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Happy Valley Farmers Market OPENS for season **APRIL 28**



The Happy Valley Farmers Market will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 28. With over 80 vendors, the farmers market is celebrating its seventh season with more vendors, food, artisan crafts and music. Additional farmers will arrive with their produce as the season progresses.

In 2011, Jamie El-Khal was thinking about her community and how she could make it better.

"I started thinking about what my community was missing, and I

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND



realized Happy Valley didn't have a farmers market. I researched, visited other farmers markets, and spoke with the market managers. With the information I learned, I proposed to open a farmers market to the city, and it was a go," El-Khal said.

"When I opened in 2012 I had 38 vendors. I thought 'wow, this is awesome.' By the end of the first season we had 70 vendors, and from there, we have continued to grow and provide our community a wonderful place to gather and meet with friends and family on a Saturday."



El-Khal grew up in Happy Valley, her parents own George's Nursery. Through the years, she has seen many changes to the city where she continues to make her home.

"Looking back to when I was a kid, Sunnyside Road was just two lanes, one up and one down. There was beautiful farmland and a little white country store across the street from my school, Sunnyside Elementary," El-Khal said. "Growing up, my parents



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Colorful bouquets of flowers are always a hit with Happy Valley Farmers Market patrons. The fragrant flowers are grown locally and make a beautiful gift.

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More than 80 vendors are scheduled to help make the Happy Valley Farmers Market's seventh season a success in 2018. The market is scheduled to open Saturday, April 28.

"I feel blessed to know so many wonderful people and their families while giving back to the community where I grew up."

— Jamie El-Khal, Happy Valley Farmers Market owner/operator

Farmers Market

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knew almost everyone. I think it's just in my blood to run my own business and be a part of the community, as my parents still are. My brothers, my sister, and my parents all still live in Happy Valley. My kids attend the same schools I did. It's quite a blessing."

In July 2017, El-Khal was offered the opportunity to operate two additional farmers markets. And although she admits they can be time-consuming, she excitedly took the chance while formulating a growth plan for all three. Starting in May, El-Khal will relaunch the Damascus Farmers Market and launch the Hawthorne Farmers Market — both are weekday markets.

"Both of these markets are unique: Hawthorne is capturing a

lot of foot traffic with the excitement of the Hawthorne neighborhood and the Damascus market is in a beautiful park setting. It's like a picnic in the park, listening to music and grabbing a bite to eat," El-Khal said.

Hawthorne has 60 vendors compared to 30 at the Damascus market and both will feature local produce, food, unique handmade item, and entertainment.

"I feel blessed to have my husband and kids with me at the markets and to work from my home office. Between now and the next five years, I want these markets to be here for their communities. To provide customers a place to eat fresh, local, healthy foods and establish a happy gathering place for neighbors, friends and families to meet while enjoying a bite to eat and shopping locally," El-Khal said.



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● **Damascus Farmers Market**

20100 S.E. Hwy 212
Damascus, OR

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DATES: May 16-Sept. 12

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● **Hawthorne Farmers Market**

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TIME: 4 to 7:30 p.m.
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On Friday, March 9, to commemorate the completion of recent construction, Mount Scott Elementary School students assembled a time capsule for posterity.

The time capsule will be opened in 2039!



The careful selection of items will be revealed 21 years from now by future students of Mount Scott Elementary School.



The construction added four new classrooms, enlarged the cafeteria as well as two kindergarten classes and created a wheelchair accessible bathroom.

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Community Balance

Over the course of the last several weeks, I have heard concerns about some of the growth in our community. For the next several months, I've asked for our community newsletter, the Happy Valley Monthly, to include information about the planning process. Not to justify the growth, but to show how we as a community have come together for the last decade to manage our growth in a manner that is consistent with our values. More than that, I want to put a spotlight on the process so that more residents know when and how to get involved in the process.

Every year, more and more families move to the community for a higher quality of life and the deep sense of community. Homebuyers choose Happy Valley for its neighborhoods, complete with trails, open spaces, and connections to parks. Parents come to send their sons and daughters to top rated schools. Restaurants,

shops, and other businesses are drawn to Happy Valley for a customer base that mirrors their values.

As Happy Valley grows up, we need current residents to help shape our future. I've been on the City Council for nearly 12 years and know how complicated the Oregon land use system is for citizens to follow. The newsletter articles series will highlight the development process and factors influencing the evolution of Happy Valley. We will explore and answer questions such as:

- How does the City manage growth when working with developers, businesses, and landowners?
- How does the City ensure development occurs responsibly?
- How can the City safeguard neighborhood livability standards, such as parks, trails, open spaces, are required as the community changes?
- What are the design standards for new commercial, institutional, and industrial developments?

■ Is the City able to require additional public improvements, such as sidewalks, street trees, and landscaping along with a particular development?

■ Are new buildings safe, handicap accessible, and built to last?

■ How can residents get involved in the process?

Starting this month, make sure you read the article about the state and regional land use laws that provide the framework we are required to follow in Happy Valley. Even more specifically, in this issue you'll also find information about the development at Scouters Mountain and the steps the City took to preserve natural space, wildlife corridors, and steep slopes.

Like many of you, it is important to me that our community feels like home, that I have a connection with my parks, schools and neighbors. I also appreciate the restaurants and employment opportunities that are here because there is a larger community to serve. As long as we as a community continue to keep balance as our number one goal, our town will continue to be a great place to live.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



LORI CHAVEZ-DEREMER



Happy Valley's city councilors and youth councilors attended the National League of Cities national conference in Washington D.C. at the beginning of March. They shared ideas and learned from other cities, and met with Oregon legislators.

National League of Cities

The City Council has always felt it's important for Happy Valley to learn best practices from other cities and have a seat at the table to influence regional, state, and national discussions that impact our local community. Last month, we had the opportunity to join city councilors from all over the country at the National League of Cities meeting in Washington D.C.

Many of the issues we face are not unique to Happy Valley. Cities across America are dealing with aging infrastructure, traffic congestion, technology changes, impacts due to the repeal of net neutrality, marijuana legalization, the opioid crisis, and many others. While some of these challenges are daunting, it's encouraging to see local governments operate on a non-partisan platform to implement innovative solutions. We all came back from

the National League of Cities energized to continue making Happy Valley a national model for fostering a positive and cohesive community.

In addition to learning from our peers, we were able to meet with our senators and congress members. As local representatives, it's imperative our voice is heard in Washington D.C. Beyond policy discussion, we advocated for more infrastructure investment.

The most exciting part of our time at the National League of Cities was that we got to share it with Happy Valley's Youth Council. They were able to join youth council members from all over the country to discuss issues such as reducing teen suicide, programs to address distracted driving, and lowering the voting age to 16. We are grateful for many in the community who donated funds to sponsor our youth to attend the National League of Cities.



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Moms meet to inspire change in gun laws

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

As I walked into the cafeteria of Clackamas High School on a cold winter night for a local meeting, I was greeted by my neighbor, my friend, my son's teacher, and countless faces I see daily in Happy Valley.

In a nation with systemic gun violence, over 100 Happy Valley moms gathered to effect change locally. The latest mass school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, has left many hyper-alert to legislative loopholes for gun purchases, school security and issues regarding teens and mental health.

Happy Valley residents April Dobson and Shira Fogel organized the event and invited the Oregon chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. Speakers included former state Rep. Shemia Fagan, Moms Demand Action representatives, and Paul Kemp, whose brother was killed in the Clackamas Town Center shooting.

"I said something the other day, of which I'm so ashamed. While explaining my interest in starting this group, I felt the need to offer the following qualifier: 'I don't really know what I'm doing. I'm just a mom,'" Dobson said. "But I know better than that. We all do. There is no such thing as 'just a mom.' Moms

"This is not a time to be meek and self-deprecating. This is a time to recognize our strength and take action."

— April Dobson, Happy Valley mom



PHOTO BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

At a recent meeting with Moms Demand Action, Happy Valley community members listened to various speakers, including Paul Kemp, brother-in-law of Clackamas Town Center victim, to find out how they could make a difference to keep guns secure and reduce the rate of gun violence in America.

are teachers and nurses, advocates and coaches. We are financial officers and homemakers, cheerleaders and champions. We are cooks and diplomats, counselors and warriors — all for the sake of our children.

"So this is not a time to be meek and self-deprecating. This is a time to recognize our strength and take action," she said.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America was founded in 2012 by stay-at-home mom Shannon Watts following the devastating Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Her grass-roots efforts have led to Moms Demand Action

For more information, visit:

■ momsdemandaction.org

■ www.facebook.com/MomsDemandActionOR

Demand Action supports the Second Amendment, their goal is to eliminate gun-related violence and affect gun legislation in a nonpartisan format.

"When our children ask us, the mothers and others who do all these things and more, 'Where were you when the children were killed, and what did you do?' we will not be ashamed. We will not say, 'I'm just a mom,'" Dobson said. "We will say, 'we showed up for you. We learned how to do this for you. We fought for you. We never gave up. For you, we changed the world.'"

chapters in every U.S. state and a partnership with Mayors Against Illegal Guns to create a nationwide movement.

According to the Brady Campaign, on average, 47 children and teens are shot every day, seven of whom die. And although Mothers

Streetlight Banners Coming to Sunnyside

Calling all artists!

This summer, the City seeks to add decorative banners to streetlight poles along Sunnyside Rd. from 152nd Ave. and 162nd Ave. Banners will feature local art and be rotated quarterly to reflect the changing seasons.

The City invites residents of Happy Valley and Clackamas County to submit their seasonally-themed artwork and graphic designs for consideration as banner art.

Artwork must be submitted by May 15. To submit your art, visit www.happyvalleyor.gov/street-banners-coming-to-sunnyside-rd



COMMUNITY CALENDAR APRIL 2018

9	Parks Advisory Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
10	Happy Valley Garden Club Jody Peters will present Soilless Succulent Centerpieces. Contact Jennifer Buss at jenb@bussmold.com	9:30 a.m.	Happy Valley Baptist Church
10	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
11	Youth Council Meeting	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
12	Traffic and Public Safety Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
17	City Council Work Session	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
17	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
19	Public Art Committee	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
20	Deadline for "If I were Mayor" submissions		
25	HV Business Alliance Meeting	7:30 a.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
25	Design Review Board	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
28	Youth Council RX Drug Take Back	10:00 a.m.	See page 13
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1	City Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chamber
7	Parks Advisory Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.	City Hall

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NEW ART STUDIO

opens in Happy Valley on Misty Drive

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

On Feb. 26, Venvino Art Studios opened its doors to the public. The studio, the first of its kind to open in Happy Valley, is owned by Janice Kiser who is excited to share her space with the community.

“Our studio is family-friendly for a reason. I really hope that it can be a place where families can come together, put down their devices, and create something together,” Kiser said. “I hope that anyone who is interested in trying something new, or improving a skill they already have can come into our studio and have an amazing experience.”

After leaving the software industry, Kiser, a board member of the Happy Valley Business Alliance as well as the City of Happy Valley Art Committee, decided to find a career path better aligned with her interests.

“My husband, John, and I are members of the Portland Art Museum and try to go to any and all art museums when we travel. I love to paint and have so many kiddos (four children and a niece) means I have had my fair share of arts and crafts,” Kiser said. “I recently went to the Museum of Modern Art and was just in complete awe. There are so many amazing pieces of art there that I would need days to really take it all in.”

Kiser went to a “sip and paint” party and loved the concept. She felt, however, that there were missing elements. She started researching every art studio in the area to analyze the pros and cons of each business.

“I didn’t limit myself to the ‘sip and paint’ business. I went to paint-your-own-pottery studios, art studios, kid’s art places, and anything else I could, which would relate to this type of business,” Kiser said. “So I set out to do it all, but better. I didn’t want to limit my business to canvas, or ceramics, or crafts. I wanted to do it all. And I wanted it to be an amazing experience. Thus, the Venvino concept was born.”

Venvino offers multiple art experiences:

- Open art sessions are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.



Venvino Art Studios caters to numerous events including kid parties and ‘Sip & Paint’ parties. Venvino will take care of all your art needs including clean-up. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY JANICE KISER

Walk-in customers are encouraged to pick a project, use the available supplies, and create a masterpiece. The fee for the first two hours is waived with the purchase of your project; the price of projects varies. Art instructors are available for assistance and the studio cleans up the mess.

- Instructional art or “sip and paint” events are not limited to only canvas painting. Glass painting, ceramic painting, string art, and more are offered. Whatever the project is, the studio art instructor will teach a step-by-step process to the customers.
- Private events, kid’s parties, and camps offer art instruction to groups.

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struction to groups. These events include different art mediums such as ceramic painting, wood crafts, papier-mâché, low-fire clay, polymer clay, Mason jar art, and paper crafts. A party room can be used for the events.

■ Art lessons are available from 3-4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday where a different art medium is featured each class. A single class costs \$15, but there are five and 10 lesson packages.

Kiser grew up in Portland until age 13, when her family moved to the Eugene area. She studied business administration at Lane Community College. Upon her return to Portland at age 20, Kiser immediately began a career with clothing company Tommy Hilfiger. There, she worked

“Art is not only for those that are experienced, it’s for everyone.”

— Janice Kiser



The new art studio, owned by Janice Kiser, goes beyond simple painted canvases. The studio has an eclectic array of art mediums to offer customers including Mason jar art, string art, pottery, and paper crafts.

their family and software enterprise.

“Software was never my passion, so I also had side jobs that I did for other companies, such as helping Aries Apparel grow their business from one store to two, write their policy and procedure manual, and help with various training and merchandising needs,” Kiser said.

She originally lived in Happy Valley from 2012-14, but moved back in 2016 because “the schools are just so much better than anywhere else, and we love the community and small-town feel even though our city is growing so much.” As for Venvino, Kiser is an advocate for making art accessible.

“Art is not only for those that are experienced, it’s for everyone,” Kiser said.

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Applying cyber safety to your family

On Mar. 21, parents and teens came out to learn more about safe online behavior. Over 100 people attended the Family Cyber Safety Night, held at Happy Valley Middle School. Special Agent George Chamberlin of the FBI shared current online trends, popular social media applications, and what behaviors parents and teens should report. At the end, there was an open question and answer period for parents and teens.

Throughout the evening, there was open discussion, with teens and parents sharing their experiences, fears, and confusion regarding how to manage internet access in this ever-changing age. The presentation was thought provoking and I am hopeful it led to many parent/child discussions at home.

Since the presentation, the FBI has shared a stock of valuable resources geared toward parents and children to learn more about online safety, cyber crimes, information security, and violence prevention. These links are available on the City's website at www.happyvalleyor.gov.

As a parent, I can relate to the desire to keep the ugliness of the internet away from my children. I would prefer they never see a lot of the content that is out there,



Special Agent Chamberlin of the FBI shared Internet safety information parents and teens need to know at the Family Cyber Safety Event, held at Happy Valley Middle School.



PUBLIC SAFETY
Steve Campbell

have to deal with an anonymous bully, or field friend requests from strangers. As we learned, there are tools that can help shield children from some situations, but in the end, nothing replaces open dialog, family rules, and consistent involvement in your child's online social life.

If you are just beginning or have a need to evaluate your family's current Internet use, a family contract might be a good place to start discussions and set expectations

with your child. Sample contracts can be found here (www.safekids.com/contract). I recommend using a template (this or another), but making it your own based on your child's needs and personality.

As Special Agent Chamberlin said during the presentation, online safety takes a community. Raising children to be kind, resilient, and savvy to dishonest motivations will go a long way to keeping them safe online.

Our thanks to North Clackamas School District, FBI and Happy Valley Police for their support of this initial discussion. We look forward to offering more online safety forums in the future.

PUBLIC ART FEATURE

Artist Talks about City Hall Sculpture

Gregory Fields vividly recalls the moment he decided to become a sculptor. In 2003, he visited an art shop and saw a flyer advertising an upcoming clay and sculpture class. The class instructor became a mentor, and Gregory Fields was awarded his first major public art commission by the City of Seattle in 2008.



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More recently, a Fields' sculpture was accepted into the Happy Valley Sculpture Garden. NW Life is a seven-foot ceramic and steel pillar with carvings of indigenous Pacific Northwest species. Each panel of the sculpture depicts a different habitat. One panel depicts a man rejoicing in the sun, a subtle homage to our beautiful summers.

"I am very much inspired by the relief carvings found in pre-Columbian Mayan ceramics and stonework," he says. Fields enjoys how pre-Columbian symbolism conveys ancient beauty and quiet stillness, attributes he values after living in a monastery for 22 years near San Francisco. A native of the Bay Area,



NW Life, a sculpture by Gregory Fields, is currently on display at City Hall. Each side of the sculpture depicts a different habitat found in the Pacific Northwest.

Fields explains that he only experienced two seasons: dry most of the year and then wet in the winter and spring. Arriving to the northwest, he was awestruck by our climate diversity and lush landscapes.

"When the sun comes out in the northwest, it's like everybody comes alive. It's unlike anywhere else in the world," he says. He hopes NW Life

will encourage local viewers to treasure the richness of nature around them.

Fields' sculptures, including NW Life, often begin with sketches on a subject. "When you draw something in front of you, you find communion with what you're seeing, and it leaves a lasting impression in your mind."

The sculptures are then fleshed out in what Fields describes as an intimate experience. Unlike painters with their brushes, clay sculptors often work directly with their hands. There is a simple and primordial joy to working with clay, he explains, reminiscent of children shaping mud in their hands.

Fields hopes his sculptures will enrich the lives of those around him by providing a different perspective into life's quiet and overlooked joys. Such is the responsibility of an artist to society, he says.

"The arts help people become more well-rounded personalities, more broadly developed minds and hearts."

The City wishes to thank Gregory Fields for his participation in the 2017-2019 Sculpture Garden. His sculpture, NW Life, will be on display outside of City Hall through July, 2019. For questions about the sculpture and purchasing inquiries, please contact Jaimie Huff, 503-783-3828, jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov.

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April 2018 Library Events

ADULT PROGRAMS

Happy Valley Library Book Group

Thursday, April 5, 6:30-8 p.m.
Read the book selection for the month and come to the library to discuss the book with other readers. This month we're reading *The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!

Mah Jongg

Fridays, 1-4 p.m.
Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Be sure to bring your 2018 National Mah Jongg League cards.

All about Herbs

Saturday, April 7, 2-3:30 p.m.
Would you like to grow herbs in your garden but need a little help getting started? Are you eager to add more herbal flavor to your cooking but not sure what goes with what? Local author Maggie Stuckey will share lots of gardening and cooking tips, plus ideas for using your herbs in natural beauty and bath products.

String-Along

Sundays, April 8 and 22, 2-5 p.m.
Bring your acoustic guitar, fiddle, ukulele or other stringed instrument to the Happy Valley Library and share some tunes with other musicians. Adults of all skill levels are invited to drop in and play some American traditional Bluegrass or Folk music in a casual, jam-style setting. Bring a song you know to share.

Genealogy Club

Mondays, April 9 and 23, 2-4 p.m.
Come discover your amazing family history. Get together to find the clues that lead to your family's unique story. Learn how just a bit of research can open up new discoveries. Be a family history detective!

E-Books and Audiobooks Workshop

Tuesday, April 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Did you know that the library has books that you can download for free to your phone, tablet, or Kindle? Stop in for a demonstration and learn all about it. Feel free to bring your device and we will help you get started.

Note Night

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Enjoy some live music while you browse for books or sit and savor the sounds. This month features members of the Clackamas High School Intermediate Orchestra performing Vivaldi's concerto in La Minore, Hopak by Mussorgsky, and other classical and popular selections.

Ramona was Here Finding Beverly Cleary's Oregon

Thursday, April 12, 3:30-5 p.m.
Join guidebook author Laura O. Foster for a virtual tour of Beverly's Oregon, from an era long before Portland was anyone's idea of a vacation destination. With images and stories from her guidebook, *Walking with Ramona*, Laura will lead you on a tour of our state as Beverly saw it and as it is today.

Demystifying Meditation

Tuesday, April 17, 3:30-5 p.m.
Surja Tjahaja leads an audio-visual presentation that highlights scientific research to explain how and why meditation is so effective in reducing stress and promoting health and happiness. The presentation also includes a guided meditation and a question and answer session.

Intro to Berries

Tuesday, April 24, 3:30-5 p.m.
Master Gardener Jane Collier will share information about Strawberries, Blueberries, Raspberries and Blackberries. Learn about which berries you may want to grow and how to properly deal with diseases and pests, weed management, and pruning.

Introduction to Beginning Genealogy

Wednesday, April 25, 1-3 p.m.
Come to this basic class and learn where to put your information in an organized way, how to keep track of piles of documents, and how to share your family line with others. There will also be help with searching basic genealogy websites and hints and tips to help you find your family history.

Board Game Connection

Thursday, April 26, 6-8 p.m.
Gather around a table and connect with friends new and old over board games. Learn a new game or bring a personal favorite and teach someone else! New games will be featured every month.

CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Homeschool Meet Up

Wednesday, April 4 from 2-4 p.m.
With a curriculum swap table, crafts and games, there's plenty of fun for the whole family!

Fairy Crafts

Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m.
All things fairy, from wings to mini-worlds. Make something magical!

AKA Science presents... Earth Rocks!

Wednesday, April 11, 4-5 p.m.
Grades 3-5
Each month explore different topics and then take stuff home to amaze your family and friends!

Shira's Sign & Sing

Saturday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.
Sing, dance, and learn some signs with Shira Fogel from *Tiny Talkers!*

Red Yarn Puppet Show

Tuesday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Red Yarn and his critters are back for a fun night of singing, dancing and playing at the library!

LEGO Creative Building with Blair Archer

Wednesday, April 18, 4-5:30 p.m.
Grades K-5
Make your ideas a reality using lots of LEGOs!

Let's Lego!

Saturday, April 21, 1:30-3 p.m.
We'll supply the LEGOs; you bring your ideas! Build with other LEGO

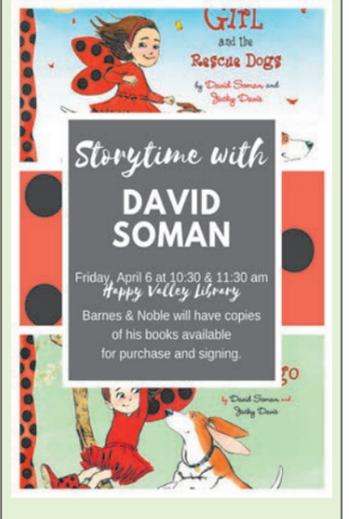
fans and then tear down your constructions.

Mother's Day Tea

Saturday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.
Bring someone special for a tea party, complete with crafts and games.

"Storytime with David Soman"

Friday, April 6 at 10:30 and 11:30 am
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Creating hope for kids around the globe

Hope Teams International to host benefit concert at Valley View Church

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

To help raise funds to support children in developing countries, Hope Teams International will host a benefit concert featuring Michael Allen Harrison. The concert, performed for free by Harrison, will be from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Valley View Church.

Cindy Larvick grew up in Medford. After high school, she took a job with U.S. Bank and continued working in the financial industry for over 40 years. Larvick retired in 2013. She says that during retirement, her world became smaller.

So when she was offered the opportunity in 2014 to be the executive director of Hope Teams International, she jumped. Larvick had volunteered for the religious-based, local nonprofit in the past and after accepting the position, her world expanded.

"I've always had a strong interest in Africa. As a young girl, I dreamed of being a photographer for National Geographic and living in Africa," Larvick said. "There has always been something about that continent that has pulled at my heart strings. As an adult, the movie 'Out of Africa' reignited my desire to go there."

Larvick, a Happy Valley resident since 1999, made her first trip to Africa in 2003 on a short-term mission trip to Mozambique with several people from Valley View Church.

"In some ways, the trip was everything I imagined. The people, the heat, the animals, the landscape. In other ways, I was completely blown away by the poverty, the people, the lack of services, the smell," Larvick said. "But I loved it and I knew I wanted to go back. I got my second chance to go to Kenya with Hope Teams International."

Her second trip was better than her first. The team traveled several hours to the village of Oyugis, where they helped build a large chicken coop and taught Vacation Bible School. Oyugis is an area in Kenya that has been hit especially hard by the AIDS epidemic, leaving many children orphaned. The women of the village didn't want their children to leave the village and go to orphanages, so Hope Teams International stepped



Cindy Larvick, in Honduras, has helped to provide educational opportunities for hundreds of children.

"It's great to be able to give back in such a direct and powerful way."

— Cindy Larvick, Hope Teams International executive director

in to help.

"The women organized themselves and found homes for the orphans or helped the oldest child become the head of the household, as much as they could provide oversight and care for these children," Larvick said. "Unfortunately, many of the heads of households were forced to quit school so they could provide for their younger siblings."

Larvick said Hope Teams International provided financial support so the children could stay in school. She returned to Kenya two more times through the organization.

"While I enjoyed my many years in banking, it's great to be able to give back in such a direct and powerful way. I feel like I'm putting my tiny stamp on the many needs of the world. I am so blessed to be able to ease into retirement by working at an organization that has such a passion for

children around the world," Larvick said.

Her goal is to bring more awareness about Hope Teams International with an eye to forming further partnerships with charitable organizations in other countries.

Hope Teams International started in the mid-1990s during the orphanage crisis in Romania when communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu was executed and the subsequent unrest revealed thousands of orphans living in squalor in a failed social-engineering project.

Today, Hope Teams International has partnerships with organizations in Kenya, Liberia and Honduras to help orphans and street kids. They provide financial support through a child-sponsorship program and assist with funding for capital improvement projects.

"Last year, we sent 42 adults and teenagers on five teams to Honduras where they worked on a new school building, painted existing buildings, put on a basketball camp and vacation bible school, and the all-time favorite of bringing Christmas to Manuelito," Larvick said.

In Honduras, the nonprofit works with Proyecto Manuelito, a ministry to help children get into more stable living conditions. Together, they help

care for 43 orphans and street kids in the small town of Talanga. Proyecto Manuelito also operates the basic education center, a school through eighth grade. After eighth grade, the students attend a public school. Over 139 poverty-stricken children are now able to attend school and receive a healthy meal because of the joint efforts.

"For many, it's the only meal of the day for them. They



During a trip to Kenya, Larvick, along with Hope Teams International, helped to keep numerous orphans living in the Oyugis village, rather than be sent to the city.



MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON BENEFIT CONCERT

WHEN: 7-9 p.m., Thursday, April 19

WHERE: Valley View Church, 11501 S.E. Sunnyside Road, Happy Valley

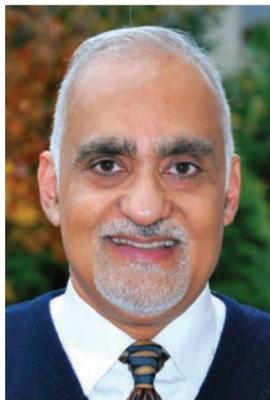
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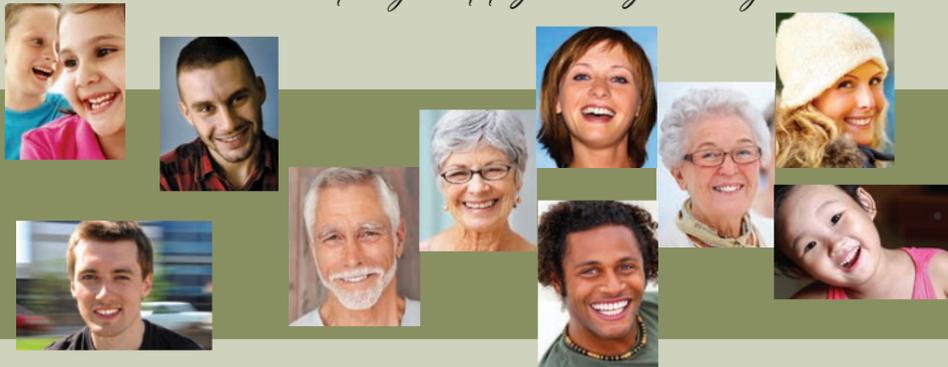


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Volunteer planters from Happy Valley and beyond helped keep the city green and protect our creek at a recent tree planting event on St. Paddy's Day. The 113 volunteers planted 725 native trees, shrubs, and ferns that day.

On Mar. 17, 113 volunteers of all ages turned out to Happy Valley Park to make it a little greener. Through their efforts, 725 native trees, shrubs and ferns were planted, and four cubic yards of mulch were spread!



As a participating Tree City USA city, Happy Valley is dedicated to the planting of trees for a variety of reasons. They protect our creeks and streams, clean the air, and beautify our streets and parks. The planting in March will have a positive impact on Mt. Scott Creek, a tributary of Kellogg Creek, which flows to the Willamette River

To help with this mission, Happy Valley is fortunate to have a great partner in Friends of Trees, an organization dedicated to "inspiring community stewardship of

our urban forests by bringing people together to plant and care for trees and natural areas." Through their support, multiple community plantings are held in Happy Valley each year.

A great opportunity to show your appreciation for the nature around you is to participate in an Arbor Day event, which falls on April 27 this year. While many holidays honor an event in the past, Arbor Day is about growing and maintaining trees for future generations to enjoy. These events celebrate the amazing and far-reaching benefits of trees, primarily by hosting plantings and tree care events.

For those looking to get their hands in the dirt, there is a mulching event scheduled at Happy Valley Park on Friday, April 20, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. For more details about this



Volunteers of all ages were invited to get involved and contribute to creek habitat protection.

and to learn more about additional planting opportunities, visit www.friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar or contact the Volunteer & Outreach Team at (503) 595-0213.

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- WHEN:** Registration deadline is Apr. 15th and games begin the week of Apr. 30th. The season continues through the last week of August.
- WHERE:** Games are held weekly at Hood View Park Sports Complex
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New Roundabout being added in Happy Valley

Construction is currently underway on a new roundabout within Happy Valley's city limits, located at 145th/147th Ave and Scouters Mountain Road.

Building a roundabout is a large project and the construction for this project is expected to continue until early summer. During this time, traffic movement will primarily be directed under flagging. Because of the use of heavy equipment and grade differences (drop-offs), there will be a 9-day road closure toward the end of April. This closure ensures better

site safety for workers and travelers as well as significantly shortening the construction time. During the closure, a detour will be in place directing north-south traffic to use 122/129th.

As a "gateway" to the "bowl" of Happy Valley, a roundabout was chosen for this site due to its effectiveness as a traffic control device while also being an attractive addition to the area.

Roundabouts have gained popularity and support in recent years. Not only do they facilitate traffic

flow and increase road capacity, but studies show they are safer than a traditional stop sign or traffic-signal-controlled intersection.

This site is sure to become an instant Happy Valley landmark. The design includes pedestrian crosswalks, landscaping, and a public art display dedicated to the history and nature of the community.

We understand that during this process many will be inconvenienced, and we thank you in advance for your patience. We have worked diligently to reduce the im-

pact to residents where possible and to create a final product that our residents will be proud to have in our community.

If you should have questions regarding the design of 145th Ave./147th Ave. or the roundabout itself, please contact Sally Curran, P.E. (Civil Engineer) and for additional details on the greater Scouters Mountain PUD, contact Steve Koper, AICP (Planning Services Manager) at 503-783-3800 or write to sallyc@happyvalleyor.gov or stevek@happyvalleyor.gov.



The roundabout will be located at 145th/147th and Scouters Mountain Road. The area will include three pedestrian crosswalks, professional landscaping, and public art pieces.



State and regional land use regulations ensure natural resources, forests and public facilities are considered when a development is designed and planned. Keeping growth within an established city like Happy Valley also allows for the preservation of forest and natural areas outside the UGB by limiting sprawling development. Image: Scouters Mountain Planned Unit Development, the development design preserves larger areas of green spaces and wildlife corridors. The site also includes a park, community center, and 2.5 miles of multi-use paths and trails.

DEVELOPMENT 101 State and Regional Planning



"Oregon is an inspiration. Whether you come to it, or are born to it, you become entranced by our state's beauty, the opportunity she affords, and the independent spirit of her citizens."

— Oregon Governor Tom McCall's address to the 1973 Legislature

As Happy Valley continues to grow, the community has shown a considerable interest in shaping its future. In order to help shape our local process, it's important to know about the state and regional laws we must follow.

In 1973, only eight years after Happy Valley incorporated, the Oregon legislature passed Senate Bill 100. Considered a landmark piece of legislation throughout the country, the bill established a statewide land use planning program. At the time, Oregon Governor Tom McCall and many others wanted to ensure Oregon's natural beauty, lush forests, and fertile farm land didn't face pressure to urbanize with abandon. As a result of Senate Bill 100, Oregon established several statewide planning goals, applicable to every city, that require:

- Citizen involvement in the local planning process
- Local land use decisions be made in accordance with a comprehensive plan based on factual information
- Protection of natural resources, farm lands, and forests
- Diversification of employment lands
- Wide array of housing types
- Provision of efficient public facilities and services such as water, sewer, and roads

Most notably, Senate Bill 100 set in motion the establishment of urban growth boundaries around every city and metro region. In 1978, voters in the Portland region created Metro to provide regional land use and transportation planning services. One of the first tasks Metro took on was establishing an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) around the metro area. This boundary stretched from Forest Grove to Gresham and North Portland to Wilsonville. It also included parts of Happy Valley. Since 1978, the UGB has been expanded six times to increase urban land near Hillsboro, Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood, Wilsonville, and Oregon City. Three times, the expansion included land around Happy Valley to include sections along Sunnyside Road, the land that is now home to City Hall and Happy Valley Town Center, land east of 145th Avenue, along with the boundaries of the City of Damascus.

While the UGB protects land outside the boundary, it promotes development within the boundary. Based on regulations set forth in state law, the UGB may only be expanded if the existing land inside the boundary cannot support employment and housing needs for the next 20 years. Even then, the expansion areas must be targeted towards land less suitable for farm and forest uses, as well as land that can be more easily served with infrastructure. While much of Happy Valley inside the UGB was able to remain rural in character for decades, pressure kept mounting until land owners and developers reached a price tipping point.

Fortunately, there are local tools and policies to guide development in Happy Valley. Stay tuned for the article next month where we will explore Happy Valley's comprehensive plan and local design standards that ensure development meets our community's vision for the future.

In the meantime, if you'd like to learn more about the UGB, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/urban-growth-boundary.

MY PARK STORY

Local resident shares her park experience

Parks are essential to any community. They are places to play, gather, exercise and learn. They expose their visitors to their natural wonder each day. For all the many reasons people visit parks, from sporting events to bird watching, spending time outdoors provides many joys and benefits.

This spring we are introducing a new series called "My Parks Story," sharing the stories of local park users. By seeing a park through another's eyes, we hope you will discover something new to explore in Happy Valley.

This month's story features Christine Anderson, a resident, parent, and a professor of biology at Mt. Hood Community College.

How often do you visit parks in Happy Valley?
I take my family to Mt. Talbert Nature Park as often as I can. This extinct volcano is home to many species of birds and animals. My family enjoys hiking under the old white oak trees as it allows us to experience nature and still be close to home. On any given outing, we see owls, woodpeckers, hawks and eagles. Spring is a particularly fun time to visit as many birds stop over at Mt. Talbert along their long migration routes. It is important to note, that due to this amazing biodiversity and sensitive habi-

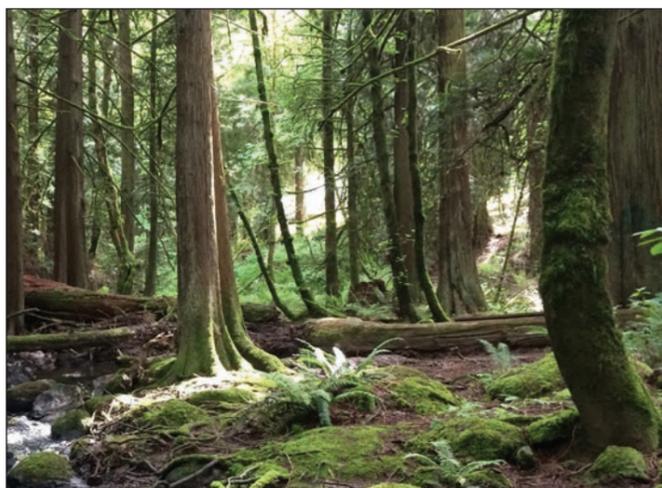
tat for wildlife, dogs and other pets are not allowed.

The parks here do a good job at protecting biodiversity by giving native species of plants and animals a place to flourish. In addition, by maintaining an important wildlife corridor between natural areas, animals can move and aren't stuck on an "island" of habitat. Having dedicated green space along creeks and between parks allows animals to move between higher quality habitat areas while remaining protected.

You mentioned you take your children with you. Do they like it?

All kids are natural biologists. They soak up information by exploring. "What is growing on this tree? What would happen if I touched this bug? How do trees grow?" By exploring, they are able to see and feel nature, and be a part of it. This interaction helps them learn about our impact on nature and then they understand why we take steps to preserve it.

Without this exposure, children don't always recognize the important parts of an ecosystem, they don't see it as part of a larger picture. Time in nature helps kids understand how the parts of an ecosystem work together to form the natural world we see around us and what happens when it is disturbed. Exposure



Christine Anderson and her family enjoy visiting the local nature parks. Each one offers something different. The Mt. Scott Creek trail area (pictured) is a little oasis located between 122/129th Ave. and local neighborhoods.

to the awesomeness of nature around us – at any age – gives us the opportunity to develop a deep appreciation of nature and our community's natural resources.

You're really knowledgeable and know what to look for. Any advice for those who want to learn more about the nature within our parks?

Mt. Talbert has some educational signage throughout the park about the various animals and plants that live there. Metro's website, oregonmetro.gov, is a good source of information for trail maps and field guides. Metro's nature education team leads educational tours and hands-on learning activities at many local natural parks. I would encourage people interested in learning more to sign up for one of those. I'm particularly excited for the

Spring lichen ramble at Scouters Mountain Nature Park on April 21st.

What is your favorite park?

I would say that Mt. Talbert is the gem that many people don't realize is there. Happy Valley Park is a favorite as well; it has lots of options. The dog park is a great option for dogs and their owners, especially since pets aren't allowed at Mt. Talbert or Scouters Mountain. In addition, the park offers a nature walk through beautiful wetland habitat that is perfect for bird watching as a family.

Final thoughts?

There are many dimensions of nature captured within each of our parks in Happy Valley; each one has something different to offer. Go and see them all, there is a gem in each one of them.



La Salle Prep receives \$1.25 million donation



La Salle Catholic College Preparatory recently received a \$1.25 million donation from Vancouver, Washington, resident and philanthropist Elsie Franz Finley and her late brother, Robert W. Franz.

The money is earmarked for the athletic facility's front entrance expansion, renovation of the locker and training rooms, and replacement of the gym floor. School leaders say the project will "enhance the overall student experience." Remaining money will establish an endowment fund to award need-based scholarships to La Salle students.

When completed, the athletic facility will be named after the late Rev. Lawrence Saalfeld, a longtime La Salle trustee and pastor.

"The gift has a special sentimentality because it comes from Elsie Franz Finley, who served La Salle as the first woman trustee," said Denise Jones, president of La Salle Prep. "It also honors two values that Father Saalfeld held dear: access to Catholic education for all students and the life lessons kids learn through sports."

Saalfeld was pastor of Milwaukie's St. John the Baptist Catholic Church from 1968-83. Franz, who was a banking execu-

"We are incredibly grateful for their tremendous gift. It will have a lasting impact on our community, especially our students."

— Andrea Burns, La Salle vice president of foundation and major gifts

tive, along with his sister, met Saalfeld at the church and their family became involved with La Salle when Saalfeld invited Franz to join the school's board of trustees.

In a letter dated more than 20 years ago, Saalfeld asked the Franz siblings to consider funding a new chapel at La Salle Prep. More than a year after her brother died, Franz Finley found the letter and called La Salle Prep to inquire about donating. Franz Finley was told that the chapel campaign was completed but there was another way her family could honor Saalfeld and the school he loved dearly.

"Naming this space after Father Saalfeld is perfect because he knew how to connect with kids," Jones said. "It was a delight to witness the joy he received from simply being with our students."

Saalfeld often came to La Salle Prep to cheer on the Falcons basketball team from the bleachers. He is also remem-

bered for dressing up as Kris Kringle during the Feast of St. Nick to hand out candy to the students in the school hallways.

La Salle Prep, a co-ed school of 700, opened in 1966. The Franz gift is the second-largest donation La Salle Prep has received. The Franz siblings, who grew up in Milwaukie, have made an enormous impact on the Catholic ministries of the Northwest. Providence Portland Medical Foundation established the Robert W. Franz Cancer Research Center after a generous gift from the siblings. The center has more than 100 immunotherapy researchers. And their donation to the University of Portland created Franz Hall, a 78,000-square-foot academic building.

"We have much to be thankful for at La Salle," said Andrea Burns, La Salle's vice president of foundation and major gifts. "We continue to realize the many blessings from those who came before us — those who believed and had faith in the Lasallian mission and the school."

April is all about Window Fall Prevention

You can protect your child from falling from a window



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Window falls are predictable, therefore preventable. We need your help to reduce the risk of injury to children. Safe Kids Worldwide reports 3,300 children under age six fall from windows every year.

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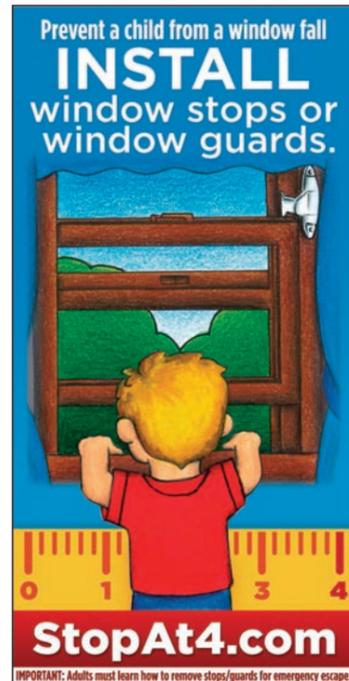
Most window falls happen from windows with improperly installed screens. Teach kids and caregivers that screens keep bugs out not kids in.

Limit window openings to 4" with window stops. If you must open windows more than 4" use a window guard or a safety screen.

Move furniture away from windows. Do not stack items beneath windows.

Enforce a KID-FREE ZONE in front of all windows.

Visit the STOP at 4 Inch, The Campaign to Stop Window Falls at: www.stopat4.com. Get practical help and resources from Randall Children's Hospital's Safety Center at: www.legacyhealth.org/windowsafety.



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Scouters Mountain Principal Spooner challenges students to raise money — he lost, and yet, won

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND



Spooner challenged the whole school to raise \$11,000 for the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for the Heart campaign. The school raised more than \$16,000 which surpassed any other school in the Portland-Metro area. Because the school raised more than the challenged amount, Spooner and Knauss were "pied."



On March 23, Scouters Mountain Principal Kevin Spooner and PE Teacher Eric Knauss were pelted with eight pies in the face after they lost a challenge.



Both Spooner and Knauss are retiring at the end of the school year. Each have been teaching in the community for more than 30 years.

DON'T BE THE DEALER

RX DRUG TAKE BACK

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. That's why the Happy Valley Youth Council will be holding their Annual RX Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, April 28th from 10am-2pm at City Hall. Happy Valley Youth Councilors have organized Rx Drug Turn-In events as a part of their commitment to the well-being of the community. The previous years' efforts have in total brought over 3,000 pounds of drug items.

Drive by and drop off your unwanted or outdated prescriptions, over-the-counter medications or drugs. Safe disposal protects our water supply and keeps drugs out of the hands of unauthorized or recreational users. All drug materials will be accepted, no questions asked.

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Singers and speakers win awards

BY SHELLEY MCFARLAND

Voices lift

Four students from Mount Scott Elementary School recently were selected to the Oregon All-State Elementary Honor Choir after a performance in Eugene.

Fifth-grade students Avalon Donnelly, Adilee Lampert, Stella Martin and Alaina Schlegel were chosen for the honor choir out of 120 elementary school singers. Before their performance, the girls rehearsed for more than 10 hours under the tutelage of Elizabeth Nunez, a nationally renowned singer and associate artistic director of the award-winning Young People's Chorus of New York City.

Emily Gimba, music educator at Mount Scott Elementary School, as well as at Milwaukie Elementary School and El Puente Bilingual School, said seven students were nominated from Mount Scott "based on their musicianship and ability to be responsible and respectful students."

Gimba, who earned a bachelor of arts degree in vocal performance from the University of Portland and is in her 10th year teaching, said the experience was wonderful for her students.

"It was a joy to see the



The Oregon All-State Elementary Honor Choir recently performed in Eugene. Four Mount Scott Elementary School students were selected to the choir.

range of emotions throughout this experience," Gimba said. "From the nerves at auditions to the elation when they found out they'd been selected, to the overwhelming feeling of realizing they must rehearse and memorize seven pieces in one month, the apprehension of staying away from their parents to facilitate their rehearsal in Eugene, and finally the pride on their faces as they sing in a choir of 120 outstanding young singers from across the state."

The highlight of the event for Martin was the dancing in "La Sopa de Isabel" because it was an unexpected opportunity for the students and audience. Donnelly's favorite piece was "Small Voices." She found it "fun, exciting and crazy!" And except for when

she became hungry, Lampert loved the rehearsal even though it was an 11-hour day. Schlegel enjoyed the opportunity to feel independent staying in Eugene without her parents. If only for one day, it made her feel grown-up.

Performance pieces under Nunez's direction:

- "Maliswe," arrangement by Craig McLeish
- "Ask the Moon," Ron Nelson
- "Be! I'm Expecting You," Emma Lou Diemer
- "Ladybug Medley," arrangement by Francisco Nunez
- "Small Voices," Jim Pappoulis
- "The Drinking Gourd," Andre J. Thomas
- "La Sopa de Isabel," Francisco Nunez



Stella Martin, Adilee Lampert, Avalon Donnelly, Alaina Schlegel
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The art of debate

At the same time, Happy Valley Middle School's newly formed debate team has flowered into a strong group of 10 students.

The team was formed early last spring by student Estelle Trieu. The group initially consisted of four students who would meet as a team weekly with the help of supervisor Angela Greenblatt. Today, the group has grown to 10 participants who often vie in competitions ranging from public speaking to rigorous debate.

"We were only able to create such a talented team with the help of our wonderful supervisor, Mrs. Greenblatt," Trieu said.

Their first competition in November 2017 at Lake Oswego Junior High was successful for the new team. They took third place in debate and second place in public speaking against 50 kids from other school districts.



"I am very proud of our Happy Valley Middle School debate team," Greenblatt said.

In recent competition, Isabelle Reksopuro won second place in radio commentary and Trieu took second in prose and first place in radio commentary. Out of the four students able to attend the competition, the team took home three awards.

"What has impressed me about our diverse group of students is the immense passion they all have for speech and debate," Trieu said. "After each team meeting, I can see the vast improvement and ambition from each individual. They really immerse themselves into all the aspects of speech and debate. It's an amazing experience as captain to see how each member has blossomed into aspiring characters that reflect their hard work and talent that they devote to the club."



Isabelle Reksopuro, Estelle Trieu, Ruby Connelly, Phoebe Lee

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International Day of Happiness

Six locations, 443 Kona's, two dogs and one penguin. Thank you everyone who came out on Mar. 20 and celebrated the International Day of Happiness with us.

We were particularly honored to share a sunny afternoon and treat at Clackamas County Dog Services, Camp Withycombe, and Glenmoore Gracious Retirement Living.

Special thanks to Kona Ice of North Clackamas for donating their time and treats

in the name of bringing fun and joy to others and Clackamas Fire for joining the "happiness tour."

It was a great day to cultivate the habits of happiness and brighten the lives of others. Happiness not only has a positive effect on the individual, his/her family and social connections, but the community and beyond. It is truly contagious.

For resources and happiness action ideas for every-day of the year, visit www.dayofhappiness.net



▲ Clackamas Dog Shelter employees, volunteers and "residents" are used to lifting spirits and bringing happiness to others.
▲ Kona Ice of North Clackamas for donated its time and treats for the event.



Glenmoore resident enjoys a Kona, her first ever ice treat.



Day of Happiness participants had fun posing for fun photos and signing the banner.



Clackamas Fire brought smiles to countless faces as they gave kids a tour of their fire engine, answered questions, and passed out hats and badges.



▲ Military personnel from Camp Withycombe shared flavor suggestions as they created their own unique treats.
▼ Members of Clackamas High's track team stopped by for refreshments mid-workout.



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Action to keep students safe

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There's no ignoring the fact that school and workplace violence has increased in recent years. School violence can cause anxiety and worry for students and parents alike.

There are a variety of reasons for the rise in school violence. Many of those factors are being discussed at the local and national level, and leaders are working to implement positive changes that can have an impact on this issue.

In Law Enforcement, we are focusing on the steps we can take right now to keep our kids safe.

Some of the steps Happy Valley Police, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and North Clackamas School District have taken to protect your children include:

1. Implementing SafeOregon.com in our schools. This is a program that allows anyone to submit an anonymous tip about a troubling situation, such as a peer who may be suicidal or a friend who has made threats of violence. Tips can be sent via phone, email, text or mobile app. The tips are reviewed by trained staff and forwarded to designated contacts (school counselor, law enforcement, suicide hotline, etc.) that can help address the issue. North Clackamas School District (Happy Valley Schools) participates in this program, which has already saved at least one life in Oregon.
2. Following the Student Threat Assessment Protocol. This is a protocol to help identify troubling behavior and address it before it escalates. Based on a variety of criteria, a student who may present as a potential threat is assessed by a team of school staff and law enforcement. If the threat rises to a higher level, a Multi-Disciplinary-Team is brought in which can include school staff, law enforcement, juvenile department, psychologists or mental health professionals, DHS, etc. The Student Threat Assessment Team meets regularly and convenes any time there is a specific threat.
3. Availability of School Resources Officers at schools. Clackamas County Sheriff's Office provides School Resource Officers (SROs) to the local high schools. The SROs are available to respond to incidents at all Happy Valley schools when needed.
4. Working closely with school administrators. Your Happy Valley Police officers routinely work with the principals of our schools to discuss safety plans and participate in school drills. HVPD also responds to calls at the schools and take threats of harm seriously, investigating each one.

If anyone has any concerns about a student in crisis, please reach out and report it however you know how.

School violence is not going to be solved by schools or law enforcement alone. It is an issue we ALL have a responsibility to address. When we all work together, our kids will feel and be safe and that's something we should all strive for every day.

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