

Fires scorch start of 2020 school year



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Billies respond to the Holiday Farm fire



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Bears, foxes, and feral dogs: Mr. Haberly's journey to PHill

Middle School Assistant Principal Brendan Haberly's previous job was overseeing a Yup'ik K-12 school on the Kuskokwim River in central west Alaska. Almost all 405 students were members of the Yup'ik people whose families rely heavily on what they could hunt and harvest from the land and sea around.

Haberly's fascinating history also involves managing English language schools in Xinzhen, China. To top it all off, Haberly has a young family with four children under seven.

He is a busy man. And now he will be leading the middle school students through the strangest year in our history. But if past is prologue Haberly is ready to tackle anything.

Haberly knows PHill. He grew up and attended Cottage Grove schools and even played football against teams coached by Mr. Fisher whom he teasingly describes as a "phenomenal head coach."

In high school Haberly was active in the Lion King Pageant and developed a love for world cultures and language study. Against his dad's will after graduating from CGHS, he travelled to China to teach English and eventually began managing such schools which are popular in Xinzhen. He eventually helped develop a successful curriculum for the teaching of Chinese teachers of English.

He returned home to attend college, got [HABERLY PAGE 2]



With flames on the far horizon and smoke filling the air, the Pleasant Hill community rallied to both fight the fires and support the people displaced by the fire and the firefighters. Above, several Billie moms organized a food collecting for local fire stations and first responders.

Senior Andrew Kobe, inspired by his mom, came down to Silke Field in Springfield to help out and he ended up coordinating efforts on the fly under the leadership of his boss. Other Billies helping include Lonnie Hutchinson, and firefighter alumni. We appreciate what these people do much more now that fires have turned our lives upside down.

THANKS TO THE FIRE-FIGHTERS OF THESE LOCAL DISTRICTS



[HABERLY PAGE 2]various jobs teaching PE, electives, and coaching the got married then returned to China with his wife. Although his work was successful in China and his Mandarin became oral-fluent, he longed to be home to help American kids. So he enrolled in an Administration program in graduate school and now with a growing family sought a job.

The first job became a call as Principal of a Yup'ik school in the remote town of Akiak, Alaska, along the Kuskowin River. The community is working hard to preserve traditional culture but it is also a challenging place to teach because of the isolation and distance.

In Akiak he got his first home with his wife in the rural community he was looking for, but the job proved to be a challenge in many ways. As a white outsider he had to deal with the sense among some in the community that Education was "white" and of no good to prepare you for real world skills. Despite that concern, Haberly tried to introduce courses that were relevant to the Yu'pik world and to offering the students practical opportunities such as creating a store to raise money for hunting and fishing activities. He also had students learn about flying, operating heavy equipment and cooking healthy meals.

One day the town mayor, Mayor Bob, called Haberly up and told him not to worry if he heard gunshots near the school (he lived 2 minutes away from the school). Apparently a fox had been stalking some kindergartners and had to be dealt with. Stray, feral dogs were also a problem and had a \$30 bounty placed on them to prevent spread of rabies.

The frontier life proved ultimately hard on his family as medical issues with his kids required their absence from the village for long stretches. Finally, last spring, Haberly decided to move his family home to be closer to parents and to be present for the birth of his youngest child. He realized that his wife was "ready to have a house, settle down and get kids into local schools." When the job opened up at PHill with Mr. Kent's vacancy, Haberly applied.

His world-wide experience and his can-do attitude won him the job and his goal is to help students achieve their biggest dreams and aspirations.

Even with the problems with online learning, Haberly encourages people to "be positive, like the blood type, find the positive."



Akiak Alaska

A world of Experience: Michelle Olson

by Claire Crawford

She scuba dives, she has seen a volcano erupt, she taught English in Korea for a year, and now, Mrs. Olson is the new 7th/8th grade math teacher, and new middle school volleyball coach. Mrs. Olsen graduated from Pleasant Hill High School. She played volleyball in high school, as well as track and sometimes soccer.

After she graduated from Pleasant Hill HS, she went to college and graduated from Southern Oregon University with a degree in Geology. Then, she moved to South Korea and taught English for a year. After South Korea, she signed up to live on a research boat. While collecting data Mrs. Olsen saw many different places.

In Papua New Guinea, she saw a volcano erupt. In the Chuuk Islands, she saw bombed communication headquarters from the last battle of World War 2. Mrs. Olson also learned how to scuba dive. Her favorite place to scuba dive is in lagoon because the waters are so clear and she saw the ruins of a weapons sub from



Emma Castle

By Ellie Bahen

Ms. Castle is a youngest and one of the newest teachers here. She teaches eighth grade language arts and social studies. Her motto for online education?

"I got this"

She was quiet as a kid, but she knew everybody. She didn't play sports, but she got straight A's. She attended the UofO getting a bachelors in US History and Art History. One of her favorite Young Adult books is Walk Two Moons

When she was our age she described herself as quiet and would hang out with the tougher kids who didn't do well academically. She did feel a little out of place despite going to Philomath all her youth.

She loves being outside, swimming, camping, and makes perfect french macarons. She is very organized. She has a cat named Mozart and a chihuahua named Edie who is a drama queen.

"It might look like I have a mean face, but I'm not a mean person (unless the situation warrants it)"

Why a teacher?

She had a lot of good teachers growing up. She likes very clever and funny kids. She wants to hear how they see the world.

NEW STAFF



Teala Diester

Assignment: Special Education 8-9-10th grades

Claim to Fame: Coordinated the Mr. & Miss Thurston High School Pageant for 2 years

Teala grew up in Lebanon where she appreciated teachers who connected with her without calling her out. She was involved in lots of extracurricular activities at Lebanon High School including STARS Key Club, soccer and track. She attended the University of Oregon with the intent to be an elementary school teacher but fell in love with Special Education.

She describes herself as laid back, supportive by nature and does not clash with her students. Her goal is to help kids feel like they can achieve things and give them the proper tools to achieve what they want to in school. She loves traveling, Disneyland and her two Pit Bulls, Harper and Chucho.

Musically she enjoys country (Dan and Shay) and TSwift and has a special affinity for Tennessee.



Jill Pallin

Assignment: Athletic Trainer, teaching Health Science, Body Systems, Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Terminology

Claim to Fame: Billie Class of 1983

Passions: helping athletes get back to health as quickly as is safe, showing South-down sheep and Bantam chickens and her family

Pallin grew up on the Pallin Family Farm on Rattlesnake Rd. working with chicken and sheep. She loved school and was active in everything. She was injured freshman year in volleyball which led to surgery and a long rehab and a lifelong interest in healing from sports injuries.

She enrolled at OSU to study Animal Science and Agriculture Science with an aim for Vet School. But the competitive and academic bent of Vet schools cooled her to animal medicine and so she became an athletic trainer at OSU before transferring to University of New Mexico for Athletic Training then on to graduate school at Oklahoma State. Worked in high schools, got married, had three kids and moved to Brookings, Oregon then Salem in 2009.

The greatest loss of her life happened when her son was killed at 20 in an accident. She did a lot of substituting and worked as an Educational Assistant in the Salem Keizer district until getting a job teaching at George Fox University for two years.

When her daughters grew up and moved out she decided to return to her folks farm in Dexter at the same time the job opened up in PHill. She is delighted to be a part of her alma mater and serving as a teacher and trainer.



World War II

After spending 7 months on a research boat, she moved to California. In California, she worked at a science and conservation school for 6th graders. She knew she wanted to be a teacher, so she went to Pacific University and earned a Masters in Teaching.

Mrs. Olson taught at Briggs Middle School for 13 years. At Briggs she taught both science and math. She also started a travel club at Briggs. She led international trips every other year and middle school and older students could go. She plans to bring a travel club to Pleasant Hill.

Now Mrs. Olson is back at Pleasant Hill teaching and coaching. Many of the students already really like her. Mrs. Olson wants you to know math does not have to be hard, you just have to ask questions.

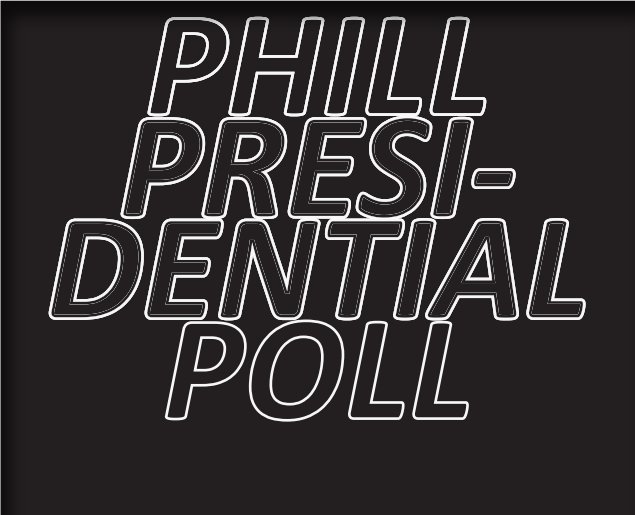
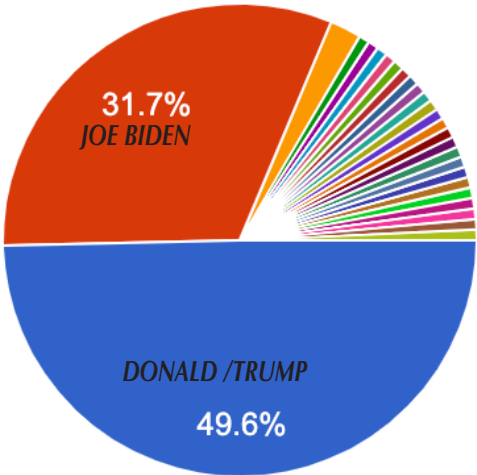
With a two weeks until election time, a presidential poll was conducted among 144 Pleasant Hill students. If the US election results mirror the results at Pleasant Hill, Donald Trump will remain our president for a second term. A majority of 49.6% cast their ballots in our virtual poll in favor of Donald Trump indicating a large student population with conservative values. Biden supporters made up 30.6% of the virtual ballots. The remaining 16% fell into the categories of undecided or cast their ballots for independent candidates. Among Trump voters, a notable number of respondents commented that their vote was influenced by their parents.--:Lena Daniel

OTHER RESPONSES RECORDED IN THE POLL: who do you support?

- *JO JORGENSEN
- *BOTH HAVE FLAWS
- *INDEPENDENT
- *I HAVE NO CLUE
- *I WANT OBAMA BACK
- *I DON'T REALLY CARE
- *BOTH SIDES HAVE GOOD AND BAD
- *DON'T SUPPORT EITHER BUT SETTLE FOR BIDEN
- *THIS IS WHY I AM GLAD I DON'T HAVE TO VOTE YET
- *MY MOM

SELECTED and UNFILTERED COMMENTS ABOUT THE CANDIDATES FROM STUDENTS:

- It's not Trump or Biden, less gun control, less taxes, ending drug war w/ jorgenson
- I support our candidate because he stands for the values I believe in. He stands for our military, American Safety, Supporting Israel, my Christian values and equal opportunity for everyone.
- I support my candidate because I support ending systemic injustices. I support my candidate because I care about our environment. I support our candidate because we need a green new deal but not necessarily "the green new deal". I support my candidate because I believe healthcare should be accessible and affordable to everyone not just people who can afford it generalized health care should be a human right not something you have to work your a** off for. I support my candidate because he wants to help the people of America not the corporations of America.
- No matter who wins, I think there will be an uproar from the American citizens
- I support Joe Biden because as soon as he's elected, he will put the necessary laws in place to deal with the COVID-19 Pandemic instead of denying that it exists while knowing how deadly it is
- Honestly, don't really like either of them, it's just which one's not the worst. I think that the Democratic party is border lining socialism, and I don't think that has worked well anywhere else.
- Because he makes things happen for citizens in this country. He knows how to run companies and organizations so they flourish instead of fail. People hate him because he doesn't make it easier to sit around and be worthless, you actually have to be a part of society to get things.
- Most of all, I love Donald Trump's transparency. With most politicians, you get a nice front and then they do something bad in the background when nobody is looking. Donald Trump shows you how he is, and he isn't any different when making decisions or leading out country. He is very decisive, and when he says he's going to do something, he WILL do it. I prioritize an honest president rather than a 'pretty one' who tells you what you want to hear.
- Biden supports the key things that I care about most. These including the environment, healthcare, and education. I don't feel like Trump cares enough about these topics and Biden has proved to me that these are what he wants to focus on. Biden also claims that he's going to try to be a president for both Republicans and Democrats. This is also important to me and I feel like I am not represented by president Trump. All I've seen from him is divide.
- Because I support someone who is an actual decent person and has values i believe in, I care about things like logic sense and the president we have at the moment has none. I care about having someone run our country who can run the country well. I believe in kindness and spreading love not hate. I believe coming together is better then separation. I will support Joe Biden because he is not a lying snake.
- I support my candidate because he stands up for our individual rights as people, and for the most part does what he says he will. Of course I don't always agree with everything he says and I even strongly disagree sometimes, but he hits more points that I care about that the other candidate does.
- I believe a lot of things that he is doing are good for our economy and for our country as a whole and we have a lot of the same viewpoints. I don't like him as a person but I like him as a president.
- Because other than his stance of global warming I agree with most of his policies and he has created more jobs in his presidency than our last president did, not to mention the all time low unemployment rate, even with a global
- I support our candidate because he stands for the values I believe in for our country. He stands for our military, American safety, American jobs, supporting Israel, my christian values and equal opportunity for everyone.
- I support Donald Trump because he will not raise taxes, and he will give raises.
- Seems to care the most about the country, and about the economy and employment rates, and he has shown that he can provide a good economy and many jobs have came to be since he was elected, and he was faced with a difficult task many presidents won't have to face, it's not his fault this pandemic happened, and I think his decisions have been good, even when so many people are against every decision he makes
- I support president Donald Trump because I appreciate the economy he creates by creating jobs, raising median household income, signing the biggest package of tax cuts reforms in history, etc. I appreciate his approach to COVID which includes opening society safely rather than shut downs. He has a long list of accomplishments because he is not a life long politician and doesn't own favors to anyone.
- I support Biden over Trump because the way that Trump treats women makes me want to throw up. He has little to no respect for anyone but himself.
- I support Trump because although some of the things he has done are questionable, he has done great things for our country and I can't stand behind Biden because he can barely think for himself. I mean during the "debate" he was wearing a mic with someone in his ear telling him what to say



Black Lives Matter protests explained

byWesleigh Harr

In 2012, a 17-year-old by the name of Trayvon Martin was killed on the streets of Sanford, Florida. His killer was acquitted of all charges.

This and other killings of blacks by police, and armed folks started the movement we know today as Black Lives Matter.

The movement was founded by three African American women by the names of Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi.

Protests erupted across America and inspired many to support BLM in their own way.

Colin Kaepernick, a quarterback for the 49ers, took a knee during the national anthem as a form of protest.This movement started with a great deal of support across the US. However, it has slowed down after a while.

Fast forward to May 25, 2020, the death of George Floyd. This brutal killing started up the protests again in a way that we have never seen before. In many countries around the world such as France, Britain, and Germany, people protested and proclaimed "Black Lives Matter!".

One city that has made national news is Portland, Oregon. Some of the protests in Portland turned violent later in the night in the recent months.

Why? Something that separates the supporters of BLM protests from the non-supporters is the reaction to the amount of force being used by law enforcement to control protests, with some think it is absolutely unnecessary and others thinking there isn't enough force being used.

Something else that turns some people away from the movement is the vandalism that has appeared in a few protests. Many believe that these outbursts of destruction are the BLM protesters, while the opposite side believe that the vandals aren't even there to protest.

However, when President Trump sent in Federal officers to aid local police some people questioned his intentions. Federal officers pulled up in unmarked vehicles, detained protestors without cause, unleashing tear gas on protesters, and firing rubber bullets on the crowds.

The mayor of Portland, Ted Wheeler, has also lost supporters for his inability to prevent these conflicts. Many protesters have since been arrested for refusing to back down from the authorities. One woman protested by posing nude in yoga poses. BLM activists say that this kind of show detracts from their message.

The right to assemble peaceably and to protest is embedded in the Bill of Rights. But vandalism and tactics by both police and protestors muddies the waters.

CLIMATE CHANGE SLAMS OREGON

by Angel Calva

Ash and smoke were so thick people could not see more than 20 feet away. The sun was bright RED. The forests of Oregon were on fire. This fall saw the worst fires in Oregon history.

The Lionshead fire started August 16, 2020, near Warm Spring Indian Reservation-Burned the Willamette National Forest- Lost 264 residences and 16 other structures, 204,340 acres burned

The Beachie Creek Fire originated in the Opal Creek Wilderness about two miles south of Jawbone Flats and six miles north of Detroit. It started Aug. 16 but exploded in the high winds on Sept. 7. It burned down through the Santiam Canyon in Marion County and into Linn County.

There have been five confirmed deaths, 486 residencies, and 837 other structures destroyed, 192,843 acres burned and took 579 personnel. 58% of it is contained with an estimated containment on October 31.

The Pine Gulch Fire started July 31 by lightning strikes; Burned more than 140,000 acres; The largest fire in Colorado history; 18 miles north of Grand Junction

From January 1 to September 28, 2020, 44,520 wildfires scoured the nation; about 7.5 million acres were burned in the 2020 period. In 2019 50,477 wildfires raged and 4.7 million acres were burned. In 2018 there were 58,083 wildfires and 8.8 million acres were burned.

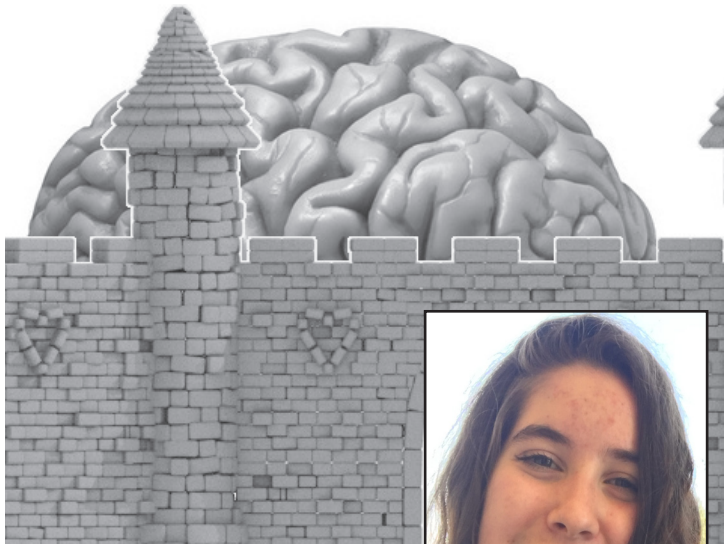
Why is this happening? Two words: Climate Change. The American west is drying up. Carbon dioxide has risen to 414 parts per million. Carbon dioxide (CO2) is an important heat-trapping (greenhouse) gas, which is released through human activities such as deforestation and burning fossil fuels, as well as natural processes such as respiration and volcanic eruptions.

Carbon dioxide levels in the air are at their highest in 650,000 years. Since carbon dioxide is a heat-trapping gas it causes global warming. Since 2001, 19 of the 20 warmest years on record have occurred. The year 2016 ranks as the warmest on record.

Due to global warming ice sheets have gone down to only 427 gigatonnes per year and Satellite data from NASA shows that the earth's polar ice sheets are losing mass. The sea level has gone up 3.3 millimeters per year, Sea level rise is caused primarily by two factors related to global warming, the added water from melting ice sheets and glaciers and the expansion of seawater as it warms.

In 2012 Arctic summer sea ice shrank to the lowest extent on record. Arctic sea ice reaches its minimum each September. September Arctic sea ice is now declining at a rate of 12.85 percent per decade. Over the past 170 years, human activities have raised atmospheric concentrations of CO2 by 47% above pre-industrial levels found in 1850. This is more than what had happened naturally over a 20,000 year period [continued on page 6]

Tips To Ensure The Survival Of Your Brain



by Lily Rodrigues

With tensions tight and the world rapidly changing, negative emotions and feelings are only natural.

Whether it be unease from learning online, the worry of what the future holds, or perhaps a sense of bleakness from the seemingly immutable scenery, we can all agree that these times are difficult. Which is why it is critical to do what you can to help you, yourself that is.

Something you can do to improve your well-being is limiting your stress. This can be as simple as creating a suitable environment to work in. Ideally, this is a relatively quiet space with the needed supplies on-hand and plenty of natural light. Natural light is proven to significantly reduce computer relating symptoms of eyestrain, headaches, and blurred vision. Natural light can also brighten your mood and even raise productivity.

Having your workplace be different from the place that you relax and unwind helps considerably. Having separate spaces to relax and work is beneficial because it makes it easier to get into a working mindset and not be so tempted by things such as your phone or a warm, cozy bed.

Another way to deal with non-school related stress can be limiting media consumption. While it's useful to stay informed, too much negativity from the media can cause harm. As Annie Miller, an experienced therapist said, "It can be damaging to constantly be reading the news because constant exposure to negative information can impact our brain."

Talking and connecting with others is a big part of not just school, but our lives. Even though socialization is more of a challenge than before, we still have many options and platforms available to us. It could be just as simple as saying "hello". Regardless, keeping in touch with friends and loved ones is incredibly helpful.

During these tough times, the main thing is focusing on what you can do. The projects you can start. The things you can learn. Try new pastimes, start doing yoga, try cooking something new. Break bad habits, start new ones. Find things that interest you and pursue them. Life is what you make it, why not make it as amazing as you are?

How we are getting by

by Kurt Ferini

It is crazy doing school in the world we live in nowadays.

It's even more crazy when parents try to keep everything in check that involves us, no matter what we may do.

Being cooped up in our houses for months and now some of us are starting to have some degree of communication, interaction with friends and other close relatives there is a lot going on. Here is how some students are managing.

"I got a job in Springfield working for a beauty salon on weekdays. I go hike Mt. Pisgah on weekends sometimes with friends if plans work out. When I'm not working, I watch Netflix with my little kitten and a ton of ice cream, so overall I've been great." Shrista Morris (12)

"I visit my family so many times and I still do, just to stay connected whether that be in-person or online. I'm in the process of looking into colleges, so I'm not out of the house more often than I want to, but it can be stressful. Lately I binge-watching Big Mouth on Netflix when I'm alone and have nothing to do." Miriam Hamtill (12)

"I have been working out at my house to stay in-shape but nothing like intense activity. I play NBA2K just to pass time and play against my friends for the most part online while at home. When I'm out of the house I really just go see family or if there any type of pickup basketball game or practice that I can go to." Braedyn Cantrell (11)



Digital Art by Taylor Evans

Why I like Distance Learning

by Taylor Evans

Which is better? Going to school and talking to people face-to-face, or being online and doing work at home?.

I like being schooled at home, and here is why:

Reason 1: Online school works for me and other introverts

I have never been a bit extroverted and am actually quite shy. In class when the teacher asks a question and even if I know the answer, I do not wish to speak out about it. In class, the teacher might sometimes call on you even if you don't have a hand raised (probably to make sure you're participating). As expected of the quiet kid, I didn't like it when this happened.

Online school is different because in Zoom meetings all I have to say is "here" when the teacher calls attendance. I like Zoom meetings way better, and not just because of my shyness.

Reason 2: Silent Students

In Zoom all the talking is coming from the teacher, whereas if I were in class you'd hear background conversations. Zoom is much easier to concentrate with and I have an even more comfortable place to sit as a bonus!

Reason 3: Confidence

Ever since we started the online meetings I've been raising my hand more. I know I said I don't like to raise my hand to answer questions, but occasionally in Zoom, you might see it up for certain types of questions.

I'm at home and I know it. It's just me in my own room. Nobody else, just me. Seeing all my classmates on a screen and being in a different location somehow makes me feel a little more confident.

Confident enough to answer "anything interesting happen today?" Or "what did you do over the weekend." It's not a big difference but it counts!

Pleasant Hill Education Foundation steps up for Distance Learning

The Foundation provided the District with an \$18,500 technology grant to cover the costs of teacher Zoom licenses, Chromebook covers, and Hot Spots. Since then, the Foundation is committed to providing at least \$15,000 in teacher grants, to help teachers overcome obstacles they encounter during this unprecedented time. Right: Ms. Wolpe shows her tech set up (courtesy of the Foundation) to make her Zooms more effective and enriching.

Make Online Learning work for YOU!

Teacher tested tips on how you can get the most out of Distance Learning

by Emily Krauss

Want your teachers opinion on what you should be doing for distance learning?

Well, we asked six teachers and got some very good tips.

Mr. Bowden who teaches World and US History suggest that students "Find a viable and realistic schedule and a method of organization to help keep you on track." This can involve using Google Calendar, keeping lists or simply just emailing your teacher.

"I've been recommending that my students set up a work station every day. It should be comfortable, and have everything they need such as their computer, books, notebooks, writing utensils, phone, snack, and a drink." said Mr. Gray (HS Math and Physics). It might also help to get up between classes, have something to drink or to snack on, if you have a particularly long class. If you're confused, don't hesitate to ask questions, it will only help your experience. To help with internet issues, you could set up a station near your router. Asking questions may also help.

Our new Middle School Assistant Principal, Brandon Haberly suggests that students "Develop a routine and stick with it until it becomes a habit. Set aside time each day and devote this to specific courses that need to be worked on."

"Nearpod!!!! Pictionary on Google Slides, EdPuzzle" suggested Ms. Castle (8th grade Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher) (Nearpod is an interactive slideshow that teachers can use.)

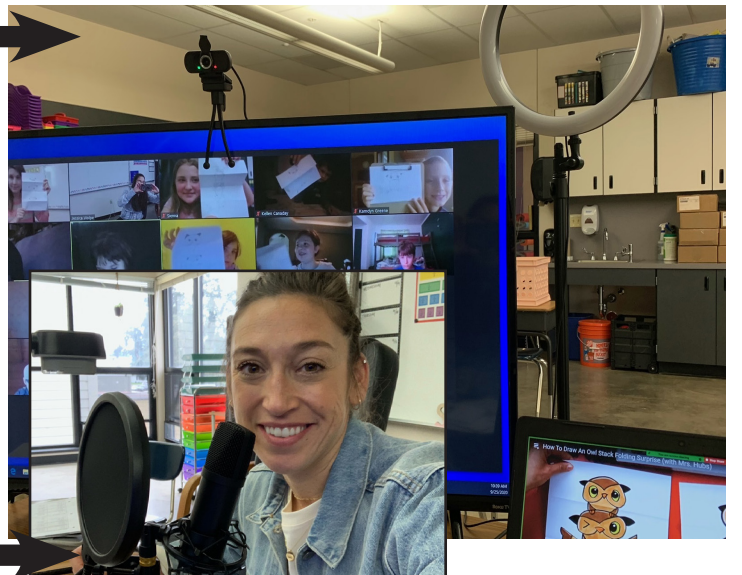
"Show up early and check Google Classroom everyday. If you have a question don't be shy! Ask the teacher either 1 on 1 or in a meeting. Most likely other students also have the same questions. Don't be to hard on yourself!" added Mrs. White (AG/Life Science/FFA).

"I have had good feedback and responses through having kids fill out Google Forms quizzes and questionnaires in their independent work time... I try to add humor and energy to the online classes, I feel like its "dead-air" a lot of the time. I have had costume contests and games just to get the kids more present and engaged," said Ms. Jampolsky (Art). Jampolsky is always engaging and entertaining.

They also have some ideas on how to keep up your work ethic as well, "Teachers have created pacing guides for their classes to outline the different assignments and subject matter that will be covered each week. Creating your own student pacing guide outlining a schedule of assignments and time slots during which you will work on those assignments would be a good method of organization to keep you on track."-Mr. Bowden. Mr. Gray noted that "For organization, make a checklist and/or keep a personal planner (digital or paper). Every time an assignment is given, write it down with a check box and a due date. Every day be sure to check off a few boxes."

"For work ethic, again I would suggest breaks. Between classes in the morning, and every half hour or so during homework time. Breaks should be screen free if possible,"pointed out Ms. Jampolsky. Mr. Haberly encourages students to "Celebrate a job well done. Often we don't pat ourselves on the back after we do a good job on a project."

Finally "Get a calendar and use it! Use your alarm clock and get up at the same time everyday. Get into a routine and build in time for a fun activity. Work on prioritizing assignments and reach out early if you need help. Enjoy the outdoors and do some physical activity everyday" offered Ms. White. These are all good ideas. So will these work? In my personal experience, most of these work. Taking breaks are very important, and a To Do: List can really make keeping track of work easier. This really is a hard and unusual time, and we're all just hobbling along the best that we can. I think that all of these tips work, and there you can use many others as well.



BEST HIKES TO AVOID THE CROWDS

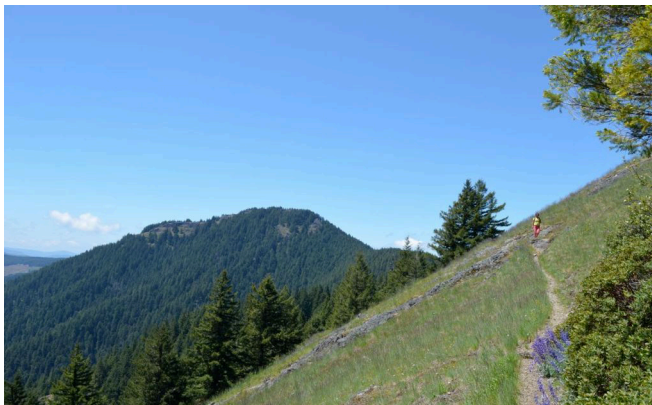
by Tessa Hammond

Here are three hikes that you will love!

What is even better is that dogs are allowed on all of these hikes—they just have to be on a leash. These hikes are an hour or more away, but they are worth the drive. Always check to see if they are open.

The first hike I recommend is Mount June trail. At the summit there used to be an old fire tower but now all you see are concrete remains, The top has a gorgeous view of the Cascades range.

The trail mainly stays in the forest but then comes out near the top. The

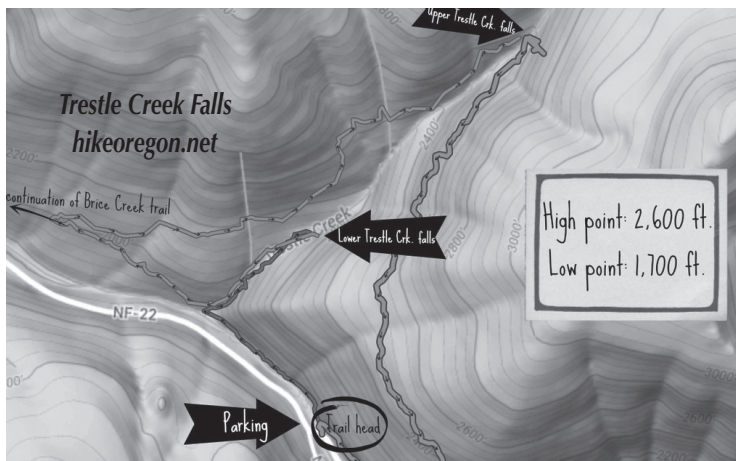


trail is loaded with wildflowers in the spring and summer. It's only 2.2 miles round trip but the difficulty is moderate. So it's short but steep. Sadly this hike is inaccessible by car due to the heavy rain. Some roads to this hike are closed so you wouldn't make it to the trail. Unless you are willing to hike about 5.3 more miles to get to the trail. I would definitely try this hike when the roads are open again

Our next hike is called Horse Rock Ridge up Shotgun Creek on Marcola Road. This hike is 3.7 miles out and back. Again it is a moderate hike. Its starts out in the forest then comes out into a meadow. At the top there is a view and, depending on the time of year, there may be wildflowers. It still looks beautiful in the fall though with the leaves changing. There is a small cave you can look for up at the top. Right now the trail is not closed, so you can go to it! But still always check before you go on your hike.

Last but not least, is North Fork Middle Fork Willamette River Trail. But I am only going to talk about part of the trail. This part is about 3.3 miles long. Turn right on Westfir Road off Hwy 58 and the Middle Fork Ranger District. By the Westfir Covered bridge there is a pullout area and the trail will be just across the bridge. You might want to have a shuttle car so you can go get your car from the beginning. Or else you will have to walk back. That might be something you want to do though.

There are many places where you can stop to put your feet in the clean water of the Middle Fork. This place has some old growth trees that make the trail more magical. This hike is also closed. Like I said above, always check to see if it might be open. It is a beautiful hike that is less traveled.



Lara Rupnawar, summer tech intern, shows strawberries harvested from the as plantings.



These are the most beautiful waterfalls*

By Camille Hicks

Most of us have dreamed of the perfect summer memories: swimming holes that you swim in until the sun begins to set and waterfalls that you can get close enough to feel the mist or splash in the water beneath.

It can be hard to find these 'perfect' places. There are always too many people, the water is too cold, you can't get up close to the waterfall, the water isn't deep enough, or it's hard to hike into. Whatever the reason is, I understand.

Well, here are some amazing places to visit next summer!

First, we have Lower Trestle Creek Falls. I would rate it a 4/5.

I went here last summer with a friend, and it was perfect. Right before the falls is a fallen tree, which you can walk under. When you walk under the tree and come around the corner it's like another land. The waterfall is placed in the center of a cauldron-like circle.

There are trees that you climb on by the falls, but not ones that get in the way. There is a little gravel bar perfect for sitting on, or for little kids to play on or throw rocks.

There is a small pool beneath the waterfall, perfect for wading and splashing in, it is not deep enough to swim in however. Not too many people go here, either. We had it all to ourselves for around two hours.

Another waterfall that is quite amazing, if you're looking for something a little more 'grand' and 'powerful', is Silver Falls. Rated 4.5/5

Silver Falls is a little different from Lower Trestle. It's a bit more crowded, you could say that it's "on the map." However, it's beautiful. It has a pathway that leads around the back of the falls, and it has a large pool at the bottom. Green plants and trees creep it around the sides of the basin.

Technically, the trail is much longer, and spread out among it is 8 waterfalls, but there are

entry points along the trail if you don't want to hike that far. When the water is high, it cascades over the side with mesmerizing force, when the water is lower, it glides over the side gracefully. Silver Falls has about eight waterfalls. It depends on the season, but when my family and I normally go around June, the falls have a lot of water. Lots of people go there, but it's a really cool place. It's about 8.5 miles long, the trail is nice, and you're surrounded by trees the whole time.

There are quite a few places to swim, some include Winberry, Cascara, and Brice Creek.

Winberry has a dock to jump off of when the water is high, Cascara is a great place to just swim around, and Brice Creek has a crystal clear swimming hole. While the water is quite cold, on a hot day, it can be good that way. The water is very clear, and it's plenty deep to jump into. There is a gravel bar just off to the left, and a big rock in the middle to jump off.



Come here to get your Halloween pumpkin...and more!

By Isabel Hammond-Mendez

How many of you like homemade cinnamon rolls?

Or getting pumpkins to carve for Halloween?

I recommend getting your pumpkin at A&M Family Farms.

A&M Farms has been raising chickens for six years and has been growing pumpkins for two years. They also have two dwarf Nigerian goats, sheep, pigs, bees, and cows. They sell sweet corn, honey, meat, eggs, and more.

Their pumpkins are handsome, nice and round and they come in orange, white, and some are green and orange. The pumpkins are super round and they can be small and big. These pumpkins are perfect for carving or decorating.

The farm owners are Aaron and Melody Lake. Both of them left careers in industry because they "wanted something more from life than a 9-5."

They shared a common dream of "living off the land with a big family and being self-employed."

The Lake family has a goal "to feed many local families the high quality food that has become so important in their lives for many years to come, and to pass on these skills to their children."

Visit their website at amfamfarms.com to learn more about them.

So if you're interested in getting a pumpkin?

Go to A&M family Farm And get a HOMEMADE CINNAMON ROLL ON SATURDAY!

If you don't mind, I am going to go get a cinnamon roll for myself. To join me go to 84735 Parkway Road Thursday through Sundays from 10:00am-5:30pm

Keeping it clean: Denny Gillmore

by Jarek Jeffs

Do you know Denny Gillmore? Well he has been in the background of our school careers for years and gone through some special experiences.

This is Denny's first job as a custodian and he started at the Elementary school for two years, but after that, he came to the high school and has been working there ever since.

There are benefits and bad things that happen when you are the custodian. Some benefits are that you are able to help staff and students (US), you are able to make lifelong friends. Some of Denny's favorite things about this job is, "That every day is different. There is always something going on and my the day stays busy and before you know it's time to go home."

Although with this schedule, he is not able to attend sports events and other events like it.

What is it like being at school without the students?

Denny explained that it is a more peaceful atmosphere but it just isn't the same. He also needs to clean deeper and even more often because even though we are gone, the staff is still there.

Some of the more memorable experiences he has had include getting toilets off the roof on two separate occasions, first was due to vandalism, but the second was a senior prank.

If he could change something about his job it would be the unnecessary vandalism, It can cost a whole lot and it hurts Billie pride.

This is Denny Gillmore, our awesome custodian that wouldn't be Pleasant Hill without him.



Shyanne Fenley battles BACK

by James Gordon

After experiencing a scary spinal injury in basketball last February, Shyanne Fenley faced a slow path back to sports. By consistently working and challenging herself through practice and club play, she has made it.

James: What did you do this summer? Shy: I played softball, worked out, watched lots of sunsets, and hung out with friends.

James: How did you get onto the Northwest Bullets softball team? Shy: I went to two different Northwest tryouts and they liked my drive to work hard and athletic ability so I got put on the team

James: How well is the team doing? Shy: We are doing good.

James: How did you manage to do school when playing in Utah? Shy: I worked on my homework in the airport and after my games in the hotel.

James: How are you staying fit during covid? Shy: Continuously playing softball and basketball while also working out.

James: What do you think of online school? Shy: It's a little harder than normal school but it's nice because of how much I travel.

James: What are you most looking forward to this year? Shy: High School softball, and traveling to Arizona with the Bullets.



Above: Shyanne Fenley fields a grounder as a Bullet for Club Softball this summer. Middle: Football players run plays to keep fit for an eventual season. Below: Soccer girls gather to do conditioning for soccer's spring season.

Music for troubled Times

by Jacqueline Pineda

This past year has definitely been an interesting one and so a lot of things have been cancelled. Concerts are a big thing that were cancelled this year so a lot of artists had to improvise with release dates. At least a lot of music artists released new songs/ albums to keep fans occupied. Taylor Swift, released her new album "Folklore" this year and all of the songs are amazing but two really good ones are *August* and *Betty*. Harry Styles released his album "Fine Line" in December of last year so the release sort of bled into this year, but *Golden* is a great song off that album.

Other great new songs from this year include *Blind* by Role Model, *BEST INTEREST* by Tyler, The Creator, *Rue* by Girl in Red, *Punisher* by Phoebe Bridgers, *IPHONE* by Rico Nasty, *Girls in the Hood* by Megan Three Stallion and so much more.

Music is a very helpful emotional outlet through these weird and unknowing times and can make this whole thing a little less stressful.

Teacher, what did you do last summer?

by Lauren Cazares

Teachers always ask students what they did last summer, but this year, I beat the teachers to the question.

Recently I interviewed, Ms. Billings, Ms. Jampolsky, and Mr. Gray to find out what they did on summer vacation. And while they all said they had a good break, they were also a bit disappointed with how the Coronavirus impacted their summer.

Ms. Billings took her toddler, Ada, camping for the first time and spent two weeks in rural Washington near the San Juan Islands. She said the camping trip was "an attempt to try and stay safe and healthy while still looking at something that was not the walls of our house."

Billings and her family usually go to England each summer to visit family and friends, but this year, they weren't able to because of COVID restrictions. She described this as "devastating."

Ms. Jamplosky was also unable to travel abroad this summer. When asked about her plans, she responded, "Oh gosh, this is a bit of a sore spot. Luckily I had an amazing summer, so I'm content, but I had originally planned to go on a month-long trip to New Zealand."

She had been saving for years to go on this trip and had wanted to see New Zealand since she was a little girl. Instead, she went to California to visit her family and went sea fishing, camping, hiking, and swimming. Ms. Jamplosky described the summer as "a strange mixture of peaceful and eventful. It was a mixed bag."

Mr. Gray also spent his summer camping. He didn't have any travel plans cancelled, but the COVID restrictions made it impossible to have band practice. This summer he had planned to release his first album, but he had to delay it.

"Fortunately, I still spent a lot of time learning about recording and producing music and was able to put on some music for my solo project. It's just not the same though...playing music with other people is my favorite thing in the world."

Gray described the summer as timeless. He said the days and weeks all blurred together. Even though the Coronavirus changed our summer plans, teachers, just like students, made the best of the situation and still had fun.

Food Zone: The smelly smoothie

by Ellie Bahen

I love making smoothies.

And I'm pretty good at making them if I do say so myself!

One summer afternoon, maybe in July, I decided I was going to make a smoothie. I had nothing else to do. Each day seemed more boring than the last. All I was ever doing was listening to musicals on my playlist, which kept me from going insane.

I got the fruit out of the freezer and got out the blender. Strawberries, peaches, raspberries, yogurt, and...oran—oh, we didn't have any orange juice!

If I don't add any orange juice to my smoothies, they'll be chunky.

I needed to use a different liquid, I guess. I scoured the fridge, but I could only find apple juice. I hadn't used apple juice in my smoothies before.

"This will have to do," I thought.

I poured in the fruit, the yogurt, and the juice. I got out three cups. One for me, and two for my little brothers. They always love my smoothies.

Well, almost always (they're kind of picky. It's either too sour or too sweet).

When it was done blending, I took off the lid to the blender, and almost immediately, I knew I did something wrong.

Every fall, my dad makes a special kind of apple cider. He boils the cider, then adds a bunch of spices. And it always smells like fall. I would recognize the smell anywhere. That's why I knew I did something wrong with the smoothie.

I sniffed the fruity drink and my nose was filled with the familiar smell of fall. I poured some of the drink into my cup and took a sip.

"Gross!"

I took what I thought was the apple juice and turned the bottle. On the other side, someone had clearly written "Wassail."

Then I looked at the expiration date and, apparently, it had expired months ago!

"Why was it still in the fridge if it had expired?!"

I poured the rest of the smelly smoothie down the sink and cleaned out the blender and my cup. I filled my cup with some water and tried to clean the disgusting flavor out of my mouth. It tasted like fruit and spicy apples!

Then my mom came into the kitchen and asked where the smoothies were, I had no choice but to tell her. It's not like I was going to keep it a secret. When I finished telling my mom, she burst out laughing.

Then when my dad called from work, she told him what happened and I could hear his hearty laugh over the phone.

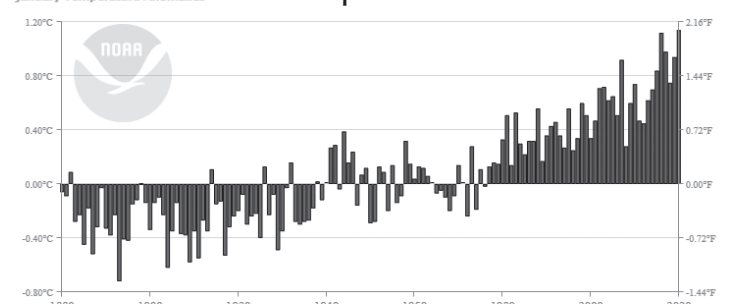
When he and my sister came home from work, my dad smiled at me and said "So Ellie, did you like your smoothie?"

[CLIMATE CHANGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2] (from the Last Glacial Maximum to 1850, from 185 parts per million to 280 ppm).

Due to global warming, hurricanes can become stronger and more intense. The intensity, frequency, and duration of North Atlantic hurricanes, as well as the frequency of the strongest (Category 4 and 5) hurricanes, have all increased since the early 1980s. The relative contributions of human and natural causes to these increases are still uncertain. Hurricane-associated storm intensity and rainfall rates are projected to increase as the climate continues to warm.

Ice cores were drawn from Greenland, Antarctica, and tropical mountain glaciers show that the Earth's climate responds to changes in greenhouse gas levels. Ancient evidence can also be found in tree rings, ocean sediments, coral reefs, and layers of sedimentary rocks. This ancient, or paleoclimate, evidence reveals that current warming is occurring roughly ten times faster than the average rate of ice-age-recovery warming. For more evidence, we can look at the causes of global warming which include Global temperature rise, warming oceans, shrinking ice sheets, glacial retreat, decreased snow cover, sea-level rise, declining arctic sea ice, extreme events, and ocean acidification.

What can we do to stop this?



How America manages the border: Analysis

by Angel Calva

Jenri a 6-year-old was separated at the U.S Mexico border from his mom Anita. While in the camp Jenri was taken to the 'Ice box' and met another boy; he and Jenri were cold and when Jeri finally got a blanket he shared it with that boy. Jenri and his mom reunited after a month, but the damage has been done. "You don't love me anymore," Jenri says to Anita after they arrive at a temporary shelter. "You're not my mom anymore."

Well, that's about what 2000 children from Latin America had to endure when their parents brought them to the US border for a better life or to escape danger in their village home.

"I have put in place a zero-tolerance policy for illegal entry on our south-west border. If you cross the border unlawfully then we will prosecute you, if you are smuggling a child then we will prosecute you and that child may be separated from you," said Jeff Sessions, US Attorney General speaking for President Trump.

President Trump pushed for a way to discourage families from coming to the border by separating kids from their parents. From April 15 to May 31, 2017, 1,995 children were separated from 1,940 adults by US Border Patrol as the Trump administration cracked down on illegal immigration with a zero-tolerance policy.

The family separation policy was ordered to end two years ago but there are still thousands of children in camps, separated from their families.

While the parents are incarcerated, children, who are not charged with a crime, are separated and kept in juvenile facilities with no clear process for reunification. In the past, families in this situation have typically been subject to civil deportation proceedings, instead of criminal prosecution.

In recent months, at least seven children have either died in custody or after being detained by federal immigration agencies at the border. These children came to the United States desperate for shelter and safety, but found separation and fear, under our government's care, instead.



Photo from US Customs and Border Control of immigrant children and juveniles with sleeping mats and thermal blankets. https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/a5/Ursula_%28detention_center%29_2.jpg

"It's immoral. And it breaks my heart."

Adults and children have been held for days, weeks, or even months in cramped cells, sometimes with no access to soap, toothpaste, or places to wash their hands or shower. Some reports have emerged of children sleeping on concrete floors; others of adults having to stand for days due to lack of space. A May report from the Department of Homeland Security's inspector general found 900 people crammed into a space designed to accommodate 125 at most.

The Trump administration's controversial new policy sparked outrage. Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley said that the plan was "zero tolerance, but a better name for it is zero humanity and there's zero logic to this policy."

Trump blames Democrats for the situation.

"The Democrats gave us the laws, now I want the laws to be beautiful, humane but strong. I don't want bad people coming in. I don't want drugs coming in and we can solve that problem in one meeting"

To some this zero-tolerance policy was inhumane.

Former First Lady Laura Bush said "I appreciate this need to enforce and protect our international boundaries but this zero-tolerance policy is cruel. It's immoral. And it breaks my heart."

Being separated from families was not the only horror for immigrants caught up by the Border Patrol. Immigrant children kept in Virginia Juvenile

Detentions center say that they were severely physically abused. The children, some as young as 14 years old, say they were beaten while handcuffed, placed in solitary confinement for extended periods, and put in cold concrete cells.

The Associated Press reports that the federal court filings claim against the Shenandoah Valley Detention center contains statements from more than a half dozen Latino teens. The teens were jailed at the center from over a span of months to years.

One Hungarian teen who arrived at the center at 15 years old said that they would handcuff him

to a chair and also placed bags over his head. The detention facilities lawyers have denied the physical abuse allegations.

Babies have to drink from unwashed bottles and there are not enough diapers. They are subjected to "extremely cold temperatures" with "lights on 24 hours a day," a pediatrician who has treated migrant children told CNN. There have been outbreaks of flu, lice, chickenpox, and scabies.

Why is America treating people like this?

McKenzie Fire Evacuee tells her story about the destruction

by Josie Chevalier

What sort of madness did the McKenzie fire cause last month? How did the fire start? How many homes were burned?

I interviewed one of the evacuees (Sylvia Dion) at Holiday Farm to tell you her story.

An alarm on her phone woke Sylvia up in the middle of the night. A man driving up and down the road, shouting into a megaphone, told the locals that there was a Level Three evacuation, and that they should get out NOW!

Eventually another person went door-to-door telling people to leave.

Unfortunately, two of her neighbors refused to evacuate. The next door neighbor's teeth were found in the remains of his home. Sylvia's house was not burned.

Sylvia fled to her sister's house, where she has been staying for a few weeks now. She knows she could live at her normal home if she wanted to, but that'd mean that there'd be no internet, electricity, or water. Most of the power lines and some trees were burned down, as well as sixteen houses.

Sylvia's house and music studio withstood the fire, yet most of her property was destroyed, including her barn, car park, and half of one of her horses' faces. Thankfully, all of the horses are still alive, and the one with the melted face has started to heal.

What started the fire?

"It was a downed power line," Sylvia said. And wind gusts up to 60 miles per hour.

She also said that the fire was so small, that the fire chief didn't think it was much of an issue at first—until it started spreading.

The fire destroyed about four-hundred houses. Currently, Sylvia's husband is staying at their old home, while Sylvia, herself, is still living at her sister's house. Neither her family, nor mine, know what is going to happen next.

Ms. Perham's new life

by India Isaacson

Inga Perham retired last year from PH Middle School teaching math and PE. We asked what she is up to now.

What do you miss most about working at Pleasant Hill?

I miss seeing the teachers and students each day. I miss the conversations. I really miss the PE time outside with students

How do you feel?

I am feeling good right now. I enjoy the time I get to spend with my Mom. I couldn't do this if I was working around people. My husband David is adjusting to me being home and adjusting to my changing schedule. He was ready for me to be retired. I just wasn't ready to not have something that needs done each day.

What have you been doing in your freetime?

We got a puppy a few months ago and that has been super fun. It is crazy to add that into your family life. It consumes a lot of time but you are rewarded with joyful puppy love. In my free time I have been making masks to give to friends and family and to the mission.

Do you have a new job or are you retired?

I do have an online job as an electives teacher with Willamette Connections Academy facilitating students with health and pe classes. I am enjoying the challenge of learning new things to become an effective online teacher.

How is your life different?

There is so much to learn. The joy of the job has been learning so many new things. I enjoy that I don't have to commute any more. I don't miss the drive. I enjoy my interactions with my students. I have a lot of pen pals. I get a little bit of time online with some of them. I also love that I have some flexibility in my day. I don't see my life as that different. I had to make adjustments just like everyone else in the world. I want to just live each day and be grateful.



Amanda Moch

New Staff: Amanda Krumdieck Moch....Assignment: 6-7th Special Ed teacher...Claim to Fame: Married High School sweetheart, Class of 2007

Amanda is happy to be at PHHS where she went to school. She had a great time in school, but now has a mission to help middle school kids navigate through middle school. She worked after getting a Masters at the U of O at the Child Center, a mental health day treatment center in Bethel School District. Her experiences there include the shooting of a man on campus and helping kids work through that. She loves kids and has an easy sense of humor and loads of patience and compassion.

At first Amanda could not stand Vince Moch, her classmate at PHHS. But he was crazy about her and persevered. Even her parents described him as "your future husband." Eventually Amanda and Vince got married and have two kids, Alexis 9 and Levi 7.

Our Past:
Pleasant Hill History
Part 1

by Richard Adams
Pleasant Hill began with Elijah Bristow.

He was born in Virginia in April of 1788, emigrating in early manhood to Kentucky and then to Illinois. He was restless, looking for something. He went west to California in 1845 but the California lifestyle wasn't for him.

He traveled overland to Oregon in the spring of 1846, at the age of 58. There he made up a traveling party of Eugene F. Skinner, Captain Felix Scott, and William Dodson and they started up the Willamette Valley in search of a good location for settlement. They came up the west side of the valley and stopped seeing evidence of white settlers after passing the Luckiamute River (about 10 miles north of present Albany, a quarter mile downstream from the Santiam River mouth).

The party kept going south. According to an account by Susannah Gabbert Bristow, his wife, as transcribed by H.M. Gabbert in July of 1989 from a document held by Judge John Gabbert of Riverside, CA: "On arriving at a point between the Coast and Middle Forks of the Willamette river, on a low rolling ridge, sparsely covered with oak, fir and pine timber, ever since known as Pleasant Hill, Mr. Bristow's eye was attracted towards the panorama of mountain and vale stretching out be-



fore him that reminded him of a like scene in far-off Virginia, where he was born.

He halted and raised his hat, allowing the cooling breeze, fresh from the near rolling Pacific to play at will through his thin gray locks, he exclaimed: 'This is my claim! Here I will live, and when I die, here shall I be buried!'" as the founding statement of Pleasant Hill. He sent for his family and built the first house in what became Lane County.

The family took six months to make it across the plains. Elijah's fourth son (and one of eventually 15 children), William Wilshire Bristow, who had been born in Cumberland County, Kentucky on July 18, 1826, was the very first teacher in Pleasant Hill's history, as Elijah's second building project was a cabin to be both the church and school in 1847, the oldest school in Lane County.



Halloween Special:
A Vampire Primer
by JJ Seitz

A boy lives at home with his mother waiting to turn eighteen so he can finally move out. What can he contribute to the vampire scourge that hasn't already been spoken and inked?

Now I must warn you, dear reader, while I have spent countless hours pouring over dusty books and ancient textbooks to find the hidden lore of sanguines lactantum or more commonly known around the household as the blood sucking vampire.

I've yet to see a creature of the night itself. Most of the information I possess, I consider wholly truthful and accurate. However, I don't mean the obvious and apparent too.

What I know about the obvious: Vampires cast no reflections in mirrors; they are deathly allergic to garlic; a cross held by a man of God will repeal them akin to the most effective of pesticides; holy water will cause their skin to blister and crack; sunlight would evaporate their cold bodies and return them to dust etc; the weaknesses are far reaching.

Did you know that garlic is not the only plant that makes them cringe? Wolfsbane works just as well—in fact I'd argue it's better.

The downside is that the wolfsbane is also extremely toxic to humans, so I urge you to use it with caution.

Silver bullets are another weapon that could fell them in one thunderous blow, any metal that is pure can harm them:opper, aluminum, and finally iron.

Why do you think you've never seen a vampire holding or drinking from a soda can before?

Now this rule applies to werewolves as well (known in elderly testaments as the foul and cursed lycanthrope).

I've read theories and statements proclaiming that lycanthropy is actually a mutation of the vampiric strain that warped due to demonic energy from the deepest and blackest pits of the last floor in hell.

This article is not about the terrible and furious beasts of the full moon however, this is about spreading the more obscure tibits of lore that the army of the night would rather keep locked away forever. This has pieces of trivia that no one else had written about.

I'm an aspiring vampire hunter myself and I have skills regarding captivating an audience —or so I've been told.

So I thought to myself "why not write an article?" I have nothing better to do with my time at the moment. If this information helps to save the lives of anyone who picked up this paper and read it to kill time while waiting for the teacheror to prove whether or not your babysitter is indeed one of them, then I'd feel no better sense of accomplishment.

Now the real hassle of stringing together your own grim grimoire compiled from vague notes and shoddily translated kandarian testimonials, is where to begin.

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Ferrari or
Lamborghini?

by Daxton Bloxham

A common question is "What is best?"

What is the best college, food, or even the best phone?

There is always a search for the best..

But my question is what is the best car? Is it the brand that matters, the engine, or the technology? Here are cars to look for, avoid, and advice on what car fits you the best.

For the past century cars have been roaring down our roads and have made transportation ever so easy. But to some people, cars are not just transportation, but they are also a reflection of their personality and way of life.

So the question is, what car fits you the best?

If you like the outdoors, why not a SUV? Cars like these were made for adventure and to explore the unknown. This includes Jeep, Landrover, Toyotas, and trucks. Such vehicles require large suspension and low gear ratios to climb the rocky mountains and terrain. So if you consider yourself an outdoors type of person, consider it.

If muddy trails, lifted trucks, and bumpy roads are not your thing, and maybe you just want something that is simple, reliable and efficient that can get to point A to B. Try a Toyota Prius.

They are small, light, and several of our teachers at Pleasant Hill drive one so why not? Powered by 1.4 liter four-cylinder and a 90kW electric motor the Prius is reasonable and realistic. The key to finding your car is not always what it is, sometimes it is just what it can do. A car with good gas mileage and low maintenance is always a good choice.

As many cars as there are worthy on in this list, there are a select few that stand out.. Powered by V12s and V8s that roar like a lion and break-world engineering records every year.

They are known as supercars.

Specifically Ferrari and Lamborghini. Of course there are many others we could name such as McLaren, Lotus, Mercedes, and Porsche etc.. But Ferrari and Lamborghini are world leading supercars.

Ferrari first started as a racing team called Scuderia Ferrari in Maranello Italy in 1929 by the man Enzo Ferrari. After some years in Formula 1 racing, Enzo made its brand as we all know today as Ferrari. Ever since then they have been engineering the impossible with some of the most beautiful cars.

In 1963 was founded by a man named Ferruccio Lamborghini who originally built tractors. After years of struggle they finally became a well supported brand in 2011. Lamborghinis main purpose is to build the best cars. Although they have very well made cars they do not do racing like Ferrari. Who would have thought that Lamborghinis had a history of tractors?

So that begs the question.

Money not being an issue, If you had to go with one what would you choose?

At the end of the day, it is not really about what is the best. It is more about what reflects you the most and brings you the most joy.

Personally I would recommend Ferrari because that's their legacy.

If you are more for pop culture and the looks, maybe, just maybe it might be a Lamborghini. Just remember it is not what you don't have that matters, but it is about what you do have and what you choose to do with that.

Oh, by the way, a Lamborghini costs between \$200,000 and \$500,000.

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We need your pictures of your students during this distance learning time. Please email Mr. Meinzen your pictures! We will be so grateful and your kid will look fabulous!