

Please make mine chocolate

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The Camp Fire's Child Care Center, located in Clackamas' Family Resource Center, is holding its annual chocolate sale through Feb. 23.

"It's one of the real differences in how we can operate and give scholarships," said Judy Kling, director of the center.

The Child Care Center, which is available to college students and staff as well as the public, receives its funds from parents' fees, the United Way, the college and the USDA food program. The remaining 11 percent of its

budget come from fundraising.

Parents help keep their child care fees low by selling chocolates each February. Each child's fair share is 75 boxes.

In addition, for every 400 boxes sold, each of the six classrooms earns a new book.

Brown & Haley's Almond Roca Buttercrunch, Mint Patties and Almond Caramel Clusters are available for \$4 a box in the Child Care Center, from students and staff members with children who attend the center, and in B104.

Each purchaser will receive a coupon good for \$3 off any large Round Table Pizza. If used, Round Table will donate an additional \$1 to Camp Fire programs.



Some of the happy faces from the Camp Fire's Child Care Center at the Family Resource Center at Clackamas.

Career Center provides choices

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Making a decision on which field of study to pursue can be confusing and expensive.

There is hope. Nestled back in its own little corner of the Community Center, the Career Center awaits students with lots of useful information on every aspect of career planning.

Career Resource Specialist Ethel Swanson and Job Specialist Rosemary Jane are both dedicated to helping students understand the vast amount of information available to them through center.

The center revolves around a computer program known as the Computer Information Services. The CIS allows students to explore many different career fields. It even has information on thousands of college scholarships. This service is free.

"It's surprising many students don't know this service is available to them," said Swanson.

A library of information is obtainable on career planning, writing a resume and putting together a career portfolio. There are even inspiring stories from people who returned to school to pursue a new career and how the experience changed their lives.

Bulletin boards hold a wealth of information ranging from a ten-year projection of the most sought after jobs in Oregon to motivational articles about people who returned to school and opened their own business.

Employment information is available on current job listings and summer work.

"Although we are not a job placement service, there are many job listings available for students to pursue on their own, and the listings are updated each week," said Jane.

The Career Center has recently implemented a new program to eliminate the need for instructors to cancel classes. If an instructor is going to be absent, he or she can contact the Career Center and arrange to have their class covered by one of the career planning specialists.

The Career Center's hours are Monday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Although appointments are not necessary, sometimes it is advisable in order to reserve a time convenient for a student's schedule. The center, which is located behind the cashier's office, can be reached at ext. 2213.

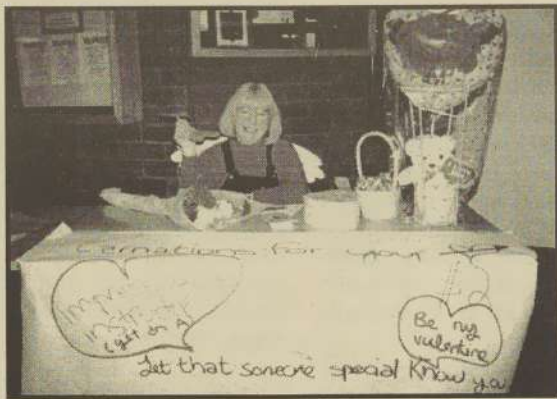


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Nancy Wilson, nursing instructor sells Valentine's Day goodies.

Opinion: Drive safely

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Driving on campus can be an exciting experience, but trying to cross the street at a crosswalk is taking your life into your own hands.

I have been narrowly missed on several occasions, especially at night. Some drivers on campus treat our roads like it is the Indy 500 Stock Car Race.

Once again, it is time to educate our sometimes forgetful students, faculty and staff about some rules of the road. Drivers MUST stop for people whether they are trying to cross at the crosswalk or anywhere on campus. It is the law. It is right there in the Oregon Drivers' Handbook.

Speeding heightens the danger

of not reacting with enough time. There are some blind curves leading into parking lots and crosswalks on this campus. An especially dangerous section is by the Community Center.

Not stopping at stop signs also presents hazards. I have come around curves to find people not stopping when coming out of the parking lots. People who are physically challenged or pushing baby strollers cannot get out of the way in time.

In addition to slowing down, driving with your lights on is a safety feature. It is becoming the law in many states. Light-colored cars have a higher visibility factor, and this cuts down on accidents.

So, please, stop for pedestrians, slow it down, stop when leaving the parking lot and drive with your lights on!

Authors' Night features gumshoes

Clackamas will host Authors' Night in Gregory Forum at 7 p.m. tonight.

Cherry Hartman, G.M. Ford and Mary Daheim will read from their works on the topic of "Detective Fiction."

Hartman is a licensed clinical social worker. Morgan McRain, the main character of Hartman's first detective novel, shares the same profession and moonlights as a private investigator. *The Well-Heeled Murders* is about a murderer with a shoe fetish. Hartman is also the author of *Be-Good-to-Yourself-Therapy*, *More-Be-Good-to-Yourself-Therapy* and is the co-author of *The Fearless Flyer: How to Fly in Comfort and Without Trepidation*.

Ford's novel *Who in Hell is Wanda Fuca?* introduces the reader to Leo Waterman, a rumpled, rain-soaked, hard-boiled, but softhearted Seattle

detective with a rebellious streak left over from the sixties. In this novel, he gets involved with an environmental activist who gets dragged into environmental sabotage. His novel sold well across the nation.

Daheim writes in the "American Cozy" sub-genre. She is the author of the "Bed and Breakfast" series which features Judith McMonigle-Flynn, a proprietor of Hillside Manor and part time sleuth. Her second series features Emma Lord in the "Alpine" series. Emma is the editor of the *Alpine Advocate* and solver of crimes in a northwest town full of quirky characters and dangerous situations.

The event is cosponsored by Friends of the Library and the English Department. A contribution of \$2 to Friends of the Library will be accepted. The authors' books will be available for purchase and signing.

For more information call Allen Widerburg at ext. 2359.

Clackamas Skills Contest celebrates twenty years

February means something special to some 1,600 high school students in Clackamas County. That's when students in areas ranging from math to photography to auto repair get a chance to pit their skills against other competitors in a day-long challenge of brainpower and skill.

The annual Skills Contest at Clackamas takes place on Thursday, Feb. 27 this year and marks the twentieth anniversary of this popular winter event. The contest had its humble beginnings in 1977, when it was seen as an opportunity for vocational students to strut their stuff. And strut they did; thousands of students have spent the day defending their expertises against all comers.

As the popularity of the contest grew, it expanded from its vocational roots to academic and even artistic areas. Now, students at local high schools can match wits in history, geography, business education and chemistry, even squaring off for a spelling bee.

There are categories for almost any interest or talent, and the anniversary celebration will introduce several new ones: forensics, featuring separate categories for persuasive, dramatic and informative speech competitions; personal finance and applied business economics.

"The contest was originally

designed to reward those who had mastered a skill or subject: say Skills Contest organizer Mindy Brown. "But it has become more than that; it's a great deal of fun."

Along with the fun and a chance to meet other students in a shared field of interest -- the competition comes with some valuable perks. The top three finishers in each category will receive one-term partial tuition scholarships. Clackamas, certificates and recognition at the annual Skills Contest banquet.

An add-on to the Skills Contest, which is open to the community as well as high school (and even junior high school) students, is an Opportunity Fair scheduled in Randall Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to explore career options and employment possibilities.

Professionals from 50 areas have been invited to be available for information interviews and another 10 employers will be on hand to actually conduct job interviews.

Workshops are planned on choosing a career, job search techniques and jobs of the future.

Co-sponsors for the Skills Day and Opportunity Fair are Clackamas Community College and the Clackamas County Education Service District. For more information, contact Mindy Brown at ext. 2261.