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The Happy Valley community gathers for the official lighting of the City Tree. Consider joining us at this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Wheaten greetin

Dogs owned by Happy Valley's Richard and Camille Taylor make mark in show world

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

When Richard and Camille Taylor were looking for a new dog as a family pet, they were having a difficult time choosing but knew they wanted a different breed than what each had had in the past.

"We went on a quest to find a dog and were in Mendocino (California) when we saw a wonderful dog in a store and fell in love with it. It was a soft-coated Wheaten terrier and we started looking, but it was a few years before we went online to research," Camille Taylor said.

"It was the late '90s, and we learned we had to go to dog shows because no breeder would sell a Wheaten unless they knew the buyer," she said. "There's a vetting process. Some breeders will even come look at your home.



Camille and Richard Taylor, seen with Hattie and Tripper unexpectedly entered the world of show dogs when they fell in love with the Wheaten breed and sought one for a family pet.

and met the owners who introduced us to other Wheaten owners. Every other weekend we were going to dog shows, and we found a breeder to sell us a puppy, which took another year.'

The Taylors, both former educators, were told they would have to buy a show puppy and they were required to show the dog. They didn't intend to enter the show dog world. Their intent was to find a family dog, but they had made friends in the dog show arena and decided to try it.

Bronx Ya Talkin' to Me, was picked up in Philadelphia by the Taylors. Later, they also acquired "We went to a dog show in Bronx's daughter, Brooklyn. Bronx Woodland, and we saw a Wheaten entered his first show at 7 months

old and won his age group, then won best in breed and finally beat his father, all as a pup. The Taylors were surprised and pleased Bronx had shown so well.

Dog show competitions have multiple rounds: age group in breed, breed, group (working, toy, herding, sporting, hound, nonsporting and terrier) and best in show. The dogs advance as they win, ultimately entering Best in Show where dogs of all ages, breeds and groups compete against one another.

Like most show dog owners, the Taylors use a dog handler to show the dog. Amy Rutherford will

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Food pantries are in need of non-perishable foods this holiday season.

Help support struggling members of community this holiday

season

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

he holidays remind us to be thankful and to give to those less fortunate, especially during the pandemic. Local charities make a direct impact on the community and fill the gaps for struggling families. Here are local nonprofit philanthropic organizations and their needs:

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Give the gift of hope this holiday season

City of Happy Valley

For many, the holidays are some of the best times of the year, yet for some in our community, these celebrations are a reminder of serious financial hardship. 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.

Operation Santa will be collecting toys and non-perishable food items at this year's Tree Lighting event with donations benefitting local families in need. Those interested in contributing are asked to bring non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys. Staff and volunteers will collect your donations at a designated area at the event. See below for more information about the Tree Lighting Ceremony and be sure to visit https://clackamasfire.com/operation-santa-claus/ for more opportunities to give to this important cause.



Help a local family in need this holiday season and support Operation Santa with a non perishable food donation or new unwrapped toy.

Looking for another way to give? Meals on Wheels People

Through the Meals on Wheels People program, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation provides warm, nutritious meals to some of our community's most vulnerable seniors while offering friendly visits to those who may otherwise feel isolated or have difficulty getting out and about.

Please consider donating to the City's local Meals on Wheels People program by visiting www.happyvalleyor.gov/ meals-on-wheels/. From there, you can

submit a tax-deductible donation in the amount of your choice online. Your gift will support homebound seniors right here in Happy Valley who would otherwise not have consistent access to wholesome, nutritious meals.

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation

The Foundation works collabora tively with the City's Parks and Recreation Department to help bolster park amenities and vital programming. Its mission is dedicated to ensuring that parks and recreational programming are available for the enjoyment of all Happy Valley residents and visitors.

Donations to the Foundation not only help sustain City parks and natural areas, but they also support community programs, such as Meals on Wheels, and recreational scholarships which directly benefit those who may otherwise not have access to these services.

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A donation of non-perishable food or an unwrapped toy will help families in our community.



Coordinated through the efforts of the City's Parks and Recreation Department, Meals on Wheels People provides warm, nourishing meals to homebound seniors, right here in Happy Valley. Consider making a financial donation in support of this vital service.

Give

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The Clackamas Bookshelf

Started by former teacher Katy Preston, The Clackamas Bookshelf provides free books to low-income children in Clackamas County, with the understanding that widespread access to books offers positive, long-term benefits to the entire community.

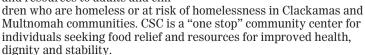
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Shop with a Cop

Clackamas County Peace Officers' Benevolent Foundation's annual Shop With a Cop will help 200 Clackamas County children this year. Kids will be paired with a law enforcement officer to shop, and every \$100 donated will help another child in Clackamas County.

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Wichita Center for Family and Community

For 100 years, Wichita Elementary School has been a re source for the community, educating and helping generations of children. Now, that legacy lives on at the Wichita Center for Family and Community.

Established in fall 2009 by North Clackamas School District, the nonprofit provides food and services to people who live in the district with services, programs and donations. Currently, Wichita Center is accepting food donations during food pantry hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

VISIT nclack.k12.or.us/wichita **CALL 503-353-5663**

Tree

From Page 1

Happy Valley's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony returns on Sunday, Dec. 5 to kick off the holiday season and whether you are brand new or a longtime attendee, this event is one you won't want to miss. With the pandemic in mind, the City has worked hard to keep the event festive, while also making participant safety a priority. To this end, all activities will take place outside in the main parking lot of Happy Valley City Hall. Peruse beautiful lights and festive decorations while lively music permeates throughout the crisp Pacific Northwest air. The evening wouldn't be complete without some warm cocoa and a special appearance from Santa, himself. Quite simply, this beloved event is sure to get





Enjoy festive lights with some hot cocoa as you spend time with loved ones.

everyone into the holiday spirit.

A popular tradition for many Happy Valley families, the Tree Lighting Ceremony is known locally as the City's official start to the holidays. In addition to celebrating the season, attendees will also once again be able to contribute non-perishable food and new toys as part of the community's efforts to support Clackamas Fire's Operation Santa Claus donation drive. Visit https://clackamasfire.com/operation-

santa-claus/ for more in-



formation about this important cause.

The wonder of the season is just around the corner. Consider joining us at this familyfriendly event and together, let's promote a community of peace, love, and hope.



Get ready to sing along to all your favorites as a lively band creates the soundtrack to your evening.

◀ Kids will have an opportunity to mail their letter to Santa at the event. Have youth prepare their letters ahead of time by heading to www.happyvalleyor.gov/tree-lighting-2021/ for a printable template.



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- City Tree Lighting (lights will illuminate shortly after dark)
- Holiday craft kits (pick up only, courtesy of Happy Valley Library)
- Live music
- Photo opportunity with Santa
- North Pole substation (kids can mail their letter to Santa!)

■ Hot cocoa and coffee

- Operation Santa donation drop off
- and more!

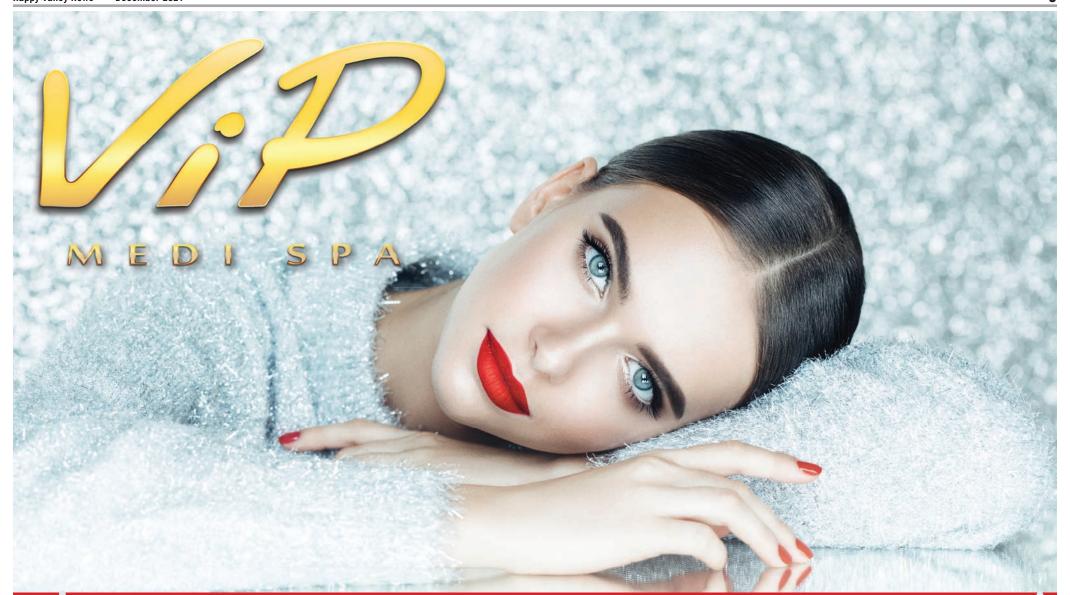
*In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders, attendees ages 5 and older must also wear a face mask when 6-foot physical distancing cannot be maintained.

*Please note, parking in the City Hall lot will be limited due to the nature of the event. Please plan on giving yourself extra time to park and please be considerate of residents when parking in nearby neighbor-

For more information, visit: www.happyvalleyor.gov/tree-lighting-2021

Can't make it to the event?

The holidays are a unique time of year and the City is committed to keeping the magic of the holidays alive throughout the season. The City Tree will be decorated with its traditional lights and available to view every evening from Dec. 5 through the beginning of the new year.



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TOM ELLIS

YEAR | REVIEW

Every year, our team puts together an Annual Report detailing the work we have accomplished as a group. As always, I can't believe the progress the City made in 2021. An extensive amount of work was accomplished towards meeting the City Council Goals, improving the City's infrastructure, and responding to the day-to-day needs of building and maintaining a community. Below are just a few of numerous projects the City has been working on this past year:

- Developed plans for a future downtownAcquired property for new
- Acquired property for new parks
 - Completed the Veterans Me-

morial Park

- Established a Community
- Center Steering Committee
 Designed an expansion to the library
- Improved public safety by transitioning and expanding Code Enforcement to Community Service Officer Program
- Engaged property owners and community members to manage growth in the Pleasant Valley / North Carver area to align future development with our sense of community
- Expanded parks and recreation programs
- Completed numerous transportation improvements, including sidewalk improvements

around the "Superblock" and on 129th Avenue

■ Approved a resident-led Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Plan

In addition to the projects above, the City continued to respond with the highest standards of customer service to record levels of applications, permits, requests, and other daily tasks of running the City. Not to mention, this work has been completed despite the ever-changing work environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. I cannot say enough how impressed I am with our entire team. Everyone at the City has played a significant role: from the City Council to our staff and



The 2021 Annual Update Report is available for viewing on our City website. Check out www. happyvalleyor.gov/annual-report.

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

Seeds of PEACE

few weeks ago, Councilors Sherman and Emami joined Jim Gersbach from the Oregon Department of Foresty to plant a new tree next to the Veteran's Park Memorial. Happy Valley is a designated "Tree

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City USA" with thousands of trees, so what makes this tree special? Its roots date back over 75 years halfway across the world. The tree is a ginkgo seedling that was grown from seeds collected in Hiroshima, Japan. The seeds came from trees that survived the atomic bombing of the Japanese city in 1945. The tree serves as a sign of hope – that even amid unexpected devastation and loss of life, there can be hope for recovery and the future.

Similar seedlings have also been planted in parks all around Oregon within the last several years, all with the purpose to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II and to encourage peace. So many of these trees have been planted that Oregon now has one of the largest collections of Hiroshima peace trees of any state or nation outside Japan.

The City would like to thank One Sunny Day Initiative, Green Legacy Hiroshima, and the Oregon Department of Forestry for making this tree available and bringing lasting peace.

To learn more about this program and the significance of these seedlings, visit https://www.oregon.gov/odf/forestbenefits/Pages/hiroshima-peace-trees.aspx



Councilor Sherman (far left) and **Councilor Emami** (center) ioin Jim Gersbach from the **Oregon** Department of **Forestry to** commemorate the planting of the City's ginkgo seedling. The seedling, which has a special history, was derived from trees that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan in 1945.



Councilor Emami (left) and Councilor Sherman help plant the City's Peace Tree. Though small, the ginkgo will grow to be 40-60 feet tall and in the spring, will sprout unique, fan-shaped leaves. A hardy tree, the City's Peace Tree is a sign of resilience and hope.





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City looks to reconnect with Homeowners' Associations

City of Happy Valley

Most residences in Happy Valley are located within a private development and governed by a Homeowners' Association (HOA). Each **HOA** in Happy Valley is an independent, autonomous organization that enforces its own rules and manages common areas within its boundary. Membership is typically mandatory for the corresponding property owners.

HOA fees are also common, with collected funds going toward costs that are shared by the homeowners. These costs are independent from a mortgage, and they are different from property taxes since they are a fee paid to a private association, not to the federal or local government. Most often, they help cover the upkeep and insurance needs of common areas and shared structures that are accessible to the neighborhood's residents and visitors. These typically include stairways, clubhouses, playgrounds, mailboxes, monuments, swimming pools, and open greens-

While some people find HOA's off putting and do their

Have your people call our people! The City is hoping to reconnect Homeowners' **Associations in** efforts to update our records and ensure we can get pertinent information to the right contacts. Encourage your HOA leads to register online.



best to steer clear of them, they do play an important role in safeguarding the interests of their property owners. If there's communal property damage, if a wildfire occurs in a greenspace, or if someone is injured and sues while using a shared space, the HOA's insurance policy can be a life saver. It not only protects the HOA's financ-

es of everyone who lives within the boundary. Otherwise, it is the property owners that would have to personally cover the costs for any damages.

With so many HOA's in Happy Valley, the City is looking to work more closely to improve outreach and involvement. From sharing information on City happenings to helping connect HOA's to grant opportunities and topical educational resources, local HOA's can get the inside scoop on how to prevent problems and stay in-the-know. To do this, the City is encouraging HOA's to step forward and confirm we have the most up-todate contact information.

Are you the leader of your **Homeowner Association? If so,** the City would like to hear from you!

Please take a moment to complete our brief online form, so we can update our records and keep your neighborhood informed of upcoming activities and important topics. Simply visit www.happyvalleyor.gov/ HOA-contact/ to complete the registration form.

Not sure if your neighborhood has an HOA or perhaps your **HOA** fell by the wayside?

Given the safety and legal ramifications of neglected communal spaces and the potential for issues, it is important for neighborhoods to make sure they have what they need. The City is eager to help connect residents to the right supports to begin getting back on track. When filling out the online form, just be sure to indicate this situation, so we

Benefits of staving connected

- Receive City communications from a variety of City departments about important neighborhood resources and local events concerning your neighborhood
- Receive information about community resources and grant opportunities that may help reduce some HOA shared costs
- Access to City coordinated workshops and presentations geared specifically toward HOA leaders and members
- Efficient communication with City representatives that can help answer questions as they arise

can follow up.

Questions about the City's outreach efforts when it comes to HOA's? Contact Community Service Officer, Jason Thompson at jthompson@happyvalleyor.gov or Administrative Supervisor, Beth Evans at bethe@happyvalleyor.gov. You may also call City Hall at 503-783-3800 and ask to speak to them directly.

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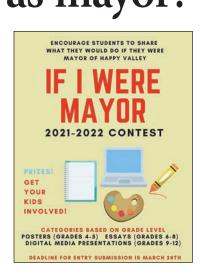
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es, but also the personal financ-What would you do as mayor?

Know a student with big ideas, a compassionate heart, and interest in making the community a better place?

The City of Happy Valley is once again participating in the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) If I were Mayor, I would... contest, so mark your calendars and be sure to have your student submit their entry by March 28.

More information and official entry forms can be found at www.happyvalleyor.gov/if-Iwere-mayor.



What would you do as Mayor? Get a head start and plan to participate in the 2021-2022 If I Were Mayor contest.

FINAL LEAF THE YEAR

City of Happy Valley

Fallen foliage can lead to hazards if not properly taken care of. To make things easier for residents, Happy Valley's Public Works Department is offering one more opportunity for you to drop off your yard debris at no cost to

City residents simply need to drop off seasonal yard debris (leaves, woody debris and grass clippings) at the Public Works building for free recycling.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Public Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley

Park. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site. Residents will also be asked to keep six feet physical distance from others.

The City's FREE Leaf Drop days are an easy way to

dispose of yard debris. Take advantage of one more

opportunity on Dec. 4.

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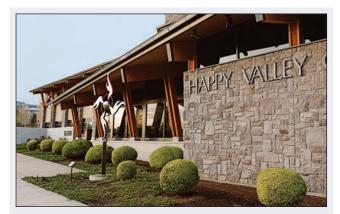


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At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check www.happyvalleyor.gov to confirm timing of events and instructions on how to participate virtually. You can also opt in to receive notifications about upcoming meetings by visiting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

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December 4

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

December 5

Tree Lighting Ceremony: 4 p.m.-6 p.m. City Hall parking lot

Committee

December 6 **Parks Advisory**

Meeting: 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

December 7 **City Council Work** Session: 6 p.m.

City Council Meeting: 7 p.m. December 24-26 **Happy Valley** Library CLOSED

December 24-31 **City Hall CLOSED**

January 1 City Hall and

Library CLOSED

City Council Work Session: 6 p.m.

City Council Meeting: 7 p.m.

January 10

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

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Community Center Steering Committee meets

City of Happy Valley

We hear you! The City knows that a new community center is one of the top priorities. Since taking over parks and recreation services less than two years ago, it's been one of our top priorities, too.

After conducting a city-wide survey and hosting numerous focus groups, it was time to take this project to the next step. In October, the City convened the first meeting of the Community Center Steering Committee. Utilizing the feedback received from the survey and focus groups, the City will be developing several conceptual community center options. From there, the Steering Committee, composed of fourteen volunteer residents, will be evaluating the options and providing guidance.

Among the uses and features the City is

considering for a community center include:

■ Pools and other aquatic amenities including lap pools, water slides, etc.

■ Sport courts for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and more

■ Social spaces such as a senior center, teen center, café and party rooms

■ Fitness facilities such as weights, cardio equipment and an indoor track for walking and jogging ■ Enrichment spaces for classes and

practice in arts, crafts, cooking and more. The Steering Committee will meet again on Dec. 15. For more information on that meeting, or to stay informed, visit https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/community-center-feasibility-study-2.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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VISIT https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/ community-center-feasibility-study-2.

Procrastinators, start planning

Happy Valley holiday market set for Dec. 18 at CHS

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Jamie El-Khal, owner and operator of Happy Valley Farmers Market is gearing up for the 10th annual Procrastinators' Holiday Market set for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Clackamas High School.

Nearly 350 local vendors will sell arts and crafts, artisan foods including hot dishes, spirits and wine, jewelry and gift items.

"The majority of vendors from previous years are returning for the Procrastinators' Market and we have many new vendors. This year, we will have a band playing Christmas music, face painting for kids and Santa," El-Khal said.

"We are happy to be returning to Clackamas High School. Last year, due to COVID, we held this event outdoors. For this year's event, the vendors will be spaced apart and a few outside, too. We will always



Ready, set, CHARGE! This year's Procrastinator's Market will be held at Clackamas High School with vendors spaced out both inside and

"The holiday market provides a wonderful opportunity for Happy Valley residents to shop local for holiday gifts."

– Jamie El-Khal, Happy Valley Farmers Market owner/operator

follow the safety protocols set by the state to ensure safety

for everyone. Now in its 10th year, ElKhal is excited for the holiday market and hopes everyone who attends finds something special to take home.

"I feel like this has become a tradition for families. It certainly is something we look forward to, our vendors, too," she said. "The holiday market provides a wonderful opportunity for Happy Valley residents to shop local for holiday gifts. Our vendors work hard, they spend countless hours preparing for events like this, and supporting them helps

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Retired doctor recounts post-war military service

Enlisting in Navy after WWII, Ćeilous Williams specialized in electronics stateside

By Shelley McFarland

Happy Valley resident Ceilous Williams spent 32 years as a doctor in Northwest Portland before retiring in 1990. Now almost 94, he recounts his time in the Navy immediately after WWII with modesty.

Williams was born in Virginia in 1928 graduating from Petersburg High School in Ettrick, Virginia, in June 1945. At that time, victory was accomplished, ending a bloody six-year European war with Hitler's death in

April. But the war with Japan would rage in the Pacific for a few months longer.

An only child who excelled at math, Williams entered the University of Virginia with the intention of earning a degree in "I often say

"If I'd known then, I | got more probably would have been a mathematician instead of entering Navy than the university for they got out chemical engineering," Williams said. "I of me." was only 17 when I graduated from high school, and by the time I was 18 would be drafted into the Army,

out of the

cause I was interested in elec- up and down the coast," he tronics. I joined April 22, 1946. While I was in the Navy, I decided I didn't want to be a chemical engineer.'

Williams would spend eight weeks, which he enjoyed, in boot camp at the Great Lakes naval station in Illinois, followed by electronics training. He received further electronics training at didn't need me anymore." He into medical school with only with fond regard.



Williams is nearly 94 years old and remembers his time in the Navy fondly.

the Naval Research Laboratory at Bellevue, District of Columbia, before his first as-

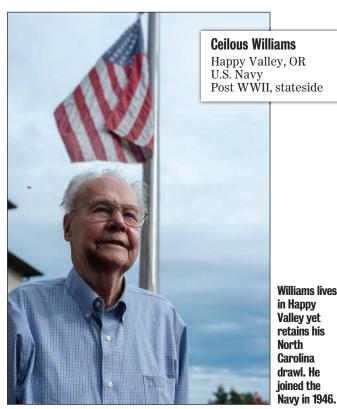
> signment in July 1947 at the Naval **Auxiliary Air Station** near Chincoteague Island, Virginia, where he maintained radio tubes. "It was a naval air

station, but I wasn't involved with aircommunications, rais before computer chips, and we had the LORAN radio navigation system. These tubes were 6 feet tall and wide. They don't have that anymore; it's now satellites. But at that

time, this was what

so I enlisted into the Navy be- we used for communication

Williams said the time he spent in the post-war military was interesting and he kept busy with his job on the base. He originally enlisted for two years and though the draft was still in effect, he was released from his duty after 22 months because the "Navy



left as a second-class electronics technician.

'I often say I got more out of the Navy than they got out of me. I spent 14 months in he said. training and seven months working in Virginia. I joined planes. I worked on the Navy to see the world, and I never even got on a ship dio for the base. This and only went as far as the Great Lakes near Chicago," Williams said.

> "Virginia to Chicago was another world though, back then. Chicago was memorable when I think back over Great Lakes, we often went into Chicago, which was a great place for servicemen in buy us a beer. They gave us tickets to things and rode the rail system for free.

Williams returned to the University of Virginia and decided he would attend medi- Have you ever been in Vircal school instead of pursuing

chemical engineering. enough grades you could get members his time in the Navy

three years of college, so I never graduated from college but went to medical after those three years of college,'

Williams lives

in Happy

retains his

drawl. He

North

Williams earned his doctor of medicine degree in 1954 from the University of Virginia and had one year of training in the cardiology field but became an internist spending his medical career mostly in Northwest Portland after following his wife to Or-

"While in college history that time. While stationed in class, the teacher sat us alphabetically, and I sat by this cute girl named Mettie, from Oregon. I accuse her of giving uniform. People would meet me a date because she us on the street and try to couldn't understand what I asked her because of my accent," he jokes. "I came out to meet her family and slept outdoors under a blanket and knew it was a place for me. ginia in the summer?'

Williams admits the world "Back then, if you had good is vastly different now but re-

Dogs

■ From Page A1

transport the dog to the show and return it, and in the case of the Taylors' Wheatens, usually with awards.

Bronx had a successful show career, even as a veteran at 12 years old, and loved the limelight. Brooklyn too became a top dog in the country in her first showing but was less enchanted with the pageantry. She became a therapy dog with a complex rating for seven years with Pet Partners, formerly Delta Therapy.

"We worked at the schools for three years and the library where kids read to dogs. I taught Brooklyn to look at the book while the kids were reading. As a former teacher I wanted her to pay attention like children do. Some people even asked me if she knew how to read," Camille said. "After working with the schools, we started visitations with Hospice House."

The Taylors also bought Manhattan Serendipity's Urban Legend and called her Hattie. They laugh now, but say she was a "terror on chewing things. Our chairs have been recovered three times and we've bought three ottomans. It's expensive and she even started chewing the lines to the sprinklers.

"She's inquisitive and will steal things to chew them up. She's a character and has attitude, and that's what made her a champion show dog.

Hattie is a descendent of Bronx, and they were surprised at her showmanship. Hattie, now 10 years old, has participated in 55 shows including the Westminster Dog Show twice, in New York City, and won dozens of awards. From 2015 to 2017, Hattie was the top-ranked female Wheaten in the nation. Hattie officially retired in 2018.

"In 2016 and 2017 we went to Westminster. After that, Hattie had Tripper and his name was Serendipity What a Trip because we had just moved from California to Happy Valley, and it was a trip," Camille said.

"He was born upstairs as one of seven puppies. Hattie has had 17 puppies total in three litters, including eight champions and for that, she has earned a record of merit.







Above are photos and awards from various dog competitions across the country. The Taylors have even shown their Wheatens at the famed Westminster Dog Show in New York.

"We actually hardly showed our dogs, they just did really well. We loved the breed, but we want our dogs at home with

Richard said there are shows going on most weekends, especially in California, and the dogs end up living in a crate. The Taylors made sure their dogs were kept in larger pens for them to roam around while at the dog shows because they worried about the dogs' com-

The Taylors say Hattie is beautiful, but stubborn and doesn't like much fuss around her, while Tripper is lovable and happy. They noted that male Wheatens tend to be affectionate while females can be

Originally an Irish farm dog valued for herding, protecting livestock and killing vermin, they are known to jump on people, in a "Wheaten greeting." Currently the Taylors show Tripper, another champion, and he is learning to become a therapy dog because of his lovability.





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UPDATE

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The Pleasant Valley/North Carver (PV/NC) Comprehensive Plan provides guidance regarding such things as land use, transportation, parks, and environmental issues that will be instrumental to ensuring planning is successful in the Pleasant Valley and North Carver areas.

In September, the community was invited to participate in an in-person Open House and provide feedback on items related to land use, transportation, parks, and environmental issues.

The Open House was also offered as an online activity, which allowed residents to review information at their leisure. 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.

Priorities from review committees, property owners, the general public, neighboring cities and counties, and other stakeholders have also been included.

Benefits to having a Comprehensive Plan include:

- Housing options and livable neighbor-
- A well-planned parks and trails system ■ Strategies for addressing congestion and road safety
- Local employment opportunities

Benefits like these often mean more marketable homes and properties. For ongoing updates about the Plan, visit https://hv.city/pvnc.

Curious about what's in store for the PV/NC Plan?

Check out these upcoming events.

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JANUARY 11, 2021

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Road construction projects report delays

City of Happy Valley

The nation has been hit hard due to supply chain demands and a shortage of truck drivers, and the fallout has impacted City projects ten-fold with road projects as simple as paving being delayed for weeks at a time. With several projects currently in the works throughout the City, the following is a progress report outlining recent happenings:



S.E. 129th Ave:

Safety improvements on SE 129th Ave. between SE Mountain Gate Road north to SE Scott Creek Lane are still underway. The new guardrail, utility undergrounding, and the bulk of retaining wall construction and stormwater mainline piping are nearly completed. Inclement weather and material delays have led to some timing setbacks, so final tasks related to these elements, along with the completion of the concrete barrier wall are still in process. Curbs, sidewalks, and stormwater planters are also in the works.

This stretch is one of the few major thoroughfares leading into an established area of the City, and by widening the road and installing several other protective features, the project will increase travel safety for all modes of transport. The road, which was slated to reopen last month, will now remain closed through the remainder of the year. The City's engineering team is

working closely with the contractor to finish up the most crucial aspects of the project, so that the road can reopen in January 2022. The City anticipates final work to resume once the weather improves with

limited road closure during this time.

To learn more about this project, check out www.happyvalleyor. gov/129thavenue

Superblock:

Once completed, the Superblock project will create a safe and efficient walkable area within Happy Valley. The endeavor will ultimately offer contiguous sidewalks that link sections of Ridgecrest and SE 132nd, and King Road and SE 147th. A major undertaking, the Superblock project has been a multi-year effort consisting of several stages.

The third and final phase of Superblock efforts are slated to go to bid in January 2022. Tasks for this will include the addition of curb, sidewalks, and half-street improvements, which will consist of underground power installed between SE Regina Ct. and SE 132nd. At this time, a completion date for Phase III is tentative, given supply and truck delivery issues will likely play a role.

To learn more about this project, check out https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/superblock-project/.

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The SE 172nd Avenue road closure and detour wrapped last month as a traffic roundabout at the newly developed SE Scouters Mountain Road was installed. While the project was anticipated to be completed in early November, supply chain delays and rainy weather impacted efforts and it is likely the remaining tasks will be finalized in the spring. This includes completing top lift paving, some remaining sections of sidewalk, and most of the ADA ramps. The City anticipates the road to generally remain open while this remaining work is carried out, with only limited closure as appropriate.

Roundabouts are often utilized as a safer alternative to more traditional traffic signals and stop signs and provide increased travel efficiencies for traffic that flows in multiple directions.

This is a Clackamas County project. For more information, contact project manager, Jonathan Hangartner at 971-804-2825 or jhangartner@clackamas.us.

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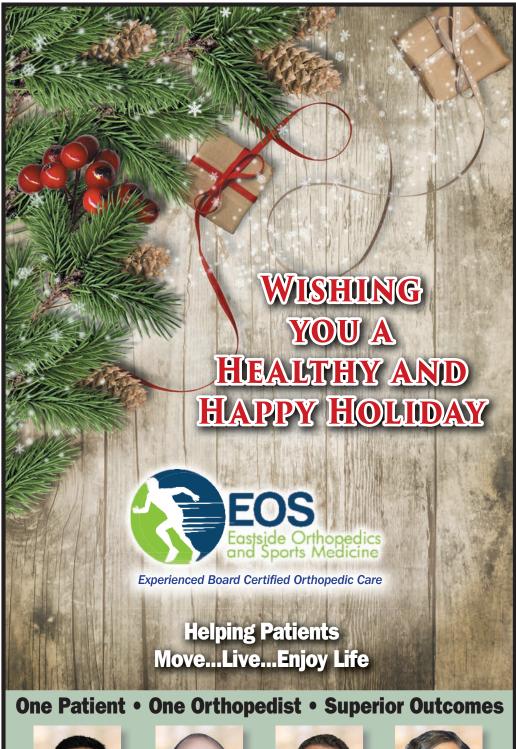


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WINTER BLITZ BRINGS 7

Key Club seeks donations to help surge of families needing food, clothing, more

By Shelley McFarland

In 1997 two staff members at Clackamas High School created a community service project to support one family during the holidays. The idea was to do a one-day scavenger hunt for a tree, food, gifts, clothing and household items.

Fast-forward 24 years. Now Winter Blitz, sponsored by Key Club, helps hundreds of families each year. This time, Adrienne C. Nelson High School also will be participat-

"Winter Rage (the former name of Winter Blitz) became a community service project the entire student body par-ticipated in," Cindy Rochester, Key Club leader said. "In 2021 we established Partners for Healthy Students, a nonprofit, to help with the fundraising efforts to support the students at CHS and NHS Key Club in Winter Blitz."

Over the past four years, Winter Blitz has helped 893 families including 1,981 children under 14 years old and 567 children 14 and older. In 2020, there was a noticeable uptick in needs, and Rochester expects to help over 300 families this year.

"Everyone in the Clackamas area pulls together to help people who need support during the holidays. It is one of the most positive and exciting events that happen at CHS; it is a unifying activity. We have 25 staff members and 250 student volunteers from Key Club, National Honor Society, Leadership and the student body who participate in Winter Blitz," Rochester said.

"Students canvas the communities and ask for donations. We purchase gifts, clothing and toiletries for the students and families and provide

WANT TO HELP?

What: Winter Blitz needs gently used clothing, blankets, bedding, toys, games, books, toiletries, nonperishable food, household items and donations.

When: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4; 4:40-6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10; 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

Where: Valley View Church, 11501 S.E. Sunnyside Road



This year, Winter Blitz is a collaborative effort between Clackamas High School and Adrienne C. Nelson High School.



Winter Blitz organizers are hoping to help 300 families this year.

"It feels good to see those in need taking part in something that students are passionate about."

— Grace Ujifusa, CHS senior

Grace Ujifusa, senior student body president, is excited for this year's event.

"Winter Blitz is our big school event, and it is so influential to all who are involved,' Ujifusa said. "It feels good to see those in need taking part in something that students are passionate about. Being a student who has volunteered for Winter Blitz has been a huge blessing. It's lovely to see my own donations going where they are needed the most."

If funding is available, Winter Blitz provides requested household items. Families attend a holiday party and pick out items they need with the help of Winter Blitz volunteers. Families can bring their children to the Holiday Carnival so the adults can "shop" for what they need. Families are allowed to fill two bags with clothing and household items.

'There are families in tears, overwhelmed with gratitude. They 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," Rochester said. "The food boxes they receive can make all the difference in their holiday meals. I heard a story of a single mom who we helped and is giving back to the community because of this experience. She is now a part of our board and brings a unique perspective to enriching this project."

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Sales of Cody Tiede's creations raise nearly \$10,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities



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Philanthropist Cody Tiede shows the brick in his honor in Bakersfield,

"Knowing

helping kids

in need and

their family

makes me

feel good."

— Cody Tiede

that I'm

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

hen Cody Tiede was just 6 years old and living in California, his teacher

talked about her volunteer work with the Ronald Mc-**Donald House** Charities, so Cody decided to try to help.
"The Bakers-

field Ronald Mc-Donald House was the smallest one in the world, and in school I heard they needed fundraisers," Cody said. "I was in Mammoth with my family over Thanksgiving vacation and there are huge pine cones on the ground. It was getting near Christmas, and I

had a dream about

cones to sell." ampition, Cody collected dozthat the pine cones should be baked first to kill off any bugs. Then he sprayed them with three coats of green paint before painting the tips white and adding decorations, creating a keepsake.

It takes a full day to make one pine cone Christmas tree, but Cody can make about 45 in a work session and enlists his two brothers, Caleb and Cris, and parents Ryan and Court-

ney to help. "I first sold mainly to family and friends. I remember the first Christmas

some of our friends came over and we toured lights. They bought the pine cone Christmas trees first," he said.

Cody didn't just make a dozen pine cones and lose in-

have. Instead, he was motivated because his cottage industry fundraiser was yielding results. In 2019, at age 9, Cody was the winner of the Beautiful Bakersfield

Award in the youth category for his philanthropic

work and received his award during a ceremony with 1,700 attendees. To aid in his efforts, local

businesses donated paint and art supplies. Courtney says Bakersfield residents were dropping by the school to donate pine cones and donating money for supplies.

"All his teachers came together with their kids to help. It wasn't just about Cody raising

creating Christmas tree pine money for Ronald McDonald House, but the community Armed with a trash bag and came together to raise money for the Ronald McDonald ens of pine cones. He learned House Charities. It was amazing to watch," Courtney Tiede

In November 2020, the Tiefamily de moved to Happy Valley where the kids now attend local

schools. To date, Cody has raised nearly \$10,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities and has connected with the local chapter to continue his fundraising legacy.

"The best part of this journey is he came up with this idea on his own," Courtney Tiede said. "Ryan and I and the rest of the family were just here as support and to help him fulfill his dream. It makes us proud to see him motivated to help others and this will carry with him throughout his life, whether



Over the last six years, Cody has raised \$10,000 for the Ronald **McDonald House Charities after** learning about the nonprofit organization at school. He is seen here with Scarlett Sabin, **RMHC House** Director. Bakersfield.



RONALD McDonald House Charities

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helping friends or helping someone on the street."

Currently, Cody, who aspires to be a professional soccer player, is busy producing his keepsakes to sell at Happy Valley's Pro-crastinators' Holiday Market on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Clackamas High School and hopes to raise \$1,000 selling his pine cone creations for \$20.

"Knowing that I'm helping kids in need and their family

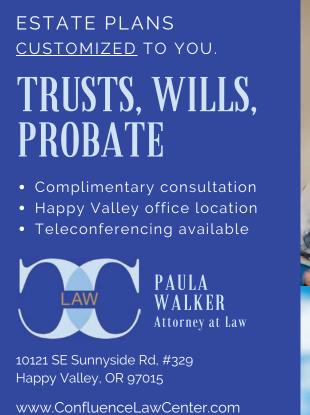


Cody will be selling his Pine Cone creations at Happy Valley's Procrastinator's Market on Dec. 18.



Cody has the love and support of his family father Ryan, mother Courtney, Caleb and Cris who help him reach his fundraising goals. The family moved to Happy Valley in 2020.





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Mothers, daughters find unity through philanthropy

National Charity League announces membership drive

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

The Sunnyside Chapter of the National Charity League, a national mother-daughter volunteer organization, has announced its annual membership drive and is accepting applications through January from women with daughters currently in sixth through ninth grades.

The Sunnyside chapter is composed of 150 members who reside in Happy Valley, Clackamas, Damascus, Milwaukie and surrounding areas.

Even in the midst of a pandemic, in the 2020-21 year, the Sunnyside chapter volunteered over 5,000 philanthropic hours to 20 organizations including the Oregon Humane Society, Feed the Hungry, The Clackamas Bookshelf, SOLVE and North Clackamas Family Support Center.

NCL's mission is to foster the mother-daughter relationship through an ongoing commitment to philanthropy, culture and leadership. Many members are drawn to NCL as an opportunity to create meaningful experiences with their daughters.

The National Charity League was established in Los Angeles in 1925 and incorporated in 1958. Through mission-based programming, NCL develops socially responsible community leaders. The group recognizes the importance of diverse perspectives and experiences to meet the needs of the communities it serves.

The philanthropic organization currently has over 200,000 members and alumnae in hundreds of chapters nationwide. Last year, members contributed more than 2.7 million volunteer hours to more than 6,000 local philanthropy partners and their chapters, resulting in a \$68.7 million fiscal impact.

"My daughter was 12 when we joined NCL and began to establish a foundation of set-



National Charity League members help with the Backpack Buddies program.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS



"I have loved getting the chance to bond with the other members of NCL."

Even through the pandemic, Sunnyside Cha

— Lindsay McAulay, vice president of patroness activities

Even through the pandemic, Sunnyside Chapter members logged a whopping 5,000 philanthropic hours and are looking for new members.

ting aside time to serve our community," said chapter President Theresa Sorensen. "Now that we are in our fifth year of NCL membership and she is a very busy junior in high school with sports, activities and a job, I am so grateful that we still have this shared commitment to the community and scheduled time together."

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic has changed aspects of volunteering, members still have found ways to support the chapter's philanthropies.

"As a chapter, we've been able to be flexible and help our philanthropy partners in whatever ways are most useful. We've done at-home projects that we've delivered, such as dog treats and toys for the Oregon Humane Society or cards to brighten the days of Meals on Wheels recipients. We are also excited to be back in person helping our philanthropy partners, such as cleaning books at Clackamas Bookshelf or making and serving food on Sundays for Feed the Hungry," said Casey Pfleger, vice president of philanthropy.

Mom board members, called patronesses, are instrumental to the success of the chapter and find unique experiences for their daughters.

"I get the chance to plan educational and inspiring meetings and events that support the patronesses throughout their NCL experience," said Lindsey McAulay, vice president of patroness activities. "I was hesitant to join the board, but I am glad I did. It's helped me reach out of my comfort zone, and I have loved getting the chance to bond with the other members of NCL."

In addition to the focus on philanthropy, NCL members also enjoy leadership and cultural activities as a chapter and in smaller groups based on the girls' high school graduation year. For instance, this year, the Class of 2024 (sophomores) is planning a chapterwide cookie exchange.

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



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Cha Asokan helps kids find their voice through art, expanded program

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

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Praised by colleagues for expanding the art program and connecting with students, Cha Asokan was selected by La Salle Prep staff as their Educator of

the Year. She received the award last month during the school's Heroic Vow ceremony.

"The care and kindness here has made me want to be a better teacher and a better person," Asokan said. "I will try to live up to the values to the best of my ability."

An educator for more than 20 years, three at La Salle, Asokan earned bachelor's degrees in visual arts and theology from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and has taught children at all levels. Recently, Asokan earned her master's degree in art and design education from Vermont College of Fine Arts.

Asokan expanded the school's visual arts program to include printmaking, photography, ceramics and digital art. More classes are available through advanced placement. During her tenure at La Salle, art students have won nu-

students have won numerous regional and national awards for their work.

"Cha has helped so many kids find their voice and has always made sure that every student is heard," said Gracelyn Rael, a La Salle senior and Happy Valley resident. "The art room has become a sanctuary for students where we can truly be ourselves and connect with the most incredible people. Having Mrs. Cha as a teacher changed my life, and she continues to influence and inspire me every day."



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The library will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1. Check our website for the most up-to-date hours and services.

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Genealogy Club Meeting

Monday, Dec. 13, 3-5 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

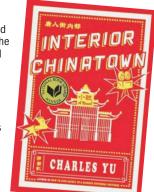
Thursdays, Dec. 9 & 16, 7-8 p.m.

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 of 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.

HV Library Book Group

Thursday, Jan. 6, 6:30-8 p.m. Read or listen to the book Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu and meet to discuss it with other readers. Contact the library for help with getting the book or to be added to our book group mailing list.





YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, 10-10:30 a.m.

Enjoy stories, songs, puppets, and fun in this interactive. virtual storytime.

No place like the library

Whether you are a fan of our big open spaces and browsing for books or like placing holds and downloading e-books, it's always a good time to check out your library.

In Person

Open seven days a week with no lines and no time limit. You can explore to your heart's con-

- Get Comfy Need to get some work done? The library has comfy chairs, study tables, and plenty of Wi-Fi to keep you connected.
- **Tech Central** Computers, Wi-Fi, printer, copier, scanner, we've got you covered.
- Browsing Yes, you can place holds, but sometimes it's nice to discover something

new! Check out new titles, start a hobby, or just explore with over 100,000 items to choose from.

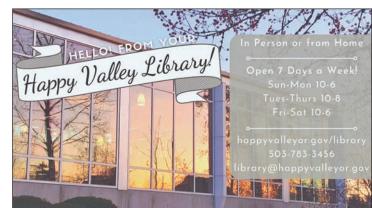
From Home

■ Cultural Passes — Take your card on the road with passes to local attractions, free with your library card. Explore your options at: linec.org/culturalpasses

■ E-Books/E-Audiobooks — Your library card gives you

access to two services offering free downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks: CloudLibrary and Library2Go. Find out more at: lincc.org/ebooks

■ Print From Home — Send your print jobs from your computer or phone to our library printer. Get started at: go.lincc. org/hvprint



Check it out! The Happy Valley Library has a variety of services and amenities available to the whole family.

■ No Contact — Not ready to come into the library? Place your holds online and pick them up using No Contact Holds Pick Up. Give us a call with your library card number and we'll check them out and

bring them outside the library for pickup.

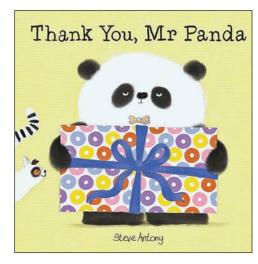
Have questions?

Call (503-783-3456) or email (library@happyvalleyor.gov) to find out more.

Take a stroll, share a story

Each month the Happy Valley Library shares a different book in the windows of the Community Room. Families can walk along the outside of the building to read along with the story. Look for this month's story Thank You, Mr. Panda by Steve Antony.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



Thank you, Mr. Panda, written and illustrated by Steve Antony, will be on display in the windows of Happy Valley Library for the month of December.

Winter reading for adults and teens

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 keep adults and teens reading this winter. There will even be prizes for



some lucky participants!

Visit happyvalleyor.gov/winter-reading or drop by the library 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.

FAVORITE BOOKS OF 2021

As the year comes to a close, we love to look back at all the new books that were published and highlight our favorites. These books made us laugh, cry, think, question, learn, and feel all the feels. The following is just a sample of all the books we loved. To see our full list, please visit The Best Books of 2021 page on our website at go.lincc.org/hvbestbooks.

PICTURE BOOKS

Bear Wants to Sing By Cary Fagan; illustrated by Dena Seiferling

When Bear finds a ukulele in the woods, he is inspired to write his own song, but only his best friend Mouse appreciates his endeavor.

Mel Fell By Corey R. Tabor

Readers will delight in turning their book side ways and upside down to follow Mel on her journey from downward

Milo Imagines the World illustrated by Christian

fall to triumphant flight

in this tale of self-confi-

dence and taking a leap

Milo is on a long subway ride with his older sister, so to pass the time, he studies the faces around him and makes pictures

Watercress By Andrea Wang; illustrated

of their lives.

by David Chin

Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a girl learns to appreciate her Chinese heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents.

EARLY READERS

Bunbun and Bonbon: Fancy Friends

Bunbun has it all: a delightful Bunbun nose. a cute Bunbun tail, and two adorable Bunbun ears, but Bunbun doesn't have a friend - until Bunbun meets Bonbon.

Geraldine Pu and her Lunch Box too By Maggie P. Chang

Geraldine Pu. whose favorite part of school is lunch, must decide what to do when her lunchbox is filled with stinky tofu - and an unexpected surprise

Tag Team

After last night's match the stadium is a mess! There is so much work to he done and Mexican wrestling star El Toro feels overwhelmed. Enter ... La Oink Oink!



I'm On It

By Andrea Tsurumi When Goat jumps on it, Frog does, too. Soon Goat and Frog are on it. along it, above it, inside and under it, whew!



CHAPTER BOOKS

The Beatryce Prophecy

When a mysterious child appears at the monastery of the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing Brother Edik nurses her back to health, but when her dangerous secret is uncovered, she is sent away into the world.



Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood edited

Featuring contributions from Black authors as Jason Reynolds, and Jerry Craft, this celebration of Black boyhood is told through a brilliant collection of stories, comics, and poems.



BONBON

Lion of Mars By Jennifer Holm

Bell has spent his whole life - all eleven years of it - on Mars, but he's still just a regular kid he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping



Join the hilarious exploration of a day in the life of nearly 100 things on Earth. Find out how a Japanese knotweed destroys everything in its path, and why no two snowflakes are ever the



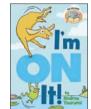
YOUNG TEEN Amber and Clav

By Laura Amy Schlitz

After a curse is put on the ghost of a privileged girl killed by lightning, she comes to the aid of an enslaved boy living in Ancient Greece

Finding Junie Kim By Ellen Oh

Junie is motivated by an act of racism at school to learn about her ancestral heritage and her grandparents' experiences as lost children during the Korean War.



Flood City By Daniel Jose Older

A boy from the Earth's last inhabitable city and a young space soldier questioning his leaders' genocidal orders become unlikely partners in an effort to stop a war and save the planet



Too Bright to See By Kyle Lukoff

Bug is grappling with grief, friendships, and gender identity in the school, and their eerie old house is being



TEEN

Fire Keeper's Daughter

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths.



Game Changer Transported into other

dimensions by a seemingly random hit, a young football player visits alternate worlds that evolved differently in accordance with respective belief systems. Ones We're

Meant to Find

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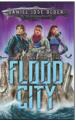


Finding

Junie Kim

and home she once Six Crimson Cranes

After unleashing forbidden magic, being ban-ished by her stepmother and unable to speak or her brothers will die, Shiori'anma must find a way to save them with the help of a paper bird, a mercurial dragon and the very boy she fought so hard not to marry.



summer before middle haunted by a ghost.



HANGE



ADULT FICTION

Bewilderment By Richard Powers

A widowed astrobiologist and single father to a troubled son contemplates an experimental neurofeedback treatment that trains the boy on the recorded patterns of his mother's brain.

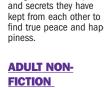


in a failed heist. One Last Stop

By Casey McQuiston Cynical August starts to believe in the impossible when meets Jane on the subway, a mysterious punk rocker she forms a crush on, who is literally displaced in time from the 1970s and is trying

to find her way back





for freedom takes on

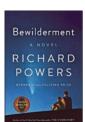
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the ghosts of their past

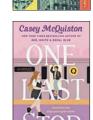


The Secret to Superhuman Strength

A comics and cultural superstar delivers a her fascination, from throughout the years, 60s to the existential spin classes



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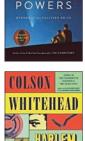
I Hate Running and You

Can Too: How to Get Started, Keep Going, and Make Sense of an

humor, attitude, tips and quotes, this guide to the love-hate relationship most runners have with the sport delivers a powerful message of motivation from a truly relat-

By Alison Bechdel

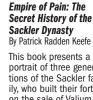
deeply layered story of childhood to adulthood with every fitness craze from Jack LaLanne in the oddness of present-day

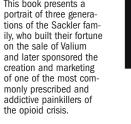


The legendary American musician, singer, song-

The Storvteller: Tales of Life and Music

writer and documentary filmmaker offers a collection of stories, written by his own hand, that focus on the memories of his life, from his childhood to today







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To register, check out www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks



December 2021 Programs and Events 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.



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



BRAND NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM -COMING SOON!

Happy Valley's facility reservation and activity registration process is getting a NEW ONLINE FACELIFT – look out for ACTIVENet!

ĀCTIVENet's online and in-person registration portal will allow community members to conveniently access Happy Valley Parks and Recreation facility rentals, programs, activities, classes, and more from anywhere, anytime. Details and customer account instructions to follow. For more info visit: www. happyvalleyor.gov/parks

SELF-GUIDED ART TOURS

www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks

Experience Art in the Valley! Whether you visit the Park Hop Art Walk, Fairytale Trail, Drive-In Museum, or Civic Exhibit, these self-guided tours will bring a little magic to your day. Scan the QR Code within each self-guided tour for more information about the attractions.





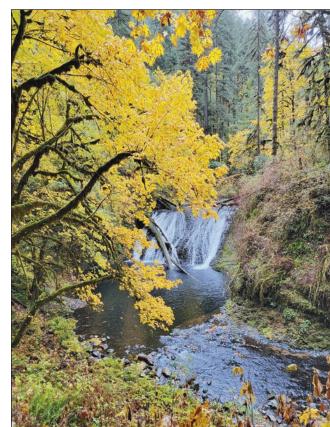


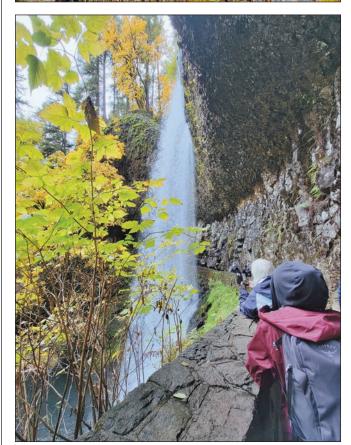


Play Happy – Be Happy! Be sure to check out our upcoming happenings for the season in this month's handy insert!

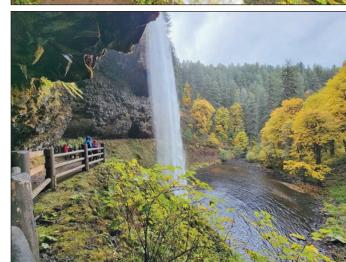
SILVER FALLS HIKE RECAP

This fall, Parks and Recreation was thrilled to take hikers up to Silver Falls State Park. Participants explored gorgeous trails laced with bright fall colors, trekked behind impressive waterfalls and soaked in some history of the State Park, all while getting to know their valley neighbors. Special thanks to our partners at the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation for making this event possible. Join us on our next outdoor adventure! For upcoming trip announcements, follow us here or visit www.happyvalleyor.















HVHikers

GET OUT AND MOVE!! http://www.hvhikers.com/

HV Hikers are back in action! Their goal is to encourage you to experience the beauty of the area, to get a little exercise, and to make new friends. All hikes are free, no RSVP required. If it's on the calendar, they'll be there. Groups walk frequently in the area bordered by Sunnyside (on the south), Valley View Terrace (on the west), Clatsop (on the north) and 172nd (on the east). This is a varied group, and since all are welcome to show up without RSVP, we see new faces all the time. Interested in join a group hike around the valley? Be sure to visit the HV Hikers newly updated webpage for a calendar view of all upcoming group hikes.



10% OFF RENTALS AT NEXT ADVENTURE!

The City of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is excited to partner up with Next Adventure to offer residents 10% off their next rental! Whatever your needs might be as we head into win-

ter, as you plan your next trip up the mountain make sure to scan the QR Code shown here to take 10% off one rental item and secure them for pickup. Discount offer available at the Next Adventure Sandy store location at: 38454 Pioneer Blvd. Sandy, OR 97055. This store is open 7 days a week, Mon-Fri: 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. & Sat-Sun: 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.



VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER & RESOURCES

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Website

Make sure to check out the City of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation's 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.



PREVENT THEFT this holiday season

eing proactive is key to making sure this upcoming holiday season is merry and bright. While Happy Valley is generally a very safe community, it is important to not become complacent. The following are some helpful tips to keep in mind to prevent thieves from ruining your holiday experience.

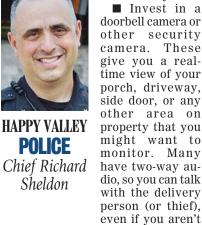
Protecting Your Package Deliveries and Mail

■ 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.

■ 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.



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.

If You Are Traveling

Sheldon

■ 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.

As the pandemic has led to more online shopping, residents are encouraged to be mindful of 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.

mit 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 ■ Set your home alarm, if you have be gone and make sure they have one, and make sure your alarm per-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 re-

■ 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.

■ 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.

If You Are Out for the **Evening**

■ 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 vou 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.

Protect Your Vehicle

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

On personal note, I would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season. From everyone at the Happy **Valley Police Department,** we are honored to serve you and look forward to the year ahead.

- Chief Sheldon, Happy Valley Police

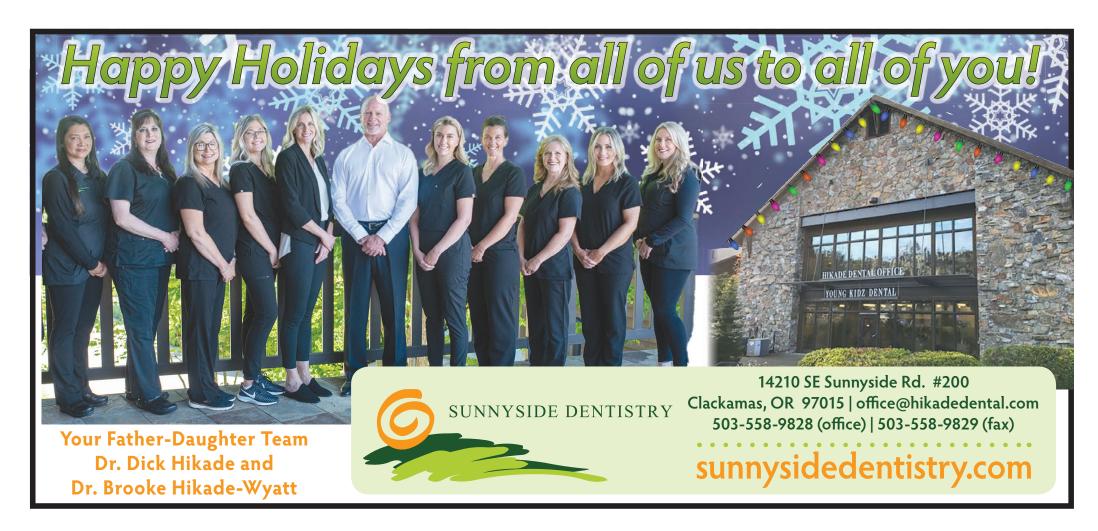
leave it out in the open. Should a thief get a hold of your garage door opener, disable it from the main keypad and follow your unit's steps for reprogramming the system.

■ 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.

After You've Opened the Gifts

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

Of course, even the best safety practices may still lead to an unwanted break in. Be a good neighbor and remain alert as you look out for one another. Getting to know your neighbors is often the best way to help prevent crime 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 nonemergency number at 503-655-8211 to provide information or make a



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DIRECTOR OF Steve Campbell

he Pacific Northwest is no stranger to winter weather. In Happy Valley specifically, we usually get at least a taste of the cold, so it is important 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, medications, 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 snowy road. Practice installing your chains at home where you can troubleshoot any challenges. Then, when road conditions require chains, you'll already know how to use them.

Check your tires. Don't wait



Learn how to chain up in the snow and ice with the local Les Schwab. Register by Dec. 9 to participate in this FREE clinic. Participants can also have their tires assessed for any safety concerns.

CHAINS

Need a chains installation tutorial or perhaps you would like your tires assessed? Join us at Les Schwab Tire Center for the second annual FREE Les Schwab Tire Check and Chain-up Clinic! No purchase required. Bring the chains you already own!

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 11

TIME: 9 a.m.-Noon

Pre-registration by Dec. 9 REQUIRED (please email stephanih@happyvalleyor.gov to register)

*face coverings required



Les Schwab Tire Center 13254 SE 169th Ave.

until it's too late! Experts agree tires 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 poor. the imprint of Abraham Lincoln's

Winter Driving

Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even fourwheel and front-wheel drive ve-



City snowplows get ready for a memorable winter storm in February 2021. Before the ice and snow even set in, the City's Public Works team prepared City streets with anti-icer and coordinated staffing so that roads could be monitored around the clock.

hicles can encounter trouble on the road behind. 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

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

If you must abandon your car during a storm, please pull as far off the road as possible to allow for snowplows and emergency vehicles to pass.

Tree Safety

When heavy snow and ice accumulate on tree limbs, even a slight breeze is enough force to cause them to come crashing down due to the unprecedented amount of weight. It's best to let the precipitation melt on its own and for you and your family to stay away from the area during this process. Once thawed, inspect trees for broken branches that have detached and become

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.

tangled among other branches. If anything is touching or near a powerline, call the PGE Tree Hotline at 1-800-544-1794. Do not attempt to dislodge anything. Instead, wait until someone has inspected the tree and the area surrounding.

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.

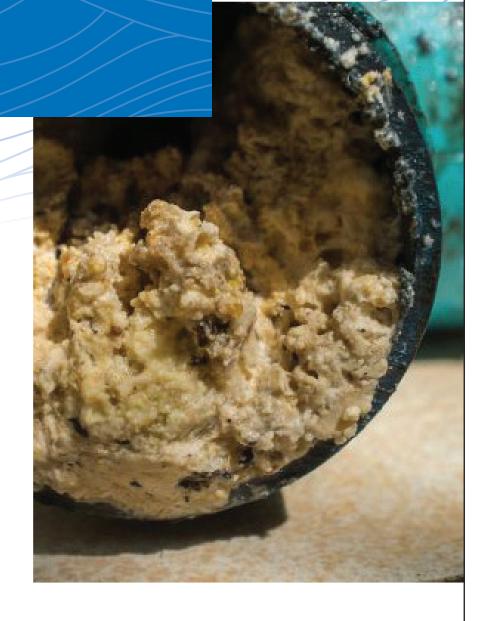
Keep FOG Out of Your Pipes!

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are found in everyday foods and food ingredients such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, milk, gravies, sauces and food scraps. If poured down the sink drain or into your garbage disposal, FOG can build up over time by sticking to the insides of sewer pipes. This could eventually cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or the public wastewater system. You can help prevent sewer backups by following these simple steps:

- Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and toss it into the trash instead of down sink drains.
- Soak up remaining FOG with paper towels and place it in the trash.
- Scrape food scraps into your compost or trash before washing dishes or loading the dishwasher.
- Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

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Happy Valley' Don and Ruth Turner celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

hat's the secret for a lasting marriage? For Don and Ruth Turner, it's teamwork and stubbornness. Those two qualities have afforded the couple a lifetime in love. Last month, they celebrated their 70th anniversary with family and friends.

Though they were born in different places - Ruth in Walla Walla, Washington, and Don in Sydney, Montana — they each moved to Portland as children and attended Parkrose High School. Surprisingly, they didn't meet until Ruth attended the Parkrose Methodist Youth group that Don belonged to.

"Dad is quick to tell the story of how he was instantly smitten when she walked into the meeting with her golden hair and beautifully shy smile; he loves her smile," said Peg Brown, their daughter.



Don graduated from PHS in 1949 and went to Portland State University until he enlisted into the Army two years later. Shortly after completing boot camp at Camp Cooke, California, Don called Ruth and pro-

Ruth said yes and Don hitchhiked back to Portland when he was on leave. The couple were married Nov. 19, 1951, at Parkrose Methodist

where they had met. Don was 20 years old and Ruth 18. After a short honeymoon to Glacier National Park with Don's 8-year-old brother, Norman, in tow, Don left for Korea during the Korean War. The newlyweds wouldn't see each other for nearly two years.

While Don was in the Army, Ruth worked as a secretary. Upon his return, Don worked while he earned



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— Peg Brown, daughter

and mechanical) from Oregon State University

With support from Ruth, Don started a successful company in 1971, Lumber Systems Inc., employing Church, serendipitously, the place two engineering degrees (electrical hundreds in the United States and on Mom's part," Peg laughed.

abroad. Ruth worked at their business in an administrative support role before leaving to raise their three daughters Carol, Peg and Nora.

'Besides the love and devotion for each other, stubbornness would probably be a big factor to their longevity," Peg said. "They have never quit anything in their lives and would certainly never quit each other. They each had their roles in the family but worked to support each other, as evidenced by Ruth who supported Don when he wanted to quit his job to start his own company in 1971.

"She supported him in this dream with one caveat — they must first have six months of expenses saved up before starting. That kind of support and guidance is a huge part of the success Don would have throughout his career," she said.

The couple, who have lived in Happy Valley for 55 years in four different homes, celebrated their anniversary with family, including their daughters and four grandchildren, and friends at the Whiskey Barrel Lounge.

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More than Code Enforcement

Community Service Officers create positive impact

City of Happy Valley

On any given day, Community Service Officers might be addressing construction site concerns, ensuring citizens are following park rules, tending to animal control situations, or responding to general resident inquiries or complaints.

They are also integral members of the City's Emergency Response team, working in partnership Public Works during winter storms, and Happy Valley Police and other first responders in the event of traffic accidents or crime prevention.

When difficult situations arise or differing

viewpoints are evident, they are tasked with communicating tactfully and helping the public understand expectations. This is not alwavs easy, and Community Service Officers often take the brunt of frustrations when an infraction is identified.

Notably, they have also taken on the role of facilitator between property owners, businesses, and populations experiencing houselessness when there is a public health concern. With empathy, Community Services Officers always aim to help citizens make the best of situations and strive to work collaboratively whenever possible to ensure everyone's goals are met.

Ultimately, Community Service Officers work together with community to promote a vibrant, healthy, and beautiful city that everyone can enjoy.

Get to know Happy Valley's Community Service Officers: Each month, learn about one of the four Community Service Officers on staff and how they are impacting Happy Valley's livability.

Fun facts

Comprised of Community Service Officers, the Code Enforcement team is dedicated to enriching the lives of citizens through fair and impartial enforcement of the Happy Valley Municipal Code. While this description gets right to the point, it merely scratches the surface of what this team does. In actuality, the work of Community Service Officers is far more robust than simply upholding City rules and ordinances. These officers play a central role in problem-solving challenges and are often tasked with mediating competing perspectives. Their efforts undeniably improve and help sustain a high quality of life for all City residents, and their efforts play an important part in helping keep Happy Valley a sought-after place to live, work, and play.

Meet Officer Michael Barnes, Jr.

Officer Barnes joined the City of Happy Valley this past summer, after having worked for the last decade at Clackamas County. He initially served as a Juvenile Probation Officer and would later transition to the role of Code Enforcement Officer. When he saw an opportunity to apply for the Community Service Officer position in Happy Valley, he knew it was the

right move. Officer Barnes says that he appreciates the City's dedication to upholding rules and keeping livability a priority. "Happy Valley is a special place," he begins. "It is clean, organized, and family friendly, and that makes it such a desirable place to live and visit."

Officer Barnes is working closely with the City's Administration Team to ensure businesses within City limits are license compliant. His efforts are focused on creating a more streamlined process to confirm information is obtained efficiently and connecting with business owners who have yet to complete the requirements. He is also following up with developers and contractors to make certain construction site rules are followed and that impacts on the community when it comes to building are reasonable.

An Army veteran, Officer Barnes is excited to serve as a Community Service Officer and help support Happy Valley res-



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"I earned my first real estate license in 2004, and over the years, as a real estate professional, I've been helping my clients to buy and sell residential homes, land, and commercial properties," states Olessia.

Olessia also handles entitlements, title insurance, due diligence



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- 2) I believe that careful research about properties reduces risks.
- 3) My goal is to help clients make well informed decisions.

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Olessia adds, "Being by your side while on the house buying or selling journey is the best reward for me as a human and a professional. I love meeting new people, learning from them, and helping them achieve their goals all while making new friends."



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Address 13474 SE Evening Star Ct	Beds Baths 4 2.1	Status ACT	DOM	List Price \$699,900	Sold Price	Sold Date
13462 SE Evening Star Ct	5 3.1	Pending	88	\$779,900		
13576 SE Snowfire Dr	4 2.1	Sold	13	\$625,000	\$625,000	5/21/21
13162 SE Sunsprite Ct	5 3	Sold	3	\$645,000	\$685,000	5/25/21
13515 SE Mountain Gate Rd	4 2.1	Sold	32	\$649,900	\$640,000	8/20/21
13582 SE Snowfire Dr	4 2.1	Sold	7	\$605,000	\$695,000	8/20/21

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