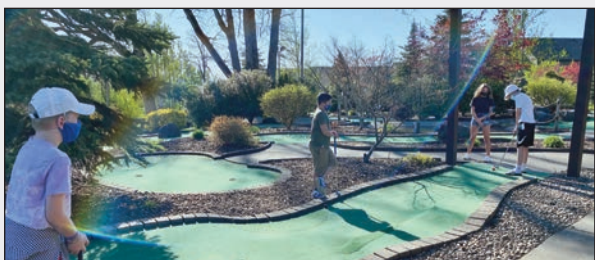
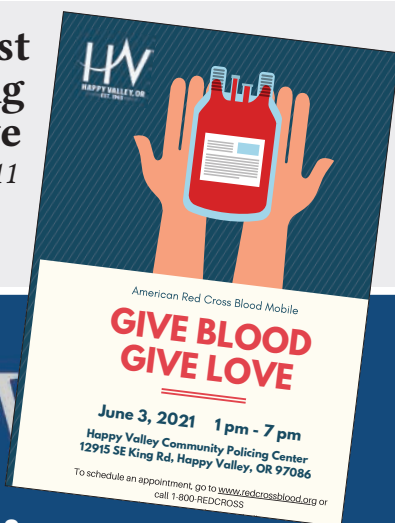


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Most NCSD students return to classroom under hybrid model

BACK to SCHOOL



Spring Mountain students London Nguyen, Ben McFarland, Ben Ujifusa, Justin Ng, Adam Sigala and Zoey Dominguez all line up under the watchful eye of Instructional Assistant Staci Sigala.

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

On March 29, elementary school-age students returned to in-person learning. Since the start of the global COVID-19 pandemic was announced March 11, 2020, by the World Health Organization, much has happened in the North Clackamas School District. Schools closed in late March,

distance learning programs were organized and implemented, mask and social distancing mandates were issued by the state, child care services were suspended, vaccines administered and, all the while, people learned about epidemiology, vaccines and the contagious nature of the novel coronavirus. Through the push and pull of NCSD residents either wanting schools reopened or not, educa-

tors have been working to keep students engaged during distance learning while waiting to be told to prepare their classrooms for students again. "I don't know about the kids, but I got the same night-before-school anxious jitters on that last Sunday evening of spring break, knowing that we would finally have kids back in our building," said Scouters Mountain Elementary School Principal Curtis Long.

"It was so exciting and joyful for me to greet kids in the parking lot when they enthusiastically hopped out of their cars or off the bus. Kids were skipping to their lineup spots with joy. Teachers couldn't hide their excitement either as many came outside to greet kids before they even entered the school. "We were all amazed at how

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## Firing on all cylinders

Navy engineman John Burrell reflects on 30 years of service

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Calling it the "best time of my life and the worst time, too," local resident John Burrell looks back at his military service and admits he'd do it again. Burrell grew up on a farm in the outskirts of Sandy and graduated from Sandy High School in 1967. He was accepted to George Fox University, but with the war in Vietnam deepening, he and a couple friends decided on a different path.

"I was planning to go to college, but my buddies and I were sitting around talking. There were three of us good friends and my friend Jim said, 'I'm going to join the military and get something out of the military instead of just going over to Vietnam to be cannon fodder,'" Burrell said. "My other buddy Ralph was also planning on college, but said, 'why don't we go in on the buddy plan?' So, I went home and told my folks I was joining the Navy."

Burrell's father's reaction wasn't exactly what Burrell expected. Furious, his father was concerned for his son's safety, but his mother was supportive. His parents had lived through tough times including the Great Depression and WWII and it swayed their concern for their eldest son. Burrell's mother had worked as one of the first women mechanical engineers for Lockheed Martin Corp. during the war. "My dad and I had a falling out and I left home," Burrell said. "My mom pleaded with me to not write my dad and tell him know



"I can say I experienced the best times and the worst times of my life."

— John Burrell

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## Skye Fitzgerald earns second Oscar nomination

'Hunger Ward' is third documentary in refugee film series

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Filmmaker Skye Fitzgerald received an Academy Award nomination for his short documentary, "Hunger Ward," which focuses on the devastating effects of war on children. "Hunger Ward" is the third installment in his Refugee trilogy, which includes "50 Feet From Syria" and "Lifeboat." All three documentaries chronicle the plight of people from countries destroyed by war. Through his filmmaking, Fitzgerald became aware of the numerous refugee crises around the world. "50 Feet From Syria" followed a Syrian American orthopedic surgeon who travels to

"I think it is the hard stories that we should turn toward. Discomfort can lead to motivation."

— Skye Fitzgerald

the Turkey-Syrian border during the Syrian civil war. The movie was shortlisted at the 88th Academy Awards. "Lifeboat," which earned an Academy Award nomination in 2019, showed the rescue of North African refugees from the Mediterranean Sea. After he finished "Lifeboat," Fitzgerald started learning more about the broader worldwide refugee problem and where displacement was occurring. "When the EU shut off the border across the Mediterranean, the refugee and asylum-seeking flow really started to go

across the Red Sea," Fitzgerald said. "The flow moved across the Red Sea up the west coast of Yemen. I started researching, and I was horrified. Once I started to learn the extent of the effect of the war on the civilian population, it became a call to action for me." To create "Hunger Ward," Fitzgerald and his crew traveled to Yemen where war has raged for six years, causing a humanitarian crisis. If people aren't killed through airstrikes and warfare, they suffer the effects of malnutrition since Saudi Arabia is preventing humanitarian aid from entering the country. What little aid does reach the Yemeni people is mostly wheat, causing allergies in many and compounding their malnutrition. The Yemen Civil War started in 2014, with the Ansar Allah, an

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"Hunger Ward" examines the effects of war on children.



Skye Fitzgerald has been nominated again for an Academy Award in the Short Documentary category.

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# Schools

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much our returning students had grown, and how big our kindergartners were,” he said. “It’s like the heart of our school started beating again.”

Long said getting the school ready took hours of planning and preparation, but the new model is working. He credits the success of the difficult transition to his teaching staff.

“Our teachers and support staff deserve all the credit. In just a little over a year, they’ve gone from teaching fully in-person to full online to now half-and-half each day. I tell them every day how incredible they are. Now, they say goodbye to students at midday, quickly wolf down their lunch, and then log in and teach the other half of their class online in the afternoon,” he said. “If our community didn’t believe our teachers were superheroes before, there’s no denying it now.”

La Salle Prep students were ushered back to class March 1 when more than 500 of the school’s 650 students opted to enroll in La Salle’s new hybrid learning program where students split time between the classroom and working from home. Students who did not enroll in the hybrid model are continuing with distance learning only.

“Young people have recognized the need to stay home and keep communities safe even though they are not the most at risk,” said Alanna O’Brien, the school’s new principal. “At the same time, they have given up so much — sports, time with friends, organized activities and social events — at a time in their lives when these pieces are so important to their well-being and development.

“Our move to hybrid instruction will allow for stronger relationships to develop as we care for our entire student body.”

Several students said they were glad to be back at school after being away from each other for such a long time.

“It’s nice to be able to see your friends and be face-to-face with your teachers,” said Happy Valley resident Natalie Pfleger, a junior. “I was surprised how organized it was and how much time and effort went into making it safe.”

La Salle staffers went to great lengths to make the school as safe as possible. In the weeks leading up to the opening, they taped red arrows to hallway floors to convert them into one-way corridors so students could spread out while walking. They placed bottles of hand sanitizer at every entrance and replaced long tables and bench-



**“One of the best parts was seeing some of my friends for the first time in more than a year.”**

— Ben Ujifusa, Spring Mountain Elementary School fifth grader

es in the cafeteria with one-person desks.

Classrooms at La Salle Prep were set up with safety in mind; HEPA air purifiers hummed in each room while students sat in desks placed 6 feet or more away from the others. By the door of every room sat a basketful of antibacterial wipes students use to clean their desks between classes.

Attendance “has been phenomenal,” said Brian Devine, vice principal for student life. Teaching online means that students who might have missed school because they were traveling could still attend classes if they had an internet connection.

At the elementary school level, Long said the first week was great because kids were excited to be meeting their teachers for the first time in person.

“Lots of kids were amazed that they could now see a 3D version of their teacher, as if he or she was a celebrity they only saw on a monitor before. I heard a lot of things like, ‘I didn’t know you were that tall’ or, ‘Wow, you actually do have legs!’ I can’t tell you how invigorating it is to have life back in the building,” Long said.

Spring Mountain Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Chris O’Donnell agrees that kids were excited to be back to school, and their energy was obvious.

“The students are definitely happier in the building. I’ve heard multiple kids already say, ‘In-school learning is so much better than online learning,’” he said. “The biggest challenge in fifth grade is distancing the kids from each other throughout the day. Students have been starved for peer interaction and are constantly gravitating toward each other at every chance.”

Although the temporary hy-



**Since many of the students have returned to La Salle Prep, they have had to get used to sitting six feet apart, even at lunch. “I don’t like being so far from my friends,” said junior Natalie Pfleger pictured in the red sweatshirt. “But it’s kind of the normal now.”**



Music teacher Laurie Meeks helps direct drop-off traffic at Spring Mountain Elementary School.

brid model has its challenges, O’Donnell said there are definite benefits to the format.

“Personally, I am loving this new format. Having a class of only 14 students is the biggest advantage right now. I feel like I’ve been doing some of my most productive teaching in years because I’m not overwhelmed by having 30 fifth graders. In a perfect world this would be the ideal class size,” O’Donnell said.

“The protocols are not too terrible. For me in fifth grade, whole-group teaching is pretty similar to what it would look like in a normal school year. Unfortunately, partner work is nonexistent right now because of social distancing, but we do the best we can to interact with each other,” he

said. “The biggest annoyance is not being able to understand what students say because their masks muffle their voices. Returning to school in the hybrid format gave us the chance to have the first day of school twice in one week because of classes being divided into cohorts. Two first days in one week will likely never happen again.”

Fifth grade student Ben Ujifusa was happy to return to school and was nonplussed at the safety protocols.

“School was way better than I expected. Going back to school is great and really fun. My teachers are funny, and I wish we could be in-person even longer for our hybrid classes. It was strange wear-

ing masks, but we still get to do some fun stuff. One of the best parts was seeing some of my friends for the first time in more than a year,” Ujifusa said.

“I really enjoyed that we still had recess, because at first, I thought that we wouldn’t. I honestly was worried about how school was going to work, but after my first day, those worries were gone.

“I am hoping that we get to go back to school full time in the fall because, in my opinion, socializing is good for kids,” he said. “I am excited to be in middle school next year. The classes and teachers I chose in forecasting look exciting, and I can’t wait to have a locker.”

For now, school might look

abbreviated, but the kids who have returned are enjoying being there.

“Although there aren’t any hugs or high-fives, it’s so heartwarming for me just to have kids to interact with now — to greet them by name in the morning, to have them share stories about what’s going on in their lives, to joke around with and tell them to tie their shoes when they’re wearing slip-ons,” Long said.

“To me, there is nothing better than connecting with kids in person. That’s what made this past year so tough for me personally and our staff. You can only do so many things through a monitor. We can teach them new lessons, but we can’t really reassure them that things are going to get better when they’re feeling down.

“You can’t put your arm around them or give them a hug when they need one. We’re always there for them, but this past year, we weren’t physically by their side. Now, they can once again see we’re right there supporting them and rooting for them,” he said.

“As a principal, my No. 1 goal is to make every student feel like they’re the most important person in our school community. That’s so tough to do when you can’t see kids in person. I did my best by leading parades through neighborhoods, hosting virtual bingo nights, creating silly videos to bring smiles to kids’ faces, recording phone calls, but when it comes to connecting with and reassuring kids, nothing can compare to in-person interaction,” Long continued.

“We finally have that back now, and I can’t wait to be back at school each morning.”

# Fitzgerald

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Islamist political and armed movement that emerged in Northern Yemen in the 1990s, and pitting the various peoples and tribes, including Sunni Muslim and Zaidi Shia peoples against one another. The Shiite group overtook the south of Yemen, including the capital.

Saudi Arabia, a Sunni Muslim-dominated region to the north, interceded, resulting in an air campaign that turned into a vicious war against the Shiites, with tens of thousands killed.

The war was started under the leadership of Mohammed bin Salman, the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, with support from the United States. Saudi Arabia thought its initial campaign would last two weeks, yet it has ravaged Yemen for over six years.

“I didn’t want to do a film about the frontlines or about the people who have the RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades) on their shoulders. The intent was to build an empathy machine to show viewers on a visceral level the impact the war is having on the common person,” Fitzgerald said.

“We focused on a clinic and a hospital — one south Yemen and the other in the Houthi held area in the north as well. The intent was to show the primary impact of the war is on civilians and the horrifying extent of that impact,” he said. “It’s one thing to read a statistic and hear that tens of thousands of children are dying, but it’s another thing to see it yourself.

“We wanted to show the individual so people can see that



**“It makes me angry that a child in this day can die for lack of nutrients when we can do something about it. That anger motivated me.”**

— Skye Fitzgerald

this woman lost her child on this day and grieves and weeps like any other mother anywhere in the world. We took the approach of going narrow and deep rather than trying a geopolitical piece, which I didn’t think would be as effective.”

Though the documentary is less than one hour in length, it impacts viewers with footage of Sadaqa Hospital where doctors and nurses are trying to save children like 10-year-old Omeima, who weighs only 24 pounds, or Abeer, who at age 6



**SUBMITTED PHOTOS**  
Happy Valley resident Skye Fitzgerald is seen with his film crew in Yemen where they chronicled the effects of war on children.

weighs a mere 15 pounds. “Hunger Ward” offers no narration. Instead, the participants tell their stories.

“I have a 10-year-old child who weighs 94 pounds and I wake up in the morning knowing that Omeima, one girl we focused on in the film, weighed 24 pounds,” he said. “It makes me angry that a child in this day can die for lack of nutri-

ents when we can do something about it. That anger motivated me.”

As a chronicler of world crises, Fitzgerald admits filming these experiences can be emotionally difficult on himself and his crew.

“There is no denying the fact that it is deeply unsettling to bear witness to the death of a child and the grief that ac-

companies the passing of a family member. We were deeply honored to be invited into such intimate moments and — no matter the burden of witnessing such delicate and private moments — ultimately, it resulted in a powerful sense of responsibility to bring the story to full fruition and the greatest audience possible,” he said. “I think it is the

hard stories that we should turn toward. Discomfort can lead to motivation.”

Because the subject matter is difficult, Fitzgerald is pleased his film is recognized through the prestigious Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

“It is a humbling experience to have colleagues in the documentary world note your work as a valuable contribution to the nonfiction canon. The moment of ‘Oh, wow, people are watching’ never goes away. That said, what I am most excited about is the opportunity to elevate the story in our film to a far more prominent audience,” he said.

“As an American whose tax dollars are currently funding the war in Yemen, I want to ensure ‘Hunger Ward’ serves as a vehicle for awareness in terms of how civil society can intervene in the conflict and alter the course of current U.S. policy, which is contributing to the starvation of children.”

With an impressive directorial collection, which includes “101 Seconds,” a documentary about the shootings at Clackamas Town Center in December 2012, Fitzgerald is looking to the future to be inspired for his next project.

“I am keen to work with up-and-coming filmmakers devoted to the idea that cinema is a visually driven medium that can intervene in current geopolitical events. In that vein, I intend to help bring a project or two to fruition in the next year or two from dedicated and passionate filmmakers working the verité world,” Fitzgerald said. “For my own next directed project, I have no idea.”

For more information about Fitzgerald’s films, visit: spin-film.org.

To watch “Hunger Ward,” visit hungerward.org or pluto.tv.



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# Youth Council

## CITYCOUNCIL

### City of Happy Valley

A couple of weeks ago, the entire City Council had the honor of welcoming our newest members of the Happy Valley Youth Council. Please join us in recognizing:

- Ava Stahl (Freshman at Clackamas)
- Ava Wong (Sophomore at Clackamas)
- Hannah Bach (Sophomore at Clackamas)
- Harper Roth (Freshman at LaSalle)
- Mia Smith (Junior at Clackamas)
- Will Sussman (Freshman at Clackamas)

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The Youth Council consists of high school age advocates who reside in Happy Valley. Empowering young leaders has given teenagers a platform to voice their thoughts and lead projects that have a significant impact in the community. Since its creation, Happy Valley's Youth Council has developed and supported many important programs, such as Teen Driver Safety Events, Rx Drug Turn-in, Youth Suicide Prevention, Youth Town Hall, and the Oregon Youth Summit.

Even through the pandemic, this group of youth still met virtually each May to not only check on each other, but plan for the future. On Jan. 21, the Happy Valley Youth Council



The newest members of the Happy Valley Youth Council are officially sworn in.

members interviewed twelve new applicants. Out of those twelve, the six new members selected to serve rose to the top.

Due to additional upcoming graduations, there will be ap-

proximately 10 new spots to fill in the coming Mays. Check out the City's social media pages and website for application instructions soon.

Again, we want to welcome our newest Youth Councilors!

We are excited for the energy they will bring to the team.

For more information on the Youth Council, visit <http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions/youth-council>



Members of Youth Council take a group photo in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. during the National League of Cities Conference. \*Photo taken before COVID-19.

## Happy Valley Youth Council SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

### City of Happy Valley

Applications are now being accepted for teens interested in filling a vacancy on the Happy Valley Youth Council.

Requirements to be an eligible candidate: You must live in Happy Valley and email completed application to [stephani@happyvalleyor.gov](mailto:stephani@happyvalleyor.gov) by Friday, May

14 AND attend the May 19 New Candidate Interviews via Zoom. Once your application is received and reviewed, you will receive Zoom credentials, time of interview, and instructions for the interview. For applications, please visit the Happy Valley Youth Council webpage or use the QR code.

[www.happyvalleyor.gov/youth-council](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/youth-council)

## 2021 Youth Council Applications

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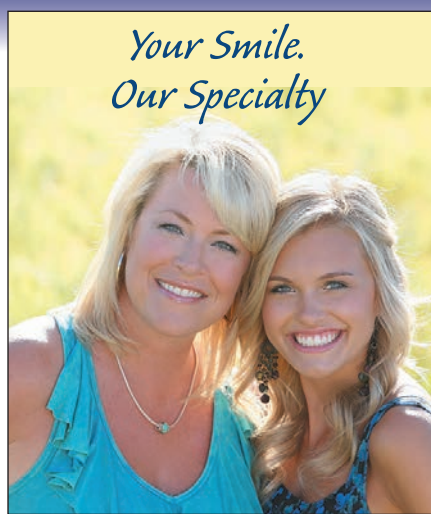
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# Road Projects

When I drive through town, I occasionally find myself going through a construction zone. While it can be an inconvenience, especially if you are running late to an appointment, I wanted to highlight these are all to make positive improvements in Happy Valley. As Mayor, some of the most common requests I receive are to fill sidewalk gaps, improve traffic flow, widen a road here and there, and fill potholes. Indeed, all the work on our roadways is to address these issues.

Currently, work is happening periodically on 129th Avenue in preparation to straighten the curve, add a sidewalk,

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TOM ELLIS

and a bike lane. This project has been a long time coming and is being funded by a federal grant. Unfortunately, the grant process has taken longer than what was promised, but I'm excited for work to begin soon. In addition, contractors are continuing to complete the superblock sidewalk project in the heart of Happy Valley. As part of the project, we are requiring the utility companies to relocate their lines underground. This not only enhances the look and feel of the area, but it also improves reliability during storms. Finally, there is significant work happening around Sunnyside and 172nd to accom-



Road projects, including those at 172nd/Sunnyside, are in the works or preparing to commence. When completed, changes will offer increased safety to residents and visitors, as well as help accommodate area growth.

modate the growth of that area. This work is being paid for by the developer to mitigate any additional traffic they will bring.

As we get ready to head into Summer, there will be more projects. Some of this includes maintenance work on neigh-

borhood streets to extend the life of the road. Many of you will also soon notice new striping paint to improve lane visibility. Please be respectful of the contract crews doing the work. Drive safely to keep them safe.

While driving through work

zones is inconvenient, I'm excited for the enhancements the projects will bring to the community when complete. Lastly, be sure to follow the City on social media and check the website [www.happyvalleyor.gov](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov) to keep up to date on any significant road closures or detours.

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# City celebrates Public Works team

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May 16 through 22 marks National Public Works Week, a time to recognize those across the United States who provide and maintain city infrastructure and maintenance services. A primary goal of the celebratory week includes educating the general public about the value and necessities of public works projects and to call attention to the importance of public works in community life.

The City of Happy Valley relies on its Public Works team to take care of a variety of projects.

Responsibilities include:

- Maintenance of approximately 58 lane miles of City streets and parking lots
- Removal of debris and snow, roadway sanding and sweeping, striping, pothole repair, crack-sealing, and signage
- Fulfillment of local, State, and federal mandates for



The City's Public Works team is responsible for a variety of important projects throughout the City. During National Public Works week, the City would like to thank the crew for all their hard work and continued dedication.

streets and right of ways

- Maintenance of the City parks and the Citywide trail system and public open spaces including all mowing, planting, blackberry removal, and tree trimming
- Maintenance of all park buildings and athletic fields

- Maintenance of playground equipment, picnic facilities, and sport courts
- Maintenance of the City's park equipment

Despite the pandemic, the City's Public Works crew has remained hard at work to make sure daily tasks are com-

pleted and projects remain on course. Even the poor air quality from Fall's wildfires and Winter's snow and ice storm didn't keep this team from showing up and getting work completed. As many cities across America recognize their Public Works employees, the

City of Happy Valley would also like to extend its appreciation. If you see members of the team out and about, please wave and pass along some positive words. Their contributions to Happy Valley are truly vital to the functioning of the City and its livability.

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# FORE!

*Head to the greens; it's time for spring golf*

By **SHELLEY McFARLAND**

It's been said that even a bad day of golf is better than a good day at work. Now that warm weather is on the horizon, Happy Valley residents are looking to get outside and hit the links. Here is a list of local golf offerings.

### Eagle Landing Golf Course

Modeled after a European-style pitch and putt course, Eagle Landing is one of the few short courses in the Northwest. The par three, ADA-approved course offers 27 holes with distinct layouts for beginners to learn basic fundamentals and for advanced players to focus on their short game.

Eagle Landing also offers 36 holes of year-round miniature golf and nine holes of soccer golf. It was the first dedicated soccer golf course in the country where it does not interfere with either of the par three courses. Cleats are allowed.

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### Eagle Landing Golf

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www.theaerieateaglelanding.com  
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### Sah-Hah-Lee Golf

Located off Highway 212 in Clackamas, Sah-Hah-Lee Golf is an 18-hole, par three course designed for golfers of every skill level and age. It has been ranked annually as one of the Top 100 Short Courses by Golf Range Times in America for three years. The straightforward course is open 364 days a year where the Clackamas River ambles beside most of the course and wildlife is abundant.

Currently, the pro shop is closed to the public but transactions, including greens fees, purchasing range balls or drinks, will be conducted through the side window. No rental clubs are available.

Sah-Hah-Lee has numerous programs including Wednesday Morning Ladies Golf League, Ladies Night Clinics, 18-Hole Mini Golf and Footgolf, and rentals are available for golf events, including putt-putt. For kids, Sah-Hah-Lee offers private lessons, golf camps, academies and even girls-only golf experiences.

The annual K.P. Shootout is scheduled for 7 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at Northwest Golf Academy. This popular fundraiser for Sah-Hah-Lee's Junior Golf Program is a two-person scramble where every hole has a closest-to-the-pin contest and prize of \$100. Entry fee is \$49 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and prizes.

### Sah-Ha-Lee Golf

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### Oregon Junior Golf

In 1928, the Oregon Golf Association added to its tournament involvement an agreement to sponsor the Oregon State Junior Championships. From then, OGA has grown the junior program to a membership of 2,794 in 2020.

Oregon Junior golf offers an annual membership to juniors 8 to 18 years old and all abilities. It offers both competitive and noncompetitive events throughout the year and savings through Youth on the Course membership, where junior golfers pay a \$40 yearly membership fee and are able to play at various courses throughout Oregon, including Sah-Hah-Lee for \$5.

Membership includes free resources to establish or maintain a Handicap Index, personalized bag tag, exclusive eligibility to register for OJG tournaments, and subscriptions to Gold Digest and Pacific Northwest Golfer magazines.

For more information, visit: oga.org.



A golfer at Eagle Landing Golf Course tees off during a sunny day in April.



Spring golf is a highlight for many golfers. Local courses and organizations are offering special programs for students.

### Mike Nelson Memorial Golf Tournament

After being canceled in 2020, the Mike Nelson Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 19, at Mt. Hood Oregon Resort golf course.

Nelson was a character and well-loved by the people who knew him. The Happy Valley resident still holds the high-jump record at Clackamas High School. When the 49-year-old died of a heart attack 12 years ago, three of his grief-stricken friends de-

cided to honor his memory with a golf tournament fundraiser for the North Clackamas Lunch Buddy Program, a nonprofit Nelson loved.

"My buddy Mike went to meet his lunch buddy every Friday. He was a unique individual and good guy, big into helping kids, Special Olympics and helping with cancer organizations. One of his parents and his sister both died from cancer. Having a memorial tournament seemed like the thing to do," Kerry Belle Isle said.

Friends Belle Isle, Josh Lunceford and Ken Rommel worked together

that first year to host a fun-filled tournament at Mt. Hood Oregon Resort. The resort had special meaning to the friends. Nelson lived on the seventh hole at the popular golf course and Belle Isle spread Nelson's ashes in the river adjoining the first hole of the Foxglove course. After Nelson's death, Belle Isle, contractor of Belle Enterprises, joined the Lunch Buddy Program where he was partnered with Nelson's lunch buddy until the youngster graduated.

The first year, the tournament had 60 golf participants and raised \$1,500 for the Lunch Buddy Program. By 2018, the tournament hosted 140 golfers and raised \$14,000.

"I can see the smile on his face right now. Mike loved kids and would go out of his way every day to make something special happen for them, and for us to pass on his legacy with making these tournaments happen in his name for the Lunch Buddy Program, I know he's super proud of Kerry and I," Lunceford said.

### Mike Nelson Memorial Golf Tournament

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Veteran

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about my goings-on in country because he would watch the news and she didn't want him to have a heart attack from worry. He lost many friends during WWII. Nearly every one of his friends."

Burrell enlisted before he graduated high school and briefly worked for the forestry service as a firefighter on a Helitack crew — teams of firefighters that are transported by helicopter to wildfires — before he was sent to the Naval Training Center in San Diego for 12 weeks of boot camp. Burrell jokes that his dad was a tough old Scotsman farmer, so boot camp didn't bother him.

"I traded my dad in for a drill instructor," he said.

After boot camp, Burrell was to report to Millington, Tennessee, to attend Navy aviation school where he would learn to become an engine mechanic. To reach Millington, Burrell and fellow servicemen landed in Memphis. It was April 4, 1968.

"We got off the plane in Memphis and had to get to Millington about 20 miles away. A cabbie wouldn't take us to Millington and dumped us off right in Memphis hoping we'd find the bus station. All of a sudden, we heard sirens and commotion. Unbeknown to us, we were actually three blocks away from the Lorraine Hotel when Martin Luther King was shot," he said.

"We didn't know what happened. We were told to get to the base immediately, but we didn't even know where the heck the base was," Burrell said. "When we finally got there, we were locked down on the base for three weeks before we could leave again because there were areas in Memphis that were burned down and destroyed. Nobody ever talks about that fact. There were tough times for everyone."

Burrell attended jet school for training on Lockheed P-3 Orion aircraft, which were used for maritime patrol and antisubmarine warfare. Over the course of his 30-year military career, Burrell would work on McDonnell F-101 Voodoos, Convair F-102 Delta Daggers, McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II, Lockheed P-3 Ori-



John Burrell sits in front of a Lockheed P-3 Orion, one of the planes he worked on during the Vietnam War.

on, the P-2, Lockheed C-130 Hercules, Convair C-131 Samaritan, Antonov An-124 Ruslan and "Old Shakes" Douglas C-124 Globemaster II. He would log more than 1,900 active-duty flight combat and combat support missions in Vietnam.

Burrell's squadron had shipped out to Vietnam before he finished his time in Tennessee, so he was sent to Moffit Federal Airfield in California to continue at aviation school training to become a flight engineer. (Incidentally, Happy Valley resident Chuck Morris was in the same squadron, Happy Valley News, December 2020.)

With his training, Burrell was classified as an aviation machinist, a self-described "engineman." He joked they were constantly covered in engine oil.

While in California, Burrell again was witness to a historic event: the water recovery of the Apollo 11 capsule from its July 1969 moon landing.

"We were out patrolling the western Pacific Ocean for splashdown. We had P-3s watching the whole area because we didn't want Russians interceding in our splashdown. People forget, but we were in a cold war with Russia," he said.

"A few days later we were at

Barber's Point, Hawaii, and we drove into Pearl (Harbor) when they brought in the USS Hornet with the capsule on it," he said. "Officials were afraid that because those astronauts walked on the moon that they might have picked something up, and they were tucked away in Airstream trailers for decontamination. We couldn't take pictures, but we could go on deck and wave to the guys."

Before being deployed to Vietnam, Burrell went through further training including receiving SERE certification, which is required for all airmen who risk being captured. Survival, evasion, resistance and escape training prepares U.S. military personnel in the event of capture and torture.

In 1969, Burrell was deployed to Iwakuni, Japan, then to Cameron Bay, Vietnam, where he would remain until 1970. His second tour was from 1970 to 1971. He was stationed in Sangley Point, Philippines, U-Tapao, Thailand, and Nakhon Phanom Royal Thai Navy Base (NKP), the northernmost base — just 80 miles to the west from North Korea where Burrell's squadron performed numerous maritime duties, primarily surface-to-air missile interdiction on the Vietnamese coast.

"A secondary task was raft



As second engineer, Burrell logged over 1,900 flight combat and combat support hours. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



John Burrell joined the Navy in 1968 during the Vietnam War.



duty, where we'd fly out to stand by in case the downed fighters would need help. We could get there first before helicopters or ships and we would drop a raft to the fighter and orbit around and not let any junks (ships) in," Burrell said. "Any airman had a price on his head, so if they saw chutes, all the junks and sails, or anything that floated, they would converge trying to capture the airman."

On occasion, Burrell's squadron would provide radio relay services.

"We would do reconnaissance duty and occasionally get pulled off for radio relay up north to support ground troops in the highlands. The radios those guys had really poor reception, and we could orbit around to relay the Marines' messages for air strikes or things like that. We stayed above 10,000 feet to stay out of the way of the fighters, and I watched one napalm strike below," Burrell said.

Although most of the work was tedious, there were moments that tested Burrell's mettle. On any given day, North Korean or Chinese MiGs would fly off their wingtips. These aggressive actions were

especially stressful after the attack on April 15, 1969, over the Sea of Japan, where North Korea shot down a reconnaissance Lockheed EC-121 Morningstar resulting in the death of 32 airmen and one Marine. It was the largest single loss of U.S. aircrew during the Cold War.

"This was a common occurrence back then, but normally, nothing would happen, except on that day. The MiGs shot down our 121. Our guys were in legal airspace and the Koreans just shot them down. No warning, nothing," he said.

"They probed us and we did the same. This particular time, they killed our guys. I think I have the last photo taken of the aircraft as it was taking off. We had just had problems with North Korea a year before when they attacked the USS Pueblo and held our guys hostage."

After his two tours in Southeast Asia, Burrell was chosen as a Navy representative with Aircraft Detachment Patrol for a three-May goodwill tour to South America as second engineer. During this time, the special envoy would work with the local military and show them American procedures. Burrell

would go to Panama, Columbia, Peru, Brazil, Argentina and Chile, including the Cape Horn area.

"We had a scary time flying out of Santiago, Chile. We were out on a night hop at 2 a.m. We were low on the water at about 200 feet, and I had just gone to catch some sleep when I heard a loud boom," he said. "We blew the number four engine nearly causing us to crash. We didn't know that at the time, we just knew it exploded and the wing was on fire."

"We went to feather to reduce drag and after an emergency landing in Santiago, I and an electrician changed out the engine, but first we had a new engine sent from Texas, 5,000 miles away. We realized we had had a catastrophic engine failure."

After Burrell fulfilled his mandatory service requirement, he enlisted in the Navy Reserves where he served for two years. He then joined the Air Force Reserve for another 22 years out of Portland Air National Guard Base with the 142nd Fighter Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard. He retired as an Air Force master sergeant.

While still with the reserve, Burrell worked for the phone company, retiring after 31 years as a lineman working in all types of weather on towers and skyscrapers. After 30 years in the military, Burrell still loves to work on engines, including his 1955 Gasser Pontiac, a gift from his grandmother in 1965, even racing it at the Woodburn Dragstrip in the 1960s.

His favorite times now include spending time with his granddaughter, Olivia. He remembers his time serving his country fondly and appreciates the opportunities he had to see the world.

"After signing up to the military, my innocence was immediately robbed from me, as I think most guys would agree," he said. "But I can say I experienced the best times and the worst times of my life. I've seen all of the Pacific, and I was stationed in the Aleutian Islands where we chased Russian submarines off the coast of Russia and toured most of South America."

"It was the biggest adventure of my life, and I always try to remember the good times and the wonderful people I met along the way."



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**Pleasant Valley  
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- **April 27, 2021** - City Council Special Work Session PV Downtown (**Confirmed**)
- **June/July 2021** – Reconvene Community Advisory Committee\*
- **June/July 2021** – Virtual Open House\*
- **July 2021** – Potential Outdoor - Open House\*
- **August 2021** – Planning Commission Work Session\*
- **September 2021** – Planning Commission Hearing 1\*
- **October 2021** – Planning Commission Hearing 2\*
- **November 2021** – City Council Hearing 1\*
- **December 2021** – City Council Hearing 2\*

\*These dates are not confirmed and susceptible to change

The City is continuing to move forward with tasks related to the Pleasant Valley/North Carver Comprehensive Plan. The corresponding draft timeline outlines anticipated events associated with the Plan.

# Draft dates in the works for PV/NC Comprehensive Plan open houses

City of Happy Valley

After a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, next steps for the Pleasant Valley/ North Carver Comprehensive Plan include one or more Open Houses to offer the public a chance to view a variety of visual materials and information.

Depending on Clackamas County and the State of Oregon’s in-person capacity limits and protocols this summer, the City is looking to hold both a virtual and in-person event during the Mays of June or July 2021.

The goal is to create an opportunity for all members of the community interested in the Plan to safely learn more about these efforts and future happenings.

It is important to note that the proposed dates are not confirmed and still subject to change. They are intended to provide a general step-by-step process of events/meetings that need to occur prior to the plan being formally adopted. City staff hopes to have a solidified schedule in the next May or so.

The PV/NC Comprehensive Plan provides guidance regarding such things as land use,

transportation, parks, and environmental issues that will be instrumental to ensuring planning is successful in the Pleasant Valley and North Carver areas. City staff from the Economic and Community Development Department have been working diligently and have utilized community feedback throughout the process to help shape the direction of the Plan. Priorities from review committees; property owners; the general public; neighboring cities and counties; and other stakeholders have also been included.

Benefits to having a Comprehensive Plan include:

- Housing options and livable neighborhoods
- A well-planned parks and trails system
- Strategies for addressing congestion and road safety
- Local employment opportunities

Benefits like these often mean more marketable homes and properties, but the key to success is having the community involved in Covid-19 safe discussions. Prior to the projected Open Houses, the City will reconvene its Community Advisory Committee. For more information and updates about the Plan, visit <https://hv.city/pvnc>.

# Get a head start on your spring cleaning: City’s Dumpster Day returns June 12

City of Happy Valley

Mark your calendars and start sorting your stuff because Dumpster Day returns to Happy Valley on Saturday, June 12 from 8am-noon.

This event is the perfect opportunity to dispose of items you have been meaning to discard as it includes drop off stations for junk, donations, paper shredding, and tires. Event will take place at Happy Valley Park.

When it comes to the dumpster, there are some items that can and cannot be accepted:

- YES, ITEMS YOU CAN DROP OFF:**
- Broken household items
  - Electronics: TVs and computer equipment for E-cycling
  - Furniture (box springs, mattresses, couches, chairs)
  - BBQs, bicycles, exercise equipment
  - Appliances (non-Freon types) and water heaters
  - Passenger car and light truck tires, any batteries

- NO ITEMS WE CAN’T ACCEPT:**
- Hazardous waste, paint, propane tanks
  - Household garbage
  - Commercial landscaping debris
  - Residential yard debris – trimmings, sod, stumps, rock
  - No refrigerators, freezers or appliances containing Freon (coolant fluorocarbons)
- NO CONSTRUCTION ITEMS:**
- All construction, demolition, or remodeling materials:
- **Flooring** — vinyl tiles, vinyl sheet, mastic
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  - **Siding** — cement siding shingles “Transite”
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LEAF DROP

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To accommodate as many households as possible, we must specify:

- No commercial trailer loads
- No oversize U-haul loads
- One trip through per residence
- Gates will close prior to posted closing time if we reach capacity

The City would like to thank the following community partners for helping make this year’s Dumpster Day possible: Waste Management, Hoodview Disposal, Sunset Garbage Collection, The Salvation Army, and Les Schwab Tires

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to collection volume and space limitations, this event is limited to Happy Valley\* residents. (\*97086 zip code is not always within City boundaries.) For more information about this and to confirm your address is within City limits, head to [www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-limits-explained](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-limits-explained) Attendees are also asked to have a mask or facial covering on hand and keep six-foot social distance.

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# A stitch in time

JoLene's Sewing School teaches adults, kids a lost art

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

JoLene Tunison learned the art of embroidery and crocheting from her mother while growing up in Twin Falls, Idaho. Her grandmother also helped her sew a few things, but it wasn't until she took a required home economics class in seventh grade that Tunison found a hobby she really enjoyed.

She made most of her own clothes, including matching outfits for her and her younger sister. When she was 16, Tunison had a job and earned money to continue her sewing education, taking classes until graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1973.

"These classes got me excited about sewing and everything it had to offer. Aside from those classes, I'm self-taught. I loved sewing, but it was not something I ever thought of for a career," Tunison said. "I had participated in craft fairs, but just to earn a little extra money."

When her own children were young, Tunison sewed their clothes, Christmas presents and quilts. Now with grandchildren, she is passing on her fabric skills.

"The most special thing for me was making wedding dresses for my two daughters and my son's wife. It was an honor," she said.

Today, Tunison has found a way to make a career of sewing. After losing her job in 2009, Tunison opened JoLene's Sewing School, where she is teaching what many consider a lost art.

"I lost my job because we were in a recession nationally, and there were no jobs out there to be had. I just needed a job and had no expectations," Tunison said. "I was hoping my sewing school would work. I



"I was surprised how many people wanted to sign up their kids to learn how to sew. I loved it, and I have made so many friends."

— JoLene Tunison



was surprised how many people wanted to sign up their kids to learn how to sew. I loved it, and I have made so many friends, plus it is fun sewing with the cutest little ones. I have even taught eight of my 10 grandchildren how to sew."

At JoLene's Sewing School in Happy Valley, Tunison teaches all ages in comprehensive, easy-to-follow, self-paced lessons. Sewing machines and supplies are provided; all the student needs is fabric and notions, such as buttons, zippers or snaps.

"I teach and direct each student as they develop sewing machine skills, read and cut patterns, and quickly become independent sewers. As each student's abilities increase, I include more advanced skills into their curriculum," Tunison said. "Plus, I help my students build on their existing skills — no matter how novice



A young student proudly shows off her creation she made at JoLene's Sewing School.



JoLene Tunison created a career out of teaching others to sew at JoLene's Sewing School.

or advanced they are. So, whether they've never used a sewing machine before or have been sewing for years, I'll meet the student exactly where they're at to help them achieve their goals."

JoLene's Sewing School has reopened and is offering adult classes, classes for teens ages 13 to 19, kids classes for ages 6 to 12, and summer camps.

"My greatest joy is teaching a skill that kids and adults can use for a lifetime — and watching them thoroughly enjoy themselves in the process. Being a sewing teacher has been such an amazing adventure, and I'm so fortunate to have so

many wonderful kids and adults along for the ride," Tunison said.

"One of my favorite things about having my own sewing school is helping my students gain the confidence to do anything they set their minds to. So often I'll watch a new student begin a class with fear in their eyes, then find a spark of confidence," she said.

"It is my greatest joy to own my sewing school and to make lifelong friends through this work. I'm not sure who learns the most — me or my students, but I'm pretty sure it's me."

For more information, visit: jolenessews.com.



At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check [www.happyvalleyor.gov](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov) to confirm timing of events and instructions on how to participate virtually. You can also opt in to receive notifications about upcoming meetings by visiting <https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/signup-for-notifications/>

## CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

**May 10**  
**DEI Task Force Meeting:** 6 p.m.

**May 11**  
**Planning Commission Meeting:** 7 p.m.

**May 18**  
**City Council Work Session:** 6 p.m.

**City Council Meeting:** 7 p.m.

**May 26**  
**HVBA Meeting:** 7:30 a.m.

**Design Review Board Meeting:** 7 p.m.

**May 31**  
**Memorial Day:** City Hall and HV Library **CLOSED** in observance

**June 1**  
**City Council Work Session:** 6 p.m.

**City Council Meeting:** 7 p.m.

**June 12**  
**Dumpster Day:** Happy Valley Park 8 a.m.-noon

## Correction:

In the April 2021 issue of Happy Valley News quotes attributed to Ray Ken were actually from Ross Swanson in the article titled "Gateway Green honors MAX attack victim." Moreover, Ray Ken's name is Ken Ray. We regret the error.

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# DOJ grant helps crime victims connect with resources

Program coordinates culturally sensitive help for those in need in Happy Valley, Clackamas, beyond

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

In March, the Crime Victim Advocacy Program, under the umbrella of Lutheran Community Services Northwest, received a grant from the Oregon Department of Justice.

The \$287,595 grant will fund one full-time position for a culturally sensitive and community-specific advocate for victims, especially immigrants and refugees in the metro area, including Clackamas and Happy Valley.

CVAP does not require the victim to report the crime against them and will help anyone regardless of type of victimization.

Many crime victims are unsure of resources available to them. CVAP will use the grant money to help connect victims to the resources they need. Victims

are present in every community and are victimized for a range of reasons; CVAP hopes the influx of funding will have broader reach.

“My position was created because of the grant,” said crime victim advocate Amina Dureti. “There are numerous resources that don’t cater to refugee or immigrant populations, who can be vulnerable for different reasons like language barriers and not knowing what resources are available or how to access them. Many have a fear of authority figures, too, or are concerned about asking about services with an agency that could affect their stay in this country.”

Dureti said some people don’t realize to what extent they have been victimized. Her goal is to reach more people to coordinate services and resources by going into the community and addressing needs.



Lutheran Community Services Northwest began in 1921 as a mission in Tacoma, Washington, that served individuals and families. By 1926, similar outreach efforts were present in Portland.

When the Great Depression hit, Northwest Lutherans increased their efforts by providing clothing, food and shelter to those struggling. Today, LCSNW is present in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and offers an

array of resources to assist with behavioral health issues, substance abuse treatment, citizenship and immigration services, collaborative home services, crime victim advocacy, family support and scholarship oppor-

tunities, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin, religious belief, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, marital status, ability, military or veteran status, source of income or political affiliation.

“I’m an immigrant myself, and sometimes people forget that with some refugees and immigrants they were prominent in their previous countries, like doctors. For my part, my agency is going to the leaders of the community and asking what they need. We need to go to them, where they feel safe, and ask, ‘What can I do?’ My job is to help them navigate and to find out what they need, not just tell them what they need,” Dureti said.

All services through LCSNW are free of charge and confidential.

For more information, visit: [lcsnw.org](http://lcsnw.org).

# Wave goodbye!

Local art exhibit nears completion

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley will soon bid a fond farewell to sculptures on display in the 2019-2021 Sculpture Garden exhibit at City Hall. It is not too late, however, for art and outdoor enthusiasts to visit their favorite pieces one more time. Artwork will be de-installed toward the end of June, after which six new sculptures will be welcomed into the 2021-2023 exhibition.

The 2019 Sculpture Garden included innovative and thoughtful designs from five Pacific Northwest artists. Designs included flowers that glow, a depiction of elation, a robin’s egg made of cogs, a steel and glass kelp strand, and sculptures that move in the breeze. As these sculptures are

prepared to disembark, the City of Happy Valley extends gratitude to the artists who made this exhibition possible:

- Terry Cook, Troutdale
- Ben Dye, Oregon City
- Jenny Ellsworth, Oregon City
- Lin McJunkin, Conway, WA
- Rick True, Milwaukie

To these artists, thank you for sharing your talent with the Happy Valley Community. We wish you well in all your next endeavors!

A sculpture selection panel comprised of the Happy Valley Public Art Advisory Committee convened in April to determine which pieces would be included in the upcoming installment. Over 20 sculptures were submitted for consideration. The 2021-2023 Sculpture Garden Exhibit is anticipated to open in July.



The Sculpture Garden Program was established in 2013 to enhance public land, enrich



▲ Jenny Ellsworth talks about her sculpture, Athena, at 2019’s Sculpture Garden unveiling ceremony. This summer, a new collection of sculptures will be displayed. \*photo taken pre-COVID.

◀ Elation by artist, Ben Dye, is one of six pieces showcased outside Happy Valley City Hall until the new rotation is installed.

the cultural environment and encourage art appreciation within the community. Every two years, artists from around the Pacific Northwest are invited

to show their work in several locations just outside City Hall. While on exhibit, sculptures are on short-term loan to the City, allowing the Garden to feature many pieces over time. For questions

about the Sculpture Garden program, the Public Art Committee, or inquiries about sculpture purchases, please contact Jaimie Huff, 503.783.3828, [jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov](mailto:jaimiel@happyvalleyor.gov).

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# City to host upcoming blood drive

City of Happy Valley

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In response to the virus, the Red Cross has instituted several safety precautions including sanitizing workstations and tablets that donors can use to fill out questionnaires, practicing social distancing such as keeping people six feet or more apart, spacing out donation



stations, and timing donors so they aren't huddled into one room at the same time.

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Sponsor Code: Happy Valley Library or call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767)

Sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and register to participate in this special blood drive for the Happy Valley community. One pint of blood could help to save the lives of up to three people.

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# La Salle earns national journalism recognition

Online site *The Falconer* honored for overall excellence, tackling community issues

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Named as a finalist for the National Scholastic Press Association's Peacemaker Award, La Salle Prep's weekly, student-run news site — *The La Salle Falconer* — is the only high school news site to be nominated in Oregon or Washington.

The Peacemaker Award is considered the most prestigious high school journalism award because it recognizes ongoing quality.

The *Falconer* covers news that affects the La Salle community on and off its Southeast Fuller Road campus. Staff members have written about school issues such as hybrid learning, the Black Student Union and school finals, as well as about global issues such as homelessness, the 2020 presidential election and the pandemic. It is produced through the Journalism and Advanced Journalism classes taught by Miles Kane.

"We want others to learn more about what we care about," said Happy Valley resident Carlie Weigel, a senior and one of two *Falconer* editors-in-chief. "Writing is often our way of doing something about the issues that we feel are important."

In March, the *Falconer* staff received the Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Silver Crown Award for overall excellence and also earned the title of "Distinguished Site" from School Newspapers Online, a digital publisher.

"Everyone on *The Falconer* staff has worked so hard to come together as a team and produce quality content, especially throughout the pandemic. I am really proud of the work we've done as a group, as well as the ways that each of us has grown individually,"



## The La Salle Falconer

La Salle Prep's *The Falconer* was recently named as a finalist for the National Scholastic Press Association's Peacemaker Award.

**"Community storytelling and journalism are ways to give credit where it's due, bring light to subjects of confusion, highlight areas that are in need of change, and celebrate successes within the community."**

— Maddie Khaw, *The Falconer* editor-in-chief

said senior Maddie Khaw, the other editor-in-chief.

"Community storytelling and journalism are ways to give credit where it's due, bring light to subjects of confusion, highlight areas that are in need of change, and celebrate successes within the community."

"Just as the goal of professional journalism is to help inform citizens and contextualize world news, we aim to help members of the community remain informed about La

Salle student life and events," she said.

Khaw and Weigel both want to pursue careers in journalism. Through their work with *The Falconer*, they have learned more about current issues, how to engage with people they don't know and how to write quickly.

Moreover, the students have realized that what they publish can have an impact. Their stories about racial justice have started conversations, and stories about the LGBTQ commu-



Eastmoreland resident Maddie Khaw, left, and Happy Valley resident Carlie Weigel are the editors-in-chief of *The La Salle Falconer*.

nity gave their subjects the feeling they were being seen for the first time.

"I like that we are doing

something to keep the rest of the community informed," Weigel said. "I fell in love with it."

"The students said they appreciated their stories being told," Khaw said. "It feels good that I'm making a difference."

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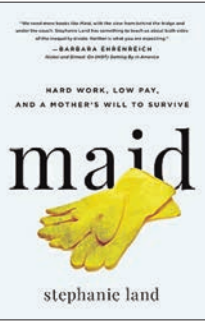
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Get a jump on June's Book Group selection with **Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive** by Stephanie Land.

HV Library Book Group

Thursday, June 3, 6:30-8 p.m.  
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By Kristina Kuzmick  
The inspiring and hilarious true story of how a single mother found the strength to transform her life and become the person--and parent--she could admire, revealing the tips and advice that empowered her.

Can't Even: How Millennials Became the Burnout Generation

By Anne Helen Petersen  
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The Well-Gardened Mind: The Restorative Power of Nature

By Sue Stuart-Smith  
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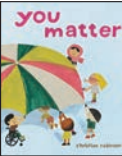
By Louise Bladen, illustrated by Angela Perini  
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Ruby Finds a Worry

By Tom Purcival  
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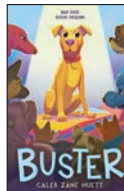
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The Worry (Less) Book: Feel strong, find calm, and tame your anxiety

By Rachel Brian  
Young readers learn how to settle the worries that can creep in.

Crafting Calm: Art and Activities For Mindful Kids

By Megan Borgert-Spaniol and Lauren Kukla  
Kids engage in and practice mindfulness through fun and easy exercises, quizzes, crafts, and activities, with the goal of learning a deeper sense of calm, peace, joy,



and connection to the world around them.

TEENS

Heads Up! Changing Minds on Mental Health

By Melanie Siebert  
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Dancing at the Pity Party: A Dead Mom Graphic Memoir

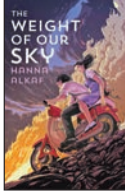
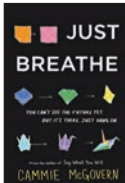
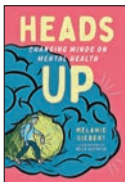
By Tyler Feder  
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TAKE A STROLL, SHARE A STORY

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The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



Clean Up After Your Pet for Healthier Water

Clackamas County has almost 100,000 dogs of all shapes and sizes. The Food and Drug Administration estimates that the average dog produces approximately three quarters of a pound of waste per day. That adds up to over 13,000 tons of pet waste in our county per year!

Reasons to Scoop:

- When it rains, storm runoff carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.
- Animal waste adds nitrogen to the water. Excess nitrogen depletes the oxygen in water necessary for beneficial aquatic vegetation, wildlife and fish.
- Animal waste may contain harmful organisms such as Giardia, Salmonella and E. coli that can be transmitted by ingesting contaminated water.
- Roundworms and hookworms deposited by infected animals can live in the soil for long periods of time and be transmitted to other animals and humans.
- Cleaning up after your pet is always the right thing to do.

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Books to read during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

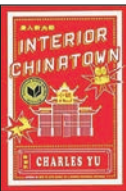
Let’s celebrate and recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

ADULT

FICTION:

**Interior Chinatown**  
By Charles Yu

Every day, Chinatown resident Willis Wu enters the Golden Palace restaurant as a bit player in a theatrical production, but after stumbling into the spotlight he is suddenly launched into a world that shows him the history of China and the legacy of his own family and what it means for his place in America.



she heard the story of her adoption as a comforting, prepackaged myth. But as Nicole grew up she wondered if the story she’d been told was the whole truth.

**Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations**  
by Mira Jacob

Like many six-year-olds, Mira Jacob’s half-Jewish, half-Indian son, Z, has questions about everything. At first, they are innocuous enough, but as tensions from the 2016 election spread from the media into their family, they become much, much more complicated. Trying to answer him honestly, Jacob thinks back to where she’s gotten her own answers: her most formative conversations about race, color, sexuality, and, of course, love.



**Eyes that Kiss in the Corners**  
by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho

This lyrical, stunning picture book tells a story about learning to love and celebrate your Asian-shaped eyes, in the spirit of Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry, and is a celebration of diversity.



**Nina Soni, Former Best Friend**  
by Kashmira Sheth, illustrated by Jenn Kocsmiersky

Nina tried as hard as she could, but still somehow she forgot about her school project. Fortunately, a class lesson about Alexander Fleming suggests how she might make a great discovery—and thus a great project! But with little sister Kavita’s birthday party right around the corner, and her long-time friendship with Jay on the rocks, Nina has a lot to keep track of.



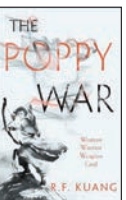
**Calabash Stories**  
By Jeffrey J. Higa

Deeply rooted in the intricacies of the author’s Japanese-Hawaiian heritage, Calabash Stories is a lucid, unforgettable short story collection. Like the traditional Hawaiian calabash, these stories invite their reader to a family table where we are welcomed and nourished by communal traditions.



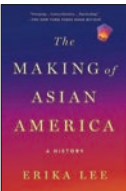
**The Poppy War**  
By R. F. Kuang

An epic historical military fantasy, inspired by the violent history of China’s 20th century, follows the efforts of an unexpected, dark-skinned war orphan to obtain an education at Nikan’s most elite military school in spite of prejudice and the challenges of her lethal shaman skills, which raise her awareness about the existence of gods and the imminence of war.



**The Making of Asian America**  
by Erika Lee

Describes the contributions of Asian immigrants in America and the lasting impact they have had, beginning with sailors who crossed the Pacific in the sixteenth century, through the ordeal of internment during World War II, and to their current status as “model minorities.”



**Festival of Colors**  
By Kabir Sehgal and Sunishtha Sehgal, illustrated by Yashti Harrison

Spring is here, and it’s almost time for Holi, the Indian Festival of Colors. Siblings Mintoo and Chintoo are busy gathering flowers to make into colorful powders to toss during the festival. And when at last the big day comes, they gather with their friends, family, and neighbors for a vibrant celebration of fresh starts, friendship, forgiveness, and, of course, fun!



**David Tung Can’t Have a Girlfriend Until He Gets into an Ivy League College**  
by Ed Lin

Both playful and wryly observant, Ed Lin’s YA-debut explores coming-of-age in the Asian diaspora while navigating relationships through race, class, and young love.



**All-American Muslim Girl**  
by Nadine Jolie Courtney

As Allie witnesses Islamophobia in her small town and across the nation, she decides to embrace her faith—study, practice it, and even face misunderstanding for it. Who is Allie if she sheds the façade of the “perfect” all-American girl?



**This Light Between Us: a novel of World War II**  
by Andrew Fukuda

For readers of The Librarian of Auschwitz, This Light Between Us is a powerfully affecting story of World War II about the unlikely of pen pals—a Japanese American boy and a French Jewish girl—as they fight to maintain hope in a time of war.



**Wish in the Dark**  
by Christina Soontornvat

Set in a Thai-inspired fantasy world, Christina Soontornvat’s twist on Victor Hugo’s Les Misérables is a dazzling, fast-paced adventure that explores the difference between law and justice — and asks whether one child can shine a light in the dark.



CHAPTER BOOKS:

**More to the Story**  
By Hena Khan

From the critically acclaimed author of Amina’s Voice comes a new story inspired by Louisa May Alcott’s beloved classic, Little Women, featuring four sisters from a modern American Muslim family living in Georgia.



**Measuring Up**  
by Lily LaMotte, illustrations by Ann Xu

For fans of American Born Chinese and Roller Girl, Measuring Up is an own voices graphic novel debut from Lily LaMotte and Ann Xu!



**The House That Lou Built**  
by Mae Respicio

Lou Bulosan-Nelson has the ultimate summer DIY project. She’s going to build her own “tiny house,” 100 square feet all her own.



KIDS & TEENS

PICTURE BOOKS:

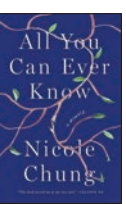
**Ohana Means Family**  
by Ilima Loomis, illustrated by Kenard Pak

Join the family, or ohana, as they farm taro for poi to prepare for a traditional luau celebration with a poetic text in the style of The House That Jack Built.



**All You Can Ever Know**  
By Nicole Chung

Nicole Chung was born severely premature, placed for adoption by her Korean parents, and raised by a white family in a sheltered Oregon town. From childhood,



Did you know that the Happy Valley Library has children’s books in six different languages?

For readers of Chinese, English, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese, we have quite a lot to choose from.

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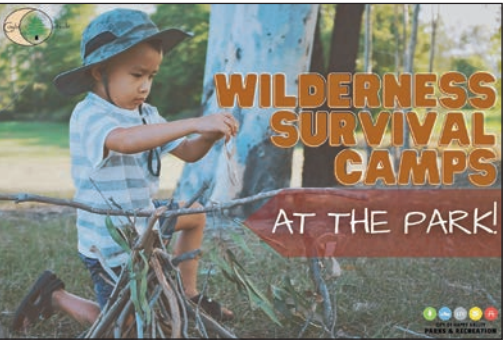






SCAN ME!

To register for one of these featured programs, be sure to check out [www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/parks](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/services/parks)



COYLE OUTSIDE SUMMER CAMPS

All camps held at Happy Valley Park.

Intro to Wilderness Survival Camp

Jul. 5 – Jul. 9, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Monday - Friday  
Ages 6-9 • \$234

No prerequisites needed. Full day of building survival skills and testing yourself against survival scenarios! Skills taught/practiced will include shelters, fire safety/building, knife safety, tracking, foraging teamwork, traps, orienteering, cordage and knots and primitive skills. We will not get to all of them but will get in a lot based on instructor and student preference. Our goal is building initiative, self-control and judgement skills while connecting with the natural world and having fun. We use teaching scenarios based on real life survival and play survival themed games. The week ends with an exciting final scenario and a certificate of achievement. No prerequisites. Bring appropriate clothing, snacks, and lunch. Call Coyle Outside for details about curriculum 541-760-0774 - Coyle Outside donates 10% annual profit to causes that benefit youth and nature.

Advanced Wilderness Survival Camp

Jul. 26 – Jul. 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Monday - Friday  
Ages 9-14 • \$264

No prerequisites needed. This camp goes in depth into critical survival skills using fun, challenging scenarios. Participants work on their own and in teams to problem solve various skills challenges such as shelter, fire, tool use, knife safety, traps, rope and knots, plant uses, animal tracking, primitive skills, navigation and more (we cannot cover all of it in one week!) Instructors help participants build initiative, self-control, confidence, and communication skills while making new friends. We play survival themed games, and the week ends with an exciting final scenario and a certificate of achievement. Bring appropriate clothing, snacks, and lunch. Call Coyle Outside for details about curriculum 541-760-0774 - Coyle Outside donates 10% annual profit to causes that benefit youth and nature.

VIRTUAL RECREATION CENTER & RESOURCES

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Website

Make sure to check out the City of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation's new Virtual Recreation Center & Resource section of their webpage! Here you will be able to scour through handfults of virtual recreation activities for youth, teens, adults, and seniors.



HAPPY VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION

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CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY  
PARKS & RECREATION

May 2021 Parks and Recreation Programming

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders, participants in all Parks and Recreation programs will be asked to practice physical distancing and stay home when they are sick. Participants ages 5 and older must also wear a face mask when 6-foot distancing cannot be maintained.

FATHER'S DAY KAYAK TRIP

Willamette Park- Portland, OR

Jun. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Saturday  
Ages 6+ • \$83

Looking for an awesome way to spend Father's Day weekend with your adventure dad? Join Adventures Without Limits (AWL) for a beautiful day on the water enjoying the sights and sounds of the city from your kayak! Paddle the Willamette River, explore the house boats along the wa-



ter's edge, and watch as raptors circle Ross Island. Commuting in the city has never been so fun! Includes: Interpretive tour and all necessary paddling equipment, including safety gear and life jackets.



VENVINO ART STUDIOS WEEKLY ART CAMPS

All art camps will be held at Venvino Art Studios located at 13329 SE Misty Drive.

Give your kids an opportunity to get out of the house, socialize, and get creative, while you give yourself a few moments to work, relax, or just take a moment to breathe! In each camp, participants will complete around five art projects in addition to some drawing and coloring pages. Campers are asked to bring a water bottle and lunch or snack as there will be a 20-minute break. Masks are required for kids 5+ as social distancing will be enforced. Registration is limited to a maximum of 5 kids per class, so register early to save your spot!

MAY

Creating Our Own Sunshine

May 12 – June 6, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Every Wednesday and Sunday  
Ages 5-11 • \$220 for the Month of May (4 days) • \$60 daily



VENVINO ART STUDIOS MINI SUMMER ART CAMPS

All art camps will be held at Happy Valley Park located at 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.

Each day kids will do several take-home art projects. There will be time for lunch and a small snack. We will also play games, read stories, and socialize. Each camp will be led by a camp artist and possibly a helper. Camp artists have been background checked. Please make sure kids have a packed lunch or snack, a water bottle and light jacket. Prompt pick-ups are appreciated. There may be a fee for late pick-ups of \$15 per 15 minutes. If campers are not feeling well, please keep them home. No fees will be charged for missing camp and credits may be issued.

Snack Attack Art Camp

Jun. 14 & 15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 • \$125

This mini-camp is inspired by all our favorite snacks! We will be making deliciously creative things. Campers will get a chance to do some fun crafts at the park and play some games. If your little sweetheart craves some creativity this summer, then register them for this deliciously fun mini-camp!

Fun in the Sun Art Camp

Jun. 21 & 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 • \$125

We are taking full advantage of the sun during this mini-camp. Kids will get to play and create in the sun at the park! We'll design our own beach balls, paint with bubbles and squirt guns, color our own kite and frisbee, and so much more! We can't wait to play and create with your kids during this summery summer camp!

Happy Campers Art Camp

Jun. 28 & 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 • \$125

We will spend the week making art that is inspired by the outdoors. Kids will paint a birdhouse, learn about animal tracks and make their own animal tracks book, binoculars, story stones, bug crafts, and color their own iron on patches. Your kids are sure to love this creative outdoorsy mini-camp at the park!

Forest Friends Art Camp

Jul. 5 & 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 • \$125

We'll be creating lots of crafts inspired by our favorite forest friends. Each camper will get to make their own animal tracks book and learn about them. We'll make masks, create bear paws and squirrels crafts. Plus, we'll make paper bag animals and our own puppet show!

Under the Big Top Art Camp

Jul. 12 & 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 • \$125

Come one, come all to this brilliantly fun mini-art camp! We won't be balancing on a ball, but we will be doing lots of circus art projects! We'll paint circus animals, make ourselves the star in our own circus act, make our own juggling balls, and adorable little clowns! If you love the circus, then you won't want to miss this camp!

Go Games Art Camp

Jul. 19 & 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 • \$125

On your marks, get set, go! Our Go Games mini-camp will be all about making our own games and then playing them together! We will make balloon tennis, create a paper plate ring toss, make yard dice, paper planes and targets, and so much more! If your kids love to create and play, then they will have a blast at this camp.

Sporty Art Art Camp

Jul. 26 & 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Ages 5-12 • \$125

Our Sporty Art mini art camp will be packed full of art projects that are inspired by all our favorite sports. Our art coach will lead the team through lots of fun projects like making their own basketball hoop, color our own footballs, make a baseball pal, decorate our own frisbee and so much more! Plus, we'll play some games too!

10% OFF RENTALS AT NEXT ADVENTURE!

The City of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is excited to partner up with Next Adventure to offer residents 10% off their next rental! Whether you are looking for snowshoes, ski's, or snow boots, as you plan your next trip up the mountain, make sure to scan the QR Code shown here to take 10% off one rental item and secure them for pick-up. Discount offer available at:

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HAPPY VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION

IN-PERSON SPRING PROGRAMS!

All in-person camps/classes held at Happy Valley Park.

Mini-Hawk Class (baseball, basketball, soccer)

May 15 – June 26, 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. • Saturday • (No class 6/12) • Ages 4-6 • \$75

This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Baseball, basketball, and soccer are taught in a safe, structured environment filled with encouragement and fun. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development at their own pace.

Multi-Sport Class (baseball, basketball, soccer)

May 15 – June 26, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. • Saturday (No class 6/12) • Ages 7-12 • \$89

Our multi-sport program is designed to introduce athletes to a variety of different sports in one setting. For this program, we combine soccer, baseball, and basketball into a series of clinics. Athletes will learn the rules and essentials skills of each sport along with vital life lessons such as respect and teamwork.

Mini-Hawk Camp (baseball, basketball, soccer)

Jun 21 – June 25, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday - Friday • Ages 4-6 • \$149

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Multi-Sport Camp (baseball, basketball, soccer)

Jun 21 – June 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Monday - Friday • Ages 7-12 • \$179

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STEM & Play Soccer Camp

Jun 28 – Jul 02, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday - Friday • Ages 6-12 • \$159

This program combines strategic STEM-based activities with traditional Skyhawks soccer instruction and a focus on life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship. STEM Sports® soccer curriculum gives students the opportunity to get behind the sport they love with modules on soccer ball design, throw-in science, angles, goal-line technology! Participants will also learn the fundamentals of passing, shooting, dribbling and defense through skill-based drills and scrimmages. Skyhawks puts the Sports in STEM.

Tennis Camp

Jun 28 – Jul 02, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. • Monday - Friday • Ages 6-12 • \$149

In Skyhawks tennis programs, players learn proper grips, footwork, strokes, volleys and serves during a series of drills designed to teach skills in a fun and dynamic way. Athletes also learn the rules and etiquette that make tennis an exciting game. Due to limited court space, these programs fill quickly.

SoccerTots

Jul. 03 – Aug. 07, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. • Saturday • Ages 3-4 • \$99

Playable on almost any surface, these soccer-themed motor skill classes are very easy for youngsters to get into. Younger age groups focus on developing motor skills and self-confidence; older classes focus more on developing core soccer skills and personal focus and introduce an element of light competition. Instructor-to-student ratio is kept small to maximize individual development, and above all else we promote fun, fun, fun!

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Outdoor Volleyball

Jul. 12 – Jul. 16, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. • Monday - Friday • Ages 6-12 • \$149

All aspects of volleyball are taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting, and serving. This co-ed program is designed for the beginning and intermediate player. Our staff will assist campers in developing fundamental skills through game-speed drills and daily scrimmages aimed at developing the whole player.

Mini-Hawk Camp

Jul. 19 – Jul. 23, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. • Monday - Friday • Ages 4-6 • \$149

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Developed over 30 years, this is the number one soccer camp for parents looking to introduce their children to the fundamentals of the world’s most popular sport. Using our progressional curriculum, your young athlete will gain the technical skills and sport knowledge required for that next step into soccer.



MY GYM IN THE PARK!

All classes held at Happy Valley City Park.

Gymsters/Terrific Tots

May 5 – Aug. 25, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. • Wednesday  
Ages 23 Mays – 3 ¼ • \$80

Grown-up participation required. We will have fun with structured games, fascinating “Adventures,” pre-gymnastics, and beginning sports skills while gaining fine and gross motor proficiency and strengthening manipulative skills. The youngsters become more independent as teachers interact more directly with them. Parental involvement is gradually decreased through inviting activities with love and understanding, and the children exude pride and self-esteem as they are treated like “big kids.”

Mighty Mites

May 5 – Aug. 25, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. • Wednesday  
Ages 3¼ - 4½ • \$80

Some kids may require grown-up participation. With greater independence comes the ability to participate without the parent. Our Mighty Mites are lavished with positive reinforcement for self-reliance and following directions. Strength, flexibility, and agility are increased as our teachers introduce gymnastic skills with the safest spotting techniques and communication through language geared to build self-esteem and confidence. Sensitive to peer pressure, these 3-4-year-olds are nurtured so tenderly and always with a success-oriented approach. Relays, more complex games, and beginning sports skills lead to increased strength, enhanced manipulative ability, and improved hand-eye coordination.

STEAM Learn and Play Mini-Camp

May 5 – Aug. 25, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. • Wednesday • Ages 5-9 • \$199 every 4 weeks

Potty training required. This program marries the best of My Gym’s games, relays, and physical fun with STEAM project-based learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math)! No two classes are the same, as themes and project focus change weekly. Kids will love exploring outer space, superheroes, under the sea, Jurassic times, and more!

Whiz Kids

May 5 – Aug. 25, 3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m. • Wednesday  
Ages 4 ½ - 6 • \$80

These children are now ready to refine and master basic gross motor skills such as running, jumping, hopping, skipping, throwing, kicking, and catching. Designed to prepare a child for group sports and instill a sense of confidence in connection with physical activity, our Whiz Kids program emphasizes each of these important skills. The children build strength, balance, agility, flexibility, and coordination as our instructors maintain a positive, supportive, and noncompetitive atmosphere. Our Whiz Kids are showered with praise as they develop perseverance and self-control.

Super Kids

May 5 – Aug. 25, 4:30 p.m.-5:15 p.m. • Wednesday  
Ages 6 - 10 • \$80

These high-energy classes are designed to be so much fun while giving kids a safe heartbeat-raising workout. Classes focus on developing strength, stamina, and agility with conditioning exercises, yoga, sports skills, martial arts, and ninja training prep activities. Kids will be challenged mentally and physically while having a blast!

ENGINEERING FOR KIDS SUMMER CAMPS

All camps held at Happy Valley Park.

Junior Mechanical Engineering: Widgets & Gadgets

Jun. 21 – Jun. 25 9 a.m.-12 p.m. • Monday - Friday  
Ages 4-7 • \$168

This camp introduces our youngest engineers to fundamental concepts of energy, materials, and movement. Through open and focused exploration, students explore and construct their own roller coasters, catapults, cars, and more!!

LEGO® EV3 Robo Olympics

Jun. 21 – Jun. 25, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. • Monday - Friday  
Ages 7-12 • \$168

The LEGO® EV3 Robotics Program is designed to introduce students to both robot building as well as programming. The students will build robots to accomplish a specific task while using their imagination to make their robot better than the basic robot. Students build and program robots to face off in a series of competitions including basketball, tug-of-war, and wrestling.

MAD SCIENCE CAMPS

All camps & classes held at Happy Valley Park.

In the Garden

Jul. 12 – Jul. 16, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday - Friday  
Ages 4-6 • \$200

A fun and hands-on introduction to basic environmental science. Your budding scientist will explore how living things grow and how they interact with the environment around them. They will discover how, why and where things grow, how weather affects our gardens, the basic science of seeds all while exploring leaves, flowers and the creatures that live in our gardens.

Daily Topics: Soil & Seeds / Sun, Wind & Rain / Plants & Leaves / Flowers, Fruits & Veggies / Butterflies, Bees & Ladybugs

Creative Contraptions

Jul. 12 – Jul. 16, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. • Monday - Friday  
Ages 7-12 • \$200

Creative contraption warning! Junior inventors go on a journey of discovery from the real-life inventions of Da-Vinci, Edison and the Wright brothers to Isaac Asimov’s dreams of future inventions. Each day campers are given a series of challenges which must be overcome using basic materials, simple machines, tips from famous inventors and the most important thing of all... their mind. With a little bit of ingenuity, they will construct catapults and forts and then lay siege, fabricate innovative flying contraptions, design their own gizmo prototypes and will even assemble a working light saber.

Daily Topics: Rock, Paper, Scissors / Wiz Kids / Shipwrecked / Think Fast / Science Fiction

Imagination Academy

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# boys team charity comes to Happy Valley

Group gives youth, adults chance to bond, give back to community

By SHELLEY McFARLAND

Many parents strive to teach their children the benefits of improving the community they live in and the value of philanthropic endeavors, but often don't know how.

From the vision of a few dedicated fathers, Happy Valley now has a boys team charity (btc) chapter where fathers and sons can bond over recreational charity events.

"A couple years ago a few of us were thinking about getting our boys to do something for the community," btc league President James Sorensen said. "We started doing a few things, like SOLVE projects, but we could never really get any momentum.

"My daughter and wife are heavily involved in the National Charity League for mothers and daughters, and we researched and found boys team charity, which has 30 leagues around the country. There was no chapter in Oregon, and so we decided to start it up," he said. "We've seen the growth in my daughter with NCL, and we are hoping our son enjoys btc like she enjoys NCL."

Nationally, boys team charity was started in Phoenix in 2001 by two mothers with six boys between them who were looking for fun, philanthropic opportunities to teach their boys about the importance of giving back to their community and the value in serving others.

"With our Happy Valley btc, we want our sons to see the positive aspects of great male role models, but we also recognize that sometimes dads have to work, or families are split. Whatever a family's circumstance is, our organization is all about the boys, so if a mom takes her son, that is fine too because we value equity," said parent member



On Saturday, April 17, boys team charity collaborated with SOLVE to help clean up the Clackamas Pioneer Cemetery which was damaged in the ice storm.

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In Happy Valley, boys team charity officially kicked off May 1 with over 30 families committed, and Sorensen said more are slated to join. The organization is for boys in grades seven through 12 who live in the Clackamas or Nelson high schools boundary area. The father-son leagues will participate in friendship-building events, volunteering opportunities and serving others.

"There will be six meetings and events per year where some of it will just be for fun like going for a hike or a lesson on how to take care of an automobile, where a mechanic

Members of boys team charity raked tree debris next to grave markers from the 1800s. It sparked numerous conversations.



would come in and show the boys tips. We are still finding events, and part of it will be up to what the boys want," Sorensen said.

"It will build leadership skills and character. We all remember what it was like to be a seventh grader, and it was crazy, but we were out learning lessons. It seems kids now-

adays are just sitting in their rooms. We want them to get out and get some exposure."

In their first, unofficial event, btc joined with SOLVE to help clean up Clackamas Pioneer Cemetery, which had been heavily damaged by the ice storm in February with multiple trees down and hundreds of limbs littering the area.



boys team charity is a starting a chapter in Happy Valley. The philanthropic organization supports boys and their dads with volunteer opportunities.



Volunteer members helped cut down trees and clear the debris at the cemetery. Here Kierun Sarish and Kyle McFarland cart off a tree branch during the volunteer effort.

"I hope today spurs more people to become involved with the cemetery. Thanks to SOLVE and btc, who have come out and worked to clean up our cemetery, it is appreciated more than I can say," said

Ronita Lussier, president of the Clackamas Pioneer Cemetery Association.

**Cost:** \$150 per boy per year, \$75 additional brother

**For more information, visit:** boysteamcharity.org.

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