

Barking at the moon



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After belt busting meals of roasted fowl or caramelized porcine offerings, hearty sides of green beans, creamy yams and cranberries and an endless array of pies, tarts, cocoas and other creations ... do you really need more? Of course you do! Dieting can wait for the ever nearing new year and the required resolutions that go with it. Until then, it's time to splurge. (You are with your wallet, why not with your taste buds?)

During the holiday season, sweets are inevitable and *Eat, Print, Love* has a quick and easy recipe for a treat that's an awesome accompaniment to tree trimmings, caroling around the hearth and a delicious addition to Santa's Christmas Eve bribe.

Sweet & Salty Bark

1 package of milk chocolate chips
1 tsp vegetable oil
1 cup peanuts, roughly chopped
A couple handfuls of pretzels, lightly crumbled

Peppermint Bark

1 package of white chocolate chips
1 tsp vegetable oil
6-8 candy canes, roughly crushed

Using a double boiler – or a poor man's version, a quart pan topped with a glass bowl – pour the bag of chocolate chips into the bowl and drizzle the vegetable oil in and stir to coat. This little detail is what *keeps you a little time to work* with the chocolate before it hardens again. Bring the water to a boil over medium high heat, slowly stirring the chips as they begin to melt.

Continue stirring until chips have completely dissolved, being careful not to let the chocolate burn. Lower the heat and mix in your chunky goodness. Pour your concoction onto a cookie sheet lined with parchment or wax paper and flatten it out into a single layer of oozy sweetness. Pop the cookie sheet into the fridge (freezer works too if you're impatient) and go wrap some presents or something until your creation is thoroughly chilled.

If you want to dig in at this point, guess what – you can! The final step in this process is a fun one – BREAK IT! Peel up a corner and start snapping off slabs, size depends on preference and how many people are standing around clamoring for a piece after excruciatingly waiting through the time it took the chocolate to re-solidify.

Not only is this recipe quick, easy and not too much of an assault on your holiday (or any other time of year) dessert budget, but it's easily adjustable, customizable, double-able and gift-able. So use your favorite salty chocolate contrasts, use your own flavored hard candy choices, experiment with the myriad of different baking chips flooding the market today and play with any number of kooky combinations you can think of.

Then, all you have to do is toss a few pieces into a zip lock bag and top with a big red bow and ta-da! You've got a tasty treat for anyone – your mailman, your teacher, your family: everyone will love this EPL candy creation.

Psst, when everyone raves about your appetizing gift, go ahead take the credit – we won't tell anyone you got the idea from us.

Happy Holidays from Eat, Print, Love!

Molalla River State Park awes with fall beauty



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Molalla River State Park is a very peaceful place to go for a walk or nature hike. The park is conveniently located only 15 miles away from campus.

Andrew Millbrooke
Sports Editor

Less than 15 miles from Clackamas Community College's campus, Molalla River State Park is a hidden gem that is waiting to be explored. Located at the junction of the Pudding, Molalla and Willamette rivers, just upstream from the Canby Ferry, the park features tons of wide open fields of green grass surrounded by towering Douglas Firs and Western Red Cedar trees. Varieties of maple and alder trees add color to

the fall scene.

The north end of the park is heavily wooded and the walking trails there are shaded and cool. The paved trails meander up and down the side of the hill, but you can venture off-road for a more memorable hike. In the densely wooded area off the main trail, the ground feels soft and alive underfoot.

Don't worry about getting lost, as the park is fenced in and walking in any direction will lead you directly into one of the many trails that crisscross the park. Just be mindful and don't start hopping fences and

trespassing on private property!

Numerous ponds line the base of the north side hill, providing habitat for nutria, waterfowl, birds, reptiles and amphibians. Deer and small mammals are a regular sight in the park. Molalla River State Park is also home to one of the largest blue heron rookeries in the Willamette Valley.

Featuring miles of hiking trails, picnic tables, a boat ramp and tons of open space to let your dog off its leash, 'Molalla State' as the locals call it, is a great place to unwind in a nice peaceful setting. The summer months see the park fill up, but most of the year there is usually plenty of parking and open areas to do your own thing.

The wide open fields are living invitations to play baseball games or throw a Frisbee with friends or your dog. Plenty of picnic tables in shady areas with horseshoe pits nearby means you will always have something to do.

The boat ramp is a popular spot during fishing season and the summer, but sometimes it is completely empty and you can sit by the river and watch it meander slowly by with only the sounds of nature filling your ears. A few

spots along the bank provide open areas to cast a line into the murky waters of the Willamette River.

Plenty of overflow parking can be found in the field across from the main parking area. There is no fee to use the park and officials would like you to obey the signs and not feed the wildlife. They do have two reservable day-use areas. To reserve a day-use area, the fee is \$50 for the first 50 people, then \$1 per person for more people. There is no overnight camping in the park.

For reservations, call 1-800-452-5687. For more information, call 1-800-551-6949. A leash of no longer than six feet is required in all areas of the park that are not designated off-leash.

Molalla River State Park is located two miles north of Canby on Holly Street. From Oregon City, take 99E south to the first stoplight outside of Canby and then take a right onto Territorial road. Go straight two miles and then take a right on Holly Street. Just follow the signs from there, as the park is a little more than a mile away. If you pass the park you will run into the Canby Ferry, one of only three ferries still operating on the Willamette River.



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Counselor doors to receive new look

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Everyone here at Clackamas Community College gets smacked upside the head with some sort of obstacle every day, from twigs to proverbial 2 x 4s. These obstacles constantly leave us gasping for air and for answers. It's important to our success that we have access to support and resources to help us get through our rough patches so that they remain simply that, patches.

Sometimes it can be hard to ask for help. However, CCC's counselors make it easy.

"You might think 'Oh, this is going to be embarrassing,'" says Tom Newton, an animation transfer student here at CCC. "But it's not, because that's why they're there. It's why they're on the payroll."

One of the great things about Clackamas Community College is that it is a community in itself where someone will tell you, "It's going to be ok; we're going to get through this together."

In order to strengthen the academic advising system that we have here on campus, the college has set aside

three faculty members, each with specific departments to oversee. Their job is to pick and choose from the range of resources and information in their "Mary Poppins bag" and mold it to your situation. They will walk by your side for awhile, keep in touch with you and make sure that you and your problems are not falling through the cracks.



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Stephanie Schaefer
CCC Counselor

Stephanie Schaefer is one of those people here on campus. She is brand-new to CCC, and she is extremely excited to be here.

"My goal is to help as many students as possible, to help at CCC and beyond," said Schaefer. "I want to take the guesswork out of careers, transfer degrees, etc."

To support as many students as the new counselors want to be able to, they first

have to advertise the fact that they are here. All three counselors are in separate buildings, so it's important to them that students will be able to find them.

To do this, they are planning on decorating their doors. This may seem like a relatively small thing, but it's important to the department counselors that their doors stand out. They want the doors to be loud and in your face.

"We want to increase visibility so students know where to find us," said Schaefer.

The academic advisors that Clackamas has on campus are a great resource to the students. They have a lot of information to offer and a lot of different questions they can answer so it doesn't really matter what you're asking. Anything, from how to choose next terms classes, to finding out what prerequisites your potential 4-year college is asking for: these wonderful people are here to let you know what's what because some people need help on a more personal level.

Jeremy Boreis, a 27 year old student here at Clackamas expressed that sometimes it's not enough to get handed a list and walk away.

"Different students have different needs," said Boreis.



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Margie Gibler (left) and Emmy Ageros (right) chat in the counseling office. Gibler and Ageros are two of the counseling staff here on campus.

"So I think having one-on-one help to find out what issues they have could be really helpful."

Stephanie Schaefer's office is McLoughlin 247, Lupe Martinez is in Dye 140 and Casey Sims is in Barlow 250.

Their office doors will hopefully be decorated by the end of this week and they are ready and waiting for students to come knocking.