers local cheer, elite team cheer and a variety of programs from Nerf fight nights, tumbling, active-play playschool and school team training.

"Cheerleading, in this case all-star competitive cheerlead-

ing, is composed of youth-age girls and boys. They are assembled on teams for the sole purpose of competitions against other like teams. Categories are broken out by skill levels that the kids can perform, as well as age," Skaw said. "Popularity is growing as more people realize this isn't pompom cheer. There are no sidelines involved. These are high-level athletes defying gravity."

Cheerleading currently is being popularized on the Netflix show, "Cheer," a docuseries following the co-ed team at Navarro College in Texas. In the show the team practices cringe-worthy stunts and follows the lives and competitions of the dexterous athletes.

Skaw said many former students are now working in the cheer industry, including a few at Thunder Elite and numerous students have gone on to cheer in college, including at Navarro College.

"Every coach that works in our gym also grew up in our program. Many went to college and came back to further dedicate their lives to our children," Skaw said.

Honoring our veterans

The City of Happy Valley would like to recognize community veterans and active military each month in Happy Valley News. If you have served or are currently serving in one of our country's armed forces, please consider sharing your story. Articles might focus on your military experience, what you've learned from your travels, or anything interesting or inspiring.

The City is encouraging you to reach out directly if interested and nominations from family and friends are welcomed. Please contact the City's Communication Specialist, Stephanie Warneke, at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov or our Community Writer, Shelley McFarland at shelly.mcfarland@gmail.com.



The service and sacrifice our military community members make is important. With the support of Mayor Tom Ellis and City Council, the City of Happy Valley would like to share the stories of those who have served or are actively serving. Please contact us so we can highlight our local heroes.

City's Youth Council to host Rx drug take back event

The Happy Valley Youth Council has organized Rx Drug Turn-In events as a part of their commitment to the well-being of the community. The previous years' efforts have in total brought in over 5,000 pounds of drug items.

Too often, unused prescriptions or over the counter medications find their way into the wrong hands. This is dangerous and can lead to tragic outcomes. The Happy Valley Youth Council will be holding their Annual RX Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 am - 2 pm in the City Hall parking lot.

Drive by and drop off your unwanted or outdated prescriptions, over-the-counter medications or drugs. Safe disposal protects our water supply and keeps drugs out of the hands of unauthorized or recreational users. All drug materials will be accepted, no questions asked.

A big thank you to our community partners for their support and assistance!

- Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
- Happy Valley Police
- Providence Health & Services



Happy Valley Youth Council will hold its Annual RX Drug Take Back Event once again this month. This no questions asked event aims to keep unused prescriptions and over the counter medications off the street and out of the wrong hands.

■ Sunrise Water
■ Water Environment Services

**At time of print, this event was scheduled to occur. Please check the City's website for updates at www.happyvalleyor.gov closer to the event to confirm.*

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