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## Let's fill the space!

Join the cause and help adorn Happy Valley Library's new additions

By City of Happy Valley

As the library undergoes a momentous expansion, a new chapter is about to unfold, promising a new experience for our community. Imagine a space where there is local art, and the tables and chairs encourage learning, conversation, and connectivity. This is the vision for the Happy Valley Library's expansion project – and you have the opportunity to be a part of it.

The construction of the 10,000+ square-foot expansion to the existing library building is slated to be completed this fall. Additions will include a 300-person community room, kitchen, and quiet study rooms, creating a welcoming place for all to use, gather, and celebrate.

The new addition requires \$150,000 to be fully furnished and adorned. Funds will play a crucial role in making sure the new spaces meet the community's standards and offer a friendly atmosphere for all patrons and guests.

Artwork will be a focal point, envisioned and brought to life by talented local artist, Sophie Franz. The new lobby space will feature Franz's illustrations, which will be drawn by hand. They will match the original artwork in the existing library space, which this artist also created. Furnishings will not only be stylish but also durable and versatile, designed to withstand daily use and accommodate the many needs of library visitors and scheduled programming.

### How You Can Help

The City, in conjunction with Happy Valley Library, is reaching out to you, our community members and patrons, to join us in bringing this vision to fruition. Your support is vital in ensuring that these final touches elevate the expansion project to its fullest potential.

By investing in furnishings and the curation of artwork, you are not merely enhancing the physical space, but also sculpting an inclusive environment



Be part of something bigger and consider contributing to the Library's lasting legacy. A community-wide fundraising campaign is currently in the works to help bring new furnishings and art to the nearly complete library expansion.

where ideas can flourish, meaningful conversations can be had, and creativity can flow. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference. Whether you can give a little or give a lot, your generosity will leave a lasting mark on our library and our community.

For those who are able to give at a higher level, there is an opportunity for your name, family name, or company to be showcased more prominently on the Library's donor recognition wall. Imagine walking through the lobby of the new addition and seeing your name, forever etched as a symbol of your commitment to knowledge, community, and the arts.

### Be part of something bigger

While a kickoff event on Apr. 30 provided an exclusive sneak peek into the future of our library expansion project, there is still time to be part of the

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To commemorate financial gifts, donors have an opportunity to see their names reflected in a special book to be archived in the Library and potentially etched on the donor recognition wall.



Residents will get a chance to sit in the driver's seat of several City big rigs.

## Dirt cups and dump trucks

City to celebrate National Public Works Week with FREE event

By City of Happy Valley

National Public Works Week is a time to recognize the people 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 50+ 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 streets and right of ways
- Maintenance of the City parks and the Citywide trail system and

### PUBLIC WORKS WEEK COMMUNITY EVENT

Where: Happy Valley Park (upper parking lot)

When: Wed., May 22, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE!

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## Spending Mother's Day in Happy Valley

Places to go in Happy Valley to celebrate the mother figure in your life

By EMMA DAVIS  
 Pamplin Media Group

Mother's Day is fast approaching, and what better way to honor the remarkable women in our lives than by treating them to a day filled with love and appreciation?

In Happy Valley, there's no shortage of charming shops, delectable restaurants and rejuvenating activities to make this Mother's Day truly



Sublime Clothing

special. Here's a curated list of local favorites to help you plan the perfect celebration with the maternal figures who mean the world to you.

### Local shops, boutiques offer thoughtful gifts

1. **Terra Casa:** Step into Terra Casa and discover a treasure trove of unique gifts and home decor items. From



Sakura Yakitori and Sushi

handcrafted ceramics to exquisite floral arrangements, there's something here to delight every mom's heart.

2. **Sublime Boutique:** For the fashion-forward mom, Sublime Boutique offers a

COURTESY PHOTO: SAKURA YAKITORI AND SUSHI

curated selection of stylish clothing, accessories and jewelry. Treat her to a chic new outfit or a statement piece that reflects her unique sense of style.

3. **Rocky Mountain**



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**Chocolate Factory, Great American Cookies and Marble Slab:** Indulge mom's sweet tooth with delectable treats from Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Great American Cookies and Marble

Slab. From gourmet chocolates to caramel-dipped apples, ice cream and cookies, every bite is a taste of deliciousness.

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# Mother's Day

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Choose from dining experiences galore

**1. Valley Public House:** With its cozy ambiance and welcoming atmosphere, Valley Public House a great spot to celebrate mom and show her just how special she is. From yummy brunch options to delightful cocktails, every moment spent there is a toast to motherhood. Make this Mother's Day one she'll cherish forever at Valley Public House.

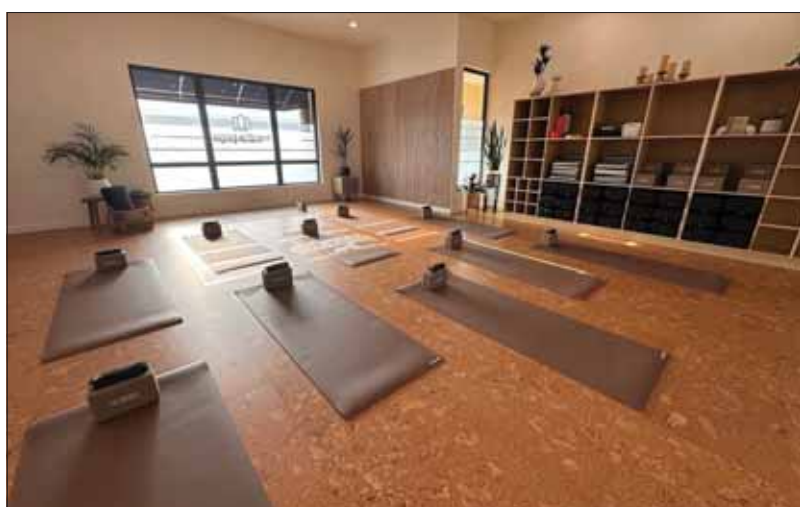
**2. Sakura Yakitori and Sushi:** Take mom on a culinary journey to Japan at Sakura Yakitori and Sushi. From fresh sushi to unique yakitori dishes, every bite is a burst of authentic flavors that she will love.

**3. De Fuego Grill:** If you want to take your mom to enjoy some delicious gourmet food, you are in luck. Flavor and flare combine in de Fuego Grill's unique eating experience from South America. Its specialty is perfectly cooked meats, tapas, pizza and a wide variety of mouthwatering salads, in addition to other delicious vegetarian options so there is something for everyone.

Relaxing activities, treatments abound

**1. Breathe Yoga:** Treat mom to the gift of relaxation with a membership at Breathe Yoga. Whether she's a seasoned yogi or new to practice, she'll love the opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate her mind, body and soul.

**2. Haven of Rest Spa:** Pamper mom with a luxurious spa treatment



Breathe Yoga

COURTESY PHOTO: BREATHE YOGA

at Haven of Rest Spa. From soothing massages to calming facials, each treatment is tailored to provide the ultimate in relaxation and rejuvenation.

**3. Scenic park stroll:** Take a leisurely walk through one of Happy Valley's scenic parks and soak in the beauty of nature together. With its lush greenery, tranquil ponds and winding trails, it's the perfect setting for quiet reflection and quality time.

This Mother's Day, show the special women in your life how much they mean to you with a day filled with thoughtful gifts, delicious cuisine and relaxing activities in Happy Valley. Whether you're shopping for the perfect present, indulging in a gourmet meal or pampering her with a spa treatment, there's no shortage of ways to make her feel cherished and appreciated. After all, she deserves nothing but the best.



Terra Casa

COURTESY PHOTO: TERRA CASA



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his family-friendly event is perfect for little ones as there will be a temporary sand play area, too!

## Public Works

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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

To highlight all the great work of Happy Valley's Public Works team, the City of Happy Valley, in partnership with Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, will hold a community event at Happy Valley Park on Wednesday, May 22. The event encourages residents to meet the Public Works team and learn all about what they do. Attendees will have a chance to climb aboard the City's big rigs, which include an excavator and dump truck, and try a themed dessert.

The Parks and Recreation crew will be dishing up chocolate pudding "dirt cups," complete with crushed cookies and gummy worms. This event is a great way to connect with the unsung heroes of Happy Valley and celebrate their hard work.



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Join us at Happy Valley Park on Wednesday, May 22 from 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for a Public Works Week community event.

## Library

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library's legacy. You can contribute to this worthy cause by making a financial contribution online or in person at the Happy Valley Library. Your generosity will play a vital role in shaping the future of this beloved space.

■ Each gift matters and brings us nearer to achieving our shared goal. To learn more about the different giving levels and their benefits, please visit the project's website at hv.city/library-giving where you can find more detailed information. For giving levels that offer name inclusion on the lobby's donor recognition wall, gifts must be



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An artist rendering of the library's main entrance once construction is complete. Included in this space will be seating, beautiful artwork by Sophie Franz and a donor recognition wall.

received by July 31, 2024. the future of the Happy Valley Library. Let's work together to create



An artist rendering of the 300-person community room which will offer programming and gathering space that can be reserved.

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# Traffic & Public Safety Committee help evaluate police services

*As the Public Safety Levy approaches, committee members review essential details about the City's police services*

City of Happy Valley

The City's Traffic and Public Safety Committee has been convening regularly to evaluate Happy Valley's police services in advance of the Public Safety Levy vote that will be on the ballot this November.

The Committee examines information such as crime rate statistics, projected costs for safety programs, suggested methods for police service levels, and general goals and objectives related to public safety. The group uses information submitted by the Happy Valley Police Chief as well as Happy Valley's City Manager, Finance Director, and Director of Public Safety to formulate recommendations.

Their aim is to create a five-year plan that addresses the public safety needs of Happy Valley residents in a financially responsible way and recommendations from this plan are ultimately presented to City Council for approval. Included in the Committee's plan is feedback on the rate amount determination for the City's 2024 Public Safety Levy.

Since 2002, Happy Valley property owners have paid taxes to fund dedicated



Pictured from left to right: Lance Gardner, Susan Kahut, Shelley McFarland, Banessa Verkest, and Dale Guenther. The Traffic and Public Safety Committee is comprised of resident volunteers. The group meets monthly to review and discuss information and data in preparation for the upcoming Public Safety Levy.

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police services. The passing of Measures 5 (1990) and 50 (1997) set limits on the amount of tax levied on property values for schools and set a permanent tax rate on all tax districts in

Oregon. Due to these measures, Happy Valley's permanent tax rate of \$0.67 cannot be increased which means the only other way to cover the costs for police services is to refer to the ballot for

levy consideration every five years. The City established the Traffic and Public Safety Committee in that same year to assist with the continuous need for oversight of police funding.

In Happy Valley, the City partners with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for police services. Through this partnership and annual contract, the City maintains local control

and identity for City police and saves money by taking advantage of the service functions which a larger law enforcement agency, such as the CCSO can provide. The partnership provides all the dedicated police services that residents see today, and it is through the Public Safety Levy vote that these services are either approved or denied. Without this contract for dedicated police service, the CCSO will only respond to calls involving life safety, when available. This means the dedicated police presence experienced currently would end should the November 2024 Public Safety Levy fail to pass.

Because of the way it is funded, the City of Happy Valley requires a special vote for police services to continue. By conducting a thorough review and evaluation, the Traffic and Public Safety Committee helps ensure that dedicated police services meet the needs of the greater community. More importantly, the Committee's efforts help ensure multiple perspectives and a variety of ideas are fully explored, helping make sure decision-making has oversight and accountability.

Traffic and Public Safety Committee meetings are open to the community. The group meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Happy Valley City Hall. In addition to police services, the group also reviews a variety of other safety priorities and related programs. These include motorist and pedestrian safety concerns and general safety issues pertaining to residents and local businesses.

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**Thank you, Public Works!**

*City of Happy Valley*

As Public Works Week approaches, we want to say thank you to this team for their tireless work and commitment. The Public Works Department is a vital part of our city, and we are grateful for the significant work these employees do all year long.

Public Works has a challenging job, and their work is frequently overlooked by the public. This team helps to keep our roads and parks clean and safe, and they help to make sure our city facilities function properly. On any given day, there are projects throughout the City that this team is planning for, working on, or finishing up.

We are particularly grateful to Public Works for their work to help protect our City during winter storms. This

team operates day and night to remove the snow and ice from our streets and keeps the entrances to public buildings clear. They ensure that main streets are accessible for first responders and communicate regularly with Community Service Officers as members of the Public Safety Team.

The work of this team is valued and appreciated by us, the City Council, and we know this sentiment is shared by the entire community. Often the unsung heroes of Happy Valley, we are fortunate to have a Public Works team that consistently keeps things running smoothly. Thank you for your ongoing service and dedication to our city.

Please consider joining us at the community event highlighting the work of Public Works on Wednesday, May 22.

For details, see full story on cover.



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The Public Works team at last year's community event celebrating their work.

**Celebrating community safety**

*City of Happy Valley*

The results are in: Happy Valley ranked 15th over-all nation-wide within its population size category and secured the second position in the State of Oregon for the success of its National Night Out event last summer. This popular event aims to foster relationships among residents and promote community partnerships with police and other first responders. The City celebrated the designations at the City Council meeting on Apr. 16.

During the 2023 National Night Out celebration, Happy Valley Park was transformed into a hub of activity and filled with community spirit. Attendees enjoyed a variety of festivities that included interactive safety booths and live musical entertainment. The highlight of the evening was a laser light show honoring local safety heroes, symbolizing the strong bond between first responders and the community.

National Night Out particularly highlights the efforts of our City's police department.

Through a partnership with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Happy Valley residents experience round-the-clock dedicated police services. These services are specifically provided through a contract with the CCSO and are funded entirely by a special Public Safety Levy, which is voted on by residents every five years. This funding mechanism emphasizes the community's commitment to maintaining public safety and enables the Happy Valley Police Department to operate effectively.

Comprised of a dedicated team, the Happy Valley Police Department works tirelessly to keep the community safe through 24/7 patrols, educational programs, and community outreach initiatives. Deputies' engagement with the public, whether interacting with citizens, business owners, or students, demonstrates their commitment to working together to maintain the safety and well-being of the community. This collaborative approach fosters trust and cooperation between law enforcement and residents, further solidifying Happy Valley's reputation as a

Happy Valley receives National Night Out award, showcasing the police department's active involvement in the community.



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Pictured from left: Parks & Recreation Supervisor Stephani Hern, Council President David Emami, Councilor David Golobay, Providence Senior Manager Renee King, Mayor Tom Ellis, HV Police Chief Rich Sheldon, Public Safety Director Steve Campbell, Clackamas Fire District #1 Chief Nick Browne, Councilor Brett Sherman and Councilor Joshua Callahan

safe and vibrant community.

The City would like to thank the following public safety partners, whose collaboration is vital to the event's success. This includes:

- Happy Valley Police
- Clackamas County Sheriff
- Marine Safety and Search and Rescue
- Clackamas County K-9 and Fire Departments
- American Medical Response
- Clackamas Emergency Response Team (CERT)

- Clackamas Water Environment Services
- Clackamas County Safe Communities
- Trauma Intervention Program Northwest
- Portland FBI

We also want to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our Parks and Recreation Team and Public Works Team. Your dedication and hard work are the backbone of this event's success. **Get ready for 2024 National Night Out**

National Night Out is a celebration of our City, our residents, and our first responders. This year, residents can expect a multi-day extravaganza that includes neighborhood block parties, a concert in the park, and family friendly activities focused on safety and community connections with our local police. Be sure to follow the City of Happy Valley and Happy Valley Parks and Recreation on Facebook for details as we get closer to the big events. The weeklong fun kicks off Monday, Aug. 5!

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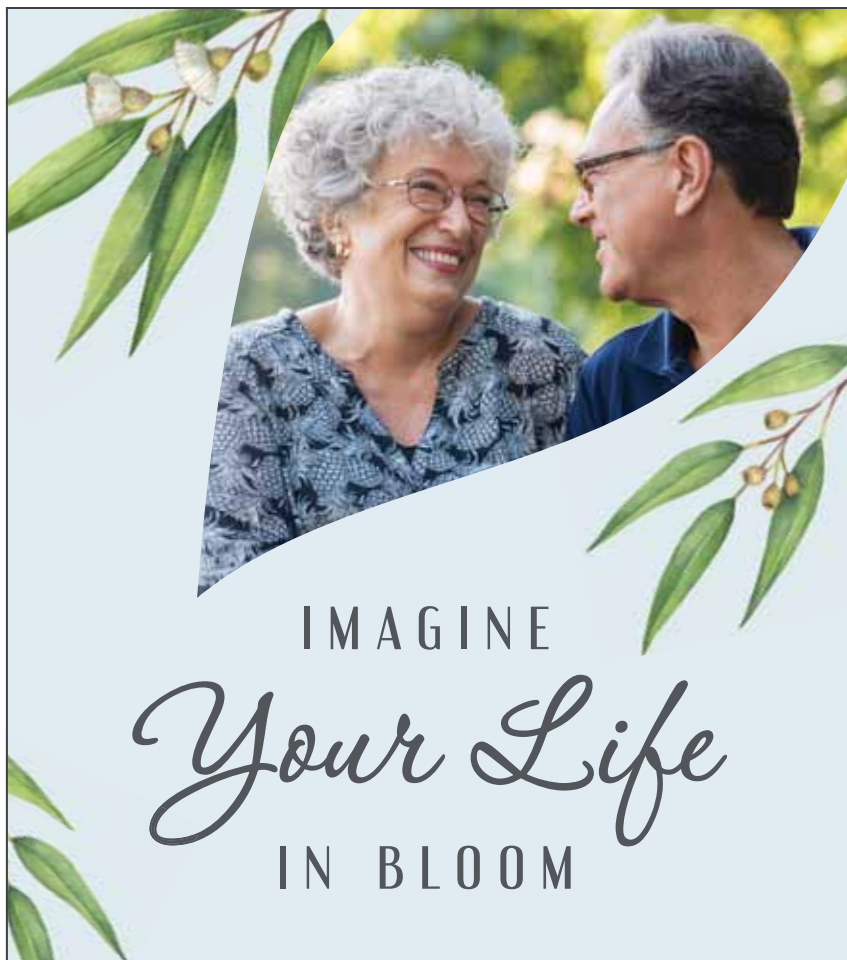
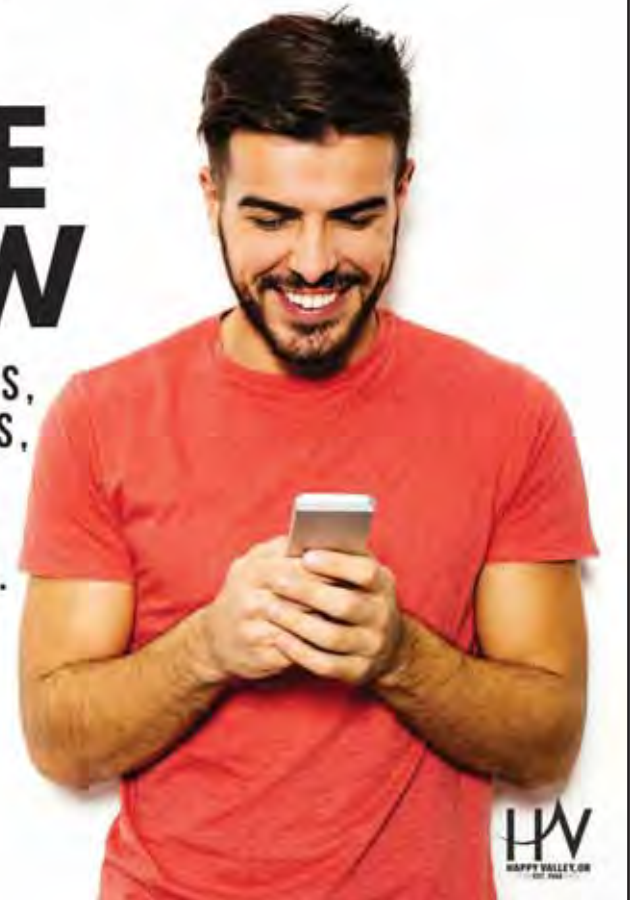
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

# Veterans Memorial final details to be revealed soon

*New art and walking trail to be celebrated May 21*

With the help and support of local veterans, Parks Advisory Committee members, and Public Art Committee members, I am excited to share that the City will formally celebrate the completion of the Happy Valley Veterans Memorial on May 21. The community is welcome to attend the event and view the new art pieces that were made especially for the space.

Robert "Travis" Pond, a sculpture artist from Oregon City, has created a 10-foot eagle out of recycled steel from military surplus items and other local scrap metal sources. The pieces are

recognizable as individual parts of tools and machinery but make up a larger-than-life image after they are welded together. The sculpture symbolizes the pride, bravery, and courage that soldiers need to serve our country.

In addition, an ADA accessible pathway from SE 162nd Ave. has been built, which lets visitors access the Memorial and view each section more easily. A wall with engravings has also been added to the existing pieces.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission. Three years ago, they gave the City \$75,000 to begin the first phase of the Veterans Memorial.

That first step brought our community a labyrinth to symbolize a "walk with veterans." Around the labyrinth are benches and lighted

**VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION**

- Tuesday, May 21
- 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Happy Valley Veterans Memorial Park, located adjacent to City Hall

flags for each branch of the military.

Following the success of the first phase, Oregon Parks and Recreation stepped up once again to provide \$58,000 for a permanent veteran themed sculpture, the pathway, and engraving wall.

As a veteran myself, I am filled with immense pride for the Veterans Memorial. It stands as a beacon of honor, and a testament to the bravery and sacrifice of our community's veterans. It is a place where respect and remembrance are deeply rooted, and where future generations will come to learn and pay homage to the heroes who have served our nation.



A close up of the eagle sculpture shows the intricate work of sculpture artist, Travis Pond. The community is invited to see the finished piece at the Veterans Memorial dedication event Tuesday, May 21.

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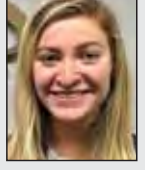


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# If I Were Mayor contest winners recognized by City Council

*The City's annual student contest reveals one winner, two honorable mentions*

City of Happy Valley

At the Apr. 16 City Council meeting, Oscar Ly, a fifth grader from Scouters Mountain Elementary School was recognized for his winning submission in the 2024 "If I were Mayor, I Would..." contest. Sponsored by the Oregon Mayors Association, the contest encourages youth to take a closer look at their community and describe what they would do if they could be mayor.

If he were the mayor, he would focus on building community, improving the environment, and increasing the opportunity



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Pictured left to right: Council President David Emami, Councilor David Golobay, Josephine, Oscar, Allison, Mayor Tom Ellis, Councilor Brett Sherman, and Councilor Joshua Callahan

for multi-cultural experiences and events. Oscar's poster is currently being reviewed by the Oregon Mayors Association as a candidate for the State level contest of the same name.

Additionally, Josephine Zubenskaya, a fifth grader from Scouters Mountain Elementary School and Allison Maxwell, a fourth grader from Verne

Duncan Elementary School, received honorable mention for their poster submissions.

Congratulations to Oscar, Josephine, and Allison, and to all the students that participated. We would also like to acknowledge Leasa Wiebke's fifth grade class at Scouters Mountain Elementary School. Her entire class participated in



This class had the most contest participation with each student submitting an entry this year.

this year's activity and earned a cupcake party, courtesy of the City.

Note: Students who submitted a poster are welcome to retrieve their

entry. Posters can be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Any remaining posters will be recycled at the end of the business day on May 15.



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At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check 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 www.hv.city/notifications.

May Community Calendar

- May 6 Parks Advisory Committee Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.
May 16 Art Committee Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.
May 18 Happy Valley Fun Run: 8 a.m.-noon, Happy Valley Elementary School
May 20 Budget Committee Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.
May 21 Veterans Memorial Dedication: City Hall, 4 p.m.
May 22 HVBA Meeting: City Hall, 7:30 a.m.
May 27 Memorial Day: City Hall and HV Library closed

QR code and logo for scanning to sign up for notifications.

Be wildfire aware and ready

Learn how you can prepare in case wildfire strikes

By CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1



In Oregon, May is designated as Wildfire Awareness Month. Clackamas Fire District is engaged in a month-long campaign to encourage, empower, and inform the community to help prevent and prepare for such an event.

There are many things you can do ahead of time including following Clackamas Fire District's Ready, Set, Go program.

Get READY before wildfire happens by protecting yourself and your property from the threat of wildfire. Begin in the spring by creating defensible space around your home and adjacent property.

Getting SET means creating and preparing your wildfire action plan. The plan will be unique to your family and should include everyone, even your pets. The plan is a

check list that includes different evacuation routes and emergency meeting locations.

Wildfires are unpredictable, move quickly, and change direction without warning.

When a wildfire approaches your home, it is time to GO! When you evacuate early, you give your family the best chance of surviving.

Also important in a wildfire emergency is to stay informed. Pay attention to news and information from local authorities and sign up for emergency notifications at Clackamas County Public Alerts.

The threat of wildfire in our area is real. By following the Ready, Set, Go program, you can help your family increase their chances of surviving a wildfire emergency.



Wildfire has become a real concern throughout the Pacific Northwest. Be ready with a plan that could save you and your family should disaster strike.

City plans to repair potholes around town

Upcoming road maintenance aims to repair seasonal asphalt divots

City of Happy Valley

Potholes make streets less drivable, increase wear and tear on vehicles, and contribute to safety challenges for drivers and pedestrians. Potholes, over time, not only create detriment to the pavement at the surface but cause sunken sections of pavement below the roadway to fail and need

replacement.

As a result, pothole repair is an ongoing task of the City of Happy Valley's Street Maintenance program. Repairs associated with this include the patching of ruts, depressions, bumps, and pavement edge defects to City streets.

The City inspects for potholes throughout the year and repairs them in alignment with the Pavement Quality Index, an industry standard rating system which helps the City prioritize restoration work. The City typically patches potholes in the spring and summer months when weather conditions are most optimal.

This coming season, the City

anticipates repairing potholes along 132nd Ave. between Ridgecrest Rd. and King Rd., and Happy Valley Dr. near King Rd.

The City strives to keep streets in good condition and makes an effort to keep tabs on pothole development. Should you come across a pothole in the City and want to ensure the engineering team is in the know, please consider submitting a report online. Simply head to hv.city/report-a-concern and indicate Road Hazard as your nature of request. You will have an opportunity to then add the pothole's specific location and any other description needed.



As the weather improves, the City plans to repair potholes at several high-traffic locations. The work is part of the City's annual street maintenance efforts which aim to keep roads in good condition.

Advertisement for Northwest Primary Care featuring a family photo and text: 'We're here for every member of your family.' and 'WE'RE GROWING! New West Linn location NOW OPEN!' with website nwpc.com and phone number 503.659.4988.

Advertisement for Moss Insurance Agency featuring portraits of Jaret Moss and Joe Moss, with text: 'Jaret Moss & Joe Moss Agency Producer and Agency Owner'.

Advertisement for Farmers Insurance featuring text: 'Coverage for the things you care about Call 503-344-6513 today! Moss Insurance Agency Your local Happy Valley agency 12550 SE 93RD Ave Ste 230, Clackamas, OR 97015 jmoss2@farmersagent.com' and the Farmers Insurance logo.

YOUTH COUNCIL

# Last Call! Happy Valley Youth Council seeks new members

Deadline for eligible high school students to apply is set for Friday, May 10

City of Happy Valley

Do you know a teen who loves to be involved or wants to be an advocate for other teens in our community? Applications are now being accepted for teens interested in filling a vacancy on the Happy Valley Youth Council. The applications must be completed and submitted to City Hall by Friday, May 10 at 5 p.m.

Applicants must then be available to attend the May 15 Happy Valley Youth Council meeting at 5 p.m. at City Hall, where each applicant will participate in a panel interview.

The 13-member Youth Council works to promote a positive influence for their peer group and their community through safety events and participation in many of the City's community events.

Any City of Happy Valley resident teen who will be at the freshman through senior academic level for the 2024-2025 school year is eligible to apply and serve.

Visit [www.happyvalleyor.gov/youth-council](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/youth-council) for the application and more information.



Applications for Happy Valley Youth Council vacancies must be received by Friday, May 10 at 5 p.m.

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# Youth Council honored with donation from Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation

Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation presents financial gift to the Happy Valley Youth Council

City of Happy Valley

At the Apr. 16 City Council meeting, the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation presented the Happy Valley Youth Council with a donation of \$3,000. This contribution aims to further empower the Youth Council in their role of nurturing and enhancing the well-being of the youth in our community

The Youth Council has been actively engaged in various initiatives that strive to bolster the voice of our youngest community members. Their commitment ranges from organizing the annual Rx Drug Take Back and Car Care Clinic events, to

spearheading youth well-being campaigns that highlight mental health. They have expanded their yearly Happy Valley Youth Town Hall event to include the Oregon Youth Summit, a state-wide meeting of student leaders, and even travel to Washington D.C. each spring to participate in the National League of Cities annual conference.

Throughout these endeavors, the Youth Council has consistently championed their mission to improve the lives of young people by offering guidance and opportunities for healthy living. On behalf of the City's Youth Council, thank you to the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation for this contribution.



The Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation presented the Youth Council with a donation check to further their efforts and support their mental health and wellness initiative for teens.

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CODE CORNER

# READY for a TRIM

City of Happy Valley

Our city streets are lined with beautiful trees and while a sight to behold, they do require proper maintenance. In Happy Valley, property owners are responsible for maintaining their trees, including those adjacent to the public right-of-way which are found in the parking strip areas between the street and sidewalk.

If left to become overgrown, these trees, along with any shrubs or hedges, could pose a danger if they block the view of traffic signs or obstruct a pathway intended for travel. That's why trimming this vegetation and caring for your street trees goes a long way in promoting long term neighborhood safety.

To ensure safe passage for everyone using sidewalks and streets, the City's municipal code specifies the following expectations:

- Tree limbs over a sidewalk must be at least 7 feet above the surface.

- Tree limbs over a residential street must be at least 11 feet above the surface.

- Tree limbs over an arterial street must be at least 14 feet above the surface.

Community Service Officers ensure compliance with the rules when it comes to the safety of the right-of-way and they will try to talk with a property owner if any trees or shrubs are cause for concern. With this said, it is important for property owners to stay on top of their yard maintenance as overgrowth can quickly get out of hand and make it difficult for those traversing the area. If concerns are ignored, property owners may find themselves facing a citation. For more information or to review the City's rules as they relate to street trees and planter strips, check out 16.42.040 of the Happy Valley Municipal Code at hv.city/city-code.

**Watch out!**

Emergency vehicles, garbage

trucks, the City streetsweeper, delivery trucks, and pedestrians should all be able to pass easily without running into hanging tree limbs. Make sure you trim branches that block clearance and visibility and if you aren't sure what to do, it is always a good idea to consult with a private arborist or hire a licensed tree care company to help.

**An important note**

For general property trees with trunk diameters greater than six inches, a Type A Tree Removal Permit is required and must be secured prior to any tree removal. Street trees, regardless of their size, must not be removed without a Type B Tree Removal Permit from the City. These trees must remain in the planting area between the sidewalk and curb unless they pose a risk due to disease, damage, are in danger of falling, or pose other safety concerns to people or adjacent property. The City requires an inspection to confirm



Tree branches and shrubs that encroach in the public right-of-way can create a safety hazard. Ensure your sidewalks and streets remain clear for travel so pedestrians and service vehicles can pass easily. PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

that street trees marked for removal meet the necessary criteria. Should a street tree be removed, it is mandatory to replace it with a species from the City's Approved Street Tree List. For comprehensive details on tree removal permits and procedures, please visit hv.city/tree-permit.

**Get a jump start on yard maintenance NOW!**

To help motivate residents to tackle overgrown branches and other vegetation, there will be an opportunity to dispose of yard debris during the City's upcoming Dumpster Day event. A standalone recycling station at Happy Valley Public

Works will offer a chance for residents to discard their seasonal yard debris, courtesy of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation.

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 and proof of residency is required.

**FREE Spring Yard Debris Drop Off**

- Saturday, June 8 | 8 a.m.-noon
- Happy Valley Public Works
- 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park.
- Learn more at hv.city/dumpster-day and check out the story below.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our streets and sidewalks safe. Together, let's keep Happy Valley a place for all to enjoy this season.

# Dumpster Day returns next month

Mark your calendars and start sorting your stuff because Dumpster Day returns to Happy Valley on Sat., June 8 from 8 a.m.-noon

City of Happy Valley

Brought to you by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, Dumpster Day 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. The event will take place at Happy Valley Park.

When it comes to the dumpsters, there are some items that cannot be accepted, so residents are encouraged to visit the event's official webpage at

hv.city/dumpster-day for a complete list of what to expect before heading to the event.

**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

**YARD DEBRIS DROP AT PUBLIC WORKS**

As an additional courtesy, the City's Public Works team will offer a special station, so residents can dispose of leaves, grass clippings, and branches at the Public Works building for free recycling. Please note that the Public Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. It will not be a station along the regular Dumpster Day route, so make sure you allow some additional time to visit that location

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in the event you have other items to discard. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site. No commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted.

**In honor of our Flag**

In partnership with Scout Troop 611, the City of Happy Valley will also make available an opportunity for residents to drop off any worn out, faded, or torn American flag. The Scouts will ensure they are ceremoniously retired. Those interested in this service are encouraged to property fold their flag, if possible,



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Say goodbye to clutter! A full dumpster is prepared to be hauled away.

prior to the event.

**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. Please bring your I.D. for address verification within City boundaries.) For more information about this and to confirm your address

is within City limits, head to hv.city/address-check.

The City would like to thank the following community partners for helping make this year's Dumpster Day possible: Waste Management, Hoodview Disposal, Recology Waste Zero, Goodwill Industries, Metro, and Les Schwab Tire Center.



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# SPORTS ON TAP: *The game-day spot you'll love*

Catch your favorite game at the Happy Valley staple, Sports on Tap

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
for Pamplin Media Group

Sports on Tap is a Happy Valley staple that's as reliable as a plate of grandma's famous chocolate chip cookies. The venue's blue and red sign, brightly and warmly lit in the evening, represents a beacon of hope, offering a collection of old reliables that spare you and your palate from the great unknown.

Yes, Sports on Tap is indeed a local favorite that has withstood those culinary businesses that have both entered the city and those that have graciously departed over the years. What is their story and, more importantly, what is their secret?

Sports on Tap, neighboring New Seasons off Sunnyside, has seemingly carved out an impressive identity as well as reputation in Happy Valley over the last 13 years as the go-to sports bar experience, offering food and libations that are as delicious and consistent as the experience itself. This is all thanks to owners John and Megan Haid, leaving us excited to sit down with them to learn more about their family-friendly business and its legacy in the Happy Valley area.

John, whose background in food and beverage has spanned many impressive jobs, including a position at Guinness, undoubtedly prepared him for the future of owning a sports bar of his own, utilizing his support networks in the Pacific Northwest to seek out a new opportunity around the time of the 2008 recession.

"I was keeping in contact with some of the friends I had met in Portland and



TV options: no doubt the game of your choice will be on one of the bar's 17 screens.

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knew I would love to get something going there," said John. "That's when a friend of mine who had moved from Laurelhurst to the Damascus area identified the opportunity of the building in the Happy Valley Town Center where Round Table Pizza had just closed up shop. I couldn't have built out a raw shell myself, so we definitely took advantage of what Round Table left behind."

John went on to discuss the opportunity for a new bar/restaurant in Happy Valley, seeing as there wasn't a whole lot around at the time.

"Since I was coming from Guinness, I was thinking about doing an Irish pub, but just the amount of windows the location had and the way it was set up lent itself to more of a sports-themed restaurant," John said.

While it became clear early on in the interview that John had a firm grasp and ultimate vision for Sports on Tap, it was equally clear that much credit must be given to his wife, Megan, who's sort of the Swiss Army knife of the business, operating behind the scenes in aspects such as human resources, marketing and

## SPORTS ON TAP

"We were fortunate that Happy Valley really embraced us early on."

— John Haid, owner of Sports on Tap

other administrative tasks.

"I went to school for economics with a minor in business, but had never worked in a restaurant before so it has been a very interesting industry to learn," said Megan.

So, after all the pieces fell into place, John and Megan opened Sports on Tap in November of 2011, sharing how they might've miscalculated just how many people choose not to cook leading up to Thanksgiving, offering them and their new staff a challenging yet rewarding learning curve that would prove invaluable to the business's future.

"We were fortunate that Happy Valley really embraced us early on and, due to the recession, that there were a ton of quality employees available," said John.

"Our employees were so high caliber it was impressive," added Megan.

When asked about their sustained success over the years, both John and Megan touched on the importance of the "sports" theme.

"Every couple of months there's a new season," John noted. "From the NFL to the NBA to the NCAA Tournament to even the Masters, the natural progression within sports offers good business."

While nationally and locally televised sports are an important marketing machine to latch onto, John noted how none of it would be possible without support from the community of Happy Valley, including Clackamas High

School and the city itself, which is able to partner with events such as Music in the Park. However, within these golden strokes of marketing genius comes one question mark — the absence of a website.

"We did originally build a website with a domain but it wasn't something that we were going to keep up on very strongly," said John. "We really used Facebook more than anything else ... relying on that plus word of mouth has just sort of been our lane. It works for us."

Now, one thing that we've always found consistent is the idea that an establishment is only as strong as its menu and its execution of it. In our conversation, John was passionately vocal about how there was a balance he wanted to achieve of both elevating above the standard sports bar menu of just burgers and wings, while — perhaps ironically — wanting to serve really good burgers and wings.

A fan favorite, according to John? Their hand-breaded chicken tenders which, as fate would have it, was the exact menu item we tried for ourselves.

The chicken strips, 8 ounces to an order, were crispy upon the first bite and tender from there on out, hand-dipped with a seasoning blend so precise and scrumptious it would have Colonel Sanders begging for the recipe. In fact, Sports on Tap claims they go through about 120 pounds of chicken per week. We highly recommend grabbing some for yourself with a side of their delicious deep-fried pickles.

With all this delicious food comes a full bar, featuring 32 beers on tap as well as 17 Samsung TVs and a large projector, giving you and your family the ultimate sports viewing experience.

Check out Sports on Tap at the Happy Valley Town Center and experience your favorite team from the best seat in the house.

## County offers Deterra medication disposal pouches

By CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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# Veterans out & about

By PMG staff

For more information on the Oregon Military Museum, visit [www.oregon-militarymuseumproject.org](http://www.oregon-militarymuseumproject.org)  
**Did you KNOW?** National Military Appreciation Month, also known as Military Appreciation Month, is a month-long observance in the United States, dedicated to people who are currently serving in the United States military. Each year, the observance runs from May 1 to May 31.



Local Veterans, including members of the HV Veterans Group, toured the not-yet-open-to-the-public Oregon Military Museum located at Camp Withycombe. The Oregon Military Museum Project is leading efforts to raise funds for OMMs future opening and operations.  
**RIGHT:** Mayor Ellis spoke about his Coast Guard service at the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Oregon's Professional Development Workshop April 11th. EANGOR President, Retired Command Sergeant Major Travis Parker, presented Mayor Ellis with a plaque for his participation and support of military service members and Veterans.



# Last call for Fun Run registration

City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Fun Run is just a few weeks away! This popular event encourages adults and kids alike to lace up their running shoes and help support programs for local students. This year's run is scheduled for Saturday, May 18.

The race, organized by Happy Valley Elementary School's PTO, is a professional event, complete with race shirts, timing chips, and sponsor booths. Participants can choose from three events which include a kids' one-mile dash, a 5k run/walk, or a 10k run. The kids dash will begin at 8:15 a.m. while the 5k and 10k races will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Fun for the whole family! There will be community booths and local vendors before and after the race, and kids can even enjoy some activities throughout the event. Be sure to visit the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team as they will once again be hosting the Hydration Station for race participants in Happy Valley Park.



### HAPPY VALLEY FUN RUN

**When:** Saturday, May 18

**Where:** Happy Valley Elementary School

Races for every level - one-mile kids dash, 5k run/walk, and 10k run

Use the QR code to head to the event webpage and register.



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Fun for the whole family, the Happy Valley Fun Run includes both a Kids Dash and a timed 5K/10K. Participants may find themselves running alongside a Happy Valley Police Deputy, school or City staff, and local business owners. Be part of the fun and register before it's too late!



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# Oregon Trail Elementary Literacy Night promotes love of reading

April 18 event serves as a platform for community engagement

By EMMA DAVIS  
Pamplin Media Group

Oregon Trail Elementary School hosted its first-ever Literacy Night on April 18. Born from the dedicated efforts of second grade teacher Gretchen Rowland-Horrigan, the event aimed to bring a love of reading and learning to both kids and their families, bridging the gap between classroom instruction and home engagement and making literacy fun.

Rowland-Horrigan has extensive teaching experience across her career, including teaching high school in France, working with adults in the Lifelong Learning Center at CCC, as well as teaching in elementary education. "After my experience teaching high



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRETCHEN ROWLAND-HORRIGAN

Author, Aaron Nell Steinke, presenting to students and families

school in France and I came back to the states, I knew I needed to make a difference," Rowland-Horrigan said. "I reflected on my time at the Lifelong Learning Center working with adults and realized that I wanted to work with the youngest kids to ensure everyone had a chance to learn." It was then that she

started working in elementary education and furthered her passion for literacy in young students' lives, adding incentive to hold the literacy event.

Literacy Night at Oregon Trail Elementary promised many activities designed to cater to children from kindergarten to fifth grade. Students and

their families could explore the interactive stations showing budget-friendly literacy activities suitable for home and car environments. From phonemic awareness exercises to book exchange tables, every element of Literacy Night was carefully curated to inspire a lifelong love for reading and learning.

But the highlight of the evening was in the innovative approach to student involvement. Posters with QR codes adorned the walls, each representing a "BookTok" (a TikTok-like video format book report) presented by third to fifth-grade students. These QR codes allowed attendees to access video presentations where students passionately shared their favorite reads. And just in case teachers, families and students couldn't make it to the event, all of the posters and activities held will be up in the school for them to look at.

"I want parents and students alike to walk away with tangible strategies to promote literacy at home," Rowland-Horrigan said. "Whether it's through kitchen literacy or engaging activities

during car rides, there's so much potential for learning in everyday moments."

The event also featured guest speaker and former teacher Aaron Nell Steinke, acclaimed author of "Mr. Wolf's Class". Steinke, a former colleague of Rowland-Horrigan's, brought his expertise as an educator and storyteller to inspire young readers and aspiring writers.

In addition to promoting literacy, the event served as a platform for community engagement with families and their children's teachers. Happy Valley Library staff were on site to provide information about cultural passes and library resources, emphasizing the importance of continued learning beyond the classroom walls.

Before the event, Rowland-Horrigan shared her hopes for the Literacy Night's impact on the attendees. "I want parents to see themselves as partners in their children's education," she said. "And I hope this event sparks a tradition of family-centered literacy initiatives, creating a ripple effect of positive learning experiences for years to come."



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## Spring Mountain team battles to the state championship

A Spring Mountain Elementary Battle of the Books team, the Midnight Tigers, advanced to the state championship held on April 18

## Ready, Set, Read!

Cannady celebrates its first participation in Battle of the Books

By EMMA DAVIS  
Pamplin Media Group

This year marks the first-ever participation of Beatrice Morrow Cannady Elementary in the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB), and the experience has been a new and exciting endeavor for the student body. The school's participation has not only fostered a sense of camaraderie but has also highlighted the students' passion for reading and collaboration.

Barbara Stephens, a fourth-grade teacher at Cannady, found herself at the helm of this literary adventure when parents Katie Voss and Kim Newman approached her last year with an idea. They noticed the OBOB participation of Spring Mountain, Scouters Mountain and



Beatrice Morrow Cannady's fifth grade OBOB teams.

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Verne Duncan elementaries, and sought to bridge the gap. Their vision was to engage students in a dynamic reading experience that would transcend the classroom.

Stephens jumped at the opportunity, and with her support, OBOB at Cannady Elementary was officially under way.

Stephens played a significant role in facilitating the OBOB journey, organizing battles within the school to select the teams, and coordinating volunteers. "For our school, we had 96 kids involved this year," Stephens said. "From the get-go, they were all in. They met at home, they met at school, they were reading all the time, and you know, that's really what it takes."

Out of the 24 teams at the school of students from third, fourth and fifth grade, one of the fourth-grade teams even made it to regionals and succeeded up to the final four. "It was super, super fun to be a part of the regionals," Stephens said. "Being our first year, we're just super proud of them and it was super cool."

Stephens said the entire process of watching the students find enjoyment in Battle of the Books was extremely rewarding. "When I see kids excited about something... I love that," she said. "Seeing them asking for time and the books to read,

seeing kids have fun at school. I'm just proud of them."

The support from both parents and the school community was instrumental in Cannady's OBOB journey. From funding book sets to volunteering at regional battles, the collective effort made it all possible for every child who wanted to participate. Stephens also acknowledged the important role of the PTO in providing important resources and expressed her gratitude for the collaborative spirit among teachers.

With unwavering commitment to OBOB, for Stephens, the program offers more than just a competition — it is a platform for students to develop essential skills and foster a love for reading. "I think one benefit is it gives them authentic purpose," she said. "They're learning a lot and learning how to communicate because of it."

With all the support from teachers and the PTO, the future of OBOB at Cannady looks bright. "My goal next year is to try to have like four sets of books per grade level instead of just the two we had this year," Stephens said. "I'm excited to do it again. The camaraderie and the collaboration and the excitement and the commitment that the kids put in was super great to be a part of."

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# Paying it forward: Dianna Ngai

Local woman's educational trajectory takes her from student to teacher to administrator in North Clackamas

By EMMA DAVIS  
Pamplin Media Group

From her beginnings as an English teacher to her current role as Associate Director of Teaching, Learning & Professional Development with the North Clackamas School District, Dianna Ngai exemplifies what it means to have a deep-rooted commitment to education. With a career spanning over a decade, Ngai's journey began long before she stepped into her first classroom.

"I have always admired teachers," she said. "At the age of five, I said I wanted to be a teacher because I want to support people and their learning." In high school, Ngai was able to student-teach in her sophomore, junior and senior years, an experience that solidified her decision to pursue a career in education. That early spark ignited a lifelong mission to ensure that every student, regardless of background or ability, receives the support they need to thrive. "Being a woman and person of color, I have a passion to make sure all students get access," she said.



Dianna Ngai

Her path led her back to North Clackamas, the district where she received her own education and where she felt a deep sense of belonging. "I came back because I wanted to make a difference," Ngai said. "Somebody believed in me when I was in school, and I wanted to pay it forward."

Since joining the district in 2006, Ngai has worn many hats, from classroom teacher to school principal, and now in her position of Associate Director Teaching, Learning & Professional Development. Each role, she says, has allowed her to impact more students and support them in their learning experience. "Every student is my student," Ngai said. "I believe every minute counts for every student."

In her current role, Ngai works closely with instructional coaches and oversees professional



The team at North Clackamas in Teaching, Learning and Professional Development.

development initiatives aimed at equipping teachers with the latest research and instructional strategies. "Our job is to stay on our toes and do what's best for the kids," she explained. This includes fostering collaboration among educators through programs like lesson study, where teachers come together to dissect and recreate lessons for maximum impact.

Reflecting on her own children's education within the district, Ngai emphasized the importance of listening to students, teachers and community voices.

One of Ngai's primary goals is to elevate student proficiency in every subject. Through innovative approaches like lesson studies and professional learning communities, she and her team within the district are driving meaningful change in instructional practices. "We are really honing in on how to support every individual student," she said.

As Ngai continues her mission to nurture every student's potential, she hopes to inspire others to support educators and work towards a collective goal of student success. "If people knew what's happening in schools," she said, "we could make things better for all students."

As Ngai looks to the future, her goals remain clear — to continue supporting all students and to foster a collective approach to education. "We're all working toward the same goal," she said, urging for greater collaboration and understanding within the community. In her eyes, it's this collective effort that will propel North Clackamas School District forward, ensuring that every student receives the education they deserve.

In the coming school year, Ngai will be moving up in the district, being promoted from her associate position to Director of Teaching, Learning & Professional Development of the NCSD.



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Not really a fan of social media? That's okay! Participants can always visit City Hall and show us a picture or simply let us know they visited a specific park to earn a respective sticker.

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The last day photo with the team at Beatrice Morrow Cannady, all in pink Hello Kitty shirts on the stairs.



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# New Village on its way to Happy Valley

• Villages NW is expanding to Happy Valley with Sunnyside East Village

By EMMA DAVIS  
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A big initiative is taking shape in Happy Valley and Clackamas, catering to the needs of older adults seeking to age gracefully in their own homes. Sunnyside East Village isn't your typical housing development or retirement community, but rather a community-driven endeavor where members reside in their own homes, whether homeowners, renters, living with relatives, or in shared accommodations.

Sunnyside East Village is in the process of connecting with Villages NW, a non-profit organization comprising ten other villages, as part of a nationwide



Happy Valley, was captivated by the Village concept and resolved to establish one in the town with support from mentors associated with Villages NW. "I heard about the concept and I thought, oh, that really is something I would like to, you know, see and be part of," she said.

Sunnyside East Village aims to offer not only practical assistance but also avenues for social interaction to its members. Volunteers will extend services like transportation to appointments and shopping, occasional aid with household chores and yard maintenance, as well as technological assistance. Social gatherings and recreational activities, such as coffee meetups, book clubs, potlucks, group walks, and more, will also be on the agenda.

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In addition to member events, Sunnyside East Village hosts public social gatherings like the monthly Coffee Break, held on the third Friday of each month. Future Coffee Break locations may vary, with updates available on the Village's website through blog posts and newsletters.

Moving forward, the Village plans a diverse array of social activities based on community feedback, including morning coffees, happy hours, potlucks, movie screenings, book clubs, crafting sessions, games, and group exercise activities.

"We provide ways to socialize within the community and meet other people and support people that are within our village," she said. "And our Village is only as strong as the people that volunteer and support it."

# HV Repair Fair: Don't Toss it, Fix it!

Specialists available to fix, mend items including bicycles, devices, home appliances at event

**REPAIR FAIR 2024**  
When: May 4th, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Where: Happy Valley Library – 13793 SE Sieben Park



LEFT: The Clackamas County Repair Fair series, now in its sixth year running and hosted by the county's Sustainability & Solid Waste Office, aims to support sustainability.

By EMMA DAVIS  
Pamplin Media Group

It's time for the Happy Valley Repair Fair, hosted by Clackamas County's Sustainability & Solid Waste Office! Now in its sixth year running, the aim is to encourage and assist with repairing and fixing items instead of tossing repairable items in the trash.

This event provides a platform for skilled repair specialists to offer their services to mend various items. Residents can bring in their broken items for professional repair, including bicycles, small devices, home appliances, and more.

In the spirit of sustainability and resourcefulness, the fair also features seamstresses to mend clean clothing items, a jewelry repairer for minor fixes, and a knife sharpener to breathe new life into dulled blades. Attendees are

required to register their items at the entrance, where they are matched with the appropriate repairer.

Due to the event's popularity and to ensure fair access, only one item per person can be assessed and repaired at a time. Depending on the complexity of the repair, it may take anywhere from a few minutes to the duration of the event.

Beyond repair services, the fair also hosts volunteer master recyclers who provide education on recycling practices and highlight which items can be recycled. This educational component underscores the importance of sustainable practices in today's world.

In line with the evolving needs of the community, the fair has adapted to the times, integrating modern technologies and techniques into its repair services. Moreover, to participate as a volunteer, individuals are required to contribute 30 hours of volunteer service, reflecting their commitment to community



LEFT: Specialists available to mend items including bicycles, devices, home appliances at HV Library May 4.



BELOW: Repair professional working with someone who needs their vacuum cleaner fixed.

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The Arbor Day Foundation and State Farm partnered to bring a native tree and plant giveaway to Happy Valley during the Earth Day/Arbor Day festivities.

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From left: Council President David Emami, Councilor David Golobay, Parks & Rec Foundation Board member Glen Sachet, Kelly Mreen, Heather Hedges, Parks & Rec Foundation Board member Michael Morrow, Mayor Tom Ellis, Councilor Joshua Callahan, and Councilor Brett Sherman

# StarCycle presents Parks & Rec Foundation with financial gift

City of Happy Valley

At the Mar. 19 City Council meeting, StarCycle co-owners Kelly Mreen and Heather Hedges stood proudly as they presented the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation with a check for over \$6,000.

This significant contribution stems from the funds raised at last fall's StarCycle Under the

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This remarkable gesture exemplifies the unwavering commitment of our community to support vital recreational programs and the continual enhancement of our city's parks. Thank you, StarCycle Happy Valley, for your contribution!

# Happy Valley celebrates Earth Day and Arbor Day

Volunteers gathered for a Friends of Trees event at Village Green Park to help celebrate both Earth Day and Arbor Day

City of Happy Valley

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In 2022, City Council adopted a proclamation highlighting the importance of preserving the City's tree canopy. As a result of that proclamation, Apr. 22 is recognized as both Earth Day and Arbor Day in Happy Valley. To commemorate the occasion this year, the City joined



Many hands make light work as volunteers helped shovel mulch into buckets which were then transported to the wetlands in Happy Valley Park.

community partner, Friends of Trees, to celebrate these special dates on Saturday, Apr. 20 with a special project at Village Green Park. Volunteers helped transport mulch which will help support the growth of saplings that were planted earlier this year.

Adding to the festivities was a Native Tree and Plant Giveaway, hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation and State Farm. Nearly 1,000 native trees and shrubs were gifted to residents in recognition of Earth Month and our pledge to keep our local tree canopy healthy and thriving.

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*Get to know Wild West Smokehouse in Happy Valley*

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY  
for Pamplin Media Group

The Wild West Smokehouse, located off Sunnyside at the Talbert Center next to Fuji's, is a brand-new smokehouse and grocery that honors both the exciting flavors of the Pacific Northwest and the Slavic community. Don't let the name fool you, this is not your one-stop shop for authentic Texas or Carolina BBQ, but rather a culinary quest to bring the people of Happy Valley into a world that's as different as it is exciting. Big, bold flavors await those who enter this establishment, all thanks to the passion and hard work of owner Sergey Zhdanov, whom we were excited to sit down with to learn more about.

"I was a general contractor for twenty-five years but I always loved to smoke and cook," says Zhdanov.



Wild West Smokehouse owner and 30+ year Happy Valley resident Sergey Zhdanov brings his passion for smoked meats to this new business at 122nd and Sunnyside

Zhdanov shares that his passion for smoking started about seven years ago but began to take it seriously about three years ago, giving him the idea to step into a new career that was backed by both his passion for smoking and the cultural influences of the Slavic community, planning this new business from the ground up only a year ago.

"I have lived in Happy Valley for thirty years," says Zhdanov. "It is my home, but I also wanted to try and honor the Slavic community with the items we have for sale with items that are Polish, Ukrainian, and others."

Now, while most businesses plan for a slow start after opening, especially ones without a prominent brand, Zhdanov

notes how this was not the case for the Wild West Smokehouse which opened at the end of March.

"It was very busy," says Zhdanov. "We ran out of quite a bit of inventory early on. All the smoked fish were flying away and we couldn't keep up as it was just myself, my son, and my wife. I guess it's a good problem

to have. The Slavic community was extremely supportive from day one."

In terms of hardware, Zhdanov is operating with some pretty impressive equipment, including two Enviro-Pak low-temperature ovens, capable of smoking up to 400 pounds of meat at a time.

"Enviro-Pak is a local company here in Clackamas," says Zhdanov. "It does a good job. One of the smokers is for fish and the other is for meat. I don't process meat and fish on the same day."

Regarding the variety of goods you can pick up at the Wild West Smokehouse, Zhdanov specializes in pork loin, bacon, and plenty of fish, including steelhead, halibut, mackerel, and smelt.

One cool aspect that Zhdanov has in his future plans is to allow the community to bring in meat of their own, already trimmed and seasoned, and charge a smoking fee to cook their meat in his oven. I guess we know where our Thanksgiving turkey will be cooked next holiday season!

Equally as cool as the smoked goods at the Wild West Smokehouse is its collection of

grocery items, all Slavic essentials that are worth checking out.

"We have beer from all over the European countries," says Zhdanov. "German, Romanian, Ukrainian, really all over. We even have some Mexican and Chinese beer options! We have a European distributor here in town."

Zhdanov plans to expand both the products and smoked goods as the months continue, building his inventory and variety with other exciting imports such as mixes and different spice rubs. As well, Zhdanov promises a working website within the next few weeks where customers can check out the inventory online and place an order ahead of time for pickup. He also is currently working on a wholesale license to sell fish. What a future and vision this business has in store!

"This is the best location that I could ever imagine," says Zhdanov. "I was thinking about serving fresh meat and fish at first but it just didn't make sense with all the grocery stores in the area. We're in a good location and serve a good product that I love to prepare, really stuff that you cannot find in Happy Valley."

# A GREAT DAY FOR PLAY

*Happy Valley opens new play museum*

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY FOR PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP

As parents of Happy Valley continue to explore safe and trustworthy play options for their children, one business newcomer has seemingly taken on the challenge of providing a space that is as fun and entertaining as it is clean, inviting children to let their imagination run wild as their parents watch from a safe distance.

Play Street Museum, located just off 172nd and Happy Valley by Stickmen Brewing represents everything that a parent might seek when

exploring a play space option that's as beneficial to a child's imagination as it does to their social development. This Play Street Museum location, the second in Oregon only to one other in Beaverton, tasks itself with taking care of any worries a parent might have, and that's because franchise owner of the Happy Valley location, Tanya Wong, is a mother of two herself.

"About a year ago I began looking for a play area for my daughter, who was two at the time," says Wong. "I never really liked many of the options in the Portland metro area until I went to the Play Street Museum in Beaverton. It was clean, upscale, and more calm than other places. Once

I learned you could franchise one I set up a phone call and it was actually the CEO who spoke with me."

Wong touched on how both her and her husband were looking for a business to buy after the COVID-19 pandemic. Having both previously been in real estate, Wong was passionate about finding an opportunity that utilized her passion as both an entrepreneur as well as a mother.

"I know so many people who loved going to the Beaverton location but it's just so far," says Wong. "I've been a Happy Valley resident for ten years and really didn't realize the shortage of kid services in the area. I mean people need a safe

space to host birthday parties, mom meetups, etc."

So, as we entered the Happy Valley Play Street Museum location, our eyes were immediately met with a collection of impressive play structures, games, and even a little store. It perfectly fit the theme "The Great Outdoors", giving kids a true Oregon experience without the concern of rain or mud.

"We are mainly targeting eight-years-old and younger," says Wong. "We have a capacity of twenty-five kids, and every child is allowed two companions (or parents). It's \$16 for one and a half hours. You could walk in on a slow day but reservations are going



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Play Street Museum is one of many new businesses joining Happy Valley in 2024.

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# Lighting a SPARK

Former business owner fosters real world experience at Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Technical Center

By PATRICK MALEE  
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(MILWAUKIE) — Carol Pauli calls it “that spark.”

She’s seen it many times since joining the staff at Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Technical Center six years ago to serve as a paraeducator in the business and management program. Students who, as Pauli puts it, “might think a certain part of business is boring” start seeing things in an entirely different light once they get some real-world experience guided by a seasoned professional.

In some instances, their lives are changed forever.

Pauli, the Milwaukie Review’s Amazing Educator for 2024, has a unique role at Sabin-Schellenberg. While on one side of the business program, students gather in more traditional classrooms to learn from instructors like Grace Saad, Pauli is in charge of the more hands-on element of the curriculum. Specifically, she leads the on-campus student store called Bizmart.

In doing so, Pauli draws on her experience as the former owner of KC’s Midway Historic Public House in Oregon City, serving as the board president

**CAROL PAULI**

Community: Milwaukie

**Why she is an Amazing Educator:** Carol helps students learn real world business skills at the Bizmart store that runs out of the Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Technical Center.

of the Downtown Oregon City Association and a member of the Oregon City Commission.

“She treats our business like her business, and goes above and beyond in working with students so they have a great understanding of small business management,” Saad said in a nomination form for Amazing Educators. “Her goal is to come alongside each and every one of our more than 250 students to help them develop their skills and strengths, and to have room for mistakes and growth. Her positive mindset, care, and compassion for each student help her build amazing relationships where many students come back after graduation to visit and update her on their lives.”

Bizmart primarily offers coffee and other beverages — including what Pauli calls the “unique value proposition” of customized drinks like Rockstar energy with flavored syrup — as well as snacks like pizza break, quesadillas, fruit cups and yogurt parfaits.

“But we are not culinary,” Pauli said. “For the most part, students are really learning

**“For the most part, students are really learning how to organize themselves, how to multitask, how to keep the store clean and functioning, how to make sure the order gets up in a timely manner, how to be friendly — customer service.”**

— Carol Pauli

how to organize themselves, how to multitask, how to keep the store clean and functioning, how to make sure the order gets up in a timely manner, how to be friendly — customer service.”

When business is slower, Pauli pivots to covering topics outside of the direct customer service realm.

“So right now, we’re talking about social media,” Pauli said. “So, we’ll make a social media post and talk about the role social media plays in a business.”

“And before that, we looked at our revenue logs. We looked at how we use information, so they’re learning management stuff as well.”

And on the topic of revenue, it has exploded since Pauli arrived. The store averaged about \$50 per day in sales the year before Pauli was hired. This year, the daily average is \$413, which projects to more than \$58,000 for the year.



Carol Pauli leads the Bizmart store at Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Technical Center, helping students get real world business experience.

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Since the store operates as a nonprofit, the revenue goes back to school resources like scholarships and travel for the DECA club.

Students in Sabin-Schellenberg’s business and management program start in “level 1” classes, usually as freshmen, before moving on to level 2 and, often, the designation as an intern.

“The interns) are the highest level of business students,” Pauli said. “They actually learn how to teach the level 1s.”

Watching this growth happen is one of Pauli’s favorite aspects of teaching.

“It’s really fun working with the level 1 students because it’s their first class in business, and sometimes they’re a little shy and kind of unsure, so it



AMAZING EDUCATORS  
Read about all the 2024 Amazing Educators online.

they come back as juniors — or even some as sophomores — and they tell me that they got a job over the summer and it was because of the experience they learned in the student store ... that’s very rewarding to me.”

She added that it’s also gratifying to see students excel outside of the more traditional learning environment.

“(What’s rewarding) is seeing a student shine in the store work environment who may not feel particularly successful in the classroom setting but can excel through hands-on learning and skill application,” she said. “A spark for learning gets reignited in them, and they feel smart, capable, and grow in confidence.”

is so much fun to watch them grow throughout the year and get their confidence,” Pauli said. “And then when they come back, especially the ones that are sophomores and when

## Play Street

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to be your best bet to get a time slot.”

Wong ran down some of the rules and perks of Play Street Museum, specifically how each guest is awarded a snack token during their visit, and while

children aren’t allowed to eat inside the play area itself they are welcome to enjoy a snack in the common area where parents can watch.

Now, one thing that Wong is extremely conscious of is the spreading of germs, especially post-pandemic. Just what is being done to keep this play space clean for its visitors, though?

“We actually clean in between every session, wiping down all the toys and high touch points,” says Wong. “We also have a rotating sanitizing regime and also have a cleaner that comes in once a week to deep clean the space. I also have a carpet cleaner come in every two weeks. I never want a parent to come in and feel like it’s dirty or unsafe for

their child.”

Now, one consideration for parents is that Play Street Museum is also available for party rentals, with multiple packages available to give you as much or as little control as you wish!

“We offer three levels of party packages, starting with ‘DIY’ where you bring in your own decorations and your own

food,” says Wong. “You get an hour and a half for the actual party plus thirty minutes before and after for setup and takedown. Level two includes Play Street Museum providing some decorations and twenty-four cupcakes. The final package is called ‘sit back and relax’ where we do everything! All you do is pick a theme and we take care of the rest,

including food like pizza and veggie trays.”

Wong aims to be a staple for the foreseeable future in the Happy Valley community, aiming to give parents a stress free experience while providing children with a playing environment that helps them socially and creatively, guiding them into the community they will soon grow up in.



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### MAY 2024 LIBRARY EVENTS

Please note the library will be closed on Monday, May 27.

#### LIBRARY CALENDAR

##### Youth Programs

###### Storytimes

Due to construction impacts, storytimes will be on break until the fall. Be sure to check out other fun programs happening in Village Green Park, Damascus Centennial Park, and Happy Valley Park, provided by your library.

###### Stretch, Dance, Play

Thursday, May 2, 10:15 a.m.

For 2-5-year-olds and their caregivers. Join Iris Nason for dance, yoga, singing, sign language and play!

###### Homeschool Club: Outdoor Explorers

Friday, May 3, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Hey homeschool families! Let's meet at Village Green Park for a scavenger hunt and other fun activities!



Homeschool Club Scavenger Hunt, May 3rd.

###### Giờ Kể Chuyện / Vietnamese Storytime

Sunday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Hãy đến thư viện vui hát, kể chuyện, làm quen với văn điệu thơ tiếng Việt và cùng làm thủ công với nhau nhé.

Join us for a special storytime in Vietnamese with stories, songs and activities for all ages.

###### Cuentos, música y manualidades / Spanish Storytime

Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

¡Los invitamos a la Biblioteca de Happy Valley a disfrutar de una hora de cuentos, música y manualidades en Español!

We invite you to Happy Valley library to enjoy stories, music and crafts in Spanish!

###### 中文故事时间 / Chinese Storytime

Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

Join us for a special Chinese Storytime presented in Mandarin with stories, songs and activities for ages 0-10. 欢迎加入我们特别为孩子们举办的中文故事时间，用普通话呈现适合所有年龄层的故事、歌曲和活动

###### Tallulah's Daddy

Saturday, May 18, 10:15 a.m.

For ages 2-6 and their caregivers. Drop in for some musical fun with our favorite bass playing dad!

##### Adult Programs

###### Mah Jongg

Fridays, May 3, 10, & 17, 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.



At the library, people can get items fixed for free at a community repair event.

###### Repair Fair

Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Join this free community event that brings skilled volunteers and people with broken items together. What to bring:

- Small electronics
- Small home appliances
- Bicycles
- Knives for sharpening

###### String Along

Sunday, May 12, 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.

###### Genealogy

Monday, May 13, 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!

## Library Intern Spotlight: Emmalyn Dinh

Emmalyn Dinh is a bright and enthusiastic 17-year-old Teen Intern at the Happy Valley Library. As a senior attending La Salle Prep, Dinh finds time within her busy schedule to work at the library, giving back to her community and fostering a love for learning and literature in the younger generation.

"We have been so fortunate to have Emmalyn join our team for the school year," shared Library Program Coordinator Anna Bruce. "She brings a passion for education and community service that really connects with our staff, families, and other teens."

Dinh's immense love for reading sparked at a young age when she would take frequent trips to the Happy Valley Library with her family in her free time. These early experiences helped cultivate her passion for literature and started her interests in getting involved. As a teen intern, she gets to spread this love with others by collaborating with other staff members, utilizing her creativity in designing her

own projects, and playing a key role in running the Teen Volunteers Program.

"Emmalyn has done such an incredible job leading our teen volunteers," continued Anna. "I think it's important for teens to see a peer in a leadership role and for Emmalyn to have the chance to practice those leadership skills."

Outside of the library, Dinh's excitement for learning extends beyond books. With plans of attending University of California, Davis in the fall, Dinh intends to study microbiology and pursue her dreams of becoming a dermatologist.

"As I am navigating into the transition of entering adulthood," remarked Emmalyn, "I am so grateful for the experiences and opportunities being an intern at the Happy Valley Library has opened up for me."

As Dinh looks forward to college and experiencing the sunny weather in California, she aims to continue to inspire others with her dedication to learning and her commitment to making a difference.



High school senior Emmalyn Dinh brings her enthusiasm and leadership as a teen intern at the Happy Valley Library.

## Summer Reading Starts June 1!

Get ready to Read, Renew, Repeat when Summer Reading kicks off June 1. All ages are invited to keep track of their reading and earn prizes. Summer is also a great time for programs. Be sure to check out the full schedule of fun at [go.lincc.org/hvprograms](http://go.lincc.org/hvprograms).



The Summer Reading program returns to the Happy Valley Library June 1, with fun for all ages.

## (Temporary) Changes Coming!

The main doors to the library will close beginning Monday, June 3 and continue to remain off limits throughout the summer. During this time, library patrons will need to use the alternate entrance that leads to the current community room. Patrons can find this entrance located near the roundabout on Oregon Trail Dr. This space will serve as the library's temporary lobby, where you will find self-check outs, a return box, and front desk staff ready to assist.

These temporary changes to where you can enter and exit the building are necessary during the next phase of construction for the library's major makeover. The expansion project will add more space and features for our community to enjoy, including study rooms and a 300-person community room. Regrettably, this interim



The library's main entrance to shift temporarily during the next phase of construction.

arrangement won't allow this area to be used for programs or studying while the main entrance is shut.

The Happy Valley Library team recognizes this change may be inconvenient for

some visitors to the library, but rest assured, library staff aim to help keep things running as smoothly as possible and are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the expanded library this coming fall.

# Library expansion UPDATE

Construction for the library's expansion project continues.

We are happy to share some exciting news about

the library expansion project. The roof system is in place, which means the building is really taking shape and installation of the supports for the PV array solar panels are nearly complete. The next step is to wrap the building with a weather-resistant material and prepare it for sheetrock.

In the coming months, there will be a lot of activity as crews work on the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire sprinkler systems. Exterior siding and metal panels will also be installed.

The library will continue to remain open throughout the construction process, though some interruptions and/or temporary closures or reduced hours may be necessary from time to time. Most notably the



CREWS WORK TO ENCLOSE THE STRUCTURE AND PREPARE IT FOR SHEETROCK.

library's main entrance will temporarily shift to the side door. Completion of the library expansion project is anticipated in Fall 2024. Be sure to

check out the cover page of this issue to learn more about how you can be part of helping bring this project to fruition. You can also learn more

about the expansion project online at [www.happyvalleyor.gov/library-expansion](http://www.happyvalleyor.gov/library-expansion) or by scanning the QR code with your smart device.





# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



## Clackamas High School



### Olivia Wiggins, Senior

**Varsity Softball**

Senior first baseman Olivia Wiggins went 8/10 this week, with 7 RBI's. An .800 average, OPS 2.646, slg%: 1.800. She hit one single, five doubles, one triple and one homerun in this week alone. She hit the triple in the Beaverton game to put us up by one in the 7th inning. Her homerun

put us back in the game against Hillsboro. Olivia is also an amazing teammate and incredibly coachable kid.

**Congrats, Olivia! Go Cavs!**

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### Luke Clarizio, Junior

**Boys Golf**

Junior boys golfer Luke Clarizio birdied the 18th hole at Rose City golf course to card a one-over-par 73 to win medalist honors in the Mt. Hood conference tournament hosted by Nelson High. Luke's +1 round is his tournament low for his high school career so far. He is currently ranked #40 in boys golf in the entire state. We are

thrilled to see Luke's progress as a golfer and more so as a young man.

**Congrats, Luke! Go Cavs!**

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### Jessi Tantog, Freshman

**Varsity Girls Golf**

Jessi Tantog, a freshmen golfer, is the athlete of the week from Clackamas High School. She has been the individual medalist for every golf match so far this season, and easily leads the Mt. Hood Conference heading into the last week of matches, and then the district tournament next week. Last week she shot a 75 which was 14 strokes better than the second place competitor on a tough Columbia Edgewater course. She has quickly become a team leader both on and off the golf

course, and has represented the golf program at school athletic meetings throughout this school year. Congratulations Jessi Tantog for being named Athlete of the Week!

**Congrats, Jessi! Go Cavs!**

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## Adrienne C. Nelson HS



### Noah Boria, Sophomore

**Varsity Baseball**



Noah has been a leader for us on and off the field. He is hitting .550 at the plate and has been dominant on the mound for the Hawks with a 1.34 Era with a .138 batting average against him.

**Way to go, Noah! Go Hawks!**

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### Kai Miles, Senior

**Varsity Boys Track & Field**



Kai broke the 1500 M school record last week with a time of 4:13.89

**Way to go, Kai! Go Hawks!**

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