

Despite construction, Multnomah Village ends year on high note

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Despite extensive construction projects in Multnomah Village throughout the year which caused confusion, park-



Wilson High School carolers brave the bitter cold Dec. 6 to sing in front of Village Beads and the annual Christmas tree in Multnomah Village. The tree was donated by Hager Farms.
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Wilson High School seeks donations for book and rummage sale

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Wilson High School seniors would like you to consider donating any gently-used items or books to the Wilson Book & Rummage Sale to benefit this year's senior graduation night party.

Wilson volunteers will be collecting items on Jan. 5, 11, and 18 in the Wilson High School east parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Place to be determined. At time of printing, it may be at the football field instead. Look for the storage pod.)

"Grad Night" is a traditional celebration immediately following high school graduation which helps support a drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free safe, entertaining venue for all newly graduated seniors.

The school is looking for household items, small appliances, children's clothing, sporting equipment, and knick-knacks that are still very usable (in working order) and in good shape.

The school is also collecting books, DVDs, CDs, tapes, and records for all ages through Jan. 20. Collections can be placed in the barrel in the main office marked "Book Donations for Grad Night Party".

If you would like a tax-donation receipt, leave a self-addressed stamped envelope with your books or look for

ing problems, and inconveniences for business owners and shoppers alike, all has ended well.

The much anticipated trees were finally planted, all lighted by merchants; the recently completed lower parking lot at the Multnomah Arts Center welcomes shoppers and visitors, and the bioswales along Capitol Highway are filtering storm water.

"Currently, we are getting ready to place new benches, along with additional trash receptacles and recycling containers," explained Randy Bonella of the Multnomah Village Business Association.

The Golden Ticket program was a success; the Holiday Gala, despite the arctic weather, brought Santa, a carriage, and a train for youngsters; and merchants offered sales and goodies as people strolled throughout the area.

What's in store for 2014? "Hopefully some empty buildings will be re-occupied, the Riversgate Church completed, and [we hope to] see some new sidewalks along Multnomah [Boulevard]," Bonella predicted. "Just sit and enjoy the village walk by."

The Multnomah Village Business Association meets on the last Thursday of each month, 8:30 a.m., at O'Connors' Annex.

a blank receipt in the night mail box in the school office.

Then mark your calendar for the Book & Rummage Sale which will be held on Jan. 25 in the Wilson High School cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact Kevan Anderson at kevan11@comcast.net or 503-452-9191. Note: the sale is not accepting large exercise equipment, old TVs, or computers.

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Sydney Rounds, 8, works on her wire pig at Bellamy Studios.
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Local art gallery moves from Maplewood to Hillsdale

Bellamy Studios, which was located along Multnomah Boulevard (technically in Maplewood) on the way to the Old Market Pub, recently moved into the former Korkage space in Hillsdale.

It is a working art studio and gallery that teaches sculpture, drawing, painting, glass fusing, and linoleum printing.

Instruction covers the artistic process from beginning to end and includes composition, perspective, and color theory. Classes meet once a week for two hours.

Heather Bellamy, a local professional, has been teaching art for over 18 years. She also works on commission.

"The students are from age 4 - 74," Bellamy said. "Each student can create whatever they want."

"Gallery space is available so stu-

dents can experience having their art displayed in a professional setting complete with a formal opening."

Five-year-old Brynne, painting a clay Yorkshire terrier, came all the way from Hillsboro with her sister, Sydney, 8, and her dad, Jim Rounds, to enroll.

"I'm going to paint her bow red," announced Brynne. Sydney waited patiently for her dad to help her lift her finished tall, ceramic giraffe into their car.

Students should expect to participate for a few months in order to complete a project. Enrollment is limited.

For more information on classes or the gallery, please contact Heather at info@bellamyartstudios.com, (503)789-1820, or drop by the studio.

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