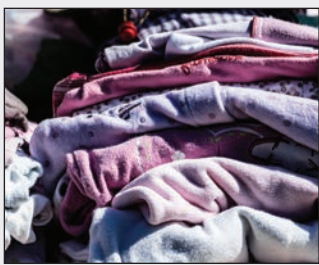


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It's the most wonderful TIME of the year

BY **SHELLEY
MCFARLAND**

Many Happy Valley residents are celebrating the holidays early this year in the hopes of bringing as much joy to the last few weeks of 2020 as possible. To achieve this, twinkling house lights and blow-up lawn characters are peppering the hills of the valley. “Normally we wait until after Thanksgiving to put up our outside lights and decorations, but this year is different from other years. It’s been a tough year and the kids are home with distance learning, so I thought, why not?” Kelli Courtain said. “If the kids are going to be home as much as they are, I want them to enjoy the Christmas decorations and feel the wonderment of the season for as long as they can.”



Happy Valley is committed to supporting its local businesses. Despite drastic changes to the way businesses can serve the community, there are many ways you can stay connected to your favorite storefronts and services. Head to www.happyvalleyor.gov for a list of local businesses that remain open and ready to serve residents.

The importance of shopping local

Businesses continue to do what they can to serve the community

The City of Happy Valley encourages the community to shop locally, now more than ever. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses throughout the nation are being impacted financially and the repercussions are certainly being felt close to home. Happy Valley storefronts and businesses have had to pivot drastically ever since the onset of the pandemic, many altering operating hours, delivery methods, and workforce numbers throughout it all. The City of Happy Valley continues to keep a comprehensive list of current businesses that remain open and ready to serve the community on the City website. Head to www.happyvalleyor.gov for more information. When you shop locally, not only does more money remain in the local economy, but you are helping to support local employees and business owners who have been among those most financially affected by the pandemic. The City acknowledges this is a challenging time for many of our residents as well, so if you are able, please consider showing your support by ordering take out, curbside pick up, or delivery from a local restaurant or shop at one of our community storefronts. Let’s keep #hvtogether!

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LOCAL business
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PHOTOS BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Houses across the valley are celebrating the December holidays early this year in the hopes of bringing some cheer and spirit to a difficult 2020.



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CLOSER TO HOME

Support local: You don't have to look far to find perfect gifts

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Now is the perfect time to consider spending your holiday gift-giving budget within a few miles of your home. Buying locally has a lot going for it.

The Multiplier Effect shows that 48% of money spent at nearby, independent businesses is recirculated locally, compared to 14% with a chain store. That means that money you spend at independent Happy Valley businesses stays in the community.

Employees spend their paychecks locally, and the more you invest with neighborhood businesses, the more they invest in the community by sponsoring school sports teams, local charities and fundraisers, advertising and donations.

Here are some gift ideas for the people you love.

Procrastinators Market

The ninth annual Procrastinators Market will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, outdoors at the corner of Southeast 132nd Avenue and Sunnyside Road. Shop for delicious foods like jam, bread, pie, coffee, fresh eggs, roasted nuts, jerky, kettle corn, wine, baked goods and spirits. Local artisans will be selling handmade toys, pottery, fused glass, ornaments, soaps, candles and art. There will be on-site balloon twisting, massage chair and live music.

For more information, visit: sunnysidefarmersmarket.com

Storiarts

Storiarts makes luxurious literary goods for your bookish life. The Happy Valley family-owned business specializes in accessories, home goods and gifts inspired by your favorite books. Come check out book scarves, writing gloves, quote bracelets, and the new Booklover's Brew whole bean coffee.

For more information, visit: storiarts.com

Pretty Party Platters

Nothing is better than when food becomes art. Pretty Party Platters are handcrafted with love. Choose from breakfast (pancakes, muffins, waffles served with fruit, jam, maple syrup, whipped cream and your choice of breakfast meats,) charcuterie and cheese (artisan cheeses, cured meats, dried/fresh fruits, cornichons or olives, assorted nuts, jam/preserves or local honey served with crackers/bread,) or dessert (homemade macarons, decorated cookies, brownies, butter cookies, chocolate bars, cupcakes, seasonal fruit bars/tarts, and lemon curd garnished with candies in four different sizes.

For more information, visit: prettypartyplatters.com

Art by Stephanie Decker

Happy Valley artist Stephanie Decker has an array of unique artwork for sale or have a piece commissioned to exactly your specifications. A beautiful piece of wall art can set the tone for any room and last a lifetime.

For more information, contact Stephanie via Facebook @ [stephaniedecker](https://www.facebook.com/stephaniedecker) or Instagram @ [mstephdeck](https://www.instagram.com/mstephdeck) or by cell at 503-593-1546.

Blithe and Bonny

Blithe and Bonny is a small-batch, family-run bath and body company in Happy Valley. Since 2009, they have been handmaking beautiful, delicious-smelling products with high-quality ingredients and sustainable packaging. Blithe and Bonny gives 10% of profits to various charities to help save bees. Consider gifts for someone else or yourself from their line of soaps, lotions, candles, perfume, dish soap, hand cream, face oil and bath salts.

For more information, visit: blitheandbonny.com

Kristina McMorris books

While local author Kristina McMorris is typing away writing her next blockbuster novel, now is the perfect time to read and share her previous works, including “Bridge of Scarlet Leaves,” “The Edge of Lost,” “The Pieces We Keep,” “Letters From Home” and New York Times bestseller “Sold on a Monday.”

For more information, visit: kristinamcmorris.com

Carrie Adrian Home Decor

Choose from pillows, stockings and other home decor from Happy Valley resident Carrie Adrian. Adrian uses quality material for her prod-



Let Art by Stephanie Decker add style to your home with either an original piece or a special piece commissioned by you.



Consider soothing gifts from Blithe and Bonny this year. Choose from lotions, soaps, perfumes and more.

ucts, such as Pendleton wool, and sells many styles of down-filled holiday pillows.

For more information, call 503-544-4675 or email carrielyn-nadrian@gmail.com.

Plenty Food & Deli

Need unique stocking stuffers? Plenty Food & Deli bins are filled with European candies. Buy a few and let your family taste what children in Europe find in their stockings on Christmas morning. Plus, Plenty Food & Deli prepares delicious deli foods and bakery items, including cakes, onsite.

Plenty Food & Deli is located at 9972 S.E. 82nd Ave.

Cup of Tea

Cup of Tea is ready for the holiday season with limited edition black tea Merry & Bright, a peppermint and white chocolate treat. The website and store are stocked with a huge assortment of gifts including loose-leaf tea gift boxes, teapots and tea accessories that will make any tea lover happy. Curbside pickup and shipping within the United States is available so you can skip the lines, get gifts out the door and check off your holiday list.

Cup of Tea is located at 10117 S.E. Sunnyside Road, Suite J, or visit: cupoftea-oregon.com.



Make every get together or even just a Tuesday night at home special with Pretty Party Platters. Multiple sizes to choose from and there's even a breakfast platter.

Olivia Grace Paper Co.

Olivia Grace Paper Co. offers a modern take on personalized decor and gifts. Since 2015, owner and creator Courtney Gelbrich has specialized in minimalist, fresh designs that reflect each customer's unique style and sentiment in

various items from custom signs to personalized drinkware. Simply contact Gelbrich and tell her what you envision.

For more information, visit: oliviagracepaper.com or contact Gelbrich at oliviagracepaper@gmail.com or 503-267-1175.



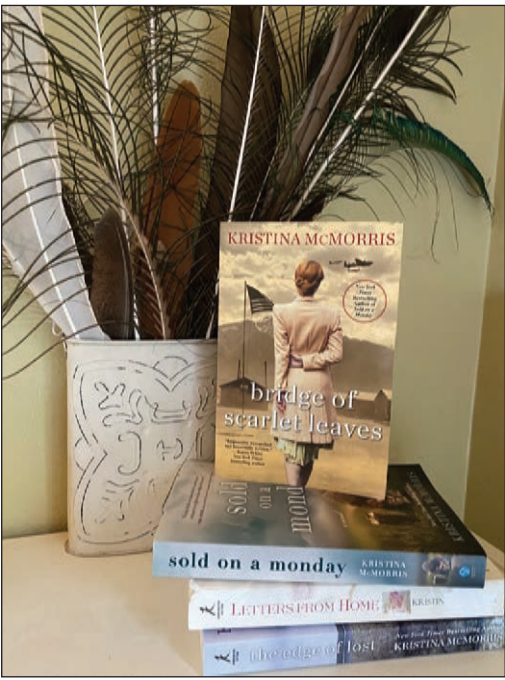
Add a punch of panache to your home with pillows and decor from Carrie Adrian Home Decor. Be sure to check out the Pendleton Wool stockings.



Let Olivia Grace Paper Co. custom make your holiday gifts. Designer Courtney Gelbrich can turn your ideas into a reality on drinkware, signs and more.



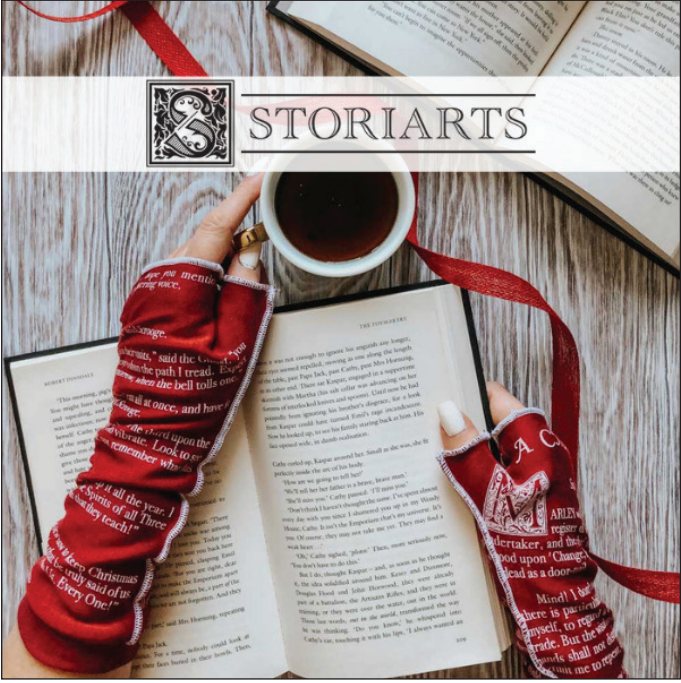
If you're looking for a calming gift, step into Cup of Tea where proprietress Susie Sisk will find the perfect blends for everyone on your list.



Happy Valley has numerous authors to choose from and Kristina McMorris is one of them. Her richly crafted novels will transport the reader into a world with realistic characters and interesting plots.



Plenty Food & Deli has bins filled with special treats and candy for your holiday. Sort through dozens of candies from Europe and beyond when considering what to put into your child's stocking.



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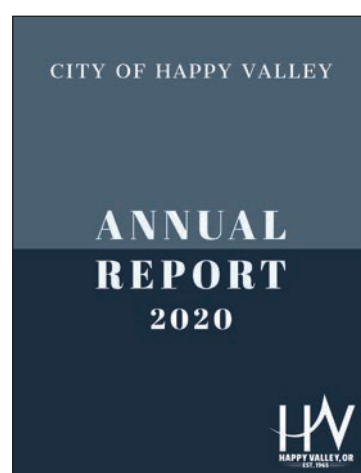


TOM ELLIS

Year in Review

Every year, our team puts together an Annual Report detailing the work we have accomplished as a group. 2020 was unlike any other. A global pandemic, worldwide social justice movements, and regional wildfires consumed much of our time and energy.

The City Council and I begin a typical year with setting goals and priorities. Unfortunately, this year, the COVID-19 pandemic required us to pivot and ensure our community was safe, healthy, and kept up to date. We immediately established a Recreation Task Force to find innovative ways for residents to stay active and engaged in the community. In addition, we activated a Business Task Force that provided information on which businesses were open as well as what services they could safely provide to the community. The City Council and I also authorized emergency small business



The 2020 Annual Report is available for viewing on our City website. Check out www.happyvalleyor.gov/annual-report.

assistance grants to keep our commercial centers afloat.

Shortly thereafter, in response

to the killing of George Floyd, our community joined many others around the globe in solidarity with those seeking to bring justice and equality. I am grateful to our team who worked with the organizers of the peaceful march in Happy Valley.

Just when we started to get in a new rhythm, wildfires struck the entire State of Oregon, including several close to Happy Valley. We even had a small fire at Scouters Mountain that could have been catastrophic had it not been for a quick response from our staff members working with Clackamas and Portland Fire Departments.

While responding to each of these events was a critical part of our responsibility to the community, we also provided excellent day-to-day service to Happy Valley residents. Further, our staff team made significant progress on the City Council goals and pri-

orities. Work has continued to:

- Design and plan for a future downtown area,
- Evaluate lands to acquire for parks and community center,
- Improve public safety following the renewal of the public safety levy,

- Manage growth in a thoughtful and strategic manner,

- Develop new parks and recreation programs following the withdrawal from NCPD,

- Improve the transportation system through the Superblock sidewalk project and design of 172nd Ave, and

- Create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force.

All of this takes a team effort. Let me say to all our volunteers, City Council members, and staff: thank you! Each of you rose to the challenges that 2020 brought. I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited for the year ahead.



PV/NC continues pause amid pandemic

The Pleasant Valley/North Carver 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 public, neighboring cities and coun-

ties, and other stakeholders have also been included.

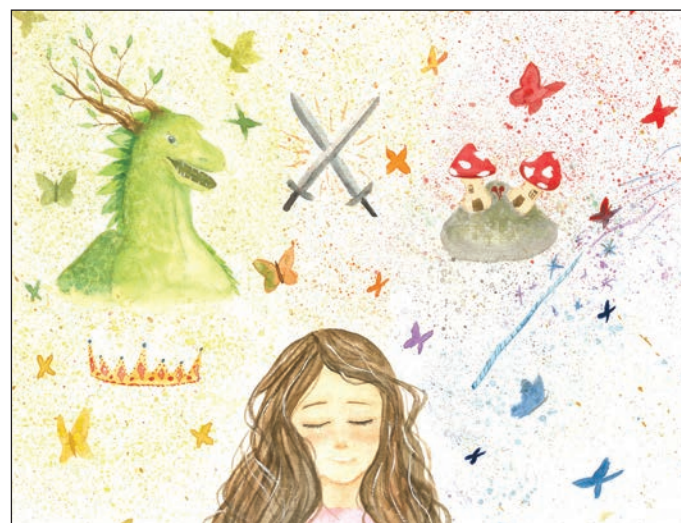
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the PV/NC Open Houses and Public Hearing Meetings are postponed until further notice. These gatherings had intended to offer the public a chance to view a variety of visual materials and information relating to the recommendations. The City's goal was to have the plan approved by the end of the summer 2020. It is crucial members of the community have an opportunity to be part of these processes. In the meantime, the public is encouraged to visit <https://hv.city/pvnc> for updates.

Teen art contest

Happy Valley Library

Each year, libraries in Clackamas County look for help from local teens to design the Teen Summer Reading promotional artwork. Young artists, ages 12 to 18, can submit their original artwork for this year's theme: Reading Colors Your World.

The winning entry will receive a \$100 cash prize and be used in county-wide marketing materials for the 2021 Teen Summer Reading campaign. Entries may be submitted online between Jan. 2 and Jan. 31. Find more information, including the contest rules and the entry form at linc.org.



WHAT TYPES OF ARTWORK ARE ELIGIBLE?

- The artwork must represent the Teen Summer Reading theme (Reading Colors Your World) in imagery only. Artwork must contain no words.

- Design must include artwork on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

- Designs must be the original work of the entrant.

- Designs should be in color.

- Computer-generated images may be used, but all components must be completely original. You may not use any copied images.

- Limit two (2) entries per contestant.

◀ 2020 Teen Artwork Contest winner, Leala Tran of Happy Valley, submitted this winning entry for the theme, Imagine Your World.

Ready to begin? We can't wait to see what you come up with!

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2020 ELECTION RESULTS

COUNCIL CORNER

For the last month, much of our attention has been on the results of the national election. In case you have been too busy watching coverage of the presidential election, we wanted to fill you in on the results of the local city council races.

Both candidates had contested races and wish to thank Jennifer Brownlee and Ana Sarish. Jennifer and Ana have been active volunteers on city committees and in local schools. The City Council is excited to continue working with them and all other volunteers and community members.



GOLOBAY

Councilor David Golobay

David Golobay won reelection to Council Position 2. David, along with his wife and two sons, have resided in Happy Valley for over twelve years. The Golobay family have given years of service to school fundraising and youth coaching. David is a business owner, sponsor of the Happy Valley Concerts in the Valley, as well as a City Corporate Sponsor which help bring other great events to Happy Valley. His service to the community includes volunteering on the Happy Valley Traffic and Public Safety Committee, coaching local youth sports, volunteering on the PTO, past President of the Happy Valley Business Alliance and past Chair of the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce. David has been a champion for a downtown district, community center, and enhanced parks and recreational services.

“As a business owner, I know how to set a budget and follow it, manage multiple projects, and build professional relationships. I bring my knowledge and skills to Happy Valley City Council to help continue to make this a great place to live and work.” – David Golobay



EMAMI

Councilor David Emami

David Emami won election to Council Position 4. David, along with his wife, Susie, and two daughters have resided in Happy Valley since 2013. Previously, David served on the Planning Commission, Parks Advisory Committee, Clackamas County Street Light Budget Committee and was President of his HOA. David also has extensive volunteer experience with local schools, state educational programs, local charities and non-profit organizations. In his profession life, David is an Account Manager at a local wholesale industrial company, where he was worked for 14 years. David is the first ever Iranian-American member of a City Council in Oregon's history. David is proud to be a strong voice for the underrepresented and a champion of the people.

“I’m so grateful to the people of Happy Valley for electing me to serve as your City Councilor. Representing our community has been my greatest professional honor and privilege; and I will continue to give this position the time, energy and effort it deserves.” – David Emami

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Winter Wordsearch

Monday, Dec. 21 will mark the first day of Winter and that means it will also be the day with the fewest hours of sunlight during the entire year. So, grab a mug of steaming hot chocolate and see if you can find the following wintry words. There are over 50 words to find!

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| blanket | hockey | shovel |
| blizzard | holidays | skiing |
| chimney | hot chocolate | sled |
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| cold | icicles | slippery |
| December | igloo | slush |
| earmuffs | Jack Frost | snowball |
| February | jacket | snowboard |
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December 2020 Programs and Events

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders, participants in all Happy Valley Parks and Recreation programs will be asked to practice physical distancing, use hand sanitizer or wash their hands frequently, 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.



To register for one of these featured programs, be sure to check out www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/parks

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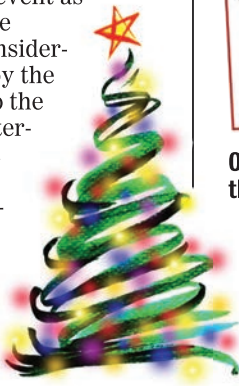
With great sadness, the City of Happy Valley is announcing the cancelation of its 2020 Drive-Thru Tree Lighting event, which was set to occur on Sunday, Dec. 6.

The City had hoped to offer this event as an alternative to its traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony, however in consideration of recent regulations issued by the Oregon Health Authority related to the "two-week freeze," the City has determined it is best to cancel this event for everyone's health and safety.

Despite the freeze tentatively being slated to end just prior to the event's scheduled date, the City carefully evaluated its ability to safely move forward with planning efforts and concluded it would not be able to orchestrate the experience, especially if the freeze were to be extended or other restrictions were to be implemented.

2020 will mark the first time in over 10 years that the City of Happy Valley will not hold its traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony with the greater community.

The City will still have its traditional lights on display throughout the season and we hope you will consider taking in the view as you pass City Hall.



Once the kids are done writing their letter to Santa, have them drop off their correspondence to the special mailbox located in front of City Hall.

MAIL YOUR LETTER TO SANTA

Are your children still interested in writing a letter to Santa? We got you covered! Even though Santa won't be able to make an in-person visit with us this year, he let us know how excited he is to receive your special letters. He's issued us an official mailbox, a North Pole sub-station, that we will install in front of City Hall. Once you are done writing your letter, just drop it off in the designated mailbox and on its way to the North Pole it will go! Santa let us know that he plans to write a response to each letter he receives, so be sure to follow all the directions on the worksheet, so he can successfully get his reply back to you. Please note: Santa's mailbox will only be accepting letters between Dec. 7-Dec. 11. The last bundle of mail to Santa will be picked up by 5pm on Friday, Dec. 11, so make sure you have all letters in by the deadline. Kids can expect to hear back from Santa the week of Dec. 21.

HOLIDAY PRIZE PACKS

We know this is a special time of year and what better way to keep the festivities going than by adding a contest to the mix?

Instructions

As you are writing your Santa letters, snap a photo of yourself in action! Then, when you are mailing your Santa letter at the North Pole Substation at City Hall, capture the moment with another photo! Santa is new to social media and he told us he needs your help collecting pictures for his feed! Upload your photos to Instagram or Facebook and tag @CityofHappyValley along with #HVParksandRecHolidayFun. Santa, along with Mayor Ellis, will be on the lookout for your entries and will choose five (5) lucky winners to receive a Holiday Prize Pack that will include a variety of goodies!



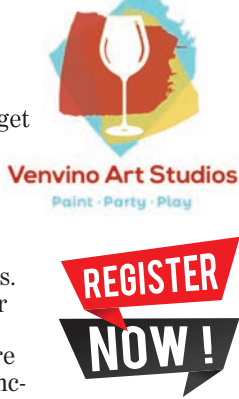
Enter to win one of five prize packs using social media. Prize packs will include a variety of festive goodies!

VENVINO ART STUDIOS WEEKLY ART CAMPS

All art camps will be held at Venvino Art Studios located at 13329 S.E. Misty Drive.

Give your kids an opportunity to get out of the house, socialize, and get creative, while you give yourself a few moments to work, relax, or just take a moment to breathe! In each camp, participants will do around five art projects in addition to some drawing and coloring pages. Campers are asked to bring a water bottle and lunch or snack as there will be a 20-minute break. Masks are required for kids 5+ as social distancing will be enforced. Registration is limited to a maximum of 5 kids per class, so register early to save your spot!

December – Gifting Crafts
Nov. 29 – Dec. 30,
9 a.m.–1 p.m. every Wednesday and Sunday
Ages 5-12
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\$60 daily



The colder weather will be here soon. Get ready to craft up a winter wonderland just in time for the holidays.

CODE TO THE FUTURE VIRTUAL CLASSES

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Success Through Chess
Jan. 13 – Feb. 24, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Every Wednesday
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Ever wanted to learn how to play chess? Ever wanted to get better at playing chess? This is the class for you! Curriculum designed by National Champion, Andrew Svehaug, you will learn not just how the game is played, but notation, tactics and strategies to make the best moves possible in each game you play.

Video Game Design
Jan. 13 – Feb. 24, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Every Wednesday
Ages 7-12 • \$88

Welcome to the world of coding! Using block-based learning, students will learn how to create their own video games! If you have taken our classes before, we differentiate our lessons and allow students, both new and advanced, to get the most out of our classes.



Checkmate! Encourage your child to develop a love for chess and learn strategies to deepen their understanding of the game.



Go behind the scenes and learn how video games are designed and built.



Check out the City's Virtual Recreation Center and Resources list for some fun activity ideas.

VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER & RESOURCES

Happy Valley P&R Website

Make sure to check out the City of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation's new Virtual Recreation Center & Resource section of their webpage! Here you will be able to scour through handfuls of virtual recreation activities for youth, teens, adults, and seniors.



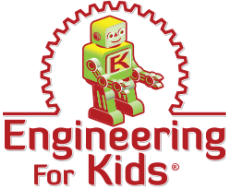
ENGINEERING FOR KIDS VIRTUAL CLASSES

All virtual classes on Zoom.

Junior Mechanical Engineering – Let's Make Toys
Jan. 12 – Mar. 02, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Every Tuesday • Ages 4-7 • \$200

Our youngest engineers will be introduced to fundamental concepts of energy, materials, and movement. Students will explore and construct six different toys throughout this unit, including spinners, magical boomerang cans, wind-up whirlygigs, and more.

Inspired by the popular Minecraft phenomenon, an online course for ages 7-12 gives students the ability to build a Medieval structure.

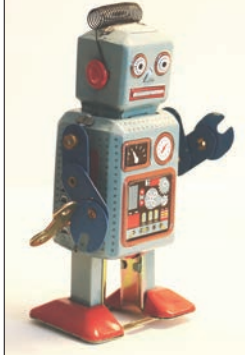


Materials for class will be provided and available for pickup at Happy Valley City Hall or delivery.

Educational Minecraft – Medieval Redstone Machinations

Jan. 12 – Mar. 02, 3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Every Tuesday • Ages 7-12 • \$200

Educational Minecraft is an expansive game that lets players design and create unique worlds with amazing structures. One of the more complicated aspects of Educational Minecraft is Redstone, which is Educational Minecraft's version of electrical circuitry. This class will introduce students to the many uses of Redstone through a Medieval themed adventure of creation, exploration, and castle besieging, with students making mine cart tracks to help them gather resources, working together to build their kingdom, and designing traps to defend their castle, all with the use of Redstone.



Have a budding engineer in the house? Encourage your little one to develop a love for building with a fun online class that lets them create toys!

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Juliet Panganiban ★★★★★

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December 2020 Library Events

The library will be closed on December 24, 25, and January 1.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Trivia Tuesdays!

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 Book Group

First Thursdays, Dec. 3 & Jan. 7, 6:30-8 p.m.

Read the book selection for the month and meet to discuss the book with other readers. We will read Heart Berries by Terese Marie Mailhot for our December meeting. Contact the library for help getting the books.

Genealogy Club Meeting

Monday, Dec. 14, 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, Dec. 10 & 17, 7-8 p.m.

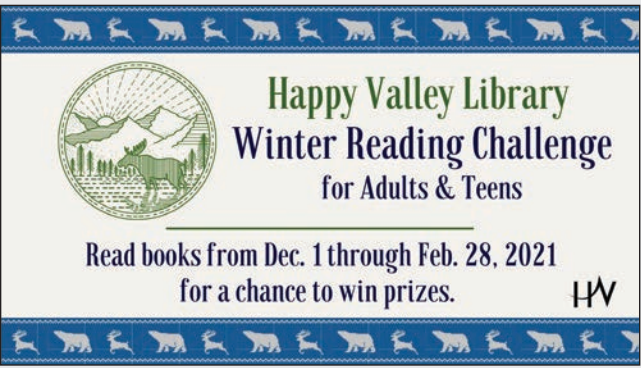
Join us for a casual discussion of a short story every Thursday night that we don't have a Book Group meeting. Find out the title of our next read on the Adult Programs page on the Happy Valley Library website. You'll also find links for a free download of the selection for the week and all the previous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



Join us on Tuesday evenings for some trivia and exercise your knowledge. You might just learn something new!



Short on time? Check out a short story in between your other activities or while you enjoy a cup of coffee. If you can, join us for Short Story Group and discuss your thoughts.



Cozy up with a good book and join our Winter Reading Challenge. Every book you read between Dec. 1 and Feb. 28 will earn you another entry for a potential prize.

Winter reading for adults and teens

Happy Valley Library

Winter weather is upon us. That means cold, dark evenings that are perfect for spending time with a good book! The Happy Valley Library is having a Winter Reading Challenge to encourage adults and teens to continue to read throughout the winter season. There will even be prizes for some lucky participants!

Visit www.happyvalleyor.gov/winter-reading to submit an entry for every book you finish reading between Dec. 1 and Feb. 28. Prize drawings will be held at the end of each month, with final drawings on Feb. 28. Area residents ages 13 and up are eligible to participate. No internet access? Call the Library to submit your entry at 503-783-3455.

YOUTH PROGRAM

All programs are online. Email youthlibrary@happyvalleyor.gov for login information for youth programs or with questions.

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.

*Please note: Storytime break 12/20/20 - 01/02/21

Storytime To Go!

Find videos of storytime songs, science projects, book reviews, and more on the library's website and experience this popular program anytime!

Teen Meet Up

Wednesdays, Dec. 2 & Jan. 6, 5-6 p.m.

Hang out with other teens for trivia, puzzles, and games.



Get ready for some belly laughs from both you and your little one as you sing and dance during Baby and Me Time. This fun, interactive program encourages learning as well as social-emotional connection.



Has your teen been looking for a way to safely connect with others during the pandemic? The library's Teen Meet Ups are a great option and offer fun activities to keep the conversation flowing.

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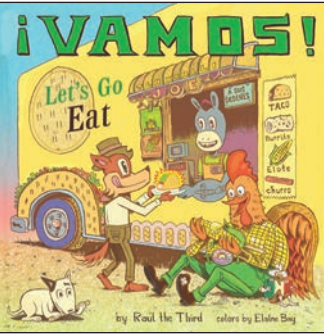
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Library favorites of 2020

No surprise, the Happy Valley Library staff love to read! It wasn't easy to narrow it down, but they've picked their favorite fiction and nonfiction titles of 2020. The whole family is covered, from young children, to elementary school, teen, and adult readers. Find the complete list of Favorite Books of 2020 online at www.happyvalleyor.gov/favorite-books or, give the library a call at 503-783-3455. Staff are happy to help you place holds on these titles or walk you through how to download them in e-book format. They can also make personalized reading suggestions.

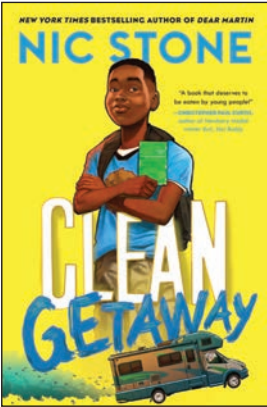


iVamos! Let's go Eat by Raul the Third. Little Lobo and his dog go out in search of food to deliver to the luchadores, in this bilingual celebration of Mexican food and wrestling.

CHILDREN

Picture Books

Antiracist Baby: by Ibram X Kendi, illustrated: by Ashley Lukashevsky
Lift: by Minh Lê, art: by Dan Santat
Outside In: by Deborah Underwood illustrated: by Cindy Derby
iVamos! Let's go Eat: by Raúl the Third
You Matter: by Christian Robinson
We Are Water Protectors: by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade



Clean Getaway by Nic Stone. Join William "Scoob" Lamar on a wild road trip through the South with his unconventional G'ma.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beetle and the Hollowbones: by Aliza Layne
The Blackbird Girls: by Anne Blankman
Class Act: by Jerry Craft
Clean Getaway: by Nic Stone
Daring Darleen, Queen of the Screen: by Anne Nesbet
Efrén Divided: by Ernesto Cisneros
When Stars are Scattered: by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed
When You Trap a Tiger: by Tae Keller

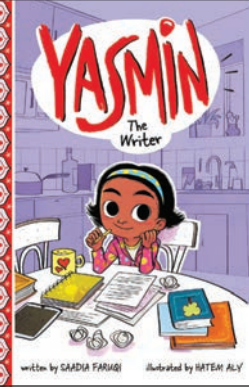


Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi

A novel about faith, science, religion, and family that tells the deeply moving story of a family of Ghanaian immigrants ravaged by depression, addiction, and grief.

ADULT FICTION

Mexican Gothic: by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
One to Watch: by Kate Stayman-London
Party of Two: by Jasmine Guillory
Transcendent Kingdom: by Yaa Gyasi
The House in the Cerulean Sea: by T. J. Klune
Such a Fun Age: by Kiely Reid
Invisible Life of Addie LaRue: by V. E. Schwab
Recipe for Persuasion: by Sonali Dev
The Lying Life of Adults: by Elena Ferrante



Yasmin the Writer by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated by Hatem Ali. Yasmin struggles with an assignment to write an essay about her hero, until she realizes that her hero is someone very close to her.

EASY READERS

Baloney and Friends: by Greg Pizzoli
Layla and the Bots: Happy Paws: by Vicky Fang, illustrated: by Christine Nishiyama
Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us: by Lauren Castillo
Peter & Ernesto: Sloths in the Night: by Annable Graham
Pizza and Taco: Who's the Best?: by Stephen Shaskan
Yasmin the Writer: by Saadia Faruqi, illustrated: by Hatem Ali

HIGH SCHOOL

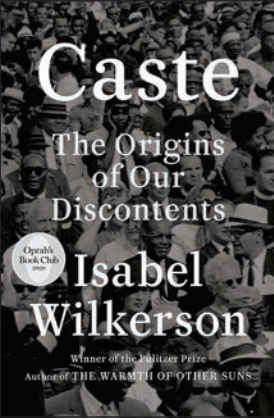
Cemetery Boys: by Aiden Thomas
Clap When You Land: by Elizabeth Acevedo
Dragon Hoops: by Gene Luen Yang
I'll Be the One: by Lyla Lee
Magic Fish: by Trung Le Nguyyen
Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: by Ibram X Kendi and Jason Reynolds
We Are Not Free: by Traci Chee
You Should See Me in a Crown: by Leah Johnson



You Should See me in a Crown by Leah Johnson. Studios awkward Liz enter1-s her school's prom queen contest in the hopes of winning a scholarship to college.

ADULT NONFICTION

Dancing at the Pity Party: by Tyler Feder
Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents: by Isabel Wilkerson
The New Queer Conscience: by Adam Eli
Vesper Flights: by Helen Macdonald
Weird but Normal: by Mia Mercado



Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson. Wilkerson identifies the qualifying characteristics of historical caste systems to reveal how a rigid hierarchy of human rankings, enforced by religious views, heritage and stigma, impact everyday American lives.

Need a library card? We can help!

Happy Valley Library

Would you like a library card? Even though the library building is closed to the public, staff can help with that! Just fill out an application online and a card will be mailed to you.

You can use your library card to place holds and check out items, download free e-books, access free passes to area attractions, and more.

Library cards are available to all residents of the Clackamas County Library District, and Washington, Multnomah, Hood River, and Clark (WA) counties. Kids as young as five can apply for a card, however, persons under the age of 13 must have parental/guardian permission.

To find out more and apply, head to the library's webpage at www.happyvalleyor.gov/library.

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*Monthly rent refers to the monthly rental fee in effect August 1, 2020 for each unit type. Move-in special available when the residency agreement is signed by December 31, 2020. Special does not apply to second person fee, pet fee, care services or packages, or a la carte service charges.



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Happy Valley Police

Happy Valley is generally a very safe community, but our city is not immune to having cars or homes broken into. Being proactive is key to making sure this upcoming holiday season is merry and bright. Here is my go-to list of things you can do now to help prevent thieves from ruining your holiday experience.

■ Ship your package to a location where someone you know will be available to receive it. This might be your house, a neighbor's house, or your place of employment.

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

■ Invest in a doorbell camera or other security camera. These give you a real-time view of your porch, driveway, side door, or any other area on property that you might want to monitor. Many have two-way audio, so you can talk with the delivery person (or thief), even if you aren't home. Camera footage could be helpful if a thief targets your home or car, or it could even be helpful to another resident. Perhaps your camera caught a view as the thief passed by your home. You can share your surveillance footage with the Happy Valley Police Department and we may be able to use it to help identify suspects that have been targeting neighborhoods.

■ **Lock your doors and windows.** This seems like a no brainer, but you would be surprised how often thieves take advantage of an entryway that simply was not secured.



PUBLIC SAFETY
Chief Scott
Anderson

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

■ Set your home alarm, if you have one, and make sure your alarm permit is up to date with the City and displayed in a visible location. If your alarm sounds, deputies will respond to the call and having your permit up to date helps ensure we have the right information should we need to get a hold of you.

■ Get an automatic timer for your indoor lights. With it completely dark by early evening, this is an easy way to detour thieves by giving the appearance that someone is inside.

■ Let your neighbors know you'll be gone and make sure they have your contact information. If they are aware of your absence, it's more likely they will notice something amiss and take the next steps to report it.

With the 2020 holiday shopping season relying heavily on online shipping due to the global pandemic, we are likely to see a spike in package theft. Be vigilant about tracking packages and bring them inside as soon as possible.

Keep vehicles locked and remember to keep garage door openers out of view. If a thief does get a hold of your garage door opener, be sure to disable the opener and reprogram your system.

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

■ Have mail and any deliveries stopped. If items pile up, it's a sure sign you're not home. Just go to www.usps.com and create a Hold Mail service request for the duration you will be done.

■ Turn on some lights and a radio or TV, so it looks (and sounds) like someone is home. If thieves think you are home or at the very least are unsure if the home is empty, they will be more likely to move along to another location.

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

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

■ ALWAYS lock your vehicle. I cannot emphasize this enough. Most

car break-ins reported in Happy Valley have been from cars being unlocked. This means all the thief must do is lift the car door handle and then they have complete access to your belongings, including your garage door opener, if you use one. Thieves are much more likely to give up and move on to another car if they can't open yours within one attempt.

■ Do not pin your automatic garage door opener to your sun visor or leave it out in the open. Should a thief get a hold of your garage door opener, disable it from the main keypad and follow your unit's steps for

reprogramming the system.

As always, call 9-1-1 anytime you see suspicious activity or a crime in progress. You can also call the non-emergency number at 503-655-8211 to provide information or make a report.

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

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

Of course, even the best safety practices may still lead to an unwanted break in. Be a good neighbor and remain alert as you look out for one another. Getting to know your neighbors is often the best way to help prevent crime and a sense of community in a neighborhood is an invaluable resource to police. Neighbors are much more likely to recognize when something is amiss and suspicious activity will be thwarted faster if neighbors feel confident in approaching one another. As always, call 9-1-1 anytime you see suspicious activity or a crime in progress. You can also call the non-emergency number at 503-655-8211 to provide information or make a report.

Finally, as 2020 comes to a close, I want to wish everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. From everyone at the Happy Valley Police Department, we are honored to serve you and look forward to the year ahead.

Happy Valley Library

Inspired by the successful program celebrating Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) last year, the library made more sugar skulls this year for adults and teens to decorate.

Using colorful beads, feathers, and whatever else their imagination and craft supplies could come up with, participants created some amazing calaveras. Here are some photos of the finished skulls that they shared.

“This project came at the perfect time since we were already working on our ofrenda (Spanish for “offering”). It was a welcome addition.”

M. Morales

“We researched and learned about the sugar skull tradition and had a nice time together.”

Sally

"Day of the Dead is my favorite holiday!!! I have been doing this art for years. I spray painted my sugar skull gold then embellished it."

Nicky



Sugar skulls created by M. Morales.




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One of the memorable parts of the year is when Scouts honor veterans at local cemeteries with a small flag and a salute.



Scouts find ways to make the world better including working with organizations like S.O.L.V.E. during a beach clean up.

TREE DROP
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Interested in joining Scouts? NOW IS THE TIME

Troop 611 welcomes new members for adventure, fun, leadership skills, service

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

BSA Troop 611 is looking for new Scouts to join its active organization. Founded in 1910, Boy Scouts of America, now named Scouts, is the largest Scouting organization for kids. Today, Scouting is geared toward making friends, having fun and learning life skills while helping the community, learning and building confidence and independence. Scouting teaches skills such as first aid, emergency preparedness, cooking, camping, personal fitness, finances and communication all while having fun. A typical year with BSA 611 includes weekly meetings, monthly campouts and a summer camping trip. In the past, the summer camping trips have been in places like Montana and Idaho. Merit badges can be earned at summer camp as well as within the troop setting. There are over 100 classes and badges to choose from including blacksmithing/metal

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Add'l donation appreciated for trees taller than 8'
We cannot recycle flocked trees

working, swimming, cooking, animal studies and game design. Scouts also participate in community events such as flag planting over Memorial Day weekend at Willamette National Cemetery or a beach cleanup event in partnership with SOLVE. Due to COVID-19, Scouts have had to adjust to new protocols, but are finding ways to keep things fun. Weekly meetings are held at Pfeifer Park, when the weather permits, and all participants socially distance and wear masks. At a

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Now is the perfect time to join Scouts as they gear up for their annual tree recycling program.

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Happy Valley’s Public Works Department is offering one more day in 2020 to drop off your yard debris at no cost to you. City residents are encouraged to drop off seasonal yard debris (leaves, woody debris and grass clippings) at the Public Works building for free recycling.

**Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

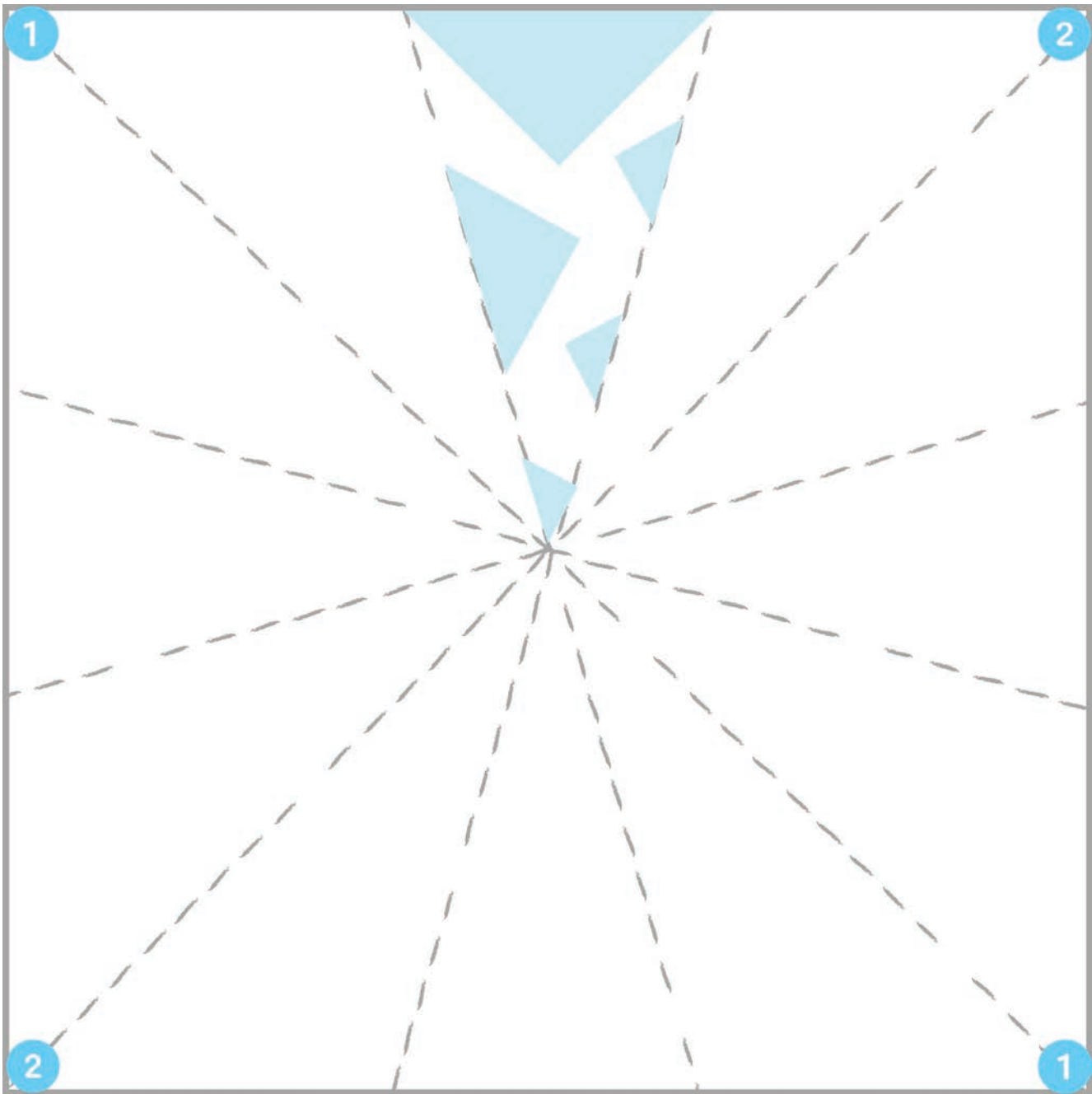
The Public Works building is located at 13910 S.E. Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site. This is a residential service only which means no commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted.

FUN FACT!

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

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

Making paper snowflakes



Use this template to create your own paper snowflake.

Happy Valley Library

Step-by-step

Dreaming of snow? While it might not be a Winter Wonderland outside just yet, with a little imagination and some patience, you can create a snowy scene at home. All you will need is paper and scissors. You could use fancy paper with bold colors or opt for plain white. Anything goes when it comes to this fun activity.

Make a snowflake

1. Cut out the square snowflake template or use a square piece of your own paper.
2. Fold it in half diagonally, connecting the two corners marked with a 1 and keeping the blue printed shapes visible.
3. Fold diagonally again, this time connecting the corners marked 2.
4. Fold back along the two remaining visible dotted lines so that you can still see the blue printed shapes. It should



5. Cut out the blue shapes, including the two “ears” sticking up from the previous step. Unfold and admire!
6. Try making more snowflakes by repeating the above steps with another square piece of paper (the thinner the paper, the easier to cut) and cutting out different shapes. Play around with it and see what snowflakes will appear!
7. Find more inspiration on our blog – look for our recent post about snowflakes at www.happyvalleyor.gov/blog.



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Old-time radio on the air

CHS actors use modern means to channel classic Radio Suspense Theater

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

With a little bit of ingenuity and a whole lot of heart, students in the Clackamas High School theater department have created a fun way for actors to keep performing amid state COVID-19 protocols.

Radio Suspense Theater aired two shows Nov. 12 and 19, which will be accessible to listeners for months to come.

Follow up-and-coming actress Jessica Cornell as she navigates her way around a new cast she has joined in Manhattan. Her big break is on the line when a prank goes awry, and Cornell must figure out how to salvage it.

Set in the 1940s, the mystery includes a man who witnesses a murder while stuck in an elevator. His only hope is a deaf old lady and a young woman with amnesia who discovers she may be a murderer as her memory slowly starts to return.

The show features 21 students and two directors who rehearsed while in their own

homes using Google Meets and recorded together using software called Audacity. The recordings later were edited and posted on the SoundCloud app where listeners can find it under the title Radio Suspense Theater CHS.

Student publicist junior Savannah Wells said the best part has been the camaraderie with the cast, something that has been missed.

"In just a couple of months, everyone has worked super hard to record everything and edit it all together. It came out amazing, and I'm really excited for people to hear it," she said.

To listen to Radio Suspense Theater, download the SoundCloud app and search for Radio Suspense Theater CHS.

The theater department at CHS has adapted from holding in-house performances to a cool radio program listeners will find enjoyable.

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Scouts

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family campout in September at Nehalem Bay, each family pod prepared their own food and stayed together, but the overall troop interacted as a unit.

This year, four members have completed projects to earn their Eagle Scout rank, which is the highest possible in BSA, and several have completed their hiking merit badge requiring them to hike a total of 70 miles, including one 20-mile hike.

Along with the sale of holiday greenery and spring hanging baskets, the Scouts' major fundraiser is the annual Tree Crunch recycling project. Ninety percent of the

money earned will be divided (by hours worked) among individual Scouts who can use the money for membership dues, summer camp tuition or Scouting supplies. The remaining 10% of the funds go toward the troop's yearly expenses.

"We welcome potential Scouts and their families to visit us during a typical meeting night. We can show them what we do and share an information packet with them," Carolyn Carty said. "We are so pleased we have been able to continue the activities of our troop and spending time with our Scouts in a positive social way during a time when we have all been inundated with closures and cancellations."

For more information, contact BSA Troop 611: T611scouts@gmail.com



Scouts learn life skills including first aid.

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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

December 5

Leaf Drop: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
*Public Works Building: 13910 S.E. Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park)

December 6

Operation Santa: 1-7 p.m. City Hall Parking Lot
*This is a drive-up, drop-off event ONLY. Please remain in your vehicle.



December 7

Parks Advisory Committee Meeting: 6-7 p.m.

December 8

Planning Commission: 7-8 p.m.

December 15

City Council Work Session: 6 p.m.

City Council Meeting: 7 p.m.

December 24
City Hall and Library CLOSED

December 25
City Hall and Library CLOSED

December 30
Design Review Board Meeting: 7-8 p.m.

December 31
City Hall CLOSED

January 1
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Winter Blitz bestows holiday cheer on community

CHS students, other volunteers plan 23rd annual service project for Dec. 5

By SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Winter Blitz was started 23 years ago by a couple of Clackamas High School students who wanted to help a family during the holiday season. They organized a one-day scavenger hunt for a Christmas tree, food, gifts and clothing.

Their kindness snowballed into an annual community service project that helps hundreds of families in need in the North Clackamas School District.

From the initial event, students started to see how the community benefited from their efforts, and participation increased over the years. In 2019, 195 families were helped including 418 children under 14 years old and \$17,000 was raised and spent.

Organized by the Key Club, students' efforts include class "adoptions" of a family, sponsorships from businesses like the Clackamas Federal Credit Union, Black Rock Coffee Bar, OnPoint

Community Credit Union and partnerships with the Milwaukie Lions Club, Rotary Club of Clackamas, Milwaukie-Portland Elks Lodge, Storyline and the Wichita Center for Family and Community.

With over 100 students participating, the event solicits volunteers from other school clubs, like the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society, who help translate for Spanish-speaking families. Adult volunteers also help make the Winter Blitz a success. The goal for 2020 is to help 300 families.

"There are families in tears overwhelmed with gratitude. (Many) share their stories of how they lost their job, and this is such a blessing. We hear stories of single parents struggling to take care of their children, and this is so helpful," said organizer Cindy Rochester. "The food boxes that they get makes all the difference in their holiday meals. I heard a story of a single mom who was helped and knows she is giving back to the community because of this experience."

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Winter Blitz will be held as a one-day drive-thru event 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, when registered families can pick up their gifts, toiletries and household items.



Santa and team member from Clackamas Fire District #1 prepare for the 2019 Happy Valley Operation Santa parade. While Operation Santa will not move forward with its traditional parade this year, residents interested in donating can still do so at an upcoming drive-up and drop-off only event at City Hall.

Operation Santa shifts gears



Happy Valley Operation Santa Drop Off Event

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 6

TIME: 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

City Hall Parking Lot

Drive-up, drop-off only.

Clackamas Fire District #1

For many, the holidays are the best time of the year, yet for some in our community, these events are challenging and a reminder of serious financial hardship.

Since the pandemic emerged, more families than ever are having trouble maintaining basic things like food, clothing, and general supplies. If there is one thing that is certain, the community of Happy Valley is generous and eager to help those less fortunate experience a holiday season filled with hope. That's where Operation Santa comes in.

An annual toy and food drive, Operation Santa is coordinated through the efforts of firefighters at Clackamas Fire District #1. Recognizing the need to help families and individuals in need, this popular event has become an important tradition in our community and one that the City embraces. With COVID-19 having affected the ways in which we can interact safely



Each December, Operation Santa collects non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys. These items are dispersed locally to members of our community experiencing financial hardship.

this year, Operation Santa has had to revamp how it collects donations. Despite not being able to carry out their lively collection parades, Operation Santa WILL be able to collect toys and non-perishable food items in Happy Valley early this month.

Those interested in contributing at the event are asked to bring non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped

toys. As you approach City Hall, follow the signs directing traffic flow.

Please note: This donation site is drive-up and drop-off only. Please remain in your vehicle and have items ready. Staff and volunteers at the event will collect your donations.

Thank you, Happy Valley, for always being so willing to give back to the community.

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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.
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WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

The Pacific Northwest is no stranger to ice and snow. In Happy Valley specifically, we usually get at least a taste of the cold and icy weather, but storms run the gamut when it comes to their tenacity and duration. Regardless, it's always best to be prepared and know what to do should snow and ice cause disruption. Here are a few simple tips to keep in mind.

Plan ahead

Stay informed and be prepared.

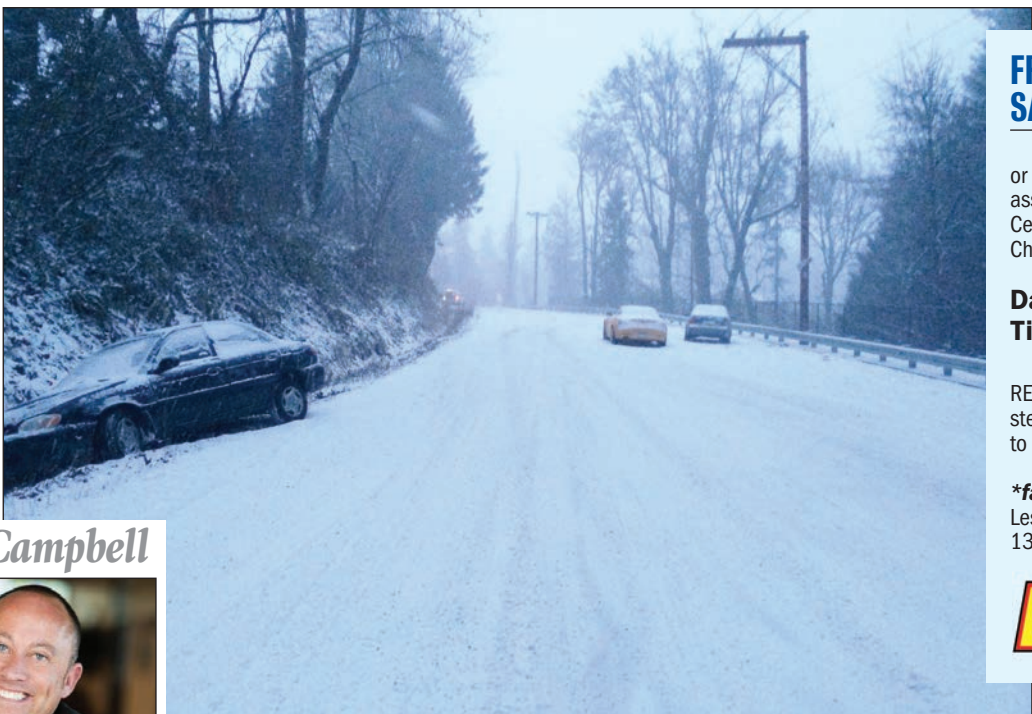
If a winter storm is predicted, please be sure to stock up on home essentials, pet food and any additional necessities that you may need throughout the duration of the storm. Having your home properly stocked ensures that you can stay home and avoid winter driving.

Ensure your vehicle is prepared for emergencies.

If the need arises to leave home during a storm, be sure to have equipment for any situation. Always carry a cell phone and portable charger, windshield scraper, collapsible shovel, warm shoes with traction, emergency flares, traction devices, a bag of road salt or sand, rope or chain, booster cables, flashlight, blankets, water and snack food, extra hats, coats and gloves.

Install tire chains.

It's important to learn how to mount your chains BEFORE bad weather strikes, and it's a lot easier to put chains on for the first time when you don't have to struggle to read the instructions alongside a



Steve Campbell



DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES & PUBLIC SAFETY

Ready to go! The City's Public Works team will often work around the clock to keep major roadways clear during a snowstorm. Here, a snowplow gets ready to hit the streets.

A snow and ice storm in 2014 created a slippery mess on S.E. 145th Ave. When conditions worsen, it's best to stay off the roads, but if you must venture out, make sure you have the proper items for both your vehicle and yourself.



snowy road. Practice installing your chains at home when the weather is fair. Then, when road conditions require chains, you'll already know how to use them.

Check your tires.

Don't wait until it's too

late, experts agree they are the single most important safety item on our car. Checking to see if tires are too worn is simple. The bare minimum for your treads should be 2/32nds of an inch, which you can measure with a penny. Tire treads should at least come up to the

imprint of Abraham Lincoln's head.

Winter Driving

Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions.

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wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on roads covered with ice and snow.

Give yourself enough time and give yourself enough space.

You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.

Clear off and turn on your headlights, even in the middle of the day.

They make it much easier for other drivers to see you, particularly when visibility is poor.

Allow snow plows enough room to do their jobs safely.

Don't follow too closely behind and please don't pass a snowplow. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.

If you must abandon your car during a storm.

Pull as far off the road as possible to allow for snowplows and emergency vehicles to pass.

HELPING TO KEEP YOU SAFE

The City's Public Works and Public Safety teams often work 24/7 to keep established snow routes plowed and sanded. The City of Happy Valley has developed a Snow Removal Priority System due to specialized equipment needs, timing, and employee resources. These priorities were established to provide the greatest benefit to the traveling public. The priority is to clear the roadways most used by emergency responders. This means clearing high traffic, high volume roadways. Next, the city crews will focus on collector roads, which distribute traffic between local roads and first priority roads. Last, and not always a guarantee, are local and residential roads.

The map of snow removal and plow routes can be found at www.happyvalleyor.gov/inclementweather.

What is the best way to stay notified?

The City's Facebook page and website are great resources for staying updated with current information regarding bad weather and local road closures. If you haven't signed up to receive City alerts yet, please take a moment to do so on the City website at www.happyvalleyor.gov.

As a city, we try our best to predict what the weather will do, and plan accordingly. Sometimes we are spot on and other times we choose to error on the side of caution. In either case, it's not always an easy decision, and safety remains the top priority. The best advice for ensuring your safety during a winter storm is to plan, stay informed, and keep off the roads if you can avoid it.

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Shaped by experience

Navy veteran Chuck Morris recalls adventure, anxiety of serving during Vietnam War

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Dozens of Happy Valley veterans know and appreciate Chuck Morris because over 10 years ago he started a weekly meetup for veterans at New Seasons Market where they could share their life's experiences over a cup of coffee.

For each veteran, their military experiences are a touchstone in their lives and who better to relate those experiences with than another veteran?

Morris grew up in the San Fernando Valley in California where he graduated from Reseda High School in 1958.

"I attended college at Los Angeles Pierce College for a few years, and the Army was getting interested in me, so I went and saw the Navy recruiter," Morris said. "He said 'Young man, I can fix you right up.'"

Morris joined the Navy in September 1963 during the Vietnam War. With experience in electrical engineering from college, he was an excellent fit for naval aviation. After enlisting, Morris was shipped off to the San Diego Naval Training Center for boot camp for 12 weeks. While there, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

"The whole base was shook up, and guys were crying. We found out about it as it was time to go to the chow hall; the news broke out right then. It's hard to forget, everybody was devastated," Morris said.

After San Diego, and a brief stint in Georgia, Morris was sent to Memphis, Tennessee, where he spent one year at aviation electronic school.

Regarding being a young man stateside in the Navy during a war, Morris says, "there was a bit of anxiety there, but I was eager for the adventure. But getting there, they growl at you at boot camp and then you're in a new unit somewhere in Georgia in stinky barracks. But those are all life experiences."

After returning to San Diego, Morris was transferred again in July 1965, this time to



Chuck Morris joined the Navy in 1963 and was deployed to the Pacific theater three times.



Morris would spend a total of nearly six years in service specializing in aviation electronics.



When flying, Morris manned the radio operations.

the 'fleet at the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington.

"By the time I got there, most of the squadron was gone to Japan. I was put on a transport plane to Iwakuni, Japan, and ended up in the barracks and got a job in the evenings fixing airplanes, changing out black boxes, things like that and standing watch duty certain nights of the week. I was casing the hangar looking for trouble

during watch duty," Morris said.

During his first deployment in Japan, Morris would "R and R" in Hong Kong, which he called a busy and crowded city.

"Hong Kong was an experience. Lots of shopping, where you could buy ivory or stereos or shoes. We were hustled to buy suits and shoes," Morris remembered. "They seemed to like us, maybe because we had money. This one guy, he used



Morris stands beside an airplane engine. With a background in electronics, Morris later entered a career with the phone company.



In 2008, Morris started a local veteran's coffee group. They meet weekly at New Seasons Marketplace and will resume when protocols are lifted. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

the name Daniel, grabbed on to me and wanted to sell me shoes from the Lee Kee Shoe Company. You know, 'leaky' shoes, I still have them, and they were pretty good shoes."

As an Aviation Electronics Technician ATI, Petty Officer First Class Morris, during his second deployment in 1967, was first sent to Vietnam, where he fixed planes and electronics. While in flight, he was the radio operator.

Life was more than just an entanglement of new experiences. For many in the armed forces, it was peppered with harrowing, near-death experiences that service members are still trying to make sense of years later. Morris remembers the night of Dec. 3, 1966, as a seminal moment when the Tan Son Nhut Air Base he was stationed at in Saigon was attacked by Viet Cong fighters.

Luckily, at the time of the attack, there were 361 Air Police on duty, which resulted in a squad at 50% strength for duty. Had the Air Police not been onsite, the outcome could have ended differently.

The Viet Cong attacked the base and penetrated the perimeter by cutting and crawling through fencing. Over the course of the attack, the U.S.

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Morris

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forces retained control of the base, though infiltrated and suffering intense damage to both life and property. The result was six U.S. servicemen killed in action, 19 wounded, and damage and destruction to pickups, aircraft and police dogs. During the initial attack, Morris was returning to the base after an air patrol.

"I looked at my flight logs on the night of Dec. 3, 1966, and we were on an eight-hour patrol coming back around midnight. When we were coming in for the landing, I heard a 'boom' and saw a flash. Tower tells us we are under attack," Morris said. "We flew through a barrage. God saved us. We orbited for a while and were directed over to Bien Hoa Air Base where we landed and fueled up again. When daylight came, we were able to return. But the firefight went on for a few days."

In 1968, around the time of the Tet Offensive, Morris' squadron was stationed at Cam Rahn Bay Air Base when they were awoken by attack.

"At Cam Rahn, one night there was a boom and a bang and everyone shouting to 'run, run, grab a gun, we're under attack,'" Morris remembered. "There were rockets and missiles launched on to the base. There was craziness in the moment, and they got the flight crews to get the planes out over the ocean to get them away from the action. Up from us was the chow hall and some C-130s parked along with large bladders of fuel. They hit at least one of the C-130s and the bladders, which exploded."

Morris had a total of three deployments overseas, where he spent the second and third in Vietnam and in the Philippines at Naval Station Sangley Point, across the bay from Manila. He also spent time at the U.S. Naval Base Subic Bay when runways were being repaired at Sangley Point.

"While we were there at Subic Bay, the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was tied up. We were parked right by the USS Enterprise," Morris said. "We had a tour, it was humongous.



Morris hamming it up with other heroes at the Fred Meyer grand opening.

It would take you a month to see it all."

After five years and 11 months serving his country, Morris retired in August 1969.

"The military was starting to let people out because by 1969, things in Vietnam were starting to slow down a bit. The peak of the war was '68 and I was there at the height, and by 1975 it was over," Morris said. "I checked out of the base at Whidbey Island and went into town with some friends, local fishermen, a few from the Navy, where we had a little party at a tavern. I had an old truck, and the military gives you some traveling money, and I went to Fairview, Oregon, because my brother lived there. I was relieved I was out and looking forward to the next adventure."

Morris would meet that next adventure only a few weeks later at Rooster Rock State Park over Labor Day weekend — Betty. The two married a year later and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Togeth-

er they have two daughters, Marlene and Melissa, and eight grandchildren.

Morris continued in the electronics and radio field as an electronic technician working 30 years in the phone industry, while Betty worked in the coronary care unit as a nurse's aide before she stayed home to care for the couple's children. After retiring in 2005, Morris took a few contract jobs, including spending a summer in New Mexico fixing radio towers.

In his retirement, Morris started the Happy Valley Veterans Group in 2008 to share his experiences and enjoys his time with other veterans.

Speaking of his time in service, Morris says: "We've all had our human trials and moral things that happened in the service but looking back, it's a life experience with no other way to get it, and you learn about the world. It's been 50 years and I'm looking back and thinking about what I went through. There are memories back then that shape you; I was so lucky."

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Pink piques creativity in young author

Kennedy Stalwick learns about publishing through her 'Tilly Green' book

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

When Kennedy Stalwick was 7 years old, she wrote and published a book.

It started one afternoon when Stalwick and her nanny, Brenna Coy, were enjoying the day together. Stalwick, who loves books, decided she was going to write her own for children. She invented a little girl named Tilly Green whose entire family loves everything green, but Tilly loves pink. Stalwick wrote the story and created illustrations in a rough draft.

"Brenna helped me cut out and draw pictures of Tilly Green," Stalwick said. "I wanted the book to be about a girl who loves pink more than anything. It's her favorite thing in the world, and back then, I loved pink, too."

Stalwick's mother, Colleen, took the opportunity to offer her daughter a lesson about authorship and publication. Colleen contacted an artist acquaintance, Geoffrey Smalley, to illustrate the book, and Colleen went through the process of self-publishing "Tilly Green Loves Pink," which currently is sold on Amazon.

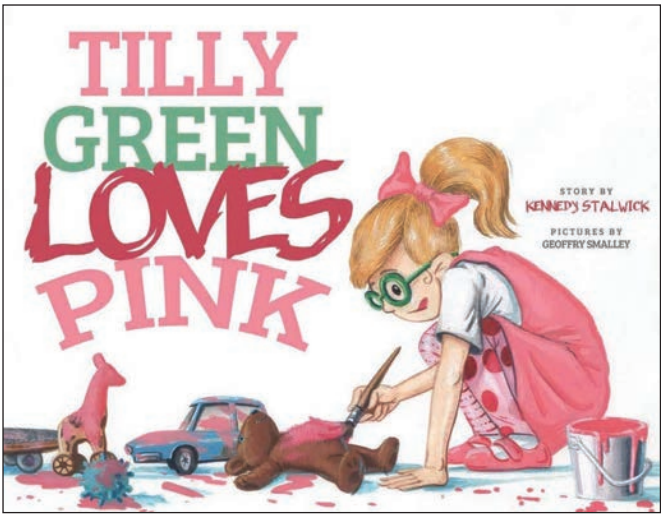
"Publishing the book was about showing Kennedy the process of making something and the steps of manufacturing and marketing," Colleen said. "We had a small print run, and our goal was to give the books as Christmas gifts to family and friends. Through this, I noticed there is a larger idea, a platform for kids and their passions to come together.

"For instance, pairing young writers with young artists to produce and create. It



Kennedy Stalwick holds up the book she published about a girl who loves the color green. She is hoping her mom will consider adopting a puppy for the family.

PHOTO BY SHELLEY McFARLAND



can be music or anything else, but it sparked an idea with me about kids supporting kids that I can continue to pursue."

It was exciting for Kennedy, who is now 11 years old, to see her book published, and she is considering publishing two more with her title character, Tilly Green.

"When I saw it, I thought it was really cool; I had made

my own book. I have a couple more, unfinished, that I need to make a couple changes to. I'm hoping to publish them," Kennedy said.

Kennedy lives in Happy Valley with her brother, Brody, sister, Sammy, and parents, Colleen and Brandon.

For more information or to purchase the book, visit: amazon.com.

Coyotes learn the 'gift of giving'



By SHELLEY McFARLAND

The Coyotes at Scouters Mountain collected a truckload of donations for the Wichita Center during their first-ever virtual Day of Giving.

"As principal of this fabulous school, there are some days that make me feel extra proud to be a part of such a wonderful place," Principal Curtis Long said. "Today is one of those days." Together, the school collected 120 cookie kits, 87 food boxes and more than 100 kindness kits.

▲ Students at Scouters Mountain Elementary School collected donations for the Wichita Center which helps people with food insecurity living in the North Clackamas School District.

► School Principal Curtis Long was proud of his Coyotes after they generously filled a truck with food and gift provisions.



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

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

- Never leave candles unattended.
- Make sure a grown-up is always in the room when a candle is burning.
- If a grown-up leaves the room, make sure he or she puts out the candle first.
- Set up a “kid-free” zone around burning candles – no playing with or near candles, with candle wax, or with items that could catch fire near candles.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that could catch on fire.



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- Don't put candles in windows or doorways where the wind could knock them over.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Make sure to use candles and candle holders that are sturdy and won't tip over easily.
- Consider using flameless candles to replace real flame candles.
- Develop and practice your home escape plan.
- Make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms.

The holiday season is a time of giving

By RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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The generosity displayed during the holiday season may not have an official start date, but the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving Day is as good as any for an unofficial beginning to the giving season.

Known as Giving Tuesday, it's a major fundraiser annually for the Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine's (CVM) Founders Clinic, a free medical clinic located in Oregon City that serves uninsured, low-income adults in Clackamas County. But this year, Giving Tuesday is more important than ever, with COVID-19 forcing the cancellation of CVM's annual banquet and other in-person fundraisers for many nonprofit organizations across the country.

CVIM Executive Director Martha Spiers said she is “proud to thank and honor the volunteers that make access to health care free and available in Clackamas County, and for our many community partners and supporters who keep our doors open all year long.”

You can support CVIM on Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020, by making a gift at clackamasvim.org/givingtuesday or at facebook.com/ClackamasVIM. To volunteer at the clinic, visit clackamasvim.org/volunteer.

The first Tuesday following American Thanksgiving has been referred to as Giving Tuesday since 2012. The event was started by the 92nd Street Y in New York City, the United Nations Foundation and the technology website Mashable as a response to the commercialization of the holiday season and the rampant consumer-



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Retired Lake Oswego doctor Ken Martin volunteers at Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine's clinic in Oregon City., Lake Oswego Review - News Lake Oswego doctor among many who give back at Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine "For me, it's a win-win situation."

ism that seems to start as soon as the last bite of turkey is digested. Today, Giving Tuesday harnesses the generosity of millions of people around the world and helps put millions of dollars into the coffers of organizations that need it most. Giving Tuesday inspires people to volunteer or give back to causes that are near and dear to their hearts.

Thanks to technology, giving has the capacity to go viral and inspire others to engage in their own charitable efforts. Since its inception, Giving Tuesday has evolved. The event now underscores how communities

can harness the power of people working together to elicit great change.

Even though Giving Tuesday may be the catalyst for charitable efforts, it doesn't need to end there. People are urged to be generous all year long, not just during the holiday season. Here are some seasonally specific ways to give back a little more.

■ Pay it forward by treating someone behind you in the checkout line to coffee, fast food, a candy bar, or whatever else suits you at the time. Perhaps he or she will do the same and keep the generosity going.

■ Keep extra dollars in your pocket and be generous to charities seeking donations outside of stores. A cup of coffee or hot chocolate goes a long way toward warming up the people manning the collection pots as well.

■ Adopt a family who is less fortunate and purchase some gifts on their wish list. Many community centers and churches have contacts for needy families who could use some support this season.

Giving can be the focus of the holiday season, and in ways that are meaningful to the people on the receiving end of the generosity.

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