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Voters Reject Annexation Plans, Oust a Backer

Voters in Oregon City rejected three major annexations that together would have added almost 300 acres to the City, providing for new businesses and potentially hundreds of new residents.

They also ousted one City Commissioner, Trent Tidwell, who backed the annexations. Damon Mabee, a second incumbent who supported the annexations, was in a race too close to call.

The two annexation proposals in the Park Place neighborhood involve adjacent properties totaling 175 acres. The third annexation proposal was a second try by the owners of the 120 acre Oregon City Golf Club.

Rocky Smith Jr., a high school teacher, defeated Tidwell and James Nicita, an environmental lawyer who opposed large annexations, defeated incumbent Damon Mabee.

This article originally appeared in the November 5, 2008, Oregonian. It is reprinted here in case you missed it.

"Hamlet of Beavercreek" Sign Update

Last month you will remember the Bulletin had an article about the work being done for the new "Hamlet of Beavercreek" sign. In that article it was mentioned that two gentlemen stopped while the sign was being erected and assisted the men who were involved in the project. At the time the paper went to press the names of those who stopped to help were not available.

I'm now happy to report that the gentlemen who came to the aid of our sign crew were Cesar Kobos and Marvin Skyles of Skyles Drilling. The Bulletin would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for your help on behalf of the community.

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Community Calendar

Beavercreek Committee for Community Planning (BCCP)...

"As needed" basis, Beavercreek Fire Station at 7:30 p.m.

Beavercreek Charitable Trust...

Fourth Monday, BCT Henrici Community Room at 7:00 p.m. **Beavercreek Grange...**

Second Saturday, BeavercreekGrange, potluck at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Beavercreek Lions...

First and Third Saturday, Beavercreek Grange at 7:30 a.m.

Beavercreek Elementary School PTO...

Second Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

Beaver Creek Telephone Directors Meeting...

First Thursday, Henrici Road Offices at 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #139... Mondays, Beavercreek Grange at 7:00 p.m. Website: http://www.troop139.net

Boy Scout Troop #745...

Mondays, Grandview Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Carus Community Planning Org. (CPO)...

Second Thursday, Stone Creek Christian Church, 7:00 p.m. Carus School PTA...

Second Tuesday, School Library at 7:00 p.m.

Clackamas River Water Board Meetings...

Third Thursday, 16770 SE 82nd Dr. at 7:00 p.m.,

Clarkes/Highland Community Planning Org. (CPO)...

First Wednesday of January, February, March, June, September and December, 7:00 p.m. Call Gary Hartt for more information at 503-632-6955.

Clarkes Parent/Teacher Group...

Third Monday, School Library at 6:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Pack #183...

Den Meetings, Second & Fourth Tuesday, Beavercreek Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.

Pack Meeting, Third Tuesday, Beavercreek Grange at 7:00 Cub Scout Pack #197 (Carus School area)...

For information, call 503-632-7358 or 503-632-4382

Equestrian Trails, North Valley Chapter...

First Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. dinner followed by a 7:00 meeting. For information call 503-632-3258

Hamlet of Beavercreek Monthly Community Meetings... Fourth Wednesday, Beavercreek Grange at 7:00 p.m.

Hamlet of Beavercreek Town Hall Meetings (Qrtrly)...

To be announced

Hamlet of Mulino ...

Third Thursday, Mulino Airport, OPA Bldg at 7:15 p.m. For information call 503-632-0202

Oregon City/Beavercreek Mom's Club...

Monthly business meetings. If interested in attending, please contact ocmoms@yahoo.com

Oregon City Commission Meetings...

First & Third Wednesday, City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Oregon City Kiwanis...

Every Friday, Berry Park Retirement Community, 13669 S. Gafney Ln, at 7:00 a.m.

Oregon City School District Board...

2nd Monday, District Board Room at 7:00 p.m.

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Do not put this off till it is too late. Get ready for digital now!

Santa Claus is Coming to Beaver Creek Co-operative Telephone Company

Santa Claus will be at the Henrici Road offices of Beaver Creek Telephone Company (15223 S. Henrici Rd) on Thursday, December 11, 2008, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Church Directory for the Beavercreek, Carus, Clarkes and Oregon City Areas



Beavercreek Baptist Church

15660 S. Leland Rd. 503-632-7505

E-Mail: bchurch@bctonline.com

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. (Youth Only 10:45)

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Youth: Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study: Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast: 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Beavercreek Community Christian Church

Services held at the Beavercreek Grange 503-266-1965 or 503-320-3882

Breakfast: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Beavercreek United Church of Christ "The Ten O'Clock Church"

23345 S. Beavercreek Rd. 503-632-4553

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Youth Fellowship: Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

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The Church of **Jesus Christ** of Latter-day Saints Henrici Rd between S. Beavercreek Rd and Hwy 213 503-656-3192 Bishop Karl Brady

Sunday Meetings: Start at 9:00 a.m.

Women's Enrichment: 3rd Tuesday's, 6:30 p.m. Youth Activity Night (12-18 yrs): Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Bryn Seion Welsh Church

22132 S. Kamrath Rd. 503-630-5317

Sunday Worship: the 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
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Potluck following the service

Carus Community United Methodist Church

22765 S. Hwy 213 503-632-4186

Sunday Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School (Sept. - June): 9:30 a.m.

Clarkes United Methodist Church

18773 S. Windy City Rd. 503-632-7778

Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Women: 2nd Wed., 9:30 a.m.

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Church Directory for the Beavercreek, Carus, Clarkes and Oregon City Areas continued



Grand View Baptist Church

(Corner of Hwy 213 & Leland Rd.) 503-632-8100

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. Main Service: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

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Lower Highland Bible Church

24353 S. Ridge Rd. 503-632-4741

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Mid-Week Worship: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Men's Group: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Oregon Trail Free Will Baptist Church

14595 S. Henrici Rd. 503-557-8559

Sunday School for all ages: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:55 a.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. Sunday Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

AWANA Childrens Program: Thursdays, 6:15 p.m.

Prince of Life Lutheran Church 13896 S. Meyers Rd. Oregon City, OR 97045 503-657-3100

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Learning: 9:15 a.m.

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

417 Washington St., Oregon City 503-742-8200 www.stjohn-oc.org

Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: During Services

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

822 Washington St. 503-656-9842

Sunday Worship: 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Worship: 7:00 p.m. **AA Meetings:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

UCC Food Pantry Community Help Line

503-724-1095

Stone Creek Christian Church

21949 S. Molalla Ave. 503-632-4218

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, Traditional: 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Contemporary: 10:30 a.m.

"Ministries to all ages" New Preacher, effective March 08

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

16000 S. Henrici Rd. 503-632-5554

Sunday Services: 8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Education Hour: 9:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning Adult Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

Whitewater Sundays: 6:30 p.m.

Preschool thru 3rd grade: Begins September 3

Children's Choir: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Chimetone Choir: Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

Quilters Guild: Mon 9:30 a.m. Life With God: Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.

Youth: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

So, bring the kids and have their picture taken with

Santa!



Obituaries



Provided as a community service by the Beavercreek Bulletin as information available

GREGORY CARL GOSS

A gathering was held at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 9, 2008, in the Starbucks at the Oregon City Shopping Center for Gregory Carl Goss, who died October 25, 2008, at age 57.

Community Reader Board Info Rates

\$1.00/day

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Gregory Carl Goss was born March 5, 1951, in San Diego. He was a bus driver for a rehabilitation care center. He moved to Mulino in 1988, the year he married Terri G. Walker.

Survivors include his wife; and sisters, Liz Gaolletti and Sherry Austin.

Remembrances to charity. Arrangements by Molalla Funeral Chapel. *Originally appeared in the November 3, 2008. Oregonian.*

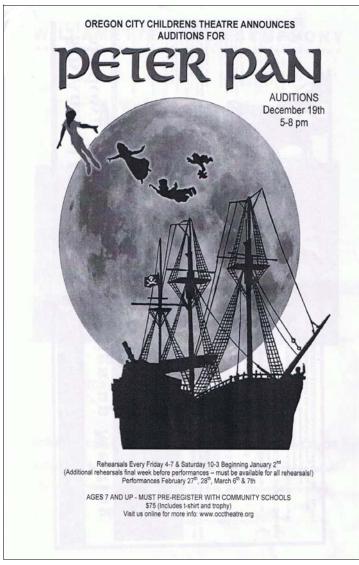
Letters to the Editor

Correction

Your article on the "New County Peg Fee" in the October 2008 Beavercreek Bulletin was inaccurate. We have asked that Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone submit

in customer bills the following that more accurately reflects the PEG fee:

Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone has agreed to pay Clackamas County a PEG (public, educational and government) fee of \$.50 per month per subscriber of BCT's cable television service in unincorporated Clackamas County beginning in May 2008. This fee supports facilities and equipment for valuable and award-winning access programming that centers on education, issues and interests within the County. As permitted by Federal law, BCT has chosen to collect this fee from customers as a separate line item on customers' bills. On your October 1st bill, you had a one-time charge of \$3.00 as a retroactive collection of this fee to May 1, 2008. Starting November 1st, your bill will have a monthly charge of \$.50.



If you have any questions, please call our Customer Service Office at 503.632.3113.

The fee funds public, educational and government programming that cable subscribers contribute to throughout the County.

It would be appreciated if you would amend your article to reflect the facts.

Debbie McCoy, Manager

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You can place an ad in the Bulletin for \$1.50/ issue. Call Sharon at 503-632-6525 and leave a message or E-mail her at b bulletin.info@beavercreekbulletin.org

Clackamas County Cable Communications 2051 Kaen Road Oregon City, OR 97045

phone: 503-742-5902

Below is the original article that Ms. McCoy is referencing. It is included for your information. The Editor

New County Peg Fee

As of October 1, 2008, Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone cable subscribers outside of the City of Oregon City limits will be charged a mandatory County PEG (Public, Education and Government) fee of \$.50 per month. Clackamas County residents, including those residing within the City of Oregon City limits have already been required to pay this fee. This County PEG fee goes toward providing programming for government agencies that air on Clackamas County Channel 98. BCT only collects the fee and then passes it on to Clackamas County.

The County Peg fee will be retroactive to May 1, 2008, due to contract specifications with the County. BCT Cable subscribers will have a one time charge of \$3.00 on their October 1, 2008, bill. Beginning in November, the bill will reflect the standard \$.50 County Peg fee charge. BCT apologizes for any inconvenience, please call customer service at 503-632-3113 with any further questions.

Members within the County and outside the City of Oregon City may contact your Local Franchise Authority for Cable TV: Clackamas County, 2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City, OR 97045. The phone number is 503-742-5903 or go to www.co.clackamas.or.us.

Employers Must Still Pay Withholding Tax in Spite of Economic Woes

Even though current economic conditions may pose new challenges to businesses, the Department of Revenue reminds employers: Don't be tempted to change your payroll practices.

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Under Oregon law business owners can be held personally responsible for paying withholding tax, regardless of the type of business ownership. If your business receives a withholding past-due notice from the department, call the number on it immediately.

"We're here to help employers meet their tax obligations during these difficult times," said Larry Warren, Business Collection Services manager.

If your business hasn't made a required withholding deposit during the current quarter, call 503-945-8091.

For more information, visit www.oregon.gov/DOR/BUS/ and click "Payroll Tax Basics."

State Land Auction Scheduled

Department of State Lands to offer 17 parcels in northeast Oregon

La Grande - Tracts of rangeland and timberland, ranging from one to 160 acres in Baker, Union, Umatilla and Wallowa counties, will be sold by public auction on March 26, 2009. The oral auction starts at 10:00 a.m. at the Blue Mountain Conference Center in La Grande, Oregon.

"The department's Asset Management Plan directs us to dispose of lands that are not actively managed, and to reinvest sale proceeds in other real estate activities," said John Lilly, asset manager for the Department of State Lands (DSL). "The relatively isolated location of these 17 parcels makes them candidates for other agencies or property owners to manage more effectively," he said.

All DSL land assets are part of the agency's real estate portfolio managed to generate revenue for Oregon's Com-

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mon School Fund, a trust fund established at statehood to benefit schools. Twice a year, the Department of Education distributes earnings from the fund to the state's 198 K-12 public school districts; in 2008, distributions

totaled \$55.4 million.

"Our goal over the next five-plus years is to consolidate our land holdings and make strategic real estate investments to increase the Common School Fund," said Lilly. "We have a responsibility to the more than half a million school-aged children in this state and to future generations of Oregon schoolchildren to do all we can to ensure the fund is healthy and growing."

More information, including detailed descriptions of the parcels and the auction process, is available on the DSL Web site: www.oregonstatelands.us, or by calling the DSL Salem office: 503-986-5200.

The State Land Board consists of Governor Theodore Kulongoski, Secretary of State Bill Bradbury and State Treasurer Randall Edwards.

Clackamas Community College December Calendar of Events

December 1 - Auditions for Winter Term Mainstage Production

Auditions for the CCC Theatre Arts Department's winter term Mainstage production will be held Monday, Dec.

1, at 3:00 p.m. in the Niemeyer Center's Osterman Theatre. Please call 503-657-6958, ext. 2356 for information.

December 2-3 - Craft Fair

The annual CCC craft fair will take place from 10:00 a. m. - 2:00 p.m. both days in the Community Center. This event is open to the public and is sponsored by CCC's Student Leadership.

December 2-4 - Student Performance Showcase: One-Act Plays, Stand-up Comedy and Comedy Improv Issues of the

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Enjoy student performances December 2, 3 and 4 from noon – 1:00 p.m., and December 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Niemeyer Center's Osterman Theater. Please call 503-657-6958, ext. 2356 for information.

December 6 - Herb Gifts/Holiday Decorating

Create herb gifts and holiday arrangements in this four-hour workshop led by CCC horticulture instructors. The class runs from 8:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. in Clairmont, room 117. The cost of the workshop is \$45. For registration information, call 503-657-6958, ext. 2246.

December 3 & 10 - Chrysalis: Women Writers

Local author Pat Lichen guides women writers of all levels through discussions of their work. Chrysalis meets from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Literary Arts Center, room 220 in Rook Hall. For information, call 503-657-6958, ext. 2220.

December 25-26 - Winter Holiday

Clackamas Community College is closed for the winter holiday.



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CCC Offers Lots of Study Abroad Options

Clackamas Community College offers a variety of study abroad options for students of all ages. Spend a term in Italy or France or immerse yourself in Spanish in Spain or Mexico. Study abroad programs through CCC include:

A Two-week Spanish program in Guanajuato, Mexico; July 12 through 26, 2009.

A Four-week Spanish and biology program in Costa Rica; June 27 through July 26, 2009.

An Intensive Spanish course at International House in Barcelona, Spain; June 14 through July 4, 2009.

A Home stay program in Stadthagen; Germany, June 16 though July 8, 2009.

A Spring term in Paris, France; 10-week program; March 26 through June 6, 2009.

A Fall term in Florence, Italy, 10-week program; March 27 through Dec. 12, 2009.

A Tour of Italy; March 20-29, 2009.

For information on these programs, contact Irma Cristina Bjerre, Spanish instructor, 503-657-6958, ext. 2381.

Just the Facts Please About Annexation

This is a reprint of a article submitted to the Oregon City News by Christine Kosinski a resident of the Hamlet of Beavercreek. I'm including it in this edition since the election results for these annexations are also in this edition. Most Beavercreek residents probably do not see the Oregon City News (I know I don't). The Editor

Articles appearing recently in the newspaper speak about growth and three "very large" annexations on the November ballot in Oregon City. However, the Flip Side of annexation was not reported. How does annexation effect the citizens and taxpayers of Oregon City? They have a right

to know how growth and annexation will effect their property taxes, their community and their daily lives. Voters have the right to know all the facts prior to casting their votes.

The Park Place Plan will add about 1459 new homes with

the Beavercreek Road Plan adding approximately 1300 more homes. These high density developments could add up to a whopping 49,000 new vehicle trips per day down our small 2-lane country roads causing increased gridlock on roads which already are at capacity. Neither the City nor the County has money to build the new roads necessary to carry this huge amount of increased traffic.

The Proposed "Rivers Shopping Center" will generate a huge amount of traffic and yet Redland Road, Holcomb Blvd and Holly Lane will take the brunt of this added traffic load. No new roads in this area are being proposed to help with the heavy influx of traffic.

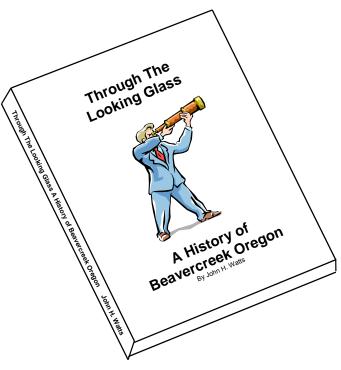
Homeowners on Holly Lane, representing more than 400 citizens, families and children, submitted over 112 signatures and 44 letters on a Petition to Oregon City and to Clackamas County stating the proposed increases in traffic from both the Park Place Plan and the Beavercreek

Road Plan will result in serious safety threats to their families and children and will truly devastate the livability of their neighborhood.

Oregon City plans NO improvements to Holly Lane, except at the junction with Redland Road, where lanes will be widened and a traffic signal will be placed.

These citizens cannot participate in the voting process for annexation of these lands since they are not within the City limits, but yet they will bear the heaviest impacts from both the Park Place and Beavercreek Road Plans. The concerns from the citizens of Holly Lane have been highly ignored.

The Oregon City Schools are greatly overcrowded. Many class sizes within the School District have more than 35 students to a class. Out of 198 school districts, Oregon City has the 9th largest class sizes in the State! (ODE 05-06), and yet NO NEW SCHOOLS are planned, rather, only Higher Class Sizes. The School District just cut \$2 Million dollars from their budget. Please, we must do more to support our schools. The future of our children depends on how you



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Vote

The City is unable to provide Police Services to these new homes (Chief Huiras, City Commission meeting 11-7-07) without the developer volunteering to pay an additional

\$3400 per new home. This places Public Safety for the citizens of Oregon City in jeopardy. Voters must ask themselves, should we be developing if we cannot provide police services to the residents of the City?

When you consider the above facts, along with recent economic conditions, can Oregon City really afford to annex more land at this time?

Oregon City Planning Commission



Meetings
Aired
on Channel 14

2nd and 4th Thursdays Beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Oregon City recently imposed a "Road Fee" because there is not enough money to maintain City streets at a Minimal standard. There is no money to pay for added Infrastructure Costs such as Water, Storm Water, Schools, Police or Roads.

Increases in fees for Sewer and Storm Water are coming in the near future, as well as a Measure to create a new Taxing District for Libraries. Your fees for garbage have increased and soon you will see increases on your Property Tax bill as a result of the fire annexation.

Your Taxes are going UP, UP at the same time when your earnings and investments are going DOWN. Can the tax-payers of Oregon City continue to subsidize development that is not "paying it's way"?

Several studies have indicated the large amounts of money needed to fund Infrastructure for new development. These costs can range upwards to more than \$50,000 per new home (Kitzhaber study, 1999). While development charges and higher property taxes do defray some of these costs, much of these are yet borne on the taxpayer's shoulders. Therefore, Taxpayer's must ask themselves just how much growth they are willing to subsidize. Can they afford only to subsidize 100 homes or are they willing to subsidize many homes costing into the MILLIONS of dollars! Growth is inevitable and good for the community, but the Taxpayers must decide whether they can support high growth or growth taken in smaller steps.

Isn't it time to consider "Smart Growth" at a measured pace, where costs for Roads, Schools, Police and Fire are paid for CONCURRENTLY with development?

Voters must weigh all factors about Annexation and then consult their pocketbooks. They must ask...How much development can I afford to subsidize understanding that it is the Taxpayer who bears the heaviest load.

Christine Kosinski

Oregon City Smart Growth

Committee for Citizen Involvement Met Nov 18

The Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) of Clackamas County met Tuesday, November 18, 2008, from 7:00 pm. to 9:00 p.m. in the Public Services Building, 2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City, room 497.

The proposed agenda included a report from Clackamas County Planning Division, a report on the Hamlets and Villages program, recap of the October 30 CPO Leaders Meeting, and an update on Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI).

More information about the meeting can be found on the county website at www.clackamas.us/citizenin/

The Committee for Citizen Involvement is a processoriented committee that provides resources and opportunities for citizens to participate effectively in Clackamas County's land use planning and decision making process.

The committee meets the third Tuesday of every the month. For more information contact Barbara Smolak, Citizen Involvement at 503-655-8552 or barbarasmo@co. clackamas.or.us.

Holiday Craft Fair To Be Held Dec. 2-3

Are you looking for the perfect holiday gift? Get a jumpstart on your shopping at the annual Holiday Craft Fair at Clackamas Community College.

The fair is open to the public and is on Tuesday, Dec. 2, and Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Community Center.



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Vendors will offer a variety of crafts, such as wood carvings, ornaments and handmade jewelry. The CCC Horticulture Club will sell plants. This fair also features a gingerbread building contest.

What Does Feeding the Hungry Have To Do With Medicare?

In partnership with the State of Oregon's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program, the Oregon Food Bank will help inform more than 10,000 individuals and families that Medicare can help with prescription drug costs. The Oregon Food Bank has volunteered to distribute flyers in emergency food boxes through its statewide network of more than 900 hunger-relief agencies.

"Health-care costs are a key reason why many Oregonians sometimes need emergency food assistance. Hunger is an income issue," said Jon Stubenvoll, director of advocacy for Oregon Food Bank. "Providing help with Medicare Part D is a great service to help folks get health-care benefits and have money left to feed their families."

People under age 65 with certain disabilities and People of all ages with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or a kidney transplant).

SHIBA Manager Lisa Emerson states, "It's great to know that Medicare Part D Extra-Help cost savings information will be reaching the audience we serve—seniors and people with disabilities who have Medicare, with limited incomes, and their caregivers who assist them."

For more information or assistance, call SHIBA's Hotline



Oregon SHIBA is a volunteer network providing people with Medicare free, unbiased help. It also provides anyone interested in Medicare (a persons loved ones, friends, or caretakers) with that same free information.

People with limited income and resources may have a hard time paying for their medicines, but help is available. Medicare pays 75 percent or more of prescription drug costs for people with limited incomes and resources all across Oregon.

Many people qualify for extra help, although they don't know it. SHIBA wants people with Medicare to know that if they qualify, Medicare can help pay their drug costs, like monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription copayments.

Medicare is health insurance for: People age 65 or older at 1-800-722-4134.

The need for volunteers in the SHIBA program is great. To find out what it takes to be a SHIBA volunteer call the SHIBA Hotline, visit us on the Web at www.oregonshiba. org.

Oregon Military Museum Scheduled for Temporary Closure

The Oregon Military Museum is scheduled to temporarily close and begin its transition to a new facility on the Oregon National Guard's Camp Withycombe, November 16, 2008.

Museum services and activities will be suspended until the grand re-opening. These include public visits, group tours, access to library, archives and collections for research purposes, off-site community displays of artifacts and vehicles, and artifact and library book donation offers.

The museum must relocate from four of its buildings by June 1, 2009, to make room for the 41st Infantry Division Armed Forces Reserve Center that will serve 1,300 soldiers.

Museum artifacts will be housed in the existing Clackamas Armory. The re-opening will be announced at a later date.

"Change is always hard," said Tracy Thoennes, museum director. "But this is an amazing growth opportunity for this quiet little museum. This move will allow us to better serve our audiences, preserve our military history, and to tell meaningful and relevant stories of how military history and the National Guard impact Oregonians."

"The new location will require reconfiguration to meet the needs of the museum's exhibition, education, administrative, collections, and research functions. The increased space and better facilities will provide long-term benefits to the museum and its audiences", said Thoennes.

Museum master planning is underway to estimate the costs of this remodeling, and to develop a capital campaign to fund the needed improvements.

The Oregon Military Museum has been at its current location since it was established by the Oregon Military Department in 1975 as the state's official military history repository.

The museum's mission is to tell the story of Oregon's military heritage, focusing on the early militia through today's Oregon National Guard, to collect and ensure access to historical artifacts and archives, to preserve the items entrusted to the Museum's care, and to educate and inspire visitors through exhibits, living history and interpretive programs.

The Museum's artifact collection has more than 13,000 objects, 25,000 library volumes, and 750 cubic feet of archives, valued at about \$6 million. It is part of the U.S. Army Museum System and the National Guard Museum System. Contact Info: Captain Stephen Bomar, Deputy Public Affairs Office, Oregon Military Department, 503-584-3885.

Local Christmas Tree Farm Hosting a "Trees for Troops" Weekend

A local Christmas Tree farm is doing much more that providing fresh, fragrant Christmas Trees for your holiday enjoyment this year. Stardig Christmas Tree Farm is part of the national effort called "Trees for Troops" which will provide more than 15,000 Real Christmas Trees to military families across the United States and overseas.

Since 2005, Christmas tree farmers and retailers have donated their own trees for the "Trees for Troops" program. The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation, the non-profit that implements "Trees for Troops", received many requests from the public on how they could help. This year, consumers will have an opportunity to purchase a tree at Stardig Christmas Tree Farm that will be delivered to a military family in the United States. To purchase a tree for the troops come Friday December 5th - 7th 2008. There is the ability to order a tree over phone as well.

"We are very excited to be a part of this program," said Bill and Becky Stardig, owners of the Stardig Christmas Tree Farm. "For every tree that a consumer purchases, we will contribute \$5.00 per tree to the SPIRIT Foundation, which implements the "Trees for Troops" program and other programs for kids, families and the environment.

"Trees for Troops" began in 2005 when FedEx, who donates the shipping of the trees, and Christmas SPIRIT Foundation provided 4,300 real Christmas trees to military families at five bases in the U.S. and overseas. In 2006, the program almost tripled when FedEx and the Christmas SPIRIT Foundation delivered nearly 12,000 trees to military families at 25 bases in 17 countries.

"This is a great way for consumers to become directly



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December Band List

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Dec 12 - 13: Dixiewrecked (Rock)

Dec 19 - 20: Moonliters (Variety)

Dec 26 - 27: Second Hand Buzz (Rock)

Dec 31: (Wed) Undercover (Variety)

Jan 2 - 3: Undercover (Variety)





involved with the Trees for Troops program and allow more military families to receive a tree this holiday season," said the Stardig's. "Providing memories at this time of year is extremely important, especially to the families with loved ones

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Stardig Christmas Tree Farm has been open for fifteen years and is located at: 16665 S Spangler Rd, Beavercreek, OR. 97004.

Holiday hours begin November 28th and run through December 22nd. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday they are open noon - dark. Friday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. - dark. Closed on Tuesdays.

Oregonians Encouraged To Check Smoke Alarms

Oregon State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr urges residents to check their smoke alarms when changing their clock from Daylight Savings Time to Standard Time Sunday, November 2nd.

Oregon smoke alarm laws are different than most other states. Since 1999, Oregon law requires all ionization-only smoke alarms sold in the state to have a hush feature; and if an ionization-only smoke alarm is also solely battery operated, it must also come with a 10-year lithium battery.

"Oregonians should first test their smoke alarm battery before automatically replacing it," says State Fire Marshal Nancy Orr. "Long-life lithium batteries are designed to last up to 10 years. If your alarm has one of these batteries, you may not need to replace it every time you change your clock, and that's why we encourage you to test your alarm first.

Orr reminds everyone to test and vacuum their alarms

monthly to keep them in good working order.

Working smoke alarms provide an early warning to a fire, allowing you vital minutes to escape and increasing your chances of surviving a fire. Additional safety tips:

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area.

Replace smoke alarms 10 years old or older.

Hard-wired alarms should have battery back-ups.

Never disconnect or remove batteries from smoke alarms for other uses.

Make a home escape plan and practice it.

For more smoke alarm and fire safety information, contact your local fire department or visit http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/SFM/.

Trinity Lutheran Church Holiday Services to be Held

Trinity Lutheran Church will be holding the following services during the holidays this year:

Advent services: December 3, 10, 17 at 6:00 p.m..

Christmas Eve services: December 24th at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. (Candlelight).

Christmas Day service at 10:30 a.m.

OMSI After Dark Extended hours!

On December 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. shoot off water rockets, concoct chemical creations, and explore the wonders of OMSI with no kids in sight!

Enjoy a glass of wine while learning about robots, tornados, or fossils. Have a pint of local beer while probing the puzzles of OMSI's newest exhibit, Mindbender Mansion. Talk to a distiller about the science behind brandy, or taste how an extra 10% cacao can make a difference in chocolate. All that and more with OMSI After Dark, a night at the museum for the 21 and over crowd filled with food, drink, and science fun!

Admission is free for members and \$10 for non-members.

Senior Science Days - December 8 date cancelled (Program will continue in February)

Exercise the imagination at OMSI during seniors-only days. Stroll through the latest exhibit, take-in a lab demo,

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see an OMNIMAX film, or talk with experts about science and technology issues that affect our everyday lives. A special lunch menu will be available in the Market Café.

Alumni Art Show Opens in Alexander Gallery

Works from alumni of the Clackamas Community College art program will be on display in the college's Alexander Gallery from Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Jan. 23, 2009. An opening reception for the artists will be held on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Featured artists are Mary Alexander, for whom the gallery is named; Diane Gauthier, who now teaches art at West Linn High School; Renee Boeckman, a college employee; and Nic Delgado, Ben Dye, Rockwell B. Near, Dana Parker and Nondis Taylor. The works include steel sculpture, acrylic and oil paintings and mixed media.

The Alexander Gallery is supported by the Alexander Endowment, the Clackamas Community College Foundation, the Margaret Thiele Petti Endowment for Art Excellence and the Regional Arts and Culture Council. The Alexander Gallery is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during special events in the Niemeyer Center.

Beaver Creek Telephone Participates in Annual Holiday Events

Starting November, 24th and continuing through December 22nd, BCT will be collecting new toys (value of \$5 or more) or 3 cans of food for the Beavercreek Lions Annual Food & Toy Drive. Customers who donate will be entered to win one of five Blazer tickets to be given away for the 2008 season.

BCT is also a pick-up and drop-off location for Fill-A-Stocking, Fill-A-Heart. Stop in today, to pick up a stocking

and fill for the less fortunate. All stockings should be returned by December 10th.

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Fire District to Aid in Feeding the Hungry

Clackamas Fire District #1 will once again be "Feeding the Hungry" on Sunday, December 14, 2008, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at St. Johns Episcopal Church in downtown Milwaukie.

Travel Reimbursement Increases for Eligible Veterans

An increase in mileage reimbursement has been announced by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The mileage reimbursement is for certain veterans who travel to VA medical facilities.



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Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake announced that mileage reimbursement rate was raised from 28.5 cents per mile to 41.5 cents per mile for all eligible veterans. Increases were made available immediately after the November 17 announcement. Dr. Peake said, "We are pleased to be able to provide them with the increase needed and we will continue to work with our veterans to ensure they receive the quality care they need."

Director Jim Willis of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) applauded the benefit increase. "This benefit continues to assist veterans who travel to VA medical facilities in the State of Oregon. Making the lives of veterans better every day is not only the right thing to do, it is the duty of a grateful nation," Willis said.

The increase represents the second mileage reimbursement increase in 30 years. "We owe it to our veterans to give them the best care possible," said Peake. "The increase will once again provide assistance to our veterans, especially in these difficult economic times, to help offset gasoline costs and to assist veterans with access to the VA's world-class health system." The mileage reimbursement rate has increased twice during Dr. Peake's command.

Beginning in January, deductibles will decrease to \$3 for a one-way trip, \$6 for a round trip, with a maximum of \$16 per calendar month. Until then, the current deductible amounts applied to certain mileage reimbursements will remain frozen at \$7.77 for a one-way trip, \$15.54 for a round trip, and capped at a maximum of \$46.62 per calendar month. Deductibles can be waived if they cause a financial hardship to the veteran.

Veterans wounded or disabled in service to their country are able to claim this benefit when traveling in relation to a Compensation and Pension (C&P) Examination. Five years of free VA Health Care is available to returning combat veterans.

Veterans, spouses, and dependents needing assistance with veteran benefits should contact their local County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) or ODVA. Service Officers can be located online at www.oregon.gov/ODVA/

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Holiday Trees and Treats at Ten O' Clock Church!

WHERE? Ten o' Clock Church, 23345 S. Beavercreek Road, Beavercreek

WHEN? Saturday, December 13 - 10:00 a.m. to Dusk and Sunday, December 14 - 12 Noon to Dusk.

It's hard to believe the holiday season is almost here! Mmmmm! Can't you just imagine the fragrance of that fresh cut tree and cookies baking???? Well folks, get set for some fun!

The Beavercreek United Church of Christ is sponsoring a Christmas Tree and Holiday Bake Sale. Beautiful, freshly cut trees from a local tree farm will be available for purchase. Loads of delectable baked goods, made by our world famous Ten o' Clock Church Bakers, will also be ready to take

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home and enjoy! Hot cocoa, coffee and cider will be on the stove as well, to warm tummies!

Come with your canned food donations for the food pantry and join in the fun! Get in the Holiday Spirit while you help support important outreach projects, like church food pantry and our youth mission work!

Got Any Ideas for Articles?

Feel Free to E-Mail or call the paper with your suggestions! 503-632-6525 or b_bulletin.info@beavercreekbulletin.org

Craft Bazaar Raises Money for Local Charities

Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone has raised \$1,527.64 for two local non-profits... Oregon City Pioneer Center's Meals on Wheels program and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. These funds were raised from vendor fees and food sold at BCT'S Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 8th, 2008.

The craft bazaar was held at the Beavercreek Elementary School where shoppers enjoyed over 60 vendors showcasing many great gifts.

This is an event that the community and BCT employee's

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will look forward to in years to come. The holiday craft bazaar was a success in bringing the community together and raising funds for local non-profit organizations.

Oregon City School District Seeks Volunteers for Budget Committee Vacancies

The Oregon City School District seeks volunteers to fill two openings on its Budget Committee. Appointed members serve three-year terms.

Anyone wishing to be considered for a budget committee vacancy may request an application form from the Business Manager, Wes Rogers, Oregon City School District Administration Office, 1417 Twelfth Street, Oregon City, OR 97045 at 503-785-8000.

The Budget Committee consists of seven members appointed by the School Board plus the seven elected members of the Board. Meetings are held in the evening. There will be approximately 13 meetings (December - June), but the number and length of these meetings will vary. To be eligible for appointment, applicants must: (1) live in this District; (2) be a registered voter, and (3) not be an officer or employee of this District.

The completed application, with any supporting materials, should be submitted to the Business Manager by Monday, January 5, 2009.

The Board will make the appointment(s) at the regular January 12, 2009 board meeting.

Business Related Personal Property May be Taxed

The Oregon Department of Revenue reminds business owners that personal property used in their businesses may be subject to property taxation.

Oregon law requires that all business owners—even owners of home-based businesses—file a return with their county assessor. The return must show all business-related personal property, along with equipment purchases, and lease dates and lease amounts.

County assessors mail personal property return forms to business owners each December. Returns for this year are due to the assessor by March 2, 2009. Personal prop-

Oregon City Commission Meetings



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erty is included as part of the business owner's property tax statement. The tax for this year is due November 16, 2009.

Personal property may include office furniture, personal computers, easily moved machinery, and even off-road vehicles and display cases if they are used in the business. It also includes leased equipment such as copiers and power washers.

The county assessor calculates the tax due each year based on the business owner's personal property return. The assessor may cancel the tax if total personal property is valued under \$14,500.

"Even if a business owner's personal property value falls below \$14,500, they are still required to file a return," said Syndi Gates, a department tax analyst.

Gates said that an assessor will calculate the tax on that property for up to the previous five years if a business has not reported personal property. The assessor will also include penalty and interest.

Business owners must file a return each year even if:

- they didn't receive a tax return form from the county in which their property is located;
- the tax was cancelled in prior years;

the business owner sold or closed the business during the year; or

• the business owner sold or disposed of the personal property.

"If a business owner files late," Gates said, "there is a penalty that varies from 5 percent to 50 percent of the taxes due, depending how late the return is filed."

For more information, including forms and a complete list of items considered taxable personal property, visit http:// www.oregon.gov/DOR/PTD/ValFact.shtml.

You may also contact your County assessor's office or call the Oregon Department of Revenue, 503-378-4988 (Salem



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Carus Elementary School News

Upcoming Events

Dec 1 - Grade Day, No School

Dec 3 - Poinsettia Plant Orders Delivered

Dec 4 - Honor Roll Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Carnival Results

Carus staff would like to thank the following vendors for their generous Bingo prize donations for the Fall Carnival.

Bullwinkles in Wilsonville, donated one large pizza and

a free round of miniature golf

Izzy's Pizza in Oregon City, donated 2 buffet dinners

Enchanted Forest, 2 free passes

Canby Pool, 10 adult and 10 child passes

Bi-Mart, \$20 gift card

City Liquidators, Bean Bag chair, Game chair, Massaging Bed Rest, Wheelbarrow, Large gold framed mirror,

Plant pedestal, Gumball machine



Lost

"Belle" is a spayed female Great Pyrenees, 11 years old.

She was last seen her home Steiner Road in Bea-

She has arthritis and needs pain medication. Belle provides loving support for her mom, who has Stage IV cancer. Her mom is heartbroken.

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Dairy Queen, a DQ cake

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Congratulations to the following winners of the Raffle Gift Baskets:

Family Fun Night Basket: Allison Bassett

Chocolate Basket: Oscar Ramos Beach Theme: Laurie Pearson Pie in the Sky: Amie Emry Sweet Tooth: Bryan Mendoza Summer Fun: Rebecca Boyle

U of O: Julie Bullock Games: Jason Thompson Gift Cards: Jenny Hunt OSU: Aaron Hunt Coffee: Russ Reed

Fishing: Wyatt Brawner Worm Basket: Mickey Finch Movie Night: Curt Wright Kitchen: Jesus Chaparro Desserts: Kristin Johnston

Autographed Portland Trailblazer basketball: Dan Johns-

ton

Free Movie Night

Friday, November 21st at 6:30 pm in the Carus Cafeteria the Carus PTA presented a free movie night featuring the new blockbuster hit "Kung Fu Panda". The movie was shown in the Carus Cafeteria.

The Sixth grade class sold concessions to help fundraise for their Outdoor School activity.

The PTA will also accepted donations of canned food to support the high school's annual drive for the Canby Kiwanis.

Testing at Carus

Students in grades 3 through 6 have begun to take the State assessment tests. Students will have three opportunities throughout the year to take this test. After each opportunity we will analyze the data and see where the strengths and challenges of our students are. This information will then be used to make instructional decisions for our students. The results are sent to us from the State and take a few weeks to get to us once the testing is completed. The students who have tested so far are doing an excellent job.



The Beavercreek United Church of Christ "The Ten O'Clock Church" FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry at the Beavercreek United Church of Christ, aka, Ten O'Clock Church, is open to those in need. If you find yourself in need of help, please call the pager number below and leave your phone number. Someone will return your call.

This food pantry is open to all who are in need in our community.

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Clarkes School News

Important Dates in November & December

Dec 5 - LATE START

Dec 11 - MRSD Board Meeting

Dec 12 - LATE START

Dec 19 - NOT A LATE START. Half day for all students

Dec 22-Jan 2 - Christmas Break

Jan 5 - No School~Teacher Workday

Jan 6 - STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Safety First

Parents... please, please, please, keep your kids next to you when you are going between the school and parking lot. There have been close calls with both cars and buses.

WOW!!!!!

"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" quilt raffle is over

Our students have raised \$1600.00 for new books in the library. We want to thank everyone who participated in selling and purchasing tickets to support our school. Miss Herr and Mrs. Williams' classes tied for most tickets sold by a class with 65. Jevin McClenney sold the most tickets with 35 sold, and received a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble.



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Quincee Muffett and Janiece Moore each received a \$10 card for their great efforts.

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to Marcy Martin for the time and wonderful effort you gave making the "Very Hungry Caterpillar" quilts. They were just incredible. Without you we would have not been able to raise that kind of money for new books. You are so great!!

Thank you to the following ladies for helping with the bookfair. I could not do it without you all. It was a great one. Karla

Cindy Putnam, Carol Tiano, Gayla Jazdinski, Natalie Bogart, Lauree Nelzen, Kori Bates, Gretchen Bernard, Michelle Urton, Paula Cook, Melissa Kelly, Carrie Mount and Patty Ehleringer. All you ladies ROCK!!!!

Movie Night

On Friday, November 21, 2008, "Kung Fu Panda" was provided by the PTG. This was the last movie night. Due to the cost of the permit, and the limited number of movie nights the school has, it was decided not to renew the permit for next year. The cost was free and concessions were provided to help raise money for the school. Raffle tickets were sold for 50 cents each or three for a dollar. Thank you for your support! PTG

When is Grandparents Day?

Both the district calendar and the lunch calendar state that November 20th is Grandparents Day at Clarkes. This is NOT the case. The other elementary schools in the district have their Grandparents Day in the fall. At Clarkes,

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we like to have Grandparents Day in the spring to coincide with other school activities.

Emergency Closure Reminder!

If weather makes travel hazardous, the Molalla River School District will close all district schools. However, if in the event of localized weather conditions, loss of utilities or other emergency affecting only one school, closures will be announced on an individual basis.

All closure information, whether district-wide or for an individual school, are announced on the School Announcement Network (see radio and television stations listed below).

- AM Radio: KEX 1190, KKPZ 1330, KXL 750, KFXX 1080, KMJK 1290
- FM Radio: KINK 101.9, KKRZ 100.3, KUPL 98.7, KKSN 97.1, KWJJ 99.5
- TV: KGW 8, KOIN 6, KATU 2

If a "late opening" is announced, please continue to listen for an updated report, as worsened conditions could lead to a closure.

All closure information will be announced on local television and radio stations. You may also access and receive e-mail and/or text messages regarding school closure information at www.flashalert.net.

In the event of an early emergency dismissal, the School Announcement Network will be notified. Because many parents may be away from home at these times, the Molalla River School District suggests the following to help ensure your child's safety:

- Establish & discuss with your child the pre-determined location of his/her return (in most cases, this is their usual destination.)
- Instruct your child regarding the exact route he/she would

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- Make prior arrangements with the person who will care for your child during the emergency dismissal.
- Listen for emergency closure information on one of the emergency broadcast network stations.

As you know, early dismissals can occur at any time of year, and are not limited to weather conditions. For example, in the case of an extended power outage, our building has a limited supply of running water for drinking and sanitary usage. As such, it is very important that we are able to contact you during any given day.

As in the past, we have established an emergency calling tree for parents to be notified in case of an early dismissal. Busses are released after contact is made with someone for every student who will be transported. Students for which no contact has been made will be kept at school.

In case of an extended emergency evacuation, we will evacuate to Clarkes United Methodist Church on the corner of Windy City & Gard Road.

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Did You Graduate From OCHS in 1979? or Perhaps 1984?

If you did then you might be interested in the following reunions that will take place in 2009!

Oregon City Class of 1979, 30-Year Reunion

Date: August 14, 2009

Location: McMenamins Edgefield (Blackberry Hall) **Contact:** Classic Reunions www.classicreunions.com

Class of 1984's "25th Reunion"

Date: August 15, 2009

Location: Rivercrest Park in Oregon City from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information call: Dawn at 503-351-1908.

CCC Presents Fall Concert Line Up

Students and alumni in music programs at Clackamas Community College present an array of concerts during the fall. Here's the fall concert schedule:

Dec 3 - Instrumental Jazz Night

in room 119 of the Niemeyer Center. Admission is \$5 per person.

Dec 4 - CCC Concert Band

David Mills conducts the CCC Concert Band in its fall performance. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in room 119 of the Niemeyer Center. Admission is \$5 per person.

Dec 5 - Vocal Jazz Night

CCC alumni join the vocal jazz students to share their music. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in room 119 of the Niemeyer Center. Admission is \$5 per person.

Dec 7 - Sinfonia Concertante Orchestra & CCC Chamber Choir

The CCC Chamber Choir joins the Sinfonia Concertante Orchestra in a performance at Central Lutheran Church,



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1820 NE 21st Avenue, in Portland. The concert begins at Instrumental jazz students perform in concert at 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Tickets in advance: adult \$22, senior \$20, student \$9. Tickets at the door: adult \$25, senior \$22, student \$10. Patron seats are \$40. Children 12 years and under are free.



The November Town Hall Community Meeting for the Hamlet of Beavercreek took place at the Beavercreek Elementary School on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with 20 residents and guests in attendance.

There were two guest speakers; Doug McClain, Clackamas County Director of Planning and Lance Christiansen. District Forester for Port Blakely Tree Farm.

Doug McClain gave a presentation regarding proposed changes to ZDO-218. Zoning Development Ordinance 218's purpose is to implement a regulatory component of Metro's Title 13 (riparian setback and vegetation protections) of the Urban Growth Boundary Management Plan. This is part of the State's Goal 5.

The proposed changes are related to riparian setbacks for onsite sewage disposal systems and minor housekeeping amendments that will apply Countywide. It protects historic resources, riparian corridors and surface mines.

Clackamas County had its own Goal 5 regulations. No septic tank or drain field could be sited within 100 ft. of any stream corridor. DEQ and the County's Soils Department are requesting a change to the standard. The DEQ's rules will still apply depending on the system to be installed and the property layout.

Clackamas County has chosen to adopt the model code Metro developed, but make changes to make it more user friendly. This is considered a step forward as it protects and evaluates more resources. With this change the County can require advanced sewage disposal systems to be sited.

Lance Christiansen, addressed those present and explained that Port Blakely Tree Farms, a family owned company, owns 660 acres of property in the Hamlet of Beavercreek.

Port Blakely Tree Farms has an open door policy with regards to the public having access to their wooded property. Horse riders ride the trails and the public has been allowed access for hiking, bicycling, etc.

Due to issues on their property it has been necessary to gate some of the access roads. Rules for use of their areas are posted at the gateways.

The company wishes to keep their property open for use by the public. Violations of the rules of use need to be addressed. Motorized vehicles (including ATVs), target shooting, illegal dumping, campfires or removal of forest products without a permit are not allowed. These rules are being violated by a few. Their actions are posing a public safety issue for the company as well as people who are using the property as intended. If the abuses on the property are not stopped it could mean the end of public use for the rest of us.

The question about why there is no flashing light on Beavercreek Road at Oregon City High School to control the traffic speed was raised again. Cost for the light seems to be the issue. Apparently the cost would run about \$8,000.00.

Committee Reports were given for those committees that have had any activity since the last meeting.

An approval was given for a Verizon Cell Tower on 38.8 acres on S. Beavercreek Road with the provision that it be painted brown to blend in to the surrounding area. The cell tower will meet the need for cell coverage in the area.

There were also two Home Occupation renewals that were also approved as well as a home care permit.

Director, Tammy Stevens, asked for ideas on transportation projects the Hamlet would like to see implemented. She will provide the list at the next meeting. Hamlets were formed to give their residents a better way to communicate with officials regarding their needs an wants. This is a good place to start since we have issues with our rural roads.

It was announced that Christine Roth, the County Hamlet Liaison, will be talking with the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C-4) on December 4, 2008, about Hamlets and Villages.

It was also noted that there were barricades put up along Beavercreek Road across from The Beavercreek Saloon & Restaurant. This was done after several residents called about the hazard. Now... when are they going to finish the project and get it paved?

The Annexations that were defeated in November were also discussed. It was noted that Oregon City wishes to continue to push for annexation of the golf course property, but back off the Park Place annexations due to landslide issues.

Elizabeth Graser-Lindsey stated that there is a legal action pending regarding the methods used by Oregon City to put the annexations on the ballot.

The next meeting of the Hamlet will take place on the third Wednesday of December instead of the fourth due to the Christmas holiday. So mark your calendar for December 17th.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the monthly Hamlet Community meetings and the quarterly Town Hall meetings to participate and share ideas and concerns on the issues pertinent to our community. Members 18 years of age and older who live, own a business, or property within the Hamlet area may vote on Hamlet issues. The Hamlet of Beavercreek Boundary Map is located online at http://www.beavercreek_Hamlet_Boundary_map.pdf

The Community meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Beavercreek Grange on Kamrath Rd at 7:00 p.m. The Town Hall Meetings will occur every quarter. For more information, please call the Hamlet Information Line at 503-632-8370 or visit the Hamlet web site at http://HamletOfBeavercreek.org.

Hamlet's Public Relations And Urban/Rural Committees Meet

The combined Committees met four times in November. The first meeting held on November 5th in the Community Room at Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Company was called to order by Bill Merchant at 7:05 p.m. Members present were: Susan McKenna, Elizabeth Graser-Lindsey, Jack Warren, Lance Margeson, Judy Andreen, Norm Andreen, William Bender, and Christine Kosinski.

Over 16% of the surveys mailed to residents and taxpayers in the Hamlet were returned. This is a very high response rate. The group discussed the classifications for questions 1 and 14 in the survey done by the Hamlet. These open-ended questions about why people came to



Beavercreek and what they want for the future needed to be categorized in order to allow the computations of the answers. All survey answers were read and considered.

The answers on the surveys will first be entered into a spreadsheet and then into a database to facilitate querying the data on different criteria.

Answers for question 1, "Why did you or your family move here?" can generally be categorized into five responses: Farm/Forest, Rural Residence/Environment, Economic/Job, Personal/Family, and Other. An additional response of NA was used if the person had no answer or put a date.

At the November 12th meeting, Judy Andreen gave a report from meeting with the Metro Urban & Rural Reserve Regional Committee, particularly discussing food source maps. She asserted that the reports presented to the committee show that "Conflicted" agricultural land, such as the

Hamlet, were still major producers of food for the Metro region. She passed around maps from the meeting.

Categories for question 14 were hotly discussed. Despite agreement at the previous meeting on November 12th, the classifications for question 14 were restricted to:

RR -- Rural Reserve

UR -- Urban Reserve

UD -- Undesignated

OF -- Other Future

NA - Used if there was no response

With these classifications in place, members broke into



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three groups of two to classify survey answers. Classification started at 8:00 p.m. There was occasional discussion of how a particular answer should be classified. By 9:00 p.m. many surveys were initially classified.

To facilitate later use in a DBMS, the surveys were serialized. This serial number will be entered along with the survey data. This has the added benefit of making a particular survey easier to find if there are later questions about the responses, and also protects the privacy of responses by removing name and address from specific answers.

The group met again on Saturday, November 22, 2008, at

9:00 a.m. at the Beavercreek Fire Station to continue the tabulation. With 5 laptops and those who attended, the job was finished in about three and a half hours. Larry Church, Director and Hamlet IT person, will take the data, clean it, and incorporate it into a database that can be queried to provide correlations of various answers, such as 'How many people living north of Loder Road have gardens?' The data will be used by the Hamlet in discussions with the Clackamas County Reserves Policy Advisory Committee which will make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding which areas should be designated as Urban Reserves, Rural Reserves, or left undesignated. This public process will also have the County Planning Commission and Commissioners taking public testimony in the coming months.



Beavercreek Fire Station Calls

The following are the alarms for the Beavercreek and Clarkes response areas for Clackamas County Fire District #1 from October 20 - November 20, 2007. Submitted by Susan Barrett, Clackamas County Fire Dis-

10/20/2008 - 11:11 - Medical - S LELAND Rd

16:01 - Medical - S SPANGLER Rd

10/21/2008 - 14:10 - Unauthorized Burn - S BROCK-

WAY/S SPANGLER Rd

14:14 - Medical - S FERGUSON Rd

10/22/2008 - 10:20 - Unauthorized Burn - S BROCK-

WAY Rd

11:29 - False Alarm - S LELAND Rd

17:27 - Medical - S CASTO Rd

22:49 - Building Fire - S FERGUSON Rd

10/24/2008 - 11:48 - Authorized Burn - S BROCKWAY 10/25/2008 - 13:45 - Medical - S DANS Ave

10/26/2008 - 11:05 - Medical - SHIRLEY St

10/27/2008 - 08:34 - Medical - S LELAND Rd

15:42 - Medical - S NEWKIRCHNER Rd

10/29/2008 - 2:11 - Public Service - S HEFT Loop

12:07 - Medical - S CARUS Rd

20:50 - Medical - S HENRICI Rd

10/30/2008 - 20:46 - Medical - S HWY 213

10/31/2008 - 11:59 - Medical - S DALES Ave

18:05 - Medical - S WILSHIRE Cir

11/1/2008 - 16:24 - Medical - S KELLEY CREEK Ln

11/2/2008 - 7:09 - Public Service—S Upper Highland

11/3/2008 - 6:46 - Medical - S Henrici Rd

15:48 - Medical - S Howards Mill Rd

17:52 - Medical - S Schram Rd

11/4/2008 - 16:15 - Authorized Burn - S FERGUSON/ S BEAVERCREEK Rd

2:14 - Medical - S MOORE Rd 11/6/2008 -

3:44 - Medical - S LELAND Rd

11/6/2008 - 6:10 - Medical - S CARUS Rd

9:32 - False Alarm - S HENRICI Rd

11/11/2008 - 10:34 - Medical - S LELAND Rd

11/13/2008 - 3:19 - Medical - S LANCE Ct

16:16 - Good Intent - S BEAVERCREEK

11/17/2008 - 7:28 - Mot Veh Acc - S BEAVERCREEK

15:31 - Medical - S TIOGA Rd

11/18/2008 - 4:15 - Medical - S MCBURNEY Rd **11/20/2008 -** 19:37 - Public Service - HWY 213/S SPANGLER Rd

Are You Insured For Winter Weather?

As the winter storm season approaches, now is a good time to evaluate your insurance coverage and plan ahead to make sure you're covered if your home is damaged by floods, wind, or cold weather.

For example, flood damage is not covered by most homeowner policies, and while you can buy flood insurance purchased through a federal program, policies don't take effect for 30 days. Additionally, landslides aren't covered by homeowner's policies, and frozen pipes might not be covered if you fail to keep your house warm enough.

- While homeowner policies don't cover flooding, you can buy flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). However, the policy generally doesn't take effect until 30 days after purchase. You can call the NFIP at 888-379-9531 for an agent referral.
- If your home is damaged in a storm, contact your insurance company as soon as possible. Protect your property from further damage (save any receipts) but don't make permanent repairs until your insurer inspects the damage. Make a detailed list of the damaged property. Include brand names and model names. Take photographs or videotape the damage.
- Homeowner policies generally cover damage to your house from the weight of ice and snow but don't cover damage to a retaining wall, foundation, fence or paved area. If your place is unoccupied, be sure to maintain heat in the building or shut off and empty the water supply.
- Some homeowner policies cover food spoilage caused by a power outage. If yours does, make a list of the spoiled food before you throw it out.
- Homeowner policies generally pay to remove debris from your home or outbuildings if a falling tree causes damage. However, if a tree falls and doesn't damage the residence, the typical policy doesn't pay to remove the tree.
- If your neighbor's tree falls on your house, your homeowner policy should cover the damage. Your insurance company will investigate whether there is any responsibility on the part of your neighbor.
- Your homeowner policy won't cover earth movement, which includes landslides, mudflows and erosion. You can usually add earthquake coverage for an additional premium. Earthquake insurance does not cover a loss caused by landslides or erosion.
- Generally, your policy won't cover groundwater seepage or water damage from backed-up drains or sewers. However, some insurers offer endorsements (added protection) that you can buy. Check with your agent or company.

Ultralight Crashes in Mulino

On Saturday, November 29, 2008, at 12:36 p.m. an ul-

tralight aircraft crashed during takeoff from the Mulino Airport, in rural Clackamas County. This ultralight is described as a fixed wing, single engine, 2005, Ridge Runner 2; registered to an individual from Tacoma, Washington.

The male pilot was the sole person onboard during take

off when this aircraft crashed at the north end of the Mulino runway.

Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene with Molalla Fire Rescue personnel and spoke with the injured pilot prior to being air-

lifted to a local Portland hospital (OHSU). The injured pilot is described to have been conscious and breathing by attending rescue personnel; however, is further described to have received several facial lacerations and a broken ankle as a result of the crash. UPDATE: The name of the pilot is Anthony Epperson, age 30. He is the registered owner of the aircraft. Luckily he doesn't have life threatening injuries.

Our 4 Legged Friends



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Hello... my name is "Anna" and I'm available for adoption. From my photo I hope you can tell I'm a Pit Bull.

I'm a 1 year old female and I weigh approximately 30 to 60 lbs. As you can see I'm brown and brindle in color with a long tail and folded ears

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"I was found by Clackamas County Dog Services and have a nylon multi-colored collar, but no ID tags to identify myself. I'm a sweet even-tempered gal with tons of potential. I get along well with other dogs, but I can be overwhelmed by doggy exuberance. I'd prefer a calm, sedate life style to match my personality. I'm so smart... I know sit, down, shake, and maybe even stay. I take treats like a lady too. What's not to love? Come meet me today.

For more information on me or other dogs available for adoption, please call the shelter at 503-655-8628 or come by for a visit and a little one-on-one. You can also see us at the Clackamas County Dog Control website at:

www.co.clackamas.or.us/dc/adoptdog.jsp

The shelter is located at 2104 Kaen Rd., in Oregon City. I'm available from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday thru Monday. I'd sure love to get the chance to meet you. "ANNA"



See you next month... The Editor!