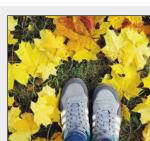
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## EEKANS **SHOW THEIR MEDAL**

## Guardsmen and women provide vital assistance during wildfires

### **By SHELLEY McFARLAND**

fter a dry, hot summer and the forecast of an unusual windstorm for Sept. 7, emergency services organizations across Oregon, includand some still are not fully contained. It is considered the worst fire event in Oregon's history.

According to Stephen Bomar, Oregon Military Department Director, 1,200 National Public Allairs, Guardsmen and women were deployed across Oregon to help with the firefighting and evacuations.



Veterans were deployed to Camp Withycomb to help with the September wildland fires.

Over 100 local veterans under the command of Lt. Col. Evan Hessell of the 741 Brigade Engineer Battalion and 102 Oregon **CERFP** started the evacuation process of hospitalized patients.

ing local veterans, were on fire watch anticipating wildland fires.

The blazes that resulted, combined with wildfires already burning in Southern Oregon, have scorched over 1 million acres in Oregon (500,000 in Clackamas County alone)

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Luckily, only a few patients were transported to other hospitals, but the veterans stayed onsite in case evacuation notice was given. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## ALL IN, ALL CAVS

#### **By SHELLEY McFARLAND**

**Clackamas High School** students might notice a few changes this school year.

Besides the obvious adjustment to distance learning, new Principal Nate

Munoz is working to pump up school spirit. It's easy to feel it when a football team has earned a trip to the state finals and the student body rides the wave of championship enthusiasm, but Munoz wants the Cavaliers to feel that excitement yearround.

"I was walking around the track at the beginning kids call out 'Munoz!' I walked up to the kids and asked how they knew who I was, and they told me from social media," he said.

"It was great to hear because I'm trying get the kids to know me, but it's hard without the kids at school and I have to use social media to accomplish it. Hopefully from the videos, they can get an idea of who I am and the culture of academics, inclusion and spirit we are building.'

To achieve school unity, each student received a T-shirt with the "All In, All Cavs" motto on the front and is encouraged to post a photo of them wearing it to the CHS Facebook page. (With a nod to the up-

of the school year and I hear some coming school year where 40% of CHS students and staff will transfer to the new Adrienne C. Nelson High School, on the arm of each shirt is "Cavs + Hawks = Family.) CHS also organized a grade-competitive food drive, and more activities are scheduled for the year.

Under Munoz's leadership, social media is being used to keep kids interested in school socially and academically.

"We are using social media platforms to cultivate a positive, fun and be-yourself type of culture environment with an emphasis to always give your best. I'm aware it starts with me, and I hope being on social media shows exactly who I am. I care about kids and want

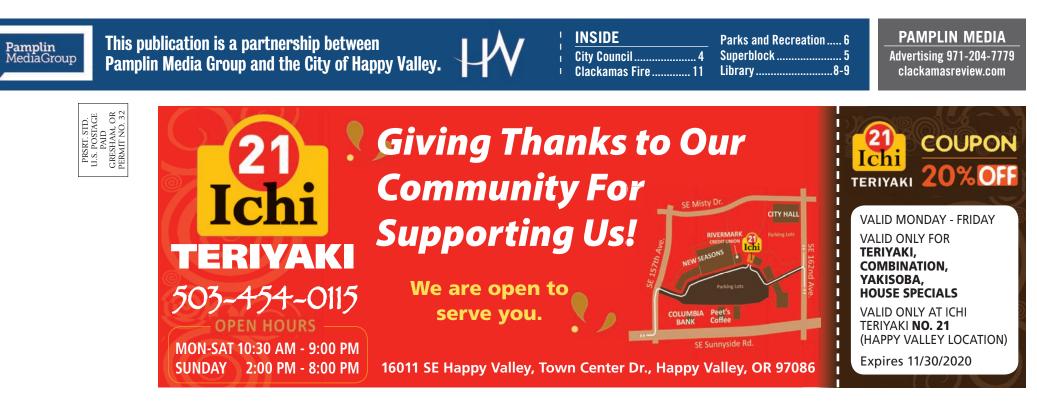
Principal Nate Munoz invigorates school spirit at Clackamas High

them to be their best but to have fun, too," he said.

"Being visible and approachable is important. I always want students to know we are here to support them, and if it comes from the principal, my hope is that model and leadership style will trickle down. I am grateful for the Clackamas community and for the positive responses I've received," Munoz said. "It's been humbling and exciting. People are excited about the new school spirit, and it lets me know we are going in the right direction."

Along with numerous social media posts showing CHS staff

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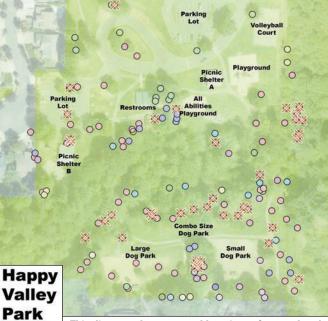
## **Preparing for new trees at Happy Valley Park**

City of Happy Valley

This month, the City will commence a special project that will help preserve existing trees in Happy Valley Park. While initial work will include the removal of select trees, replanting efforts will be a significant piece to the project that will ultimately promote long term tree canopy growth that is healthy and sustainable.

Residents and visitors to Happy Valley Park may have already noticed signs acknowledging the upcoming tree removals. Most of the trees selected for removal are in the south end of the Park, nearest the dog runs. The others are located near picnic shelters A and B. Damage sustained from storms, natural deterioration, and abnormal growth have made the selected trees bend and become misshapen at a structural level. Unfortunately, this type of damage cannot be remedied and now poses a threat to public safety. Interventions such as pruning or treating a damaged tree are always pursued first, but in some cases, tree removal is ultimately recommended as the best option.

Leslie Gover, the City's contracted arborist, will be onsite throughout the project and



This diagram shows general locations of trees slated for removal. The Park will not need to close during this project, but affected areas will be sectioned off to ensure visitor safety.

will be helping oversee the to create cohesive plant comwork conducted. The City is committed to replenishing the tree canopy and is working closely with Gover to maximize replanting efforts. To this end, locations for replanting will focus on areas in the Park that offer a conducive environment for new trees to thrive and make it to maturity. Designs have been completed planting efforts. This will help like park benches and other

munities that support both new and long-term tree growth, and species selected will not only be beneficial to wildlife but will take into consideration the needs of Happy Valley's climate. It should further be noted that soil preparation work will also be carried out as part of these re-

extend the water and nutrient community driven projects, capacity of the soil, reduce long-term soil compaction, and allow plant roots to strengthen and thrive.

As trees are removed, contractors will be putting the reusable wood in piles as the City plans to mill the material on site if weather permits. The wood will be used for things

many of which are cultivated by local Scout groups and environmentally friendly organizations.

As many residents can attest, the windstorm Happy Valley experienced just this past September is a salient reminder of how important it is to take care of our trees. While storms are inevitable and

trees do grow old, ensuring we are doing what we can to promote long term strength and hardiness to the tree canopy is key. Moving forward, Gover will be conducting more routine tree assessments in the Park and will be helping the City further diversify the tree canopy through replanting efforts that are in the best interest of the environment.



The City's contracted arborist, Leslie Gover, will be onsite while tree removals are conducted. Her assessment and evaluation of Happy Valley's trees has been instrumental in helping the City respond to challenges and plan for long term tree canopy health.



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Further north, the threat of the Riverside and Beachie Creek blazes merging brought many residents near Oregon City to Level 2 evacuation status and ready to flee.

On the evening of Sept. 10, Lt. Col. Evan D. Hessel, commander of the 741 Brigade Engineer Battalion and 102 Oregon CERFP was instructed by his commanding officer to immediately assemble 50 Guardsmen to organize patient evacuations at Willamette Falls Medical Center.

Hessel assembled twice that number and relocated eight critically ill patients to hospitals in Hood River and North Portland.

Fortunately, Willamette Falls Medical Center did not end up evacuating, but Hessel and his troops were on-site for 36 hours in case the situation changed. On the morning of



Under the smoky skies, Camp Withycomb mobilized various military units to assist during the recent fires.





Sept. 11, while at the hospital, one of Hessel's men commented that it was 9/11.

'It was appropriate we were there on 9/11 to help civilians and our community through a crisis," Hessel said. "We rep-

was an honor to provide vital been used for fires of this mag- lowed protocols by wearing calming to them and ensure their safety.'

Every couple years, the National Guard is activated to help with wildland fires, but

nitude, which only happen masks, washing hands, not once or twice a century.

Combined with the COVID-19 pandemic, it made the situation more difficult. Hessel

grouping together, taking temperature screenings and filling out symptom exposure questionnaires

The evacuations of local hospitals, like Willamette Falls Medical Center, were carefully planned and veterans were on standby to safely transfer patients to other facilities.

## Cavs

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wearing the T-shirts, Spirit Week encouraged kids to show their school spirit in different ways like attending virtual school in their pajamas on Wake Up Wednesdays and encouraging them to wear pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

A scavenger hunt also was organized for students. In other videos, Munoz talks about the importance of grades and social studies teacher Danielle McKay explained what Hispanic Heritage Month means to her.

"We want parents to feel proud of the school (their) kids go to and that it's a safe environment, but that it's also fun. The goal is to make this a great experience for all of our kids. We are aware that what you put in, you get out, but we are creating an environment where any and every kid can feel they can be themselves," Munoz said. "I've been really impressed that our staff works hard at creating that environment for everyone; our staff is awesome.

Munoz grew up in Nampa, Idaho, and admits education took a backseat to other responsibilities.

"I grew up in a single-parent home and my mom worked 12 hours, seven days a week for us. I was the oldest of four and it was on me to take care of them and make sure their needs were met," Munoz said. "I'd say, since I was 9 years old. I have been in a role where I have had to be responsible for people. My mom was just trying to provide, and there wasn't much time to ask about education. Even though education was important to her, there wasn't much structure, and we

"Education has helped change the trajectory of the poverty cycle that has been in my family for generations. I am the first person, not just in my direct family, but all my extended family to ever graduate from college." — Nate Munoz, CHS principal

ran around a bit too much in the streets.<sup>3</sup>

Munoz graduated from Nampa High School in 1999 with a 1.72 GPA, and he thought his only two options when he graduated were military or working in fast food. His mother had a fifth-grade education and she thought Munoz's graduation was the "greatest thing in the world."

"I was fortunate enough to go to college, and if it weren't for friends and their parents who encouraged me to go to college. I would have never gone. I had one good friend and his dad filled out my FASFA (financial aid) form for me. They did that, and I got to go to college," he said.

"I say that because now, as an adult, education has changed my life, dramatically. And not just from an academic standpoint, but from a learning standpoint of understanding who I am, understanding that I can better myself. If you have a great attitude and a strong work ethic, you can do great things in this world. Life can be hard, and sometimes you must push through to get what you want."

When he was 19, Munoz worked at the Boys & Girls Club of Nampa. It was the first time he had the opportunity to work for kids, and it set his fu-



Clackamas High School's new principal, Nate Munoz is creating a sense of school pride and spirit, though students are learning remotely. The educator comes from South Albany and has spearheaded a social media campaign to keep students connected socially.

ture course. Munoz has worked sessment from Jones Internafor and served kids ever since. He calls his story crazy, but says anyone can find success if they are willing to work for it.

'Education has helped change the trajectory of the poverty cycle that has been in my family for generations. I am the first person, not just in my direct family, but all my extended family to ever graduate from college. Since then, there are others, but I was the first," Munoz said. "It's a big deal to me because I have over 100 first cousins because my mom is the second youngest of 21 children.'

In 2005, Munoz earned his undergraduate degree from Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa and continued his education by earning a master's degree in curriculum and astional University in Colorado and a master's degree in educational leadership from Concordia University Chicago.

In sharp contrast to his high school GPA, Munoz maintained a near 4.0 GPA in each of his degrees. He taught leadership and language arts at Redmond High School before taking the vice principal position at South Albany High School. After two years, he became principal at South Albany before accepting the job at Clackamas High School. Munoz is now in his 13th year of education, five of which have been in administration.

It's been a difficult year to step in at CHS with regard to the global COVID-19 pandemic, distance learning, economic recession, historic wildfires and

the school separation looming, but Munoz is positive his staff can provide quality learning while staying connected to students, even in a virtual setting.

"We are focusing on what we can control and trying to thrive there. That's where the 'All In, All Cavs' motto comes into play. We are going to thrive in the controllable areas, and we need to be flexible and adaptable in the things we cannot control and still find a way to succeed.

"Our mission is to make it a great school year for our students regardless of our situation," Munoz said. "Whether we are online or in-person, we will continue to do our best. We understand it's not an ideal year, but we can be the best at this.

Munoz has been impressed

with his staff members, who also are learning how to teach in a new setting.

"In a staff meeting the other day, we talked about the difficulties, but their attitudes were positive, and you have to work on positivity every day. We are supporting each other, removing excuses and finding solutions. At the end of the day, we will continue to put the person in front of us first and push forward," he said.

Teen years can be difficult for students who feel the demands of peer pressure, body changes, social acceptance, navigating social media and parental expectations. After 13 years working with teens, Munoz recognizes communication is key.

"Positive and meaningful relationships are the foundation with our students, and building off those relationships is important. When those relationships are developed, conversations are rich and there is trust. Hopefully, we can create those foundations during synchronous time and our staff can have great conversations and students feel comfortable talking with teachers," Munoz said. "Teachers are special human

beings. They're heroes because they're not just teaching content, they're teaching and supporting kids on how to be better versions of themselves. That's why these relationships are important. I love being at school, at ball games and around people. I can't believe I get to do this every day.'

#### Five fun facts about Nate Munoz:

1. He enjoys fly-fishing.

2. People are shocked by his basketball skills.

3. When he is nervous, he vawns

4. He has 100 first cousins and 21 aunts and uncles.

5. He loves being a family man and hosting barbecues.

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Happy Valley has a long history of supporting veterans. Currently, there are over 1,000 veterans in vice. Happy Veterans Day.

s Veterans Day approach- our community, and countless others who have veterans in their family. This November 11th, I hope you will join me in thanking our veterans and their families. Happy Valley wouldn't be the same without them. Their presence makes our city better and reminds us how fortunate we are in Happy Valley.

To all veterans and active duty men and women around the world, my appreciation for you is deep and my admiration is even deeper. Thank you so much for your ser-

## **City welcomes new** team member



## Pleasant Valley North Carver COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Plan on pause

### City of Happy Valley

The Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan was slated to provide the public with two Open House events as well as Public Hearing Meetings this past Spring, but plans continue to be postponed amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan, which provides guidance regarding such things as land use, transportation, parks, and environmental issues is instrumental to making sure planning is successful in the Pleasant Valley and North Carver areas.

The Open Houses had been intended to offer the public a chance to view a variety of visual materials and information relating to recommendations brought forth by the Plan's Technical and Community Advisory Committees. The goal was to have the Plan approved by the end of the summer, but all will continue to be paused until the public health crisis has subsided. This is to ensure the community has ample opportunity to be part of the input gathering process. The community is encouraged to visit https://hv.city/pvnc for updates in the meantime.



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## 'n September, the City welcomed Katie Coffey as

its new administrative assistant. Now, when you call City Hall's main line, it's Katie's friendly voice you will likely be graced with on the other end.

A resident of Happy Valley, Katie is no stranger to the City. Just prior to taking on the reception position, she worked for six years at Scouters Mountain Elementary School as an Instructional Åssistant, primarily providing support in the Kindergarten classroom. Between offering help with small group learning, supervising students during recess, and supporting classroom teachers with daily instruction, Katie is a whiz at multi-tasking, to say the least

As a bonus, Katie also comes to us with over 10 years of experience working for Starbucks. Over the course of her tenure, her roles with the popular company included store manager, regional marketing specialist, and district manager for 10 SE Portland stores.



Katie Coffey joined the City in September as the new receptionist. Committed to excellent customer service, Coffey is excited to help residents and visitors to Happy Valley.

skills and interest in connect- two children. She's also a ing with the community make her an asset to the team at City Hall.

Born and raised in Oregon, Katie embraces an active lifestyle that includes skiing on Mt. Hood, spinning, and spend-Her strong customer service ing time with her husband and to the team!

proud graduate of the University of Oregon and enjoys cheering on the Ducks!

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hile the City Council is tasked with making the final decision on many issues, we rely heavily on volunteer advisory committees to provide us guidance and input. Planning for the future isn't just about what we as a City Council thinks is best. It takes a collective vision from the community and cohesive action from our

volunteer committees. The City is fortunate to receive thoughtful feedback from our community volunteers on these committees. This coming year, we have a few vacancies. Please consider applying for any or all of the following committees that have openings:

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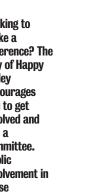
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# Superblock project gets ready for next phase

#### City of Happy Valley

Last year, the City commenced the highly anticipated Superblock project which will create contiguous sidewalks and crosswalk safety improvements inking sections of Ridgecrest and 132nd and King Road and 147th. The project aims to increase the safety of both pedestrians and motorists and provides more opportunities for everyone to enjoy a stroll around the area. Phase I was completed this past Spring with work that included separate sidewalk connections on 132nd Ave. and Ridgecrest Rd. and rapid flashing crossings on 145th and King Rd. Now, the project is in the beginning stages of Phase II. If all goes accordingly, this round of efforts will provide the completion of sidewalks on the south side of King Rd from 145th to Melita Drive and on the interior corner of 132nd and Ridgecrest Rd. Construction is slated to begin later this month with substantial completion of work anticipated in March 2021. At the conclusion of Phase nearly 80% complete, leaving



▲ Corresponding map shows completed Phase as well as forecasted Phase II plans in the Superblock project.

One of the new

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the north section of King Rd. as the final area to be connected. Tasks to be completed at that time will include utility undergrounding in addition to the half street improvements (i.e. curb and sidewalks) from approximately 132nd to Regina Ct.

The Superblock project has continued to stay on course II, the Superblock will be despite the many variables involved and the City continues

to be excited for its completion. Being able to safely traverse this particular area not only promotes healthy recreational activity by way of exercise, but it also helps boost cross-visibility between those on the sidewalk and those using the road. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Public Works Director, Chris Randall at 503-783-3800.

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In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders, participants in all Parks and Recreation programs will be asked to practice physical distancing and stay home when they are sick. Participants ages 5 and older must also wear a face mask when 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained.

## **November 2020 Parks and Recreation Programming**



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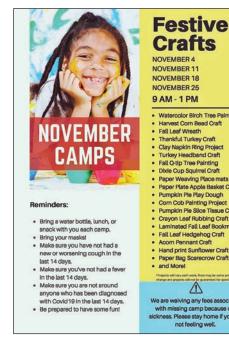
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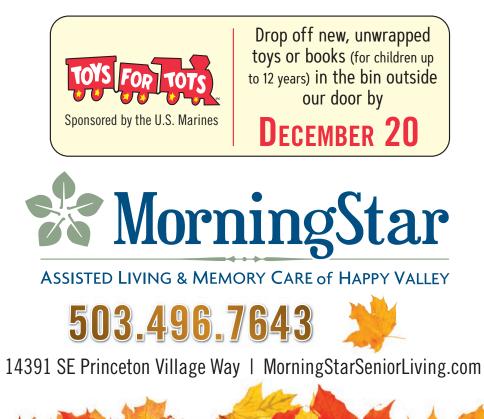


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## **November 2020 Library Events**

Holds pickup and phone services are available. Call us at 503-783-3456.

## **ADULT PROGRAMS**

All library programs are virtual. Email library@happyvalleyor.gov for login information or with questions.

#### **Trivia Tuesdavs!**

Tuesday evenings 7-7:30 p.m. The questions are trivial, the fun isn't! Join us for a fun evening, with a different theme each week.

### **HV Library Virtual Book Group**

First Thursdays, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3, 6:30-8 p.m. Read the book selection for the month and meet to discuss the book with other readers. The book we will be talking about for November will be The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers. We will read Heart Berries by Terese Marie Mailhot for our December meeting.

Contact the library for help getting the books and for the Zoom meeting information. Check out our weekly Short Story meetings, too!

#### **Genealogy Club Virtual Meeting**

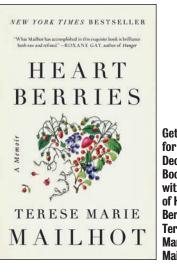
Mondays, November 9 and 23, 2-4 p.m.

Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips. Insights are discovered and pathways revealed as we attempt to solve the mysteries of our ancestors' elusive stories!

#### **HV Library Short Story Group**

Thursdays, November 12 & 19, 7-8 p.m.

Join us for a casual discussion of a short story every Thursday night that we don't have a Book Group meeting. Find out the title of our next read on the Adult Programs page on the Happy Valley Library website. You'll also find links for a free download of the selection for the week and all the previous stories.



### **Get ready December's Book Group** with a copy of Heart **Berries** by Terese Marie Mailhot.



Ready for some brain busters? Log on virtually to Tuesday's Trivia Nights and get ready to have some fun.

Books in many languages **Our library** has over 2,000 books in languages other than English. We have Adult collections in Chinese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese, and Children's collections in all those languages, plus Korean! Any of these books can be ordered for no-contact pickup. To see what

we've got and to

place some holds, go to happyval-

leyor.gov/languagecollections

and explore!



**Check this out!** 

The Happy Valley Library offers a selection of books written in a variety of languages.

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#### **Baby and Me Time**

Tuesdays, 10-10:30 a.m. Songs, lap bounces, and stories that are just right for babies. Learn rhymes and songs you can bring into your everyday life to help your little ones thrive.

## **Family Storytime**

Thursdays, 10-10:30 a.m. Join Anna, Isaac and Lisa for weekly stories, songs, puppets, and fun in Zoom.

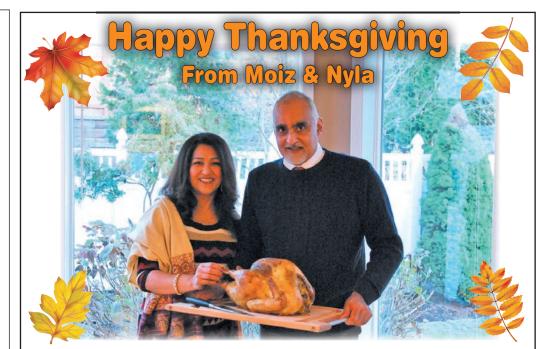


Live storytimes are a hit with the littles! Log on for this popular offering and let the children's librarians entertain with some educational fun.

## Hold pick-ups just got easier

Did you get a notice that the materials you placed on hold are ready? Get ready to delve into those items a little faster because you no longer need an appointment to pick them up! When you arrive at the library, call 503-783-3456. We'll find your holds, check them out, and put them on a table for you to retrieve.





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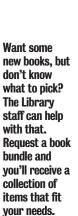
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Want to throw in a couple of movies, or a handful of magazines? Let us know what you want, and we'll add them to your stack! Not sure what you want? Try one of the options under "Quick Picks." Most requests are filled in a day or two and bundles are scheduled to be picked up at the library.

Look for the bundle request form on the library's website: happyvalleyor.gov/library/

Additionally, the same form can be used to request books for kids and teens!

Here are some examples of recent requests from adults that we have filled:

*I* would love something a little lighter to read before bed.

I'm looking for audiobooks (either CDs or e-Audiobooks), mainly non-fiction. In fiction I enjoy sci-fi, murder mystery, but I'm happy to try something new. If there are any good series of audiobooks, I'd love to start at the beginning. Thanks!

I like all history. Of any kind. I would rather read history books than novels.

Preference for fantasy/ scifi from YA through adult. Specifically, female or queer protagonists when possible.

Fiction, grand adventures, a little bit of love, I really enjoy poetry, I like fairy books with mystical stories.

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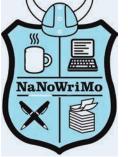
## Write this down

Are you a writer? Is it possible you have a novel inside you, waiting to be set free? Why not take advantage of National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) to get started?

Every November, since 1999, thousands of aspiring novelists have participated in the challenge to write 50,000 or more words, either as a complete novel, or as the start of a novel. There's even a "Young Writers Program" for writers under 18. Find out more or sign up at nanowrimo.org.

November is **National Novel** Writing Month, an annual event in which participants commit to writing a 50,000-word novel. What started as a friendly challenge between friends

has become a



global phenomenon prompting hundreds of thousands of participants each year.

### **LOOKING FOR MORE INSPIRATION OR GUIDANCE?**

Try one of these great titles or ask the library for a recommendation:

■ You've Got a Book in You: *a* stress-free guide to writing the book of your dreams / Elizabeth Sims.

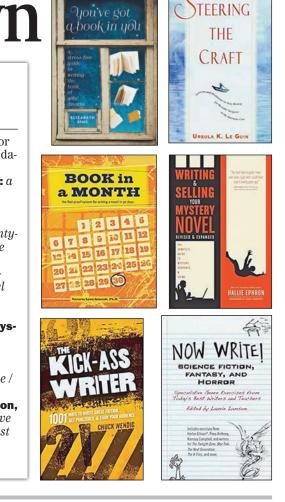
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## **Library celebrates American Indian Heritage Month**

November is National American

indian Heritage month. To cele brate, we highlight some exceptional new titles by Native authors and artists.

### **Picture Books**

Bowwow Powwow: by Brenda J. Child (Red Lake Ojibwe), illustrated by Jonathan Thunder (Red Lake Ojibwe)

Join Windy Girl and her dog, Itchy boy, as they attend a powwow, where they watch the dancers, eat tasty foods, and join family and friends around the campfire.

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard (Seminole Nation, Mekusukey Band), illustrated by Juana Martínez-Neal (Peruvian American)

Written in lyrical verse, this title explores Native American heritage and celebrates contemporary Indian family life through the lens of fry bread.

We Are Grateful: by Traci Sorell (Cherokee), illustrated by Frané Lessac

Journey through the year with a contemporary Cherokee family as they celebrate and give thanks.



### **Chapter Books**

I Can Make This Promise: by Christine Day (Upper Skagit)

Follow Edie, a Seattle 7th grader, as she tries to uncover family secrets after discovering a box of old photos in the attic.

The Case of Windy Lake: by Michael Hutchinson (Misipawistik Cree Nation)

Four cousins search for a missing archaeologist in this entertaining middle grade mystery that Kirkus calls 'an Indigenous version of the Hardy Boys full of rez humor".

Indian No More: by Charlene Willing McManis (Umpqua/Confederated

Tribes of Grande Ronde) with Traci Sorell (Cherokee)

In this autobiographical novel, tenyear-old Regina and her family move to Los Angeles after their Umpqua tribe is terminated.

### **Teen Books**

**Apple:** Skin to the Core by Eric Gansworth (Onondaga)

A memoir in verse by a gifted writer and artist, long listed for the National Book Award.

Hearts Unbroken: by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee)

In this YA rom-com tensions mount as Louise and Joey cover a news story about the inclusive casting of the school musical.

In celebration of

**Native American** 

Heritage Month,

the Library has

recommendations

for readers of all

ages to enjoy.

compiled a

variety of

**An Indigenous Peoples' History** of the United States for Young **People:** History of the United States for Young People by Debbie Reese (Nambé Öwingeh) and Jean Mendoza adapted from the adult book by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

This adaptation for young adult readers of Dunbar-Oritz's National Book Award winning title recounts the history of the United States from an indigenous perspective.

### Adult Books

Heart Berries: by Terese Marie Mailhot (Seabird Island Band)

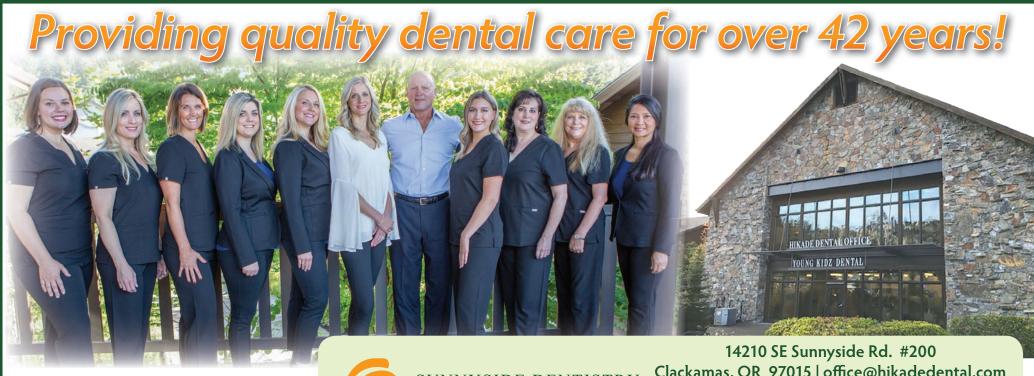
Guileless and refreshingly honest, Terese Mailhot's debut memoir chronicles her struggle to balance the beauty of her Native heritage with the often desperate and chaotic reality of life on the reservation.

There There: by Tommy Orange (Cheyenne and Arapaho)

A novel—which grapples with the complex history of Native Americans; with an inheritance of profound spirituality; and with a plague of addiction, abuse, and suicide-follows 12 characters, each of whom has private reasons for traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow.

The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee Native America from 1890: to the Present by David Treuer (Oiibwe)

An anthropologist's chronicle of Native American life from the Wounded Knee massacre to the present traces the unprecedented resourcefulness and reinvention of distinct tribe cultures that assimilated into mainstream life to preserve Native identity.



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## **ROOTS RESEARCHERS**

## Genealogists Karen and Gordon Hubbard help others unravel family history

#### By SHELLEY McFARLAND

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When she was a young girl, Karen Hubbard's grandmother told her a story about her great-grandmother; a curious

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story catapulting Hubbard's interest of genealogy into a decades-long hobby to further understand who she descends from truth, you and their life experiences.

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er, my greatgreat-grandmother to Scotland, to the castle of the family clan. It was a huge building, and as I get older, I can imagine they are living on the frontier in New Brunswick and she had probably never seen a city, let alone a castle," Hubbard said.

onto the apron strings of the maid at the castle so she wouldn't get lost," she said. "I thought it was an interesting story and I wanted to find out where. I asked my grandmother, but she didn't know."

As with most families, Hubbard had heard snippets of stories about her family, like a relative who was a ship owner and upon his death, the family needed to publish his obituary in order to retrieve the ship. When she heard such stories, Hubbard would wonder how much of it was true.

At the age of 13, Hubbard tried to research the ship legend. She talked with her grandparents to find out exactly where the story originated. She didn't find the answer, but while in college in 1973 at the University of Oregon Medical School (now Oregon Health & Science University) to become a nurse, Hubbard took a genetics class, which again piqued her interest in genealogy.

"I was always fascinated with science, so I was eager to learn more about how genes work. The class fueled my curiosity even more from the perspective of learning how genes



As Friends of the Library members, Karen and Gordon **Hubbard make** excellent library ambassadors at various events. **BELOW: Karen** and Gordon's genealogy group currently meets online, but will meet again at the library when coronavirus protocols are lifted.



**Genealogist Karen Hubbard has** been researching family history for nearly 50 years.

midwife, a career she held for 45 years. Now retired, Hubbard and her husband, Gordon, a retired engineer, run a genealogy group at Happy Valley Library where they help residents trace their lineage.

Currently, the group list has nearly 170 members, but on any given session they average around 25 attendees. Due to state COVID-19 protocols, the genealogy group meets virtually the second and fourth Monday of each month.

The Hubbards have led the





At a 2019 summer event, Friends of the Library members raced book carts, including Karen Hubbard, far right.

Happy Valley group for six years and have helped dozens of people learn more about their heritage. Along the way, the group has had some exciting finds: Two people realized they were related as cousins and other members were able to trace their roots to the Mayflower.

Hubbard explains the group s collaborative and together



it is." - Karen Hubbard with her moth-**FAMILY TREE** Hubbard suggests people begin chronicling their family history with a few steps.

1. Start with what you know

about yourself, your parents

2. Talk with any known older

Videotape the conversation, too. It may be useful later.

and siblings and write it down.

relative. Have them tell you his-

tory, names, dates and stories.

3. Search your attic, basement

or storage space and that of

older relatives. Sometimes an

4. Write down all the informa-

online (saved on a personal

5. Take a DNA test if interested.

For more information, visit:

happyvalleyor.gov/community/ happy-valley-library/.

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Hubbard became a nurse

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'All along the way I was al-

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MILWAUKIE 6542 S.E. Lake Road, Just off Hwy 224 GRESHAM 25050 SE Stark St. Bldg 4, #301 Mt. Hood Medical Center they work like detectives by bouncing ideas off one another when one member has exhausted their pathways trying to find information. The genealogy group is open to new members.

"If someone hasn't done genealogy before, start with what you know. I know when I was born, I have a birth certificate and passport and information about my parents. Sometimes when you begin, you begin before you have the background, so we say get started with what you know and mine your older relatives for information. Most families' stories have a kernel of truth, you just have to figure out what kernel it is," she said.

"For folks who are a little more advanced and have done research, they understand that the information researched needs to come from credible resources. So, they identify three credible resources for each fact. The Genealogical Proof Standard sets forth a best practices standard for doing genealogical research," Hubbard said. '

Once people start, they invariably say they found information from someone on a site like Ancestry, but we then ask 'what are their sources?' It's all about learning, and we can work with anyone where they are at.'

While searching for family history, Hubbard tells people to remember not all information is on the internet, and she encourages connecting with record keepers or archivists in the town where the research has taken them.

"The Family History Librarv in Salt Lake City has been digitizing and adding a million pages of digitized information every single day. A million each day and they have been doing this for years. That, along with all the other online records represents, people are estimating, only about 5% of genealogy information that is available. So, if you spend all your time on the internet, you're going to miss the other 95% that is not on the internet. They key is to find the people who know how to access the information you're looking for," she said.

All smiles after racing library carts. Karen and Gordon Hubbard along with other library patrons.

formats for members to work out their genealogy and encourages people to use digital services, some of which are free. But she cautions to make certain all personal work is not kept solely online; their research should be kept on personal hard drives, too, since some websites can be expensive or potentially shut down.

"If you publish your work online, or in the locale where your family is from, you may discover you have cousins who have been working on this for years, or the magic pot of gold is finding a genealogist who is specializing in your family," Hubbard said.

"It's the same process, repeated. If you know your great-grandfather but have no clue who your great-grandmother was, then we talk about how to find female relatives whose names change everv generation. And if you have a family that appears to disappear, then we have strategies for that. I've been doing genealogy for five decades and I've learned that I'm usually not as stuck as I think I am,' she said.

Hubbard explains that some people are interested in more of the medical side of their family history and her group offers strategies for that type of research also. Moreover, the popularity of DNA tests has inspired people to understand not just where their ancestors are from, but genetically who they are. Hubbard advises using caution with such tests, especially when results might not match expectations.

'Oftentimes people want to jump right into DNA research because the genes are fascinating, but they might need help

Hubbard offers a series of getting started with deciding which test to request. And even when they have test results, they might not know what to do," she said. "We talk about all this and have discussions about DNA. We even have folks who were adopted and want to use DNA results to find biological parents, and that's fun.'

Happy Valley Library Director Doris Grolbert is pleased to have the support of the Hubbards and the genealogy group.

"The Hubbards are huge library supports and volunteer every chance they get. They love to support the library and are library friends," Grolbert said. "Karen takes her time, usually hours, to plan the genealogy meetings, and it is great to see the exchange of ideas, education presented and the welcoming attitude toward new members. She has arranged interesting programs about genealogy and even guest speakers.

"During these COVID times, Karen and Gordon were able to adjust to a virtual setting and, because of their dedication, we have the same amount of people now as we did when the group met in person. It happened because they are such supporters of the library.'

For now, the group will continue to meet virtually and share their experiences of searching for their family history, but Hubbard looks forward to the time when they can meet in person again.

"What intrigues me about genealogy is how people came to be where they are now and how the threads of history and health and family all intertwine in interesting ways," she said. "I'm endlessly fascinated by it.

## National Charity League holds annual membership drive

Mothers, daughters volunteer to serve local community together

#### By SHELLEY McFARLAND

The Sunnyside chapter of the National Charity League has announced its annual membership drive and will be accepting applications through Feb. 15 from women with daughters currently in sixth through eighth grades.

The Sunnyside NCL chapter currently has 161 members from Happy Valley and surrounding areas. To date this year, the mother-daughter teams have volunteered over 4,400 philanthropy hours to local organizations including the Children's Healing Art Project, Clackamas River Basin Council, Feed the Hungry, Oregon Food Bank, Special Olympics and the Oregon Humane Society.

"We are excited for the opportunity to welcome new mothers and daughters into our chapter as we continue to learn, grow and serve our community together," said Allison Bach, Sunnyside chapter president.

This year, the Sunnyside chapter has picked up litter from parks and rivers, cleaned books for The Clackamas Bookshelf, volunteered at Race for the Cure, cheered on participants at the Special Olympics, wrote encouraging letters to senior citizens and first responders, helped socialize animals at the Oregon Humane Society, and packed food at the Oregon Food Bank.

"My daughter and I have been NCL members for six years, and we have been deeply engaged with our community during that time. We have served meaningful charities that support families, animals, the environment and

literacy, and have gotten to do things and go places we wouldn't be able to without NCL," said Blair Wardwell, NCL Sunnyside chapter VP Communications. "We have each learned, practiced and acquired leadership skills that help us serve better and live more confidently."

Celebrating its 95th year, NCL was established in Los Angeles in 1925 and has grown into the nation's premier mother-daughter nonprofit organization through mission-based programming to develop socially responsible community leaders through the motherdaughter bond.

Today, NCL has over 200,000 members and alumnae in chapters throughout the nation. In 2019, members contributed more than 2.5 million volunteer hours to 6,000 philanthropic partners resulting in a \$68.7 million fiscal impact.

Started in May 2008 after a meeting of 28 women in the cafeteria at Spring Mountain Elementary School, the Sunnyside chapter of NCL has continued to grow and give back to the local community while strengthening the mother-daughter relationship.

For more information, visit: nationalcharityleague.org/ chapter/sunnyside/ or email membershipsunnyside@nclonline.org.





NCL volunteers at the Oregon Food Bank. Other hours were donated to organizations like Clackamas River Basin Council, Feed the Hungry and the Oregon Humane Society.

### **MORE INFO**

For more information, prospective members are encouraged to visit the Sunnyside Chapter's website at nationalcharityleague.org/chapter/sunnyside/ or send an email to membershipsunnyside@nclonline.org.

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#### Membership drive details

**TIMELINE:** Applications for membership are only accepted during the annual Membership Drive from Oct. 1–Feb. 15.

**ELIGIBILITY:** A prospective member must reside within the Happy Valley, Clackamas, Damascus, Gladstone and surrounding areas and have a daughter currently in sixth through eighth grade.

**PROSPECTIVE MEM-BERS:** Interested mothers are encouraged to attend one of the prospective member meetings. To receive an invitation, please contact the chapter at membershipsunnyside@ nclonline.org. **APPLICATIONS:** 

Completed applications are due by Feb. 15, 2021.



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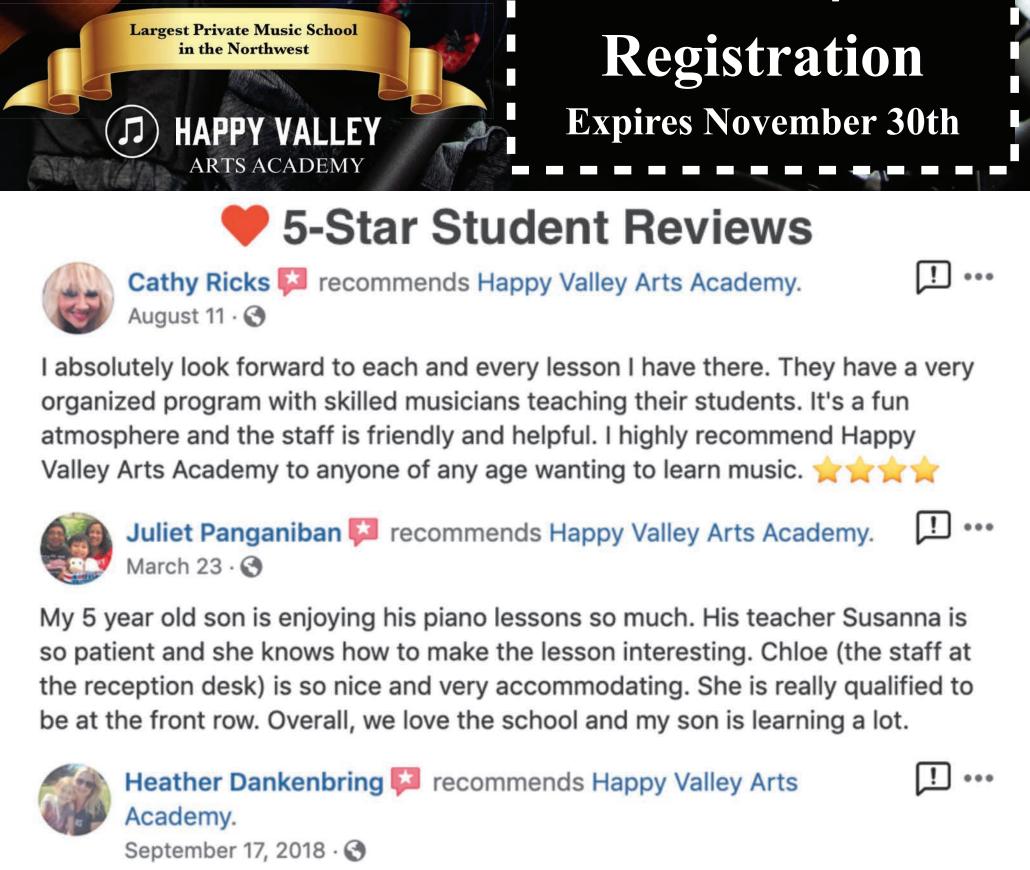
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Email library@happyvalleyor.gov for links to the Zoom meeting and the next story.



We get it – life is busy and you've got a lot of books on vour nightstand. While reading with a typical book club might take hours, the Short Story Group offers a nice alternative. You may even have time to read the story twice!

## Safety in the Kitchen

#### Clackamas Fire District #1

With the holiday season approaching, many of us will be spending more time in the kitchen preparing meals for our families. Clackamas Fire District #1 has some simple tips to ensure fire safe cooking practices.

■ Never leave cooking unattended!

■ Keep your cooking area clean – Don't leave flammable items on or near the stove. Keep handles for pots and pans turned towards the back of the stove.



■ If a fire breaks out in your pot or pan, put a lid on it! Always keep a baking sheet or large lid within arm's reach of your cooking surface to safely smother the flames and cut off the flow of oxygen.

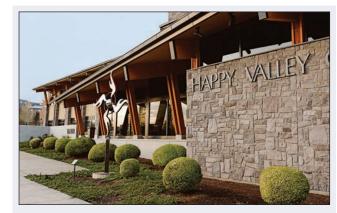
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■ If there is an oven fire, keep the door closed and turn off the oven.



According to the National Fire Protection Association, Thanksgiving is by far the leading day for home cooking fires. Make sure you aren't distracted and follow these helpful tips to keep your main dish from going up in smoke.

■ If the two tips above don't work, get out, and call 9-1-1! Also, make sure that you have working smoke alarms in your home! Test the alarms once a month to ensure that they are functioning properly.



At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check www.happyvalleyor.gov to confirm timing of events and instructions on how to participate virtually. You can also opt in to receive notifications about upcoming meetings by visiting https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/signup-for-notifications/

### **CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY**

#### November 11

Veterans Day Observed: City Hall and Library closed

#### November 12

Traffic and Public Safety Meeting: 5 p.m.

#### November 14

Leaf Drop: 10 a.m.–3 p.m. \*Public Works Building: 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road (adjacent to Happy Valley Park)

#### <u>November 17</u>

City Council Work Session: 6 p.m. City Council Meeting: 7 p.m.

### November 26

Thanksgiving Day: City Hall and Library CLOSED

November 27 City Hall CLOSED

#### December 1 City Council Work Session: 6 p.m.

### **December 5**

Leaf Drop: 10 a.m.–3 p.m. \*Public Works Building: 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road (adjacent to Happy Valley Park)

#### **December 6**

**Drive-Thru Tree Lighting Event:** 2–6 p.m. City Hall parking lot

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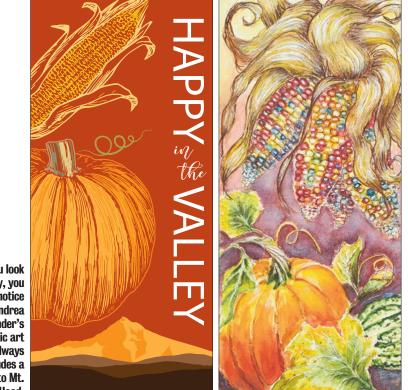
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Harvest colors are plentiful in Beverly Nordstrom's watercolor painting.

If you look closely, you will notice Andrea Gander's graphic art always includes a nod to Mt. Hood.

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## Sunnyside art marks autumn arrival

#### by Jaimie Huff City of Happy Valley

Autumn in Happy Valley brings a variety of quiet joys: crisp morning fog, fragrant apple cider, and many vibrant fall trees. Autumn also brings us the next seasonal transition of street banner art along Sunnyside Road. Sunnyside street banners are located between 152nd Ave. and 172nd Ave. Banners feature local art and are rotated quarterly to reflect the changing seasons.

One side of the Sunnyside street banners features graphic art by Andrea Gander, a Happy Valley resident. Ms. Gander's designs incorporate elements from major City events, such as the Happy Valley Tree Lighting Ceremony. Each seasonal design also includes a silhouette of Mount Hood. The mountain landscape, and its specific colors, was inspired by the view from Ms. Gander's living room window.

"I love living in Happy Valley, which inspired the slogan, "Happy in the Valley" with artwork depicting the 4th of July, Harvest Festival, Tree Lighting, and the Farmers Market." Ms. Gander said. "I was also inspired by the ever-changing view from my front porch of Mt. Hood and the foothills; orange and brown in fall, spring greens, summer is indigo, and blue shadows on snowy hills in winter.

The reverse side of each street banner features watercolor paintings by Ms. Beverly Nordstrom of Oregon City. Ms. Nordstrom's art celebrates wildlife and agricultural elements.

Throughout the calendar year, residents will see colorful impressions of birdlife, the return of spring foliage and fall harvest.

'As an artist, I am attentive when my heart is stirred by nature's inspiration. Much like nature, watercolor offers a medium that you don't want to fully control," Ms. Nordstrom said of her painting style. "Since my style is halfway between loose and realistic, I let my subject matter dream."

Ms. Nordstrom hopes her paintings will inspire viewers to walk Happy Valley's many trails at a slower pace, observing the hidden wildlife and greenery.

Street banner designs were selected in coordination with the Happy Valley Public Art Committee, which serves in advisory capacity to the City Council. Banner designs are anticipated to be in rotation for approximately four to five years, after which new banner designs may be solicited.

Sunnyside street art helps support a longstanding City Council goal to foster a safe, livable community with a sense of pride and strong identity. Public art, such as street banners, helps to make Happy Valley a more welcoming place for residents and businesses alike.

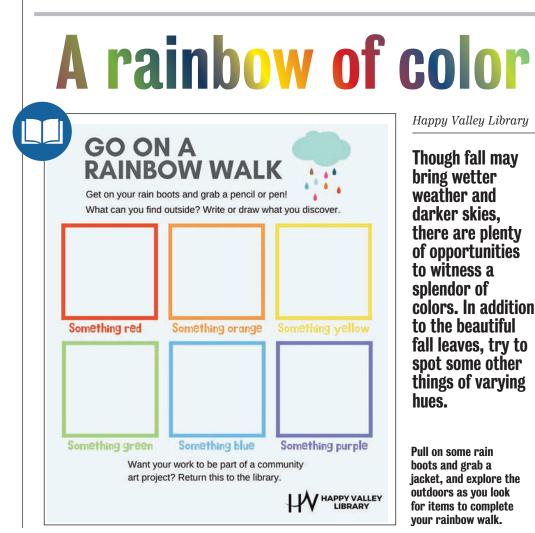
The City extends its gratitude to Portland General Electric, Ms. Gander and Ms. Nordstrom for their contributions to the Sunnyside banner project. For questions about the banner installation, please contact Jaimie Huff, 503-783-3828, jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov.

## **Sunrise Water Authority completes** construction of new reservoir

Sunrise Water Authority

Sunrise Water Authority is celebrating the construction of its new three milliongallon reservoir, located off SE Verlie Street. The contractor is currently finishing the final landscaping and street restoration. The new reservoir is intended to meet to the future demand for water for the growing community along SE Sunnyside Road and SE 172nd Avenue, while also expanding emergency storage and seismic resiliency.

Construction began back in June 2018 with the objective to add a new reservoir to an existing reservoir and pump station, while also looking to enhance the aesthetic elements of the property. Sunrise also worked closely with the adjoining neighborhood associa-





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the open property at the corner of SE Hadeed St. and SE Faris St., while enhancing the green space along SE Faris St. This is one of the largest construction projects led by Sunrise in over a decade. In the end, the project cost just over tion to make improvements to \$7 million and completed on-

The new reservoir near SE Verlie Street will support water needs for the growing community along SE Sunnyside Road and SE 172nd Avenue. It will also offer emergency storage and seismic resiliency.

budget. Sunrise was also proud to have the design and construction managed by its own internal staff resources.

Sunrise wants to thank the Contractor, Ward-Henshaw, for their fabulous efforts during construction and all the adjoining residents for their patience during this project.

For information about this or other Sunrise Water Authority projects, contact Kim Anderson at 503-683-7383 or kanderson@sunrisewater. com.

## **Clear Storm Drains to Protect Your Property** and Our Water

**Regularly clearing your storm drains of leaves and debris** helps reduce flooding and property damage while protecting watershed health and the quality of our drinking water. Follow these tips:

- Find the storm drain grates in the street by your home or business and clear them of leaves and debris.
- Use a rake or pitchfork to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain. Do not try to remove the grate, only the debris on top of it.
- When leaves fall into the street, rake them at least one foot away from the curb so they won't block the path of rainwater. Please do not rake or blow leaves from your yard into the street.
- Never dump anything into a storm drain.

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## Veteran's voice Six years in Marines molded Erica Steiner into a 'fiercely strong woman'

#### By SHELLEY McFARLAND

When Erica Steiner entered Martin Luther King Jr. High School in Riverside, California, she was interested in joining a few campus clubs.

Chamber Singers was a perfect fit for the second of three daughters who loved singing and had been in choir in junior high. But Steiner also was curious about the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Club (NJROTC).

"NJROTC was foreign to me, so it really intrigued me," Steiner said. "I loved the uniforms and how sharp the platoons of cadets looked while they waited in formation for inspection. I was warned by several of my friends at the time that if I joined NJROTC it would be 'social suicide' and that NJROTC kids were nothing but a club of nerds.

'I didn't care. I joined the NJROTC the very next Monday. There was something about the discipline, the challenge and attention to detail that interested me."

The instinct to ignore others to follow her heart would serve Steiner well. During her time in NJROTC, her instructor, Ret. USMC CWO-4 Michael Rhodes became a father figure to her when her life was challenging. Over the years, Rhodes was an instrumental role model for Steiner and even officiated her wedding in 2017.

"He (Rhodes) showed me what kind of person I could be, and I wanted to be just like him," she said. "I wanted to be an independent and fiercely strong woman. The Marines made me into exactly that."

Proud of her participation in NJROTC, Steiner reflected upon her time with the organization, and in 2010, after nearly two years of post-high school education at Riverside Community College, Steiner enlisted in the U.S. Marines Corps.

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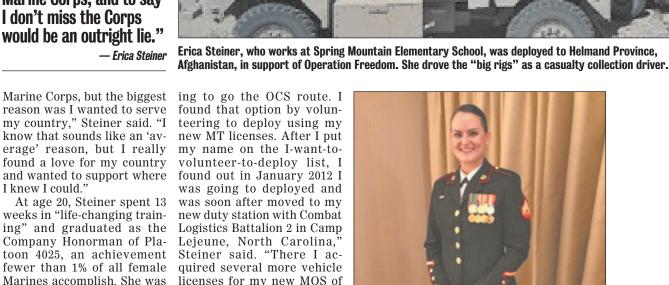
### "The proudest moments of my life are from the years I served in the Marine Corps, and to say I don't miss the Corps would be an outright lie." — Erica Steiner

reason was I wanted to serve my country," Steiner said. "I know that sounds like an 'average' reason, but I really found a love for my country and wanted to support where I knew I could."

At age 20, Steiner spent 13 weeks in "life-changing training" and graduated as the Company Honorman of Platoon 4025, an achievement fewer than 1% of all female Marines accomplish. She was Pfc. E-2, a rank above most graduates because of her distinguished Company Honorman award and four years of NJROTC experience.

When she enlisted, Steiner signed up to be in the Reserves with a Military Occupation Specialty of Supply Administration and Operations Specialist (MOS 3043). She was assigned duty station in Miramar, California. She decided on this route to complete her college education and attend officer's training soon after.

"At an annual training in "The leadership, mentor- motor transportation in 2011, me was a big reason I join the tive sooner, rather than wait-



Motor Transport Operator." In August 2012, Steiner was deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a casualty collection driver. She was attached to 6th Engineer Support Battalion where they supported the building and demolition of several forward operating bases and the movement of supplies and people throughout Helmand Province.

"I drove the 'big rigs' as most people say. I participated in over 15 missions, totaling over 3,000 miles of 'outside the wire' driving and transporting over 200 personnel, over 300,000 pounds of lenge at times." cargo and over 150 dump



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would also say my mindset is what determined my ability to conquer those challenges,' she said. "Letters and boxes from home and strangers, especially throughout the holidays, were also boosts of hope and encouragement throughout the deployment."

In 2013, Steiner returned stateside to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, before heading back to her original duty station at Miramar. Three years later, she completed her contract as corporal (E-4) and left the Marine Corps after six vears of service.

"The proudest moments of my life are from the years I served in the Marine Corps, and to say I don't miss the Corps would be an outright lie. After leaving the Marine Corps I found myself struggling to find a career with a company whose values matched the ones I was so used to reflecting: honor, courage and commitment. I struggled to find a path to a new group of people I identified with who understood some of the experiences I had faced," she said.

After moving to Oregon, Stein compensated for missing the Corps by volunteering at the PDX USO, a local organization helping service members at the Portland International Airport with information, discounts and comfort items.

She met her future husband in 2015 and returned to school full time at Portland State University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Currently, Steiner is a school secretary at Spring Mountain Elementary School.

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"It was an absolute honor to serve in the United States Marine Corps. While serving in any branch of the U.S. military is respectable, it was a tremendous privilege to be part of the fiercest, strongest and most loyal group of men and women who walk this Earth. I will always be proud of myself and the accomplishmen was a challenge at some ments I achieved in those six vears," Steiner said.

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# City to host additional leaf drop events



FREE Leaf Drop days will take place on Nov. 14 and Dec. 5. This service is provided to City residents in hopes of helping them get rid of that lingering yard debris that has piled up.

#### City of Happy Valley



If those leaves are continuing to pile up and that yard debris is still sticking around, there are two more opportunities to rid yourself of the clutter. Happy Valley's Public Works Department is offering another chance for residents to drop off yard debris for FREE. Seasonal vard debris (leaves, woody debris and grass clip-

pings) can be discarded at the Public Works building for free recycling.

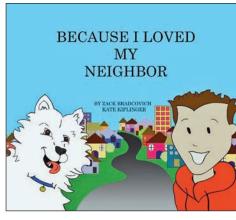


The Public Works building is located at 13910 S.E. Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site.

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

\*Remember to bring proof of residency with you to the event. Attendees are also asked to having a facial covering on hand and keep six foot social distance.

## 'Because I Loved My Neighbor'



**Happy Valley** resident Zack Bradcovich has published a children's book about his experience meeting his neighbors after moving from Pennsylvania. His fluffy dog Krypto has made an indelible impression with local kids.

#### **By SHELLEY McFARLAND**

When Zack Bradcovich moved to Happy Valley from Pennsylvania in 2017, he didn't know a soul.

After graduating from the University of Akron in 2016 with a degree in mechanical engineering, Bradcovich accepted a position as an industrial sales engineer and was transferred to Oregon.

To ease his solitude. Bradcovich decided to get a dog. As a child, his family had Samoveds and he decided that was the breed he wanted - he even had the name Krypto picked out.

Ŵe ĥad two growing up, but I had never experienced the puppy age, and I really wanted a puppy. I received the email from the breeder that I would be getting a puppy. I had the money saved, and I picked him up as my Christmas present to myself," Bradcovich said. "I moved 3,000 miles away and wanted him to go hiking and take walks. I work from home and when I travel for work, many people expect I have Krypto with me. They're excited to see him."

Krypto is a talkative dog who likes people (children especially) more than other dogs, is a picky eater, hollers when he doesn't get petted, and is deeply connected to book/\$3.99 Kindle.

Bradcovich. Samoyeds are white Siberian herding dogs with thick, double-layer coats. Krypto often sleeps on the tile floor at home to keep cool.

"Krypto is the reason I started the story," Bradcovich said. "He's a high-energy dog and when I would walk him, the neighbor kids would come out to play with him from the time he was a pup. There would be about eight kids playing together every day after work. Some of the kids are represented in the book."

Bradcovich had written a poem about his experience meeting people in his neighborhood and decided it wasn't a far stretch to turn it into a children's book. He met artist Kate Kiplinger at church who offered to create the illustrations for the book "Because I Loved My Neighbor," a sweet story for elementary schoolage children about how lives can be enriched by meeting new people and making friends.

The self-published book came out the end of August and currently is sold online, though Bradcovich is working with two retail stores for inclusion. More than 200 copies have been sold to date.

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The City of Happy Valley and its engineering team have been working on plans to improve SE 129th Avenue from SE Mountain Gate Road north to SE Scott Creek Lane. This stretch of roadway is known to be dangerous for pedes trians and bicyclists due to a lack of sidewalks and bike lanes, and no nearby alternatives for safe crossings.

SE 129th Avenue is one of the few major thoroughfares leading into an established area of the City, developed with single-family

homes, churches, and fire and police stations. It is also a popular route leading to Happy Valley Elementary and Middle Schools, and Happy Valley Park. Furthermore, SE 129th Avenue also provides access to Spring Mountain Elementary School and the commercial area to the south near SE Sunnyside Road.

The proposed project will involve street widening and restriping to allow for bike lanes on both sides of SE 129th Avenue. A retaining wall of varying height up to 10 feet must be constructed behind the proposed sidewalk. Additionally, a pedestrian crossing signal must be considered at the intersection of SE 129th Avenue and SE Scott Creek Lane.



The project will consist of the following improvements:

■ Shared use path on the east side of the roadway for bike and pedestrians ■ New southbound bike lane

Retaining walls and fencing

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- ■New asphalt pavement overlay
- Undergrounding of overhead utility lines
- Installation of additional streetlights along the roadway

Stormwater system improvements including water quality treatment of surface runoff with green street planters

Pedestrian crossing using a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RFFB) at Scott Creek Lane

Bike lane and crosswalk striping and symbolization

The design will require the removal of some trees along the corridor on the east side of the roadway, but the design team was careful to protect all trees within the Mt. Scott Creek buffer and tree canopy on the west side of the roadway.

The City has received federal funds to improve this segment of roadway, and construction is scheduled to start in the spring of 2021. SE 129th Avenue will be closed to traffic during the construction, but provisions will be made for emergency vehicles, as well as bicyclists and pedestrians, to provide access during construction. The closure is anticipated to last a period of six months.

## **Prepping for** Winter weather

tling in, the City wants to encourage you to make sure you take the time to safeguard your property before winter weather takes hold.

#### **Street Sweeping and Street Trees**

Low-hanging limbs on street trees prevent the City's street sweeper from keeping your residential streets cleared of debris and pose as a hazard for allowing fire trucks to safely pass in the case of an emergency. This can also prohibit the visibility of drivers and those on foot. To combat this, please be sure that your street trees are properly pruned and maintained. City code 8.08.290 describes proper maintenance as follows:

■ Trees and bushes bordering the street must be trimmed to allow clearance of at least seven and one-half feet above the sidewalk level

■ Trees hanging over the street must be trimmed to allow clearance of at least eleven (11) feet above the street level

Trees hanging over an arterial or one-way street must be trimmed to allow clearance of at least fourteen (14) feet above the street level.

Parking cars off the roadway is another easy way to ensure proper street cleaning.

Tree maintenance is the responsibility of property owners. Consulting an arborist may also aid in determining if certain trees may pose additional safety hazards.

#### **Storm Drains**

Often forgotten about, it is important to clear your storm drain of debris. This reduces foliage from accumulating and leading to flooding while protecting the health of our rivers and streams. It also minimizes lawn pollutants that may contaminate our water supply.

If you notice that leaves and debris are blocking your storm drain, rake the



With the colder temperatures set- vegetation from the catch basin. Do not attempt to remove the grate, but rather focus on the debris on top of the grate only. Place leaves in your yard debris bin for easy recycling or take advantage of the Nov. 14 or Dec. 5 Community Leaf Drop events.

Inspect the storm drain in front of your house or business on a regular basis, especially before a rain storm. Monitor and clean the catch basin in the fall when the trees are shedding their leaves. After a winter storm, maintain the openings to catch basins by clearing away any snow or ice.

#### **Road Safetv**

The terrain of the City can make winter driving a challenge. In the event of a winter storm, the City has the equipment and capability to plow, sand or use de-icer to keep our main roads as drivable as possible. Using a priority system to provide the greatest benefit to the majority of the traveling public, arterial and collector roads are cleared first. A map of the snow removal routes can be found at www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/ public-works/inclement-weather-services/. Residents are advised to consider their vehicle's capabilities before venturing out and be prepared with emergency supplies such as tire chains, gloves, and hats. For property owners and businesses, be proactive and prepare your driveway and walkway before a storm arrives to curb slips and falls. Local department and hardware stores can recommend safe and effective treatments for this purpose.

What is the best way to stay notified? The City's website and Facebook and Twitter pages are great tools for staying updated with current information regarding bad weather and road closures. If you haven't signed up to receive City alerts yet, please take a moment to do so on the City website: www.happyvalleyor.gov.

> Trees that overhang into the roadway or sidewalk are a potential safety hazard. Residents and businesses owners are urged to follow City code and make sure trees are trimmed to prevent visibility challenges and accommodate emergency vehicles and City street sweeper.

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## KayLee Murray on path to Eagle Scout

*Teen organizes* toy and book drive in pursuit of elite ranking

#### **By SHELLEY McFARLAND**

For years, KayLee Murray was a Girl Scout but decided to join Scouts BSA (previously known as Boy Scouts of America) in February 2019 when gender equal participation was allowed, more than 100 years after the Boy Scouts began.

"I joined Scouts BSA because when I was younger I would always see the cool and fun things my brothers would do in Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and I wanted to do them too, but wasn't allowed to go camping or on many of the activities because I was a girl and not officially in the troop/pack," Murray said.

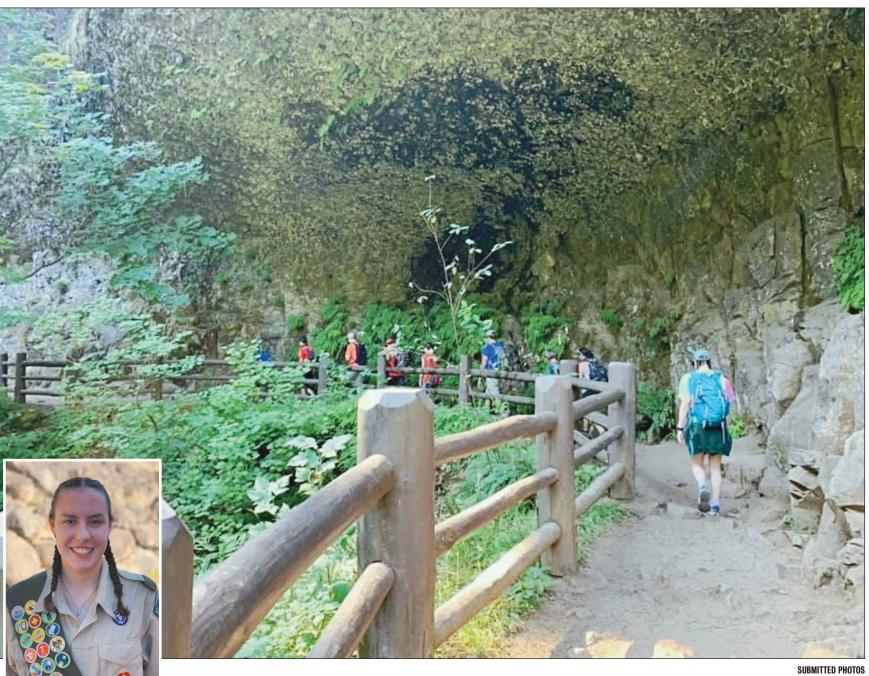
"My parents put me in Girl Scouts thinking we would do similar activities and lessons as Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, but that wasn't the case."

At her first summer camp with Girl Scouts, Murray was excited to learn how to use a knife, start a fire, and set up a tent, but the group was only shown how to do things; they weren't allowed to hold or carry a knife, they were able to build structures for fires, but not actually light them, and they didn't sleep in tents.

Murray eventually quit Girl Scouts in the fifth grade after earning her bronze star because she wasn't having fun and her troop didn't like outdoor activities. When the ability to join Scouts BSA opened, she jumped at the chance to do all the things she had watched her brothers do.

Murray said that within her Scouts BSA troop, males and females have their own factions but are partnered together to streamline services. Boys and girls are comfortable interacting at meetings and activities, while still doing other activities separately.

Murray is in Troop 5033, which is associated with Troop 33. There are 14 male Scouts; the female group has only five ship.



KayLee Murray hikes Silver Falls State Park with her Scouts troop. Murray joined Scouts when gender equal participation was allowed earlier this year.

Murray has 17 of the 21 merit badges needed to achieve Eagle Scout rank. Her Eagle project involves holding a toy and book drive for Providence Children's Health. She is spreading the word through social media and flyers, along with asking local churches to help.

Due to COVID-19, Murray and her helpers will wear masks, socially distance, wash their hands often and sanitize all donations. A student at Clackamas Community College, Murray plans to transfer to Mt. Hood Community College next fall where she will continue her education toward earning a bachelor of arts in graphic design. In her free time, Murray swims competitively and is a bookworm.

"Being a Scout has enriched my life by making me realize what's most important. I can do anything I set my mind to, even with strict deadlines I have to

meet. It has brought me even closer to the other Scouts and their families in the troop that I knew before," she said. "The other Scouts and our adult leaders have really become my second family in the last two years that I have seen them almost weekly, if not twice a week. I knew many of the families before, but getting to go camping with them and making memories together brought us that much closer together."

### WANT TO HELP?

**WHAT:** KayLee Murray is organizing a toy and book drive to earn her Eagle Scout rank

**WHERE:** Drop off items at Valley View Evangelical Church 11501 S.E. Sunnyside Road.

WHEN: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 7-22



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