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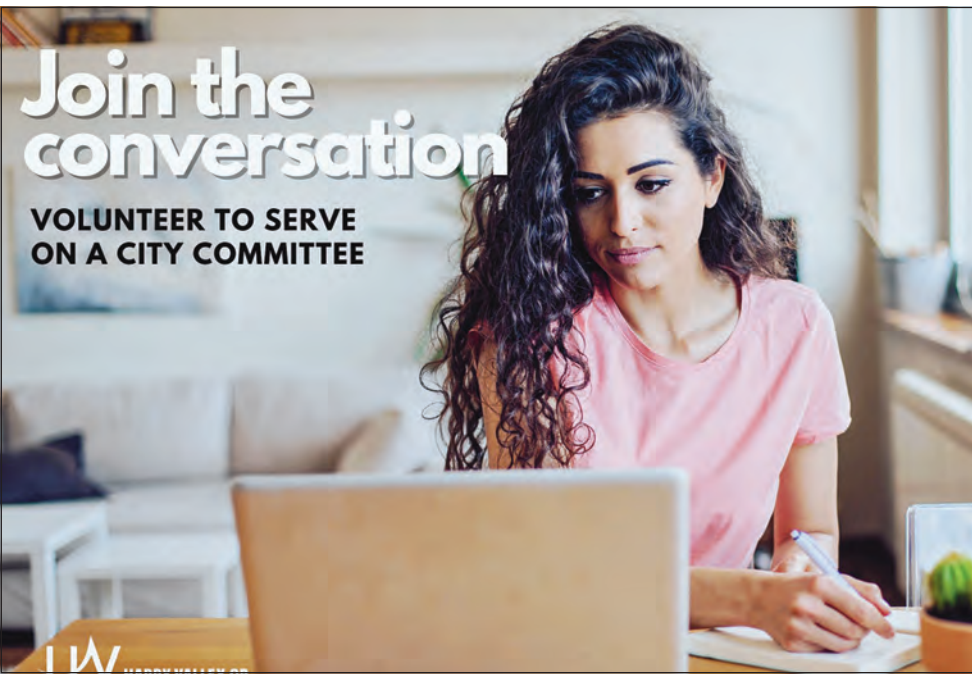
Committee volunteers needed

By City of Happy Valley

Do you care about future growth or design standards? Do you have an interest in improving public safety? What are your thoughts on public art? Are you interested in how the City spends its resources? Happy Valley is always looking for volunteers who are interested in their neighborhoods and their community to join one of the eight advisory boards. Dedicated citizens meet on a regular basis to address current issues and look for ways to make the City an even better place to live and work. There are seven citizen led committees that guide these efforts, including:



- Planning Commission
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 - Public Art Committee
 - Parks Advisory Committee
 - Library Board
 - Budget Committee
- These committees provide strategic guidance to the City Council. The community volunteers on these committees chart a path for implementing a consistent design style for commercial developments, create traffic solutions at key bottlenecks, and select artwork to be featured in the community.
- Planning for the future isn't just about what the City Council thinks is best. It takes a collective vision from



Participating in a committee allows residents to take a more active role in City happenings. Check out the City website to apply online by Dec. 1.

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the community and cohesive action from our volunteer committees. The City is fortunate to receive guidance and input from our community volunteers on these committees.

While not every committee has a vacancy at this moment, the City is always accepting new applications. To apply for one of these appointed advisory board

positions, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application. Deadline to apply is Friday, Dec. 1. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions>.

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Publisher's Note: Have an idea for a story? We are always on the search for new people, places, and things to write about. If you have an idea for an uplifting story that would benefit the community, then we want to hear from you!

To submit your idea, please head to hvbn@pamplinmedia.com and include as many details as possible, so our publication team can review your proposal. Our best stories highlight the spirit and values of the Happy Valley community and showcase meaningful happenings in the lives of residents and local businesses. We invite you to include anecdotes in your story proposal that are funny, astonishing, heartwarming, and inspiring. If we think your story idea is a good fit, our community writer will get in contact with you to discuss the possibility of it being featured in an upcoming issue.

If I were Mayor: What would you do as mayor?

Student contest returns this Spring

By City of Happy Valley

Know a student with big ideas, a compassionate heart, and interest in making the community a better place? The City of Happy Valley is once again participating in the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) If I were Mayor, I would... contest, so tell students to mark their calendars and prepare to submit their entries by March 1.

Extra credit!

If you are employed in one the Happy Valley schools and teach students in grades 4 through 12, please consider encouraging your students to partake in this activity. It is a great way to supplement concepts taught in the classroom.

The winner of each age group in the Happy Valley contest will be awarded a \$100 cash gift card and recognized at an upcoming City Council Meeting. The winning local submissions will then be entered in the statewide contest where there will be a chance to win additional prizes.

More information and official entry forms can be found at www.happyvallveyor.gov/if-i-were-mayor.



What would you do as Mayor? Students are encouraged to start thinking about the 2023-2024 If I Were Mayor contest.



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COUNCIL CORNER



A view from the baseball field in mid-September. As new seed is planted, residents and visitors to Happy Valley Park will soon see grass beginning to take hold on the fields.

Sports fields replacements on track at Happy Valley Park

By City of Happy Valley

If you’ve visited Happy Valley Park recently, then you know a major project is underway. The sports fields are currently in the midst of a complete transition and in the process of being redone. The improvement project serves to replace the current fields with new grass and amenities that include:

- Updates to irrigation and drainage lines
- Fencing and sign modifications
- Infield upgrades to baseball field
- Newly leveled soccer fields and grass

Following the City’s 4th of July Family Festival, the multi-use sports fields have been off limits to foot traffic. Visitors to the Park have likely witnessed construction vehicles hauling dirt and observed the whirring of machinery as soil is mixed and fields are leveled. Crews have also provided

drainage updates and some much-needed irrigation work since the project commenced. The next phase of the project is now in process with the fields to be seeded with new grass soon. Germination will take two growth cycles to complete before the fields will be ready for use.

As City Council, we recognize this is a considerable amount of time to not have access to the fields, but we also understand it is ultimately imperative to the project’s success. Once complete, residents and community partners will have access to sports fields that allow for increased recreational experiences. This ambitious project, aimed at revitalizing a major recreational locale within the community, brings necessary upgrades and opportunities for residents to enjoy outdoor activities. With many residents, visitors, and sports leagues invested in the accessibility of these sports fields, the renovation will offer enhanced facilities that are expected to create a positive experience for all.



In July, work began to remove the existing grass on each of the Park’s sports fields. Here, crews begin marking off the areas with temporary fencing on the soccer fields.

Parks improvement projects, such as this one, are fully funded by the Happy Valley Parks Levy, which is voted on by residents every five years. This critical funding not only helps maintain our beloved recreational amenities but allows for their long-term accessibility by residents and visitors alike.

The Happy Valley Park sports fields replacement project is anticipated to be completed by summer 2024. Learn more about this project at www.happyvalleyor.gov/field-replacements.

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The City's FREE Leaf Drop days are an easy way to dispose of yard debris.

Save the dates!

FREE Leaf Drop events return next month

By City of Happy Valley

Fall is here and this is evidenced by none other than the heavy blanket of leaves that has descended upon the ground. While the autumnal landscape is beautiful, the extra leaves can lead to hazards if not properly taken care of. To make things easier for residents, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is again offering the opportunity for you to drop off your yard debris at no cost to you.

City residents will have two Saturday opportunities to drop off seasonal yard debris (leaves, woody debris, and grass clippings) at the Public Works building for free recycling.

- Saturday, Nov. 4: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 2: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Public Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site.

This is a residential service only which means no commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted.

- Remember to bring proof of residency with you to the event.



YOUTH COUNCIL



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The Happy Valley Youth Council is coordinating an upcoming Youth Town Hall to encourage conversation and public education about youth mental health and wellness.

Save the date for Happy Valley’s annual Youth Town Hall

By City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley and Clackamas area high school students are encouraged to attend an informative and interactive event that will focus on youth mental health and wellness. Discussion topics will focus on ways teens can get more involved in the community and support their peers who may be struggling.

The Happy Valley Youth Council, which has become known throughout the State as the model for



bringing the youth voice to the forefront, is responsible for several youth-focused initiatives including a Rx Drug Take Back event, Car Care safety event, and several

community forums.

The Youth Council’s work has been recognized nationally for its innovation and topical relevance, with youth councilors launching an annual Youth Summit that focuses on a variety of topics and traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in important legislative conversations.

At the upcoming Youth Town Hall, community leaders and experts in youth mental health will join the discussion and engage participants in discussion. The hope is that by encouraging open dialogue with our community’s youth, attendees will not only be better able to recognize and help others who may be struggling but will also find ways to ask for help should they find themselves in need of support.

Happy Valley Youth Council’s Town Hall event is slated to take place November 15. Be sure to follow the City of Happy Valley and Happy Valley’s Youth Council on Facebook for additional details and check out the November issue of HV News for further updates.

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Community Calendar
October 2023

October 7
Oktoberfest: Happy Valley Park, 11 a.m.- 8 p.m. see cover page for details

October 9
Happy Valley Library closed: Staff In-Service Day

October 12
Traffic & Public Safety Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.

October 17
City Council Work Session: City Hall, 6 p.m.
City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

October 24
Library Board Meeting: Happy Valley Library, 6 p.m.

October 25
Happy Valley Business Alliance Meeting: City Hall, 7:30 a.m.

November 4
Leaf Drop: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Public Works Building: 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park, see page 5 for details

November 7
City Council Work Session: City Hall, 6 p.m.
City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

November 11
Veterans Day: City Hall and Library
CLOSED



COURTESY IMAGE FROM CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

Keep an eye out for an uptick in property vandalism as Halloween approaches. Persons caught engaging in theft and or property destruction may be charged with criminal mischief.

Tackling Halloween Property Vandalism

City of Happy Valley

As Halloween approaches, Happy Valley Police would like to remind the community that stealing or destroying decorations, yard signs, and other porch and yard décor could lead to criminal charges.

In the past several years, police have investigated numerous reports involving serious incidents of criminal mischief this time of year. With many families likely preparing for a fun holiday, Happy Valley Police hope to give a friendly reminder to please be respectful of each other and speak up if you observe an incident.

Some individuals, particularly teenagers, have taken this opportunity to engage in destructive behaviors which often involve damaging private property. This has included smashing pumpkins and stealing or damaging decorations. It's crucial for parents to actively discourage their children from participating in such activities and educate them about the importance

of responsible and respectful Halloween celebrations.

Theft, destruction of property, and trespassing all have consequences. Homeowners are faced with cleanup costs and repairs, which can be financially draining and emotionally distressing. In addition, property vandalism can escalate into criminal behavior, leading to legal consequences for the individuals involved.

“Ultimately, property vandalism erodes the sense of community and trust among neighbors,” says Happy Valley Police Chief, Rich Sheldon. “As a result, people may become more hesitant to put out decorations which affects the way people view their neighborhood and city. My hope is to encourage residents to speak up and be partners with police in helping keep Happy Valley safe for everyone.”

The following are some helpful tips you can do to help keep your home safe this Halloween as well as any other time of year:

■ Ensure your exterior is well lit. Proper outdoor lighting often deters potential vandals. Consider

installing motion activated lights around your property as well.

■ Install a security camera. Invest in security cameras for your porch and yard to monitor your property. Visible cameras can serve as a strong deterrent, and they can provide valuable evidence in case of vandalism.

■ Keep items out of reach. Bring special things like your children’s beloved carved pumpkins or sentimental décor inside at night for safe keeping. Vandals are less likely to engage in destructive behavior if there are no items to target.

■ Talk to your neighbors. Help keep an eye out for suspicious behavior and work together to share security camera footage or helpful information if vandalism occurs.

Please call the police if you witness vandalism or discover an incident has occurred. Please also remind children and teens that this behavior is absolutely punishable by law. As always, call 9-1-1 anytime you see a crime in progress or if there is a life-threatening situation. Be sure to call the non-emergency number at 503-655-8211 to provide information and to make a report for all other instances.



Rich Sheldon

SEE and BE SEEN after dark

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley, in partnership with Happy Valley Police, would like to remind drivers and those using neighborhood sidewalks to keep an eye out for others.

With visibility becoming more difficult in the fall and winter months, accidents and other mishaps tend to increase. As a result, it is imperative to be proactive and make safety a top priority.

To help encourage safe travel throughout the City, the Happy Valley Police Department will be providing free flashing safety lights for community members interested in beefing up their visibility. Whether you are an avid walker and enjoy a stroll around the neighborhood after dusk, are an early morning jogger, or use your bike to get around town, some extra illumination could mean all the difference in helping others see you more readily.

By partnering with our Happy Valley Police Department and extended Public Safety Team in this effort, the City hopes to ensure residents of all ages are more easily seen as they are out and about.

Complimentary safety lights may be picked up at Happy Valley City Hall or Happy Valley Library during regular business hours and during Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 7 between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Happy Valley Police and Happy Valley Community Service Officers will also have them handy as they patrol the community. The City is offering one light per resident while supplies last.



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With it getting darker earlier, it is important to stay visible while walking, jogging, or biking. Pick up a complimentary safety light at City Hall or Happy Valley Library later this month, so you and the family can be easily seen by motor vehicles and others using sidewalks. The free lights are provided by the City of Happy Valley, in partnership with Happy Valley Police.

Want more safety tips? The City’s Public Safety Team encourages drivers to exercise the following:

- Keep distractions to a minimum. Don’t text and drive, and keep your eyes on the road.
- Be extra careful when entering and exiting driveways.
- Drive extra cautiously in residential areas, especially where cars are parked along the side of the street. This will enable you to brake more quickly should something or someone suddenly dart in front of your car.
- Please, be patient. Give pedestrians plenty of time to cross the street and double check that everyone has crossed before moving.

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ETIQUETTE & SAFETY FOR A GREAT HALLOWEEN NIGHT

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
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Halloween night, that one magical evening where children of all ages dress up and pretend to be something that they aren't, adventuring from door to door in hopes of uncovering that one glorious king size candy bar or simply a collection of their favorite sweets. For others, it is an evening of peace and joy, as many choose to stay home, dish up a bowl of chili and a slice of warm cornbread and partake in their favorite spooky movie, periodically answering the doorbell to the sight of happy trick or treaters. That being said, this evening of joyous tradition does come with unspoken protocols... but what are they?

There are a collection of rules on Halloween night that fall under both safety and etiquette that should be practiced by both trick or treaters and home owners alike, ensuring a pleasant and fun evening for all who choose to participate.

First off, it's important to respect the lights on and off rule. If a home has their outdoor lights on then it likely means they're excited to hand out some candy! However, if their lights are off, it's often a good sign that they're done for the night. A helpful tip is to keep an eye on your watch. If it seems late, and the lights are off, then they're likely in bed. Would you want somebody ringing your doorbell when you're asleep? Equally, when you do ring the doorbell or knock, make sure to not do so excessively. Only ring once or knock twice, then stand back and wait. If the person isn't coming to the door, move on to



Strength in numbers: It's way more fun to go trick or treating with a group!

the next house.

Next, remember to not be greedy and to accept whatever candy you're offered. Many who choose to hand out candy will let you select 2-3 pieces of candy for yourself, while others may prefer to pick out your candy for you. Not every candy will be a #1 draft pick, and you'll often end up with something you don't actually like. Do not get angry at the person offering you a sweet treat, as candy does cost quite a bit of money. Equally, do not stick your hand into their candy bowl unless you are invited to do so.

One fun tip: Make a game post trick or treating and have a trade/auction with your party so that everybody can get the candy they prefer! Remember,

"one person's trash is another person's treasure."

Lastly, always remember to say "thank you". Ironically, it is a treat to receive candy and you should be thankful that people all around your neighborhood are willing to participate in this timeless tradition. Good manners are always appreciated and will make homeowners feel inclined to continue handing out candy as the years come. This also includes using the designated walkways and side-walks to get to each door, and not cutting through somebody's yard or dirt.

Now, as it pertains to safety, there are a slew of practices that can help ensure a safe night for all who actively participate in trick or treating.

First, be sure to only hand out individually-wrapped store bought treats that are completely sealed. Some people like to go that extra special mile and make something sweet like cookies or brownies and hand them out. However, while the thought and effort is appreciated, there are simply too many question marks that go into handing out something homemade. We suggest you save these treats only for people you know, like close friends and family, and not waste your time with preparing treats that might get thrown out. Remember, kids today are taught not to accept treats that aren't sealed.

Next, it's important to never trick or treat alone, even in a great town such as Happy



COURTESY IMAGE FROM BETTER HOMES & GARDEN
Listen to the homeowner: Don't be greedy and only take a couple of treats.




COURTESY IMAGE FROM PITTSBURGH POST
Look both ways: Pre-determine your route and make sure to follow all street safety rules!

Valley. As a parent of a young one, plan a trick or treating route in advance and join up with a group to ensure that your kid or kids have the safety of numbers. Plus, it's way more fun to trick or treat as a party rather than going solo!

Lastly, and this one is often overlooked, please remember to make sure any mask your

children wear are not sight-restricting. Most masks leave plenty of room to see, but some masks restrict peripheral vision and, seeing as it is the nighttime, crossing streets can be dangerous as well as can create blind spots for tripping hazards.

Have a safe Halloween night! Remember to be kind, appreciative, and smart.




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The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, use a timer, and remain in the home while food is cooking.

COOKING SAFETY



City of Happy Valley

October is Fire Prevention Month and this year’s theme, “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention” encourages everyone to be mindful of safety in the kitchen when cooking.

Here are a few tips:

- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, and curtains — away from your stovetop.
- If you have a small (grease) cooking fire on the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- If there is a small fire in the oven, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed.
- If you have any doubt about extinguishing a small cooking fire, just get out! When you leave, close the door, and call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

CODE CORNER

A guide to tree permits in the city

By City of Happy Valley

Trees are a vital component to our City’s ecological health and they play an important role in creating a welcoming environment. They protect our creeks and streams, clean the air, and beautify our streets, homes, and parks. A Tree City USA since 2004, the City of Happy Valley has pledged to actively promote and expand tree development and has adopted specific tree preservation and replacement requirements to help protect them. This includes a tree cutting ordinance and separate permit process for residents and commercial property owners to help keep track of tree removals in the City.

To be clear, this ordinance extends only to trees with a trunk greater than six inches in diameter. For homeowners, this process simply serves to ensure tree removals are precipitated by the correct property owner and that they don’t interfere with any potential HOA shared spaces or protected greenspace areas.

When it comes to Type A residential tree permits, Community Service Officers are responsible for enforcing the rules. Tree permits promote transparency and accountability and make it easier to address any concerns that may arise. Disputes between neighbors over tree removal do happen and this can lead to bitterness and legal battles. Tree permits can help prevent such conflicts by providing a clear framework for tree management that is consistent. When everyone follows the same rules and regulations, there is less chance for misunderstandings and hard feelings because both the property owner and the City complete their due diligence.

It is important to note that unauthorized tree removal can result in hefty fines and legal consequences, which could cost the property owner much more in the long run. By acquiring a tree permit, you ensure that you are following City of Happy Valley regulations and avoiding costly legal troubles down the road.

As with any City ordinance, Community Service Officers strive to help residents and visitors comply with expectations. When you submit a tree permit application, an officer will follow up with you to conduct a brief onsite inspection. The officer will confirm the tree is in fact on the applicant’s property and that it does not impose on a shared or protected space. Once it is clear the tree is within the jurisdiction of the applicant, a permit will be provided. This is why it is important not to act until you receive official approval. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the property owner to follow the rules to avoid a citation.

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Top four Fall activities to do in Happy Valley

Choose a pumpkin, attend a market, watch a seasonal movie at home

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For Pamplin Media Group

While not quite Stars Hollow of Gilmore Girls fame, the city of Happy Valley caters to many Fall and Halloween needs that give residents that special autumnal feeling when stepping outside their front doors and into town.

From the pumpkins outside local shops to the delicious seasonal lattes, there are simply too many options to consider when searching for that one activity that speaks to the Fall lover in us. But which to choose?

1. Oktoberfest at Happy Valley Park

Beer, brats and a cool breeze? Sounds like autumn. This year, on Oct. 7, Happy Valley Park will once again host the city's Oktoberfest event, taking place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The event, which will have a covered tent just in case the weather doesn't cooperate, features a special partnership with the Valley Public House, which will bring the German spirit with an assortment of exciting foods, libations and music. Onsite will be a wide range of community booths and vendors, offering their unique services to a day filled with



Happy Valley's Oktoberfest brings some traditional autumnal fun that includes children's activities, German fare, and live music into the evening.

plenty of activities for the entire family, including wagon rides, a chicken dance contest, Wiener dog races, pie eating contests and much more. So, gather up the fam, strap on the lederhosen, and be prepared to ring in the Fall season in spectacular fashion.

2. Pumpkin Patch at Liepold Farms

While it's no secret that you can locate a wide selection of pumpkins at most local gardens or grocery stores, it's important to really take the time to pick out the perfect pumpkin while also partaking in some classic Fall activities that will bring the whole family

joy. That's why you simply must go to a pumpkin patch, and luckily for us locals, Liepold Farms in Boring is only about 20 minutes away.

This year, Liepold Farms will begin its pumpkin season on Oct. 1 and run through Halloween day, open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Depending on age, day passes generally run from \$15 to \$20, giving attendees access to an array of fun activities, including their corn and dark mazes, apple slingshot, hay rides and scavenger hunts. Even more special? The theme this year is "Under the Sea," consisting of fun interactive decor in the corn maze



Liepold Farms: Once you enter the corn maze, you may never come out...

that sends you and your family seven leagues under, at least in spirit. With featured snacks and treats, there's no better way to relax and take in all this magical season has to offer than a trip to the pumpkin patch.

3. Halloween Trick-or-Treat Market

It was truly a delightful season for those of us who cherish the community building farmers market just off Sunnyside, taking in all of the local vendors who hone their incredible crafts and share it with the community. So, what better way to send off this summer and early Fall fair than with a family oriented event.

The Halloween Trick-or-Treat Market will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will feature over 140 different vendors, with activities that include face painting, live

music, a balloon twister and plenty of delicious food. Kids are encouraged to dress up and get in a good practice round before the big night, as this market offers a delightful trick-or-treating experience that will surely fill your child's candy bucket before they even get a chance to shout that wonderful phrase, "trick-or-treat!"

4. Movie Night at home

Some evenings, when the clouds are lurking and the rain is gently falling, it's the best feeling to cuddle up at home and watch a Halloween classic. Luckily, with all of today's streaming services there is a large collection of movies that are acceptable for the whole family to watch.

First off, we recommend doing a fun activity that stimulates your kids' creative side, like doing some pumpkin carving or even having a cookie decorating party so that there are some fun treats to eat during the movie. One pro tip we recommend is to nominate a family member to drive down to Clackamas Town Center and purchase a Pack-A-Pop at the movie theater: a large bag of movie theater popcorn that's the equivalent of three large tubs. After all, movie theater popcorn is better than any other popcorn, right?

Then, when the moon is full and the lights are dim, turn on a family classic, such as Hocus Pocus, Casper, Ghostbusters, or any other Halloween movie that will please the entire family and create a core family memory that will last for years to come.

NEWS BRIEFS

Clackamas Fire Apprenticeship Program

The initial class of the Clackamas Fire District's Apprentice Firefighter Program graduated from Academy-23-02 on Thursday, August 31, 2023. With the guidance of the program, individuals who might not have had prior firefighting experience will have an additional chance to go through training and acquire real-life situations, and on-the-job experience which will increase their likelihood of securing jobs in the firefighting profession. The hiring procedure places emphasis on the qualities of the applicants, balancing the playing field for those who are interested.

The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), which



Graduates: Clackamas Fire District's 2021-2023 apprentice program graduates.

sponsors and funds this program through grants, received 436 applications when the application process first opened, and 13 people were ultimately chosen to participate in it last year. In Oregon, the program is the first of its kind to be run and run efficiently by the Clackamas Fire Department.

Clackamas Fire is holding this program for the second year for aspiring firefighters who want to be part of a bigger thing than themselves by helping and giving back to the communities they hold close to their hearts. The two-year commitment program began for this year on June 12, 2023, and will run until June



25th, 2025. There is no commitment, but if participants complete the program, they will receive a Journey Level Firefighter card from the BOLI and Oregon State Fire Fighter Join Apprenticeship Training Committee, which is beneficial when seeking employment in the field.

Congratulations to this years graduates and good luck to the new participants!

Clackamas Feed and Pet Supply Hosts Oregon Reptile Views

In the heart of Clackamas County, a thrilling and scaly spectacle is set to captivate both reptile enthusiasts and curious onlookers alike. Clackamas Feed & Pet Supply, a beloved local establishment known for its commitment to animal welfare and education, is preparing to host a mesmerizing event that promises



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to bring Oregon's reptilian wonders to the forefront.

On the 7th of October from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the store will transform into a captivating oasis of scales and slithers as it welcomes "Oregon Reptile Views" for an unforgettable Reptile Zoo event. This unique occasion offers a remarkable opportunity for attendees to immerse themselves in the

captivating world of reptiles, from the awe-inspiring to the utterly fascinating. At this anticipated upcoming event, the very fun and entertaining occasion is not to be missed by anyone with a penchant for the cold-blooded wonders of the animal kingdom.

At the Reptile Zoo visitors can expect a plethora of reptile-related aspects, including displays of different animals, such as various snakes, lizards, chameleons, turtles and tortoises, and other scaled friends. The event consists of a selection of activities for families and people of all ages to participate in, like a raffle.

When at the Zoo, attendees should take advantage of stopping by Clackamas Feed & Pet Supply for deals on items to bring home to their own pets.

So if you love animals and have a fascination with reptiles and cold-blooded animals, venture on over to the Reptile Zoo



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gratitude at the core

Green’s teaching career started in Arizona with first, third, and fourth grade, later inspired for administration

By EMMA DAVIS
Pamplin Media Group

Mount Scott Elementary Principal, Jeffrey Green’s love of working with students and making a lasting impact on their lives, coupled with his unbridled motivation to give kids a positive elementary school experience and to do better by them, has led to remarkable successes throughout his career. With a deep well of gratitude for the opportunity to serve as a principal for a great staff, Jeffrey’s values are grounded in inclusivity, empathy, and a genuine belief in the potential of every child.

An Arizona native, Jeff attended the University of Arizona, graduating in 2001 with a degree in sociology, and got a job doing sales. However, education was something he never considered, but once he gave it a shot, things changed. “My buddy kind of dared me to go through a staffing agency to substitute teach,” he said. “The agency ended up putting me at an elementary school and I immediately fell in love with it.”

He started his teaching career while still in Arizona teaching first, third, and fourth grade. It wasn’t until a principal of his talked to him and gave the idea of administration. “She approached me and planted the seed of administration and shared how much of a joy it was for her,” he said. “She took me under her wing and gave me some good advice and encouragement. So, I went back to school and became an administrator after teaching.”

When he decided to jump into principalship, there weren’t any principal positions



Principal Green accepts defeat in an arm wrestling match against a student.

left in the district he worked in, so he made the move to another district where he was principal for four years. “I loved it, and it was a lot of fun, but I really wanted to get up to the Portland area,” he said. “My family and I came up in the summer of 2021 and we did online research and we saw that Happy Valley was a nice community and we love it here. It’s a beautiful place.”

Right after he moved up to the city, he began his position as principal at Mount Scott Elementary where he is going into his third year with a staff who has the same passion for bettering students as he does. “The staff here truly care about

our students and each other,” he said. “It’s in the little things. If someone is having a hard time or someone’s celebrating something, we’re all here for them.” “Our staff and our PTO have intentional discussions to make sure that every student here has a good experience.”

He finds great pride and joy in being at the helm of the school, including the programs that give students more opportunities to succeed. At Mount Scott, there is a program that encourages students to learn, not just academically, but emotionally as well. The Social Emotional Learning Center gives students a chance to develop “soft skills” which

are essentially the equivalent of behavioral skills. “It gives students the experience of learning different skills like being able to listen really well to someone, to be able to share and self-advocate for what their needs are and communicate when there’s a conflict,” he said. “It gives students a place to do those things safely and appropriately. And it’s important for all of us, including adults.”

In the ten-year-long career in education that Jeff has had, he grew to love it more every day with a profound amount of gratitude. “I’m really grateful to do what I do; I’m full of gratitude for the community



COURTESY IMAGES FROM PRINCIPAL JEFFREY GREEN
Neon: Principal Green having fun at the Mount Scott Glow Dance!



Smile!: Students smiling and having fun with Principal Green.

and our district, from our leadership teams and our amazing volunteers,” he said. “I find such joy in working with the kids. It is such a rewarding and beautiful thing about my job. I couldn’t be more grateful.”

Speaking of community, Jeff is an avid participant in the Oktoberfest pie-eating contest where he is the reigning champion, and he plans to keep his title at this year’s festival. “I’ve

been training and it’s really important to me,” he said. “I’m registering and I want to win not just two years in a row, but ten.”

He is one of a kind, both inside the classroom and outside. The passionate and grateful administrator is dedicated to giving the best experiences possible to students and his community as they have given him.



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SHANE JENSEN: Nothing is Impossible

By EMMA DAVIS
Pamplin Media Group

In Happy Valley, there lives a remarkable individual whose journey from the battlegrounds of the United States Marine Corps to following his dream of becoming a law enforcement officer is nothing short of inspiring. Sergeant Shane Jensen is a true embodiment of resilience and dedication. Having faced the trials and tribulations of military life, Sergeant Jensen emerged not only as a Marine Corps veteran but also as a devoted Happy Valley police officer.

Shane Jensen grew up right in Clackamas County in the neighboring town of Damascus, was a 1996 graduate of Sam Barlow High School, and after attending Clackamas Community College for one school year, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He never planned on enlisting, but he saw it as a good place to start fulfilling his childhood dream of being in law enforcement.

When he talked to one of the branch recruiters who explained what it meant to be a Marine, he was sold. “The Army had benefits



Once a Marine always a Marine: Shane Jensen's Marine Corps photo.

like an enlistment bonus, you could advance in rank pretty quick,” he said. “When I went and talked to the Marine Corps recruiter, he talked about how once you’re a Marine, you’re always a Marine.” The pride of being a Marine was a big motivator for Jensen to enlist as well as the challenge of holding that title.

“I think I wanted to prove to myself that I could do it,” he said. Aside from the difficulties,

Jensen recalled some positive aspects of the Marines. “It was cool because they really get you to work as a team. The people I went to boot camp with were like brothers to me and still are,” he said. “We went through probably the hardest thing we’ve ever gone through in our lives at that point, and we did it together.”

At the end of boot camp, Jensen and his fellow Marines went through something called the crucible then on the last day, they were celebrated. “They played ‘Proud to Be an American’ and the Marine Corps anthem, which was just very emotional because we were at the end of our 12 weeks there,” he said. “For me, it was really a sense of pride that I completed this and proved to myself that I could do it.” Jensen then went on to serve for five years as an F18 technician until he left in 2002.

After graduating from Portland State University in 2006, it was time to pursue his dream of becoming a law enforcement officer. “I initially applied for Clackamas which is where I’ve always wanted to work,” he said. “Born and raised in the Clackamas area I know the area well and after a

few years of applying to different stations, I ended up getting hired on with Clackamas.”

Jensen has been a police officer, serving with the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office, beginning as a patrol deputy in 2009. Since then, he has helped train future deputies in the department’s cadet program, worked on the transit police team, and as of 2019, patrol Sergeant.

In September 2020, amidst the pandemic, he joined the Happy Valley Police Department.

Working on the Happy Valley Police Force and serving the people of his home county is of great importance. “This is home for me, and I want to make sure that people that live here feel safe and can count on law enforcement in their city,” he said. “We’re here to serve the residents of Clackamas County and we want to make sure they’re treated well and respected.”

Jensen recalls that his time in the military proved to be the stepping stone to the career that he intended it to. Going through boot camp and being thrown into the realities of the Marine Corps prepared him for his dream job. “I think my military career had me grow up



COURTESY PHOTOS FROM SERGEANT SHANE JENSEN
Living the dream: Sergeant Shane Jensen, Happy Valley Police Department.

quicker because I was thrown into this crazy thing, but I made it a learning experience for me, which I believe made me a better leader,” he said. “Like with the cadets, really talking about my

military time and talking about my experience and what I’ve done so far, it shows them that they don’t have to be afraid to try the hard things and show them that they can.”

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The City is encouraging you to reach out to us directly if interested and we additionally welcome nominations from family and friends. Please contact the City’s Communication and Public Relations Coordinator, Stephanie Warneke, at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov or our Community Writer, Emma Davis at edavis@pamplinmedia.com.



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Luc, a California native and accomplished graduate of Clackamas High School, has served as an Air National Guard member and, most recently, as a newly assigned study hall teacher at Adrienne C. Nelson High School. Perhaps more impressively, Luc is also remotely working toward a bachelor's degree in English literature from Eastern Oregon University, demonstrating his consistent dedication to learning and development. Despite his many duties, Luc was called to fulfill his military obligations for the full month of September, showing his selflessness and unparalleled feats of taking on the many things that he is balancing in his life.

Although he spent most of his adolescence in Southern California, Luc Jackson found a home quickly in Clackamas County. Shortly after moving in 2011, he started attending CHS until he graduated in 2015. However, he didn't really know what he wanted to do once he left high school. But he remembered that curiosity was sparked when he became aware of the military while he was a sophomore in high school, browsing a recruitment fair at CHS's main campus. "I was like, I got to have college to get somewhere, and I don't want to be settled with crippling debt for the rest of my life," he said.



Luc Jackson (second from left) with a group of his fellow military peers.

COURTESY IMAGE FROM LUC JACKSON

"So, it seemed like a good idea to do."

It felt like fate because Luc had always wanted to be a pilot. "My mom knew I wanted to be a pilot, but she was like 'Well, why don't you go to the Air Force Academy and learn flight training to join the guard or something,'" he said. "Though

it did take a lot of convincing when I told her that I wanted to go into full active duty. But we met in the middle and looked into the Air National Guard, met with a recruiter and the day after my graduation ceremony I went and swore in." He then trained to be a surveillance technician, which is

what he did for the first two years of his service. Soon after, he trained to work in security forces where he has been ever since.

Before he went off to basic training at the end of 2016, he did take a few classes for a term at Western Oregon University the year prior. "The military

was a safety net and gave me a sense of direction where I know that I will always have this to fall back on, but halfway through my term at Western, I thought 'you know, it would be awesome if I became a high school teacher,' he said. "My mom has always been a teacher and before now, it was like, the

last thing I wanted to do with my life. But I really liked it when I started subbing middle and high school during the 2021 to 2022 school year."

He found his place back in the city he lived his teenage years in, except now at Adrienne C. Nelson High School as a long-term substitute for study hall classes and loved it; it didn't take long for Principal Greg Harris to give him a full-time position at the school. With this job, comes an advantage; as a full-time student with the hopes of being a high school English teacher once he completes his bachelor's and master's degree, he does have assignments to do and is able to work on them with his students. "I'm teaching study hall, so even if the kids aren't using their study time, I certainly am," he said.

The military though, is something that is a constant in his life. "While doing my schooling, I'm also in the reserve full time and this month, I'm going to go fulfill some military things," he said. "I'm putting things on pause until then and will return to teach and continue my degree."

Although Luc's life sounds chaotic and busy, he couldn't be more grateful for every opportunity he has been given. "I just take it one day at a time, just improvise, overcome and adapt to everything," he said. "I'm still learning with everything I'm doing, from military to school to teaching. And I wouldn't have it any other way."



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Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+

\$15-Resident / \$22.50 Non-Resident

Join our group for lunch at Happy Valley Station before we make our way to the Portland Expo Center for a unique holiday shopping experience. There are more than 100,000 square feet of display space filled with hundreds of exhibitors offering food items, gifts, artwork, jewelry, home décor, clothing, spirits, craft items, books, ornaments, leather goods, bath and body, and much, much more!

Crochet with Passion Classes

Location: Happy Valley Annex – 12519 SE King Rd.

Practice patience and promote positive self-talk through the challenges and mistakes encountered during the crochet learning process. Participants will learn basic to intermediate crochet skills and learn to read a crochet pattern in words and/or symbols. Each class includes a Fall or Halloween-themed crochet project that participants will be able to take home. Register online at: www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks



Spider Web Garland Class

Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. • Saturday • Ages 12+ • \$25

Pumpkin Coaster Class

Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. • Saturday • Ages 12+ • \$25

Giant Fall Leaf Decor Class

Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-noon • Saturday • Ages 12+ • \$25

Stuffed Candy Corn Class

Oct. 28, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. • Saturday • Ages 12+ • \$25

Oktoberfest

Saturday, Oct. 7
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Happy Valley Park

See cover page of this issue for more information or visit www.happyvalleyor.gov/oktoberfest.



Babysitter Training Course

Class will be held at Happy Valley City Hall.

Babysitter Training

Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Friday • Ages 10 – 16

Resident \$50 / Non-Resident \$75

Our in-person babysitter classes give you access to the latest information on childcare, offer tips, and can answer all your questions so that you're ready to start your own babysitting business. With lectures and class activities, these courses are engaging, informative and fun. Topics covered include: Basic Care for Infants and Children, Basic First Aid, Child Behavior, Age-Appropriate Activities, Emergency Protocols, Professionalism, Leadership, and Growing Your Business. *Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org



Youth Open Gym Basketball Nights

Location: Scouters Mountain Elementary School – 10811 SE 172nd Ave.
Nov. 7 – Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. • Tuesdays • Ages 10-17 • FREE

Open gym is an opportunity for youth to practice their basketball skills, shoot hoops with their friends and stay active! Bring your own basketball and water bottle. Open to youth ages, 10-17yrs, available on a first-come, first-served basis. A liability waiver must be completed for each participant. To provide a safe environment, there will be a maximum of 30 participants in the gym at a time. Open gym is welcome to all Happy Valley residents.

No organized groups allowed during open gym night.



HAPPY VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION

TO REGISTER, CHECK OUT WWW.HAPPYVALLEYOR.GOV/PARKS

OCTOBER 2023 PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING



Providence's Basecamp Prevention + Wellness

Classes are held virtually.

Affiliated with Providence Heart Institute, Providence's Basecamp Prevention + Wellness programs offer free movement and education classes so that everyone can live their best, healthiest lives. Take the next step and register for FREE today!

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (Beginners)

Tuesday/Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. • FREE

This introductory class welcomes those wishing to learn the initial forms of the Tai Chi practice with a desire to gain confidence, stability, strength, and mobility in a fun and supportive environment. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichibeginners

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. • FREE

Participants will build upon their knowledge from our Tai Chi Beginners class and continue to gain confidence, stability, strength, and mobility in a fun and supportive environment. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichi

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. • FREE

A wonderful chair-based yoga practice for those who prefer to stretch and move their bodies while staying off the floor. Classes combine gentle movement and intentional breath in both seated and standing poses. www.welcometobasecamp.org/chairyoga

Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. • FREE

The practice of gentle yoga combines mindful movement and breath with standing, seated, and restful floor-based practices to nourish the body, mind, and heart. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichi



Providence's Fall Prevention Event

Location: Providence Happy Valley Rehab Clinic – 16180 S.E. Sunnyside Rd.

Living Your Best Life

Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-noon • Saturday • FREE

Balance, strength, and overall health can change as you age, putting you at risk of falling. Join us for a free educational presentation on how to reduce this risk which includes a short, active introduction to Tai Chi. This event is powered by Providence Senior Health and Providence Heart Institute. Register online at: <https://bit.ly/stayinghealthy-happyvalley>. Event is limited to 25 participants.



RECS Pickleball

Location: RECS - 17015 SE 82nd Dr. Clackamas, OR 97015

Open Play

Monday – Friday, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. • Ages 65+ • \$2

Are you age 65+ and looking for others to play pickleball with? On weekdays, between 1 p.m.-3 p.m. we have 65+ open play. Your play could be partially if not fully covered through Silver and Fit or Renew Active. Spots will fill up QUICKLY, so sign up today online through court reserve or give us a call at 503-655-PLAY.

Ask your healthcare provider to see if you have this benefit or give us a call and we can help check for you. RECS features pickleball clinics, Open Play sessions, leagues, and tournaments, as well as private events. Check out www.WeareRECS.com for more info or call 503-655-PLAY.



Engineering For Kids Classes

Location: Happy Valley Annex – 12519 SE King Rd.

Survival on the Red Planet (Multidisciplinary Science & Engineering)

Oct. 5 – Nov. 9, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • Thursdays

Ages 7-12 • \$225

This week of camp is all about understanding the science, technology, and engineering that will make human habitation on Mars possible. Students will engage in fun and exciting hands-on investigations, experiments, and building challenges.



HV Hikers – Get out and Move!

<http://www.hvhikers.com>

HV Hikers are always on the move exploring within the valley! Their goal is to encourage you to experience the beauty of the area, to get a little exercise, and to make new friends. All hikes are free, no RSVP required. Be sure to visit the HV Hikers newly updated webpage for a calendar view of all upcoming group hikes.



Skyhawks Sports Camps

See registration pages for camp locations.



Mini-Hawk Tennis

Sep. 19 – Oct. 24, 5:15 p.m.-5:50 p.m.

Ages 5-7 • Tuesdays • \$99

This program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Through games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination, and skill development at their own pace.

Tennis

Sep. 19 – Oct. 24, 5:55 p.m.-6:55 p.m. • Ages 7-12 • Tuesdays • \$99

Perfect for all skill levels, this program will improve your game and help you get more enjoyment from tennis. This program will focus on skill refinement, practice, and match play.

Let's Connect!

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Website – www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks



Venino Art Studios – In-Studio Classes

Location: Venino Art Studios - 13329 SE Misty Drive.

Create and Learn Series – Paper

Pumpkin Lanterns

Oct. 6, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. • Friday

Ages 16+

\$25/ 2-hour session

A talented studio artist will guide you step-by-step as you create a festive paper lantern just in time for Fall.

Create and Learn Series – Fall Fabric Flowers

Nov. 3, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. • Friday

Ages 16+

\$25/ 2-hour session

We'll show you how to make adorable fabric flowers that you can put on display all year long. No sewing, no watering. Come enjoy a fun time creating a beautiful fall display!



Soccer Shots Clinics

See registration pages for program locations.

Soccer-Classic

Sep. 17 -Nov. 19, 3 p.m.-3:35 p.m. • Saturday

Ages 4-5 • \$209

Soccer Shots Classic utilizes creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. We also highlight positive character traits each session such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation.



Adventures Without Limits Winter Trips

Location: View registration for meeting location details.

Fall Foliage Kayak Tour

Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. • Saturday – Cool Park Boat Launch • Ages 6+ • \$85

Join Adventures Without Limits for a Fall foliage kayak tour of the Tualatin River! Paddle along calm flatwater, around bends, and through colorful autumn leaves. This event is open to the public, inclusive, and accessible to people of all abilities. *AWL provides all the paddling and safety equipment necessary.



UPCOMING HIKES - SAVE THE DATE!

Hiking trip will depart from Happy Valley City Hall.

Silver Falls Trail of Ten Falls Hike

Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. • Wednesday • \$30

Join Happy Valley Parks and Recreation's hiking guides as you explore the beautiful Silver Falls State Park, hiking the Trail of Ten Falls. Guides are equipped with hiking knowledge, experience, and First Aid / CPR training. Experience a 7-mile loop as you take in the sights of ten stunning waterfalls from a variety of perspectives!

Register online at: www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks





HAPPY VALLEY LIBRARY

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OCTOBER 2023 LIBRARY EVENTS

Please check our website for the most up-to-date hours and services. The Library will be closed Monday, Oct. 9 for a staff in-service day.

THE HORROR!!!

Do you like being scared? We've got books for you! Check out this selection of horror titles for all ages. You'll find sweetly creepy picture books, strange and humorous chapter books, terrifying tales for teens, and a little of everything for adult horror fans. Want more reading ideas? Stop in and chat with a librarian.

Picture Books

The Skull

by Jon Klassen

In this thrilling retelling of a traditional Tyrolean folktale, brave girl Ottila finds herself lost in the dark forest after escaping a terrible danger then comes upon a cabin where she's hosted by a skull who's afraid of something, too.



See the Ghost

by David LaRochelle

In this hilarious trio of stories for beginning readers, Max the dog and Baby Cakes the cat encounter a scare-happy ghost, blustery wind and a teeny-tiny fairy—curious things they can't see but can definitely hear.



The Baddies

by Julia Donaldson

The meanest ghost, witch and troll in all the land, who LOVE being bad and scaring people, meet their match in a little girl who beats them at their own game.



The Monster Mac and Cheese Party

by Todd Parr

Holding a monsters-only mac and cheese party, the monsters share all their creepy twists on this favorite food in this hilarious read aloud about the value of sharing meals with friends and trying new things.



Chapter Books

Eerie Tales from the School of Screams

by Graham Annable

Guaranteed to scare readers silly, this collection of five terrifying tales follows Davis and Emily as they listen to their classmates tell the spookiest, most chilling stories ever.



Extra Normal

by Kate Alice Marshall

"Un-super" in a household of supernatural siblings, Charlie Greer is convinced that his too nice and too normal new neighbors are up to something and must uncover the truth, proving you don't need special powers to stop evil.



Felice and the Wailing Woman

by Diana Lopez

The twelve-year-old daughter of La Llorona vows to free her mother and reverse the curses that have plagued the magical town of Tres Leches.



The Ghost Book

by Remy Lai

It's Hungry Ghost month, when the Gates of the Underworld open and dangerous ghosts run amok in the living world. Inspired by Chinese mythology, this is a dark yet resoundingly hopeful tale about friendship, sacrifice, and the unseen world of ghosts.



Young Teens

The Ojja-Wojja: A Horror-Mystery, or Whatever

by Magdalene Visaggio (GN)

Eighth graders Val and Lanie realize their town might not be as boring as they'd always thought when they accidentally summon the Ojja-Wojja, a demonic presence connected to a slew of mysterious tragedies throughout Bolingbroke's sordid history.



More Tales to Keep You Up at Night

by Dan Poblocki

Cursed cassette tapes reveal tales of doors torn through the fabric of the universe, of cemeteries that won't let you leave, of a classroom skeleton that hungers for new skin. And wandering through all the stories, a strange man named November, who might not be a man at all...



The Otherwoods

by Justine Winans

When River's only friend (and crush) Avery is kidnapped and dragged into The Otherwoods by monsters, River has no choice but to confront the world they've seen only in their nightmares-but reality turns out to be more horrifying than they could have ever imagined



Don't Want to be your Monster

by Deke Moulton

Ten-year-old vampire Adam knows he has a better purpose in his life (well, immortal life) than just drinking blood, but fourteen-year-old Victor wants to accept his own self-image of vampirism. Everything changes when bodies start to appear all over town, and it becomes clear that a vampire hunter may be on the lookout for their family.



Teens

You're Not Supposed to Die Tonight

by Kalynn Bayron

At Camp Mirror Lake, guests pay to be scared in this full-contact terror game, as Charity and her summer crew recreate scenes from a classic slasher film, The Curse of Camp Mirror Lake. But the last weekend of the season, Charity's co-workers begin disappearing. And when one ends up dead, Charity's role as the final girl suddenly becomes all too real.



The Hills of Estrella Roja

by Ashley Robin Franklin

When college freshman Kat Fields receives a mysterious email urging her to visit a relatively unknown Texas town with a history of witchcraft, strange sightings, and "devil lights"—glowing red stars that appear above the town's hills every night—she ditches her plans for spring break and takes a solo road trip to Estrella Roja.



The Last Girls Standing

by Jennifer Dugan

Cherry and Sloan. They met only a few days before masked men with machetes attacked the summer camp where they worked, a massacre that left the rest of their fellow counselors dead. Now, months later, the two are inseparable, their traumatic experience bonding them in ways no one else can understand.



Wolfpack

by Amelia Brunskill

This shocking, suspenseful novel about a group of teenage girls living in a cult shows the terrifying paranoia and suspicion that emerges when one of them goes missing.



Adult

How to Sell a Haunted House

by Grady Hendrix

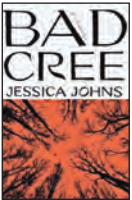
Forced to return to the small Southern town where she grew up to sell her late parents' house, Louise discovers that her and her brother's old grudges pale in comparison to the terror that still lurks within its walls.



Bad Cree

by Jessica Johns

A young Cree woman is tormented by vivid dreams from before her sister's untimely death and wakes up with a severed crow's head in her hands before returning to her rural hometown in Alberta seeking answers.



Lone Women

by Victor LaValle

In 1915, Adelaide Henry, after her secret sin killed her parents, sets out for Montana, dragging an enormous steamer trunk that's locked at all times, to become one of the "lone women" taking advantage of the government's offer of free land where she hopes to bury her past.



VenCo

by Cherie Dimaline

After finding a tarnished silver spoon humming with otherworldly energy, Métis millennial Lucky St. James, familiar with the magic of her Indigenous ancestors, and her cantankerous grandmother Stella are welcomed into the fold of Ven.Co—a network of witches working to return women to their rightful power.



The Haunting of Alejandra

by V. Castro

Struggling with a darkness that threatens to consume her, Alejandra discovers she, like the women in her family before her, is being haunted by La Llorona, the vengeful and murderous mother of Mexican Legend, and must summon everything she's inherited from her foremothers to banish this demon forever.



A House with Good Bones

by T. Kingfisher

Warned by her brother that their mother seems "off," Sam visits and discovers a once-cozy home with sterile white walls, her mom a jumpy, nervous wreck, and a jar of teeth hidden in the rosebushes.



The Beast You Are

by Paul Tremblay

A collection of short fiction by an award-winning author features monsters of all kinds that are ready to loudly (and lovingly) smash through your head and into your heart.



Vampires of El Norte

by Isabel Cañas

When the US attacks Mexico in 1846, Nena, a healer striving to prove her worth, and Néstor, a member of the auxiliary cavalry of ranchers and vaqueros, find their reunion overshadowed by the appearance of a nightmare made flesh.



DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS



The Happy Valley Library invites community members to share photos of loved ones who have passed away to be included in the Día de los Muertos Ofrenda.

Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos Ofrenda/Community Altar

Ofrendas are an essential part of the Day of the Dead celebrations. The word ofrenda means offering in Spanish. They are also called altares or altars, but they are not for worship. Ofrendas are set up to remember and honor the memory of their ancestors. The Happy Valley Library invites community members to share photos of loved ones who have passed that they would like to be included in our altar. Submit your writings and/or photos to be included at go.lincc.org/hvofrenda. (You can also bring items to be scanned to the Reference Desk.) Then, celebrate Day of the Dead with us on November 1 and 2, and visit our community altar.

Las ofrendas son una parte esencial de las celebraciones del Día de los Muertos. Ofrendas también se les llama altares, pero no son para adorar. Las ofrendas se establecen para recordar y honrar la memoria de sus antepasados. La Biblioteca de Happy Valley les invita a los miembros de la comunidad a compartir fotos de seres queridos que les gustaría incluir en nuestra ofrenda. Envíe sus escritos y/o fotos para ser incluido en nuestro altar. (También puede llevar los elementos que se van a escanear al centro de referencia). Luego celebra con nosotros el Día de los Muertos el 1º de noviembre y visita nuestro altar comunitario.

Reaching out to local senior centers



Librarians Isaac Rains (left) and Alicia Pérez Ververa (right) bring the Library to seniors as part of a community program to help make materials more accessible.

Each week, Library staff pack bins of books and a computer to bring services out of the library building and into local senior centers. Residents at Glenmore, Miramont Pointe, Princeton Village, and The Springs can get a library card and start checking out books. With visits to each facility every two weeks, residents can ask for certain books ahead of time, browse the selection of books brought, or ask the staff for recommendations based on authors and titles they have enjoyed in the past. "Doing this outreach over the past years has

been one of the highlights of my job. I have gotten to know so many kind and interesting people that can't normally come to the library and access the materials and programs we have to offer in our building," shares Librarian, Isaac Rains. "By getting out of our building and bringing the library to them, we can serve a population that may not be able to access services otherwise. It never fails that one or many of the folks we see mention how much they appreciate this service. I also never fail to let them know that is truly is our pleasure to be there."

A multilingual oasis in the Library

The Library has a diverse collection of materials in multiple languages. Explore all that it has to offer.

In addition to English language materials, the Library has Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Vietnamese materials. Search our online catalog or come browse in-person.



LIBRARY CALENDAR

Youth Programs

Storytimes
To see our full listing of storytimes and playtimes for ages birth to five, visit our website or go.lincc.org/hvbirthto5

Cuentos, música y manualidades
Saturday, Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Enjoy stories, music and crafts in Spanish and English! We'll dance, sing and read together and after we'll make a special craft that you'll take home.

Let's Build
Tuesday, Oct. 10, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m.-noon
For K-5th graders and their grownups. Drop in for some free LEGO building fun.

Sign & Sing
Friday, Oct. 13, 10:15 a.m.
For 2-5-year-olds and their caregivers. Sing, dance, and sign with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers.
**Pull this out with a starburst that says All Ages! Bring the whole family!



Similar to Bingo, Lotería is a fun game of chance where beautifully illustrated cards depicting the Mexican aesthetic replace bingo balls. Register for the upcoming event to play a few rounds.

Family Lotería
Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Bring your family together to play ¡Lotería! Originating in México, Lotería is similar to Bingo but uses images instead of numbers. Learn the meaning of popular Spanish words, all while competing for fun prizes. Registration is not required, but RSVP at go.lincc.org/hvRSVP to get an email reminder and let us know you'll be there!
Reúne a tu familia para jugar ¡Lotería! Originario de México, lotería es similar al Bingo, pero utiliza imágenes en lugar de números. ¡Aprende el significado de las palabras populares en español, todo mientras compites por divertidos premios! No es necesario registrarse, pero confirme su asistencia para recibir un recordatorio por correo electrónico y háganos saber que estará allí.



Kids are invited to trick-or-treat at the library.

Duplo Play
Monday, Oct. 16, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
For ages 0-5. Let's build together with Duplo blocks! Drop in to play and see what we can make.

Tallulah's Daddy
Saturday, Oct. 21, 10:15 a.m.
For ages 2-6 and their caregivers. Drop in for some musical fun with our favorite bass playing dad!

Monster Mash
Tuesday, Oct. 31, 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Drop by the library in your costume for some trick-or-treat fun! Decorate a treat bag and snap a picture at our photo booth in the Community Room.

Tweens & Teens

For teens in grades 6-12.

Teen Advisory Board
Saturday, Oct. 7, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.
Support the library while earning volunteer hours. Hang out with new friends, share ideas, and make stuff. A safe space for all to be themselves.

Manga and Anime Club
Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Hang out with fellow manga and anime fans -- chat about favorites, browse new number ones, eat snacks, make stuff, and watch anime.

Salsa! Salsa! Salsa!
Saturday, Oct. 21, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Learn how to make three simple homemade salsas with Araceli de la Cruz, owner of La Popular and then have a taste with baked tortilla chips. Registration required. Register at go.lincc.org/hvteensignup



Register now! Araceli de la Cruz, owner of La Popular, will show teens how to make several homemade salsas on Oct. 21 that are sure to stand out at snack time.

Adults

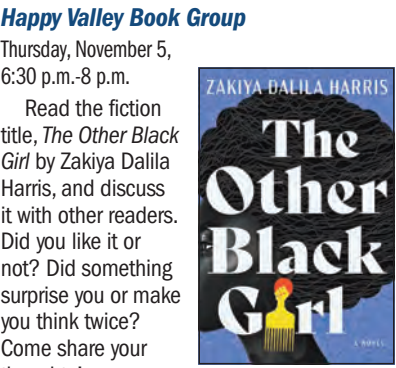
Register or RSVP for programs at <https://go.lincc.org/hvsignup>

Genealogy
Monday, Oct. 23, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips. Insights are discovered and pathways revealed as we attempt to solve the mysteries of our ancestors' elusive stories!

Mah Jongg
Fridays, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Be sure to bring your current National Mah Jongg League cards. Contact the library if you would like to learn to play.

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

Happy Valley Book Group
Thursday, November 5, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Read the fiction title, *The Other Black Girl* by Zakiya Dalila Harris, and discuss it with other readers. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!



Ancestry and DNA Research
Wednesday, Oct. 11, 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.
Growing up, Dr. Tracy Prince was taught little about her ancestry. After 30 years of research, she has uncovered African American ancestors that were revealed in her DNA but were hidden family stories, more information about her Native American ancestors, and British ancestors from the earliest colonies in the U.S. back to medieval England. She will



Curious about your family tree? At an upcoming presentation, Dr. Tracy Prince will provide some tips to help you research your lineage.

share tips on research and using DNA results and will help genealogical researchers find ways past their brick walls. Registration is not required, but RSVP to get an email reminder and let us know you'll be there!

Papel Picado
Sunday, October 15, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Learn about the traditional Mexican folk art of cut paper in this hybrid workshop with papel picado expert Karina Puente. Registration is required.

Library Hang Out
Friday, October 20, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Drop in each month for different activities, including crafts, LEGO, and other projects. This program is designed for adults with diverse abilities and their caregivers.

Salsa! Salsa! Salsa!
Saturday, October 21, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Learn how to make three simple homemade salsas with Araceli de la Cruz, owner of La Popular and then have a taste with baked tortilla chips. This program is for adults. Space is limited and registration is required. The class will be capped at 25 people. Sign up today!

In Your Own Voice
Wednesday, Oct. 24, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Would you appreciate a deeper understanding of the realities of mental health conditions? Hear direct experiences in this "ultimate empathy builder." This presentation will be instructed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Clackamas. Registration is not required, but RSVP to get an email reminder and let us know you'll be there!

Day of the Dead Sugar Skull Workshop
Sunday, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Join us in celebrating Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and decorate your own sugar skull to take home!
¡Únase a nosotros para celebrar el Día de los Muertos y decore su propia calavera de azúcar para llevar a casa!

Day of the Dead Community Ofrenda
Wednesday, Nov. 1 - 2
The Happy Valley Library is creating a community ofrenda to celebrate the Day of



Eleeziaa Howard creates gorgeous beadwork that reflects the cultural heritage of her ancestral community. Learn more about her work at her upcoming presentation on Nov. 5.

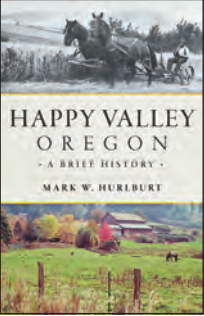
the Dead. Learn more about this event in the designated article on this page.
La Biblioteca de Happy Valley está creando una ofrenda comunitaria para celebrar el Día de los Muertos. Obtenga más información sobre este evento en el artículo de esta página.

Flat Stitch Beadwork with Eleeziaa Howard
Sunday, Nov. 5, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Join us in celebrating Native American Heritage Month this November and learn how to create flat stitch beadwork with Eleeziaa Howard. Eleeziaa is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

Happy Valley Local History Book Talk
Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Join author Mark W. Hurlburt as he traces the origins of Happy Valley in his new book *Happy Valley, Oregon: A Brief History*. Happy Valley's transformation from an isolated, rural farming community to one of the most popular places to live in the Portland metro area didn't happen all at once. With its fertile volcanic soil, it was once the ideal place to settle for many families coming to the Oregon Territory, including the Deardorffs and the Talberts. As the town slowly grew, residents like James Robnett, the first mayor and Ed Rebstock, known as "Mr. Happy Valley," left their marks on the locals and the land. When the town's population exploded in the 1990s, newcomers brought prosperity and growing pains as they sought a balance between green spaces and urban amenities.



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**Saturday, Oct 7th
11am-8pm
Happy Valley Park**

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