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Fostering Fun, Fitness, and Friendship for All Students

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Happy Valley Middle School is not just a place for academic growth, but it's also a place for students to thrive and have a place to have fun while remaining active. As part of this community, Steve Oliver is a dedicated HVMS teacher and coach who has been a big part of the track team since its start in 2010. As one of seven coaches, the majority of them $\,$ being educators, Oliver's role extends beyond the classroom as he meticulously organizes events and fosters a supportive environment for students

to flourish.

The team's accomplishments are not all measured in victories but in the bonds formed and the personal growth experienced by each student. With practices five days a week and meets against other middle schools in the district, the track and field program serves as a platform for friendship and community. During the regular season, all the NCDS's middle school track teams come together to compete in three track meets and are scored on a point system. At the end of the season, those who qualify compete in districts

The success of the North

more specifically Happy Valley Middle School's, track and field program is proof of the dedication and effort of its coaches and team members. The team's growth, which has skyrocketed from 70 in the first few seasons to close to 150 this season, has resulted in more coaching staff to ensure each student participant gets the attention they need. "So many kids, which is great, want to get

Oliver, who coaches in long jump events, also manages event sign-ups and practices, ensuring everything runs smoothly for the Clackamas School District's, large team. He, along with the

involved," he said. "What's great

about track is that everyone can

participate."

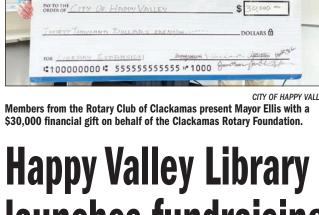
The Happy Valley Middle School track and field team provides fun and fitness for students

other coaches, also plays a big role in the students' overall joy in the program. For the students who participate, the program is not only a place to be an athlete, but where they can have fun and feel supported by their peers and

teachers. "The social element is a huge part of the track team and then kids come to the practices and are like 'I don't want to do track, but it's fun with friends", he said. "But then we have kids that get super into it and they're tracking their improvements and their excited about all of those."

The coaches also benefit from

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ROTARY FOUNDATION

launches fundraising campaign for expansion project

Community invited to be part of the Library's lasting legacy

City of Happy Valley

On April 30, the library launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$150,000 for new furnishings and art. The event included special tours of the expansion area under construction and a presentation by the project's architect which showcased the many amenities that will soon come to fruition. The new furnishings and curated art will provide the final touches to the

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The Happy Valley Middle School track and field team.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Oregon Military Museum hosts Tech & Transport Event

The Oregon Military Museum will host an event open to the public June 15th: Today's Military Tech & Transport. From vehicles to in-field state-of-the-art technology, find out what today's military is using to get the job done!

The Oregon Military Museum is located at Camp Withycombe, 15300 SE Minuteman Way in Happy Valley off of highway 224.

Special Needs Putt-Putt Night

Community Pediatric Therapy will host a night of inclusive mini golf fun for kids and families with special needs Tuesday, June 25th at Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per golfer. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to connect socially, and practice their hand-eye coordination, strength, motor planning and so much more! Caregivers get a chance to connect with other caregivers. Light snacks will be provided, and Le Torito taco truck will be open if you want to purchase dinner. The pro shop will be open as well. This is a neuroaffirming event, so there will be other fun games to play too!

To reserve your spot, visit www. communitypediatrictherapy.com or call 503-298-6706.

Spring Water Conservation Tips from Clackamas River Water Providers

- 1. We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks. 2. Add a layer of mulch to garden beds
- to provide nutrients and water hold capabilities. 3. Before turning your irrigation system
- on check it for leaks and broken spray heads caused by freezing temperatures. 4. Use a broom or blower instead of a
- hose to clean your driveway and sidewalks. 5. Use a hose nozzle and turn off the
- water while washing your car. 6. Use a commercial car wash that recycles the water.

Level Up Your Lawn

Want some lawn care tips based on your lawn care habits today?

Clackamas River Water Providers is excited to introduce you to 'Level Up Your

Lawn', a campaign created by our friends at the Clean Rivers Coalition to connect people to greener lawn care

Level Up Your Lawn is a short quiz designed to provide you with the perfect lawn care plan for you and your yard, and it's safe for kids, pets, and our local waterways

Are you lawn-chalant or a weed warrior? Find out here: www.leveluplawn.org



The Oregon Military Museum will host a free event open to the public June 15th





We can all take small steps toward water conservation



Visit www.leveluplawn.org for help creating a water-wise lawn-care plan.

Library

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expanded space and create a welcoming environment for patrons and visitors alike. By encouraging the community to get involved, the hope is that this beloved space will benefit from the collective support of the many partners and patrons that have come to know the Library as a valuable community resource.

More than a place to borrow books and other media, the Happy Valley Library is a space where everyone can go to learn, connect, and grow. It offers a variety of programs for people across the lifespan and is a hub for such gatherings as HOA meetings, educational workshops, and vibrant cultural celebrations.

A vision for the future

The library's expansion project will add over 10,000 square feet to the existing building. The space will include a 300-person community room, several study rooms, and a spacious lobby area. Once completed, it will be able to serve the needs of the growing and diverse community of Happy Valley and greater Clackamas area.



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Mayor Tom Ellis accepts a \$10,000 donation from the Friends of the Library.

A thank you to our partners

The library is grateful to the following community partners who have already made generous contributions to the campaign:

- Clackamas Rotary
- Foundation (\$30,000) ■ Friends of the Library
- (\$10,000)■ Bremik Construction (\$10,000)
- Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc. (\$5,000)
- Scott Edwards Architecture

(\$5,000)The City of Happy Valley and the Happy Valley Library truly appreciate and recognize these partners for to the library's mission and future.

How to donate

Whether a local business, organization, or individual, consider being part of something bigger. Learn more about the project and how to donate at www.hvcity/library-giving. There, you will find additional information related to our donor recognition wall and how your gift will leave a lasting legacy. No gift is too small. Every donation counts and will be acknowledged.

If you have additional questions about this project, please contact Happy Valley Library Director, Sarah Roller, at 503-886-8461 or their leadership and commitment email sroller@happyvalleyor.gov.

Track

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being a part of the track team. "It's great because the teachers really appreciate having the different dynamics that they get with their athletes than they do with their students," he said. "So, it's nice to be involved that way."

From sprinters to shot-putters, every student finds their place in this team, where the emphasis lies not just on competition, but on building relationships and self-confidence. Middle school athletics, especially the track and field teams, is about welcoming everyone, regardless of ability, and providing a space where students can come together, have fun, and strive for their personal best.

"I just want people to know that middle school athletics is a place for everybody to get involved and the emphasis isn't on competition; It's on community building and kids getting active and feeling good about themselves," he said. "It's welcoming to everybody; we'll come one, come all and just have fun and try our best."



HVMS track team competing in a sprint event.



HVMS track runners participating in a meet.

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KEEP IT LEGAL - KEEP IT SAFE State of Oregon Fireworks Chart: ILLEGAL: Any firework that flies into the air, explodes, or

Per Oregon law, any fireworks used in Happy Valley must from an **Oregon** permitted sales location.

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OREGON OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Fireworks Task Force prepares for the holiday

Prioritizing public safety, the City enforces a \$1,000 fine for using illegal fireworks

City of Happy Valley

In the days leading up to the Fourth of July holiday, as well as several days after, a dedicated task force made up of Happy Valley Deputies and Community Service Officers increase patrols aimed at curbing illegal fireworks use.

Fireworks can be fun, but they can also cause harm to people and property if they are not handled carefully. Wildfires, which have been a major point of concern in the Pacific Northwest these past few years, can easily be started with one spark or smoldering shell. Fireworks are also disruptive because of their noise, inducing stress for people, pets, and natural wildlife. This is further intensified for those struggling with mental health and physical conditions that

cause sensitivity to sound. Happy Valley adopted its zero-tolerance policy for illegal fireworks over a decade ago. A firm \$1,000 citation will be issued on the spot if someone is found to be using illegal fireworks within City limits. If you observe someone in the City to be actively using illegal fireworks, please report it. For the reasons noted above, the potential for physical injury or property damage is just too be purchased from Oregon pergreat. Again, for some individuals such as war veterans, young children, and pets, illegal fireworks are extremely frightening. For property owners, the damage that follows as result of a house fire can be financially devastating, so please, be respectful of each other and our City.



Is it worth it? Consider the cost of a \$1,000 citation. If you are found to be in violation, it is an automatic fine. If someone in your neighborhood is setting off illegal fireworks, please call to report it. You could help prevent injury and or property damage.

How to report illegal

If you observe someone in the City to be lighting illegal fireworks and you either don't feel comfortable approaching the individual or you have already tried and the person continues, please report it by calling the non-emergency police line at 503-655-8211. PLEASE ONLY USE 9-1-1 if you are facing an ongoing emergency that endangers life or is causing active harm to your personal property. Using 9-1-1 because of distant fireworks, in an unknown place, occupies these vital lines and could slow down emergency assistance to others who need it. You can learn more about fireworks safety and reporting options online at www.hv.city/fireworks.

How do I know if the fireworks I'm using are legal?

Any fireworks you light must mitted retailers and stands. This means if you have purchased your fireworks from another state or from a vendor that has not been approved by the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office, those fireworks are, in fact, illegal. Fireworks that fly in the air, explode, or behave in an uncontrolled and unpredictable

manner are not allowed for use in Oregon. Oregon vendors that have been approved to sell fireworks won't even have these in their inventory.

Illegal Fireworks Turn In Event

Once again, the City is partnering with the Happy Valley Police Department and Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to help get illegal fireworks off the streets. Please consider getting rid of any illegal fireworks at this no questions asked event happening June 25, 26, and 27 and July 2 and 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Simply head to the HV Police Department located at 12915 S.E. King Rd. to turn in your items.

Will there be fireworks at the 4th of July Family Festival?

At the time of print, the City's traditional fireworks display is on track to proceed. This could change, however, in the event Clackamas Fire District were to declare an Extreme Fire Risk and prohibit their use. Should this occur, the City will comply with any restrictions and notify the community via the City website and social media. It should also be noted that if Extreme Fire Risk is designated, all fireworks, including those for personal use, will be prohibited.

HV Police utilize specialized teams for enhanced operational effectiveness

Through a partnership with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Happy Valley Police can access specialized units to support investigative efforts

City of Happy Valley

Dedicated police services in Happy Valley are provided to residents via a partnership between the City and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). As a result of this partnership, Happy Valley deputies have access to an additional set of services that can further support them in their work.

One invaluable resource provided through this partnership is the Clackamas County Behavioral Health Unit. Comprising licensed clinicians trained to respond to mental health crises, this unit plays a pivotal role in deescalating situations and assessing individuals' mental health needs. By accompanying deputies on-scene, clinicians can conduct thorough risk assessments, reducing the likelihood of unnecessary emergency room visits and incarcerations. This proactive approach not only preserves law enforcement resources but also fosters a more compassionate and trauma-informed response to community members in distress.

Deputies can also utilize the Criminal Reconstruction and Forensic Technicians Team. This team examines and analyzes roadways following a vehicle accident and can reconstruct crime scenes with some of the latest and most advanced technology available. Between speed analysis, vehicle dynamics, crash-scene mapping, and using computer-aided drawing programs, deputies can obtain the vital information needed to identify individuals accountable



The City's partnership with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office offers dedicated around-the-clock police patrols and specialized law enforcement units that can assist with investigations. At National Night Out, residents can learn more and even interact with unit representatives. Here, a member of the K9 Unit talks to a resident.

for a collision.

In addition to these resources described, the Happy Valley Police Department is equipped with a variety of additional support systems to help in a wide range of situations.

This includes access to the following:

- Drug Enforcement Task Force
- Aviation Unit
- S.W.A.T. Team
- Property Crimes Unit ■ Homicide & Violent Crimes Unit
- Adult Sex Crimes Unit ■ Child Abuse Team
- Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team
- Forensic Imaging Unit
- Computer Forensics Unit ■ K9 Unit
- Traffic Unit
- Explosive Disposal Unit
- Hostage/Crisis Negotiation Unit ■ Crisis Intervention Team

- US Marshals Task Force Livestock/Animal Crimes Unit
- Search & Rescue

These programs represent just some of what the Happy Valley Police Department can access to

support law enforcement efforts.

In Happy Valley, police services are funded entirely by a Public Safety Levy, which is voted on by Happy Valley residents every five years. In addition to being able to tap into experienced units and specialized teams when needed, this funding also covers the City's dedicated 24/7 police patrols, crime prevention efforts, proactive traffic enforcement, and the ability to respond quickly to emergencies. Funding remains critical for maintaining these services. The next Public Safety levy renewal will be in November 2024.

Happy Valley Police join Walk & Roll event to promote road safety

Encouraging safe travel to school and beyond

City of Happy Valley

On May 3, the Happy Valley Police Department participated in Happy Valley Elementary School's biannual Walk & Roll event which serves to remind students, teachers, and families, the importance of road safety.

Whether walking, biking, driving, or bussing it to class, being cautious and focused on the task at hand is key to getting there safely. Thank you to Happy Valley Elementary PTO for inviting the HVPD to participate in such an import-



Deputy Matthew Bigoni and HVPD Community Service Officer Kimberly Peterson pose for a quick photo with a student.





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COUNCIL CORNER

CHERS to the class of 2024

City of Happy Valley

With graduates representing several local high schools and a variety of colleges and universities, it is certainly a time to celebrate!

We want to take a moment to acknowledge and congratulate the many students in our community who are graduating this year. Whatever path you choose to follow next, be it college, the military, or the job market, we are rooting for your continued success. You are valuable members of this community, and you have contributed to its growth and diversity. You are an essential part of this beginning.

community, and you have enriched it with your talents and perspectives. No matter where life takes you, remember that Happy Valley is always your home. Whether you visit us occasionally, or you come back to start a new family, Happy Valley welcomes you.

Graduation truly is one of life's most memorable milestones. It is the culmination of the millions of moments up to this point that have helped shape you, and your hard work and determination is to be commended.

Together, we wish you our congratulations and best wishes. Here's to a new chapter that is just



Congratulations to everyone celebrating graduation.

Meet your Happy Valley Library Board

Learn more about the Library Board and its important work

City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Library Board plays an important role in establishing policy, guiding and reviewing programs, and determining its strategic direction. It represents the library's entire service population, which includes Happy Valley, Damascus, and the unincorporated Clackamas/

Sunnyside areas. Board members collaboratively guide the operations of the library, working alongside the librarians and staff responsible for its daily management, program coordination, and

future planning. Members of the Board also serve in an advisory capacity to City Council to help high-quality services and act as a link between the library and the wider community.

Library Board Members:

- Al Matecko, Chair
- Jennifer Ellis
- Jerry Dukleth Ray Kato
- Alan King
- Sarah Roller City Liaison ■ Joshua Callahan - Council
- Liaison Thank you to the Library

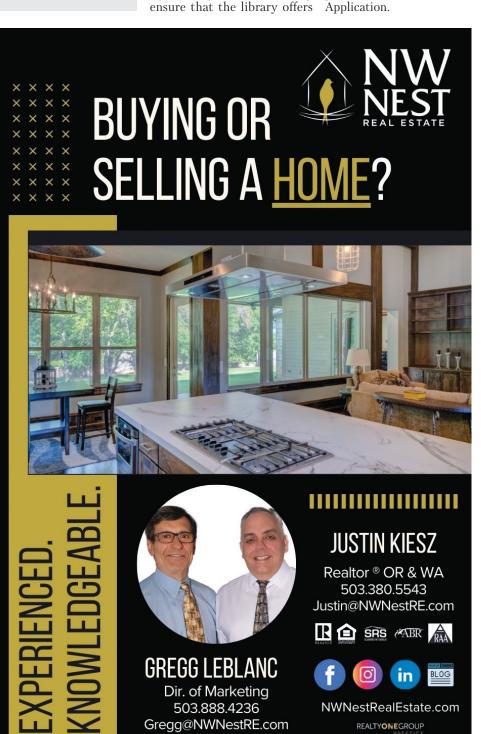
Board for serving our community and helping ensure these services are a top priority. If you are interested in shar-

ing your time and talents with the City, please visit the Boards and Commissions page of Happy Valley's website at www.hv.city/ city-committees and complete a Public Involvement



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From left to right: Happy Valley Library Director Sarah Roller, Alan King, Ray Kato, Jennifer Ellis, Board Chair Al Matecko, Jerry Dukleth, Councilor Joshua Callahan



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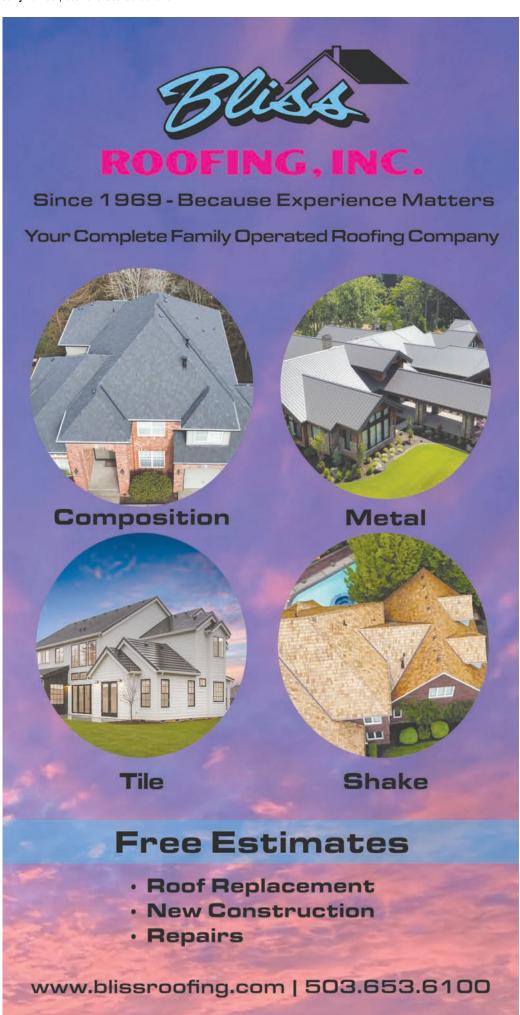
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Budget season | A closer look at the City's budget and financial forecast

had our annual Budget Committee meeting to discuss how city tax dollars and other revenues are spent. Like many cities, the Happy Valley Municipal Code follows Oregon State Law by requiring an annual budget

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



to be balanced and adopted by the City Council no later than the end of June. Getting to this point involves a review of prior trends, projections for the future, and analysis.

Most importantly, it involves input and approval from the Budget Committee which includes five local residents and the City Council members.

I'm pleased to report that with careful spending and strategic budgeting, the City



In May, City Leadership and the Budget Committee engaged in a strategic meeting to discuss the upcoming financial forecast and plan for fiscal responsibility.

maintains a positive outlook. The budget we adopted allows us to continue funding the basic services that you have come to expect such as

street sweeping, road maintenance, park beautification, code enforcement, police services, growth management, business support, library and

recreation programing, and community events.

In addition, the City has prioritized funding to keep the ball rolling on key capital investments, including:

■ Purchasing land for

parks ■ Designing improve-

ments to 172nd Avenue

Completing the Superblock project

Designing a new

Community Center ■ Designing a new Public Works facility

Getting to this point takes a lot of work. From financial forecasts, detailed analysis, and input from a resident-led Budget Committee. Thank you to the Budget Committee, my fellow Čity Council members, and our dedicated staff for ensuring we spend local resources wisely and in a manner that advances our community priorities.

2024 Resident Budget **Committee Members:**

- Mark Aasland
- Asher Chen
- Geri Naumcheff ■ Sheila Ritz
- Glenn Wachter

Community Writer



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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 hvn@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.



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Harmonies and high notes

Rock Creek Middle School choirs visit City Hall

City of Happy Valley

On May 14, City Hall welcomed the talented students from Rock Creek Middle School's choirs for a special performance. It was not only a fantastic opportunity for the students to showcase their skills, but also a chance for City staff to connect with a local school and support the students' efforts. Even Mayor Ellis stopped by to listen to the set.

We'd very much like to thank Rock Creek Middle School Choir Director, Sarah Strobel, for reaching out to us to coordinate this visit. Here at the City, we believe in the importance of fostering relationships with our area schools and teachers and encouraging the talents of our community's youth.



Choir students from Rock Creek Middle School post for a photo following their performance. Can you spot Mayor Ellis is the back?

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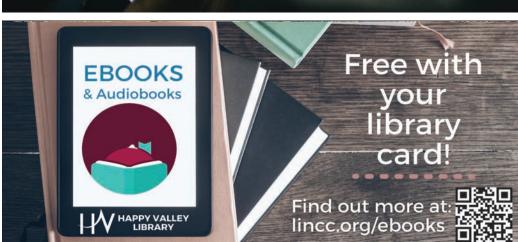
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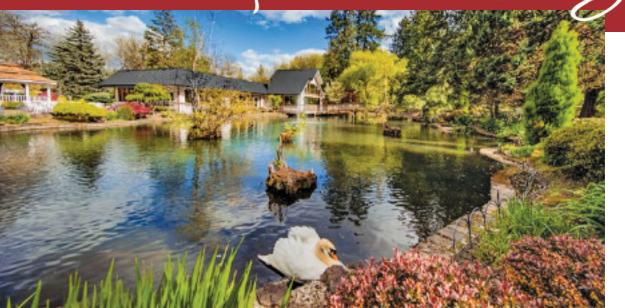


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At the time of print, the following events were scheduled. Please check www.happyvalleyor. gov to confirm timing of events and instructions on how to participate virtually. You can also opt in to receive notifications about upcoming meetings by visiting www.hv.city/notifications.

■ Dumpster Day: 8 a.m.-noon at Happy Valley Park. See page 8 for details.

■ Planning Commission **Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.

June 13 ■ Traffic and Public **Safety Committee Meeting:**

City Hall, 6 p.m.

June 18 **■** City Council Work Session: City Hall, 6 p.m

■ City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m

June 25, 26, 27 July 2, 3

■ Illegal fireworks turn in event: Happy Valley Police Department, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. See page 3 for details.

June 26 **■** Happy Valley Business

Alliance: City Hall, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

July 1

■ Parks Advisory Committee Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.

July 4

■ 4th of July Family Festival: 1 p.m.-dark, Happy Valley Park, See page 11 for details.

■ City Hall and Happy Valley **Library CLOSED**

July 11

■ Concerts in the Valley – Rodeo Rose: Happy Valley Park, 6:30 p.m. See page 18





Don't fool with fireworks

Firework safety on the 4th of July

Clackamas Fire District #1

According to the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, you can practice the four BE's of safe fireworks use to protect you and your family from fireworks-related fires and injuries.

BE Prepared:

- Store fireworks out of children's reach.
- Always read and follow away from fireworks.

label directions.

- Place pets indoors; they're easily frightened by fireworks.
- Always have water handy (a garden hose or bucket of water).

BE Safe:

- An adult should always light fireworks.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Only use fireworks
- outdoors. ■ Only light one firework at
- a time and quickly move away. ■ Keep children and pets



■ Remember, do not throw fireworks or hold them.

BE Responsible:

- Soak used fireworks thor-
- oughly in a bucket of water. Dispose of used fireworks and debris properly.



■ Never re-light "dud" in all public areas. This includes fireworks.

BE Aware:

- Use only legal fireworks
- and in legal places. Fireworks are prohibited 503.742.2660.

CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1 Fireworks are dangerous. Always plan accordingly and handle with caution.

> city parks, beaches, state parks, and state and federal forest lands. For more information on

> fireworks safety, please contact our Fire Marshal's Office at

Vacation checks offer residents peace of mind

Community Service Officers contribute to the safety of our neighborhoods.

City of Happy Valley

Headed on an extended vacation and worried about the safety of your home?

To help ease those worries, you may request a vacation check at your residence by submitting a Residential Vacation Check Form online. If approved, Happy Valley's Community Service Officers will patrol, when available, the perimeter of vour residence to investigate if there have been any signs of a crime or entry.

They will check to ensure doors and windows are closed and locked, and that there are no visible signs of access.

In the event of an emergency or issue at the home, you (or a local emergency contact as indicated on the form) would be contacted regarding the nature of the issue. Head to www.hv.city/



Keep worries at bay while you're on vacation. Complete an application online to request a Community Service Officer check on the safety of your property.

vacation-check or scan the to contact you in case of an QR code to learn more.

Pro tips before heading out on any extended vacation

1. Temporarily suspend your mail, paper, and any automatic deliveries.

2. Let a trusted neighbor know where you will be, how away any trash receptacles,

4. Leave a light on and program a radio or television on a timer to make it look like someone is home.

5. Lock your doors and windows.

6. Ask a neighbor to put long you'll be gone, and how so they aren't left at the curb.

Highlighting our Heroes

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The City of Happy Valley would like to recognize our community's veterans and active military. To do this, Happy Valley News aims to share the story of people in our community who have served or are currently serving in one of our country's armed forces each month. Stories might focus on your military experience, what you've learned from your travels, or anything interesting or

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 Specialist, Stephanie Warneke, at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov or our Community Writer, Emma Davis at hvn@pamplinmedia.com.



The service and sacrifice our military community members make is important. With the support of Mayor Tom Ellis and City Council, the City of Happy Valley would like to share the stories of those who have served or are actively serving. Please contact us so we can highlight our local heroes



Let's NOT keep all the good HV stories SECRET!

We are always searching for new people, places, and things to write about for our monthly issues. Our best stories highlight and showcase some of the great parts of our community and we want to feature all of the meaningful happenings going on in Happy Valley.

If you have an article idea, whether that be about a local business you love or know someone with a heartwarming or "feel-good" story, please contact hvn@pamplinmedia.com to discuss the possibility of it being featured in our next issues!











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Showcase your talents at the Youth **Entrepreneur Fair!**

New event will give kids and teens an opportunity to sell their handmade items at the summer concert series

City of Happy Valley

Are you a student who lives in Happy Valley and has a handmade craft that you would like to sell to the public?

During our Thursday night summer concerts, the City will host a designated spot where selected youth can set up a table and sell their handmade creations. Young entrepreneurs will receive an honorary business license from the City and be encouraged to promote their small business to concert

This event is a great way for youth to get in front of the local community with the support of the City and mentorship of the Happy Valley Business Alliance. Whether it be bracelets, greeting cards,

slime, headbands, or any other crafty product, the Youth Entrepreneur Fair offers the perfect opportunity for students to showcase their work and gain valuable customer service experience.

This opportunity was developed by the City of Happy Valley to benefit the community, foster creativity, and assist youth in developing entrepreneurial and financial literacy in a fun and interactive way.

The City is excited to host the first annual Youth Entrepreneur Fair and give kids a platform to share their talents. We believe that this event will create a positive, motivating, and leadership-driven environment for our young community.

Sign up now to participate! Head to www.hv.city/youthfair and complete the online form. A City staff member will contact you the week of the event to provide details on what you need to do and how to get set up.

For questions about the Youth Entrepreneur Fair, contact Katie Coffey, Community Engagement Specialist, at kcoffey@happyvalleyor.gov.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Happy Valley Youth Council hosts 13th annual Rx Drug Take Back

Important event helps protect the environment and safeguard community

City of Happy Valley

Fifty-five cars made their way to the City's annual Rx Drug Take Back event on Apr. 27, an important drop off event that serves to give residents a chance to safely dispose of unwanted or expired medicine cabinet items.

The event helps ensure medicines are kept out of the hands of teens and other vulnerable populations, as well as the local water system. In total, nine collection boxes were filled, with contents weighing nearly 190 lbs. in all. Happy Valley Youth Councilors were aided in their efforts by Mayor Tom Ellis, Jason Thompson, Code Enforcement Supervisor and Steve Campbell, Director of Community Services & Public Safety. The event demonstrates an excellent example of the Youth Council's leadership and determination to increase community wellness.

Too often, unused prescriptions or over-the-counter medications find their way into the wrong hands. This is dangerous and can lead to tragic outcomes. Safe disposal protects our water supply and keeps drugs out of the hands of



ABOVE: The annual Rx Drug Take Back event brings Youth Councilors, City staff, and community

partners together in support of community health **RIGHT: Along with the DEA, Youth Councilors**

collect bags of prescription medicines that will be safely discarded.

unauthorized or recreational users. Missed the event or still have medicines to dispose of?

A permanent prescription dropbox is located at the Happy Valley Police Department for safe disposal of unwanted or expired prescriptions and medications at 12915 SE King Rd. For service hours and additional information, head to www.hv.city/rx-drop-box.

A big thank you to our community partners for their support and assistance!



Providence Health & Services continues to support the Youth Council through sponsorship so they may continue their efforts. Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Happy Valley Police, Happy Valley Code Enforcement, and the DEA offered their assistance during the event. We could not do it without you all!

Create a sticker that represents your love for Happy Valley!

Contest encourages you to unleash your creativity and showcase what makes our city so special

City of Happy Valley

We are inviting all of the Happy Valley community to design a City sticker that embodies the essence of Happy Valley. Whether it's the beautiful scenery, the vibrant community spirit, or the cherished landmarks, we want your artistic vision to shine through!



Here's how to participate:

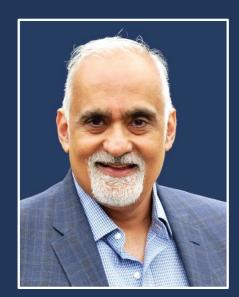
■ Put on your creative hats and help the City design a sticker that represents what Happy Valley means to you. It needs to be a 3 inches by 3 inches (3"x3") design and incorporate the Happy Valley logo.

■ All ages and anyone who resides in the Happy Valley community can participate. We'll showcase all the submitted designs on our social media pages and the public will have the chance to vote for their favorite design by liking them. The winning design(s) with the most likes on social media will be printed and available at our City store and community events for purchase.

So, let that creativity flow and show us what makes Happy Valley special to you! For questions about the contest, contact Katie Coffey, Community Engagement Specialist, at kcoffey@ happyvalleyor.gov.

Please note: Selected artwork becomes the property of City of Happy Valley, they will be printed and distributed by City staff and available for purchase while supplies last.

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CODE CORNER

NOXIOUS VEGETATION

City of Happy Valley

The City's Municipal Code requires maintenance and/ or the removal of vegetation that poses a hazard to traffic, safety, and community health.

Vegetation that obstructs walkways or roadways, for example, creates mobility challenges for pedestrians and vehicles, and brush that has been left to overgrow and become brittle is at risk of creating a wildfire. On top of that, noxious vegetation that pose significant health risks because of their poisonous effects can make it downright impossible for anyone in their proximity to enjoy the outdoors.

In Happy Valley, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure noxious vegetation such as grass, blackberry bushes, ivy, and other plant life do not become a problem. With everything in full bloom, we'd like to encourage the community to check on their yards, parking strips, and any other property to



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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: www.hv.city/dumpster-day and check out the story below.

confirm this type of vegetation isn't posing a concern. Our team will work with you to devise a plan of action should your property be out of compliance, but ultimately it is up to property owners to take care of any concerns and avoid a formal citation.

Noxious vegetation includes:

- Weeds more than 10 inches
- Grass more than 10 inches high
- Trees, bushes, roots, other natural growth, soil, or solid waste that obstructs public sidewalks or roadways.
- Dead or decaying trees or tree limbs, dead bushes, stumps, and any other thing likely to cause a fire or that present a safety hazard to the public or to neighboring property owners.
- Uncontrolled growth of weeds, bush, berry vines, poison oak, poison ivy or grasses which provides a place of refuge for rodents, contributes noxious pollens to the atmosphere, poses a fire hazard



Grass that has been left to grow too long is not only an aesthetic eyesore, but it poses a health and safety hazard when it lends itself to nesting critters and home to other invasive plant life.

or unreasonably interferes with use and enjoyment of public or private property.

- Trees and bushes on property or right of way need to be trimmed to at least 7 feet about sidewalk area and 11 feet about streets or alleys.
- Hedges, shrubs etc., need to be trimmed, allowing a minimum of three feet of horizonal clearance between the edge of pavement and hedges, shrubs,

to review the City's rules as they relate to noxious vegetation, check out 8.08.290 of the Happy Valley Municipal Code at www.hv.city/code.

Get a jump start on yard maintenance NOW!

To help motivate residents to tackle overgrown vegetation, there will be an opportunity commercial landscaping or conto dispose of extra yard debris tractor loads will be accepted and during the City's upcoming proof of residency is required.

For more information or 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

Say goodbye to your clutter - June 8

City of Happy Valley

Dumpster Day returns to Happy Valley on Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m. to noon, so get your items sorted and ready. Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of junk, donations, paper shredding, and tires all in one spot. The event will take place at Happy Valley Park.

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

Items you can drop off:

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

What we can't accept:

- Hazardous waste, paint, propane tanks All construction, demolition, or remodeling materials
- Flooring vinyl tiles, vinyl sheet, mastic
- Walls plaster, decorative plaster
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- Insulation spray-applied, blown-in,
- vermiculite, pipe, HVAC and lagging
- Electrical wire insulation, panel partitions Other - fire doors, fire brick, fire proofing

Household garbage

- Commercial landscaping debris
- Residential yard debris trimmings, sod, stumps, rock
- No refrigerators, freezers or appliances containing Freon (coolant fluorocarbons)
- A shredding truck will also be on hand to safely dispose of your old paper files and documents. Limit two banker boxes per

Yard Debris Drop Off at **Public Works Building**

■ Residents can drop off seasonal yard debris at the Public Works building for free recycling during this event. 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 in the event you have other items to discard. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their dropoff materials on-site. No commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted.

American Flag collection

As a service to the community, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is proud to partner with local Troop 611 to offer you an opportunity to drop off American flags that are ready for retirement at one of the collec-

flag is disposed of in a proper, traditional ceremony.

event. The Scouts will ensure your

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- as possible, we must specify:
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- No oversize U-haul loads
- One trip through per residence ■ Gates will close prior to posted closing
- time if we reach capacity The City would like to thank the

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

■ Please note: Due to collection volume and space limitations, this event is limited to Happy Valleyresidents. (97086 zip code is not always within City boundaries. Bring I.D. for address verification within City boundaries.) For more information stations at the Dumpster Day tion about this and to confirm your of Happy Valley.

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

For more information, check out the event webpage at:

www.hv.city/dumpster-day.

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Community Garden formishes with collaboration

Happy Valley community garden collaborates with the HV Parks and Recreation **Foundation**

By EMMA DAVIS

Pamplin Media Group

Combining the dedicated efforts of Happy Valley's Parks Advisory Committee and the City's Parks and Recreation Foundation, Happy Valley's community garden is furthering its efforts in making a profound difference in the lives of local residents.

Geri Naumcheff, chairwoman of the Parks Advisory Committee, and Michael Morrow, a dedicated member and founder of the city's Parks Foundation, have been heading the cause through their tireless efforts. Last year saw overwhelming demand, however only a handful of new families gained access. Luckily, coordinated cleanup events brought the community together, and surplus produce found its way to those in need through donations to the food bank. One highlight was the joint event with Backyard Birdshop, educating families on gardening and bird care.

This year, thanks to generous donations of organic fertilizer, seed packets and discounts on plants from Portland Nursery, other donations from Down to Earth, along with a \$100 grant facilitated by the City of Happy Valley's Parks Foundation, Naumcheff and the community garden distributed plants and resources to five families facing

financial constraints. Naumcheff's dedication, along with Morrow and the Park Foundation's support, are paving the way for future initiatives, including educational events and expansions, ensuring everyone can enjoy the benefits of gardening. With their collaborative efforts, the foundation aims to increase awareness and and buy plants for others. "We



PHOTO COURTESY OF GERI NAUMCHEFF Some of the plants donated to one of the recipients.

foster community engagement, inviting all to join in their noble

At the end of last season, Naumcheff noticed that there were some plots with not a lot of plants for their garden and looked into why that was and she discovered that some were unable to get some for themselves. It was then that she contacted Morrow and the Parks Foundation for assistance. Morrow, initially starting the foundation for scholarships, decided to help the community in a different way.

"It's very easy for us to provide scholarships and things for children because they're at the forefront," Morrow said. "But Geri's idea of doing this was a great opportunity to help some of our older citizens and adults because those people are a little bit harder to reach.'

Through all the donations as well as the collaboration with the Parks Foundation, five community garden members who could not get plants for themselves were able to have their garden plots filled with various kinds of produce and flowers.

'We were able to get plants for all five people in the garden that wanted plants," Naumcheff said. The recipients were more than appreciative for the assistance they got from the community and the Foundation. "People were just so grateful for the help and it made me feel really good."

Members of the community garden even offered to donate

didn't need them to do that because of the great grants we received from Mike and his group, but it was just nice to know that the community was willing to step up and help others in the garden," Naumcheff said.

With the success and response from the community as well as the community garden members, Naumcheff looks to develop more partnerships with organizations as well as continue the partnership with the Parks Foundation. "I'd like to continue this collaboration and potentially expand it if the need arises for some improvements or changes," Naumcheff said.

and the great impact this initiative had on the community and its members, Morrow is also eager to collaborate with the community garden again in the coming years. "I foresee it being an ongoing program we can help sponsor because it meets so many needs of people to be able to grow their own veggies and plus, it's something to do," Morrow said.

The heart of this initiative is helping those in the community who need it. From the Parks Foundation and the city to other community members, there is always someone there to help. "There are people out there willing to help you," he said. "If you know someone who needs help, they're probably not going to say anything, so you need to say something for them and offer

The community garden and is always room.



The fertilizer donated to the garden from Portland Nursery.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GERI NAUMCHEE The community garden plots for 2024.

the parks board are grateful to the community for its support With the Foundation's help and assistance and willingness to help each other. They are also always looking for more people to get involved. "We're trying to look at ways to get more people involved whether that's plot sharing or maybe finding some other temporary locations to have plots," she said. We're also open for donation from the community for items for the garden, whether that's pinwheels or other plants or flowers. Whatever people would like to donate."

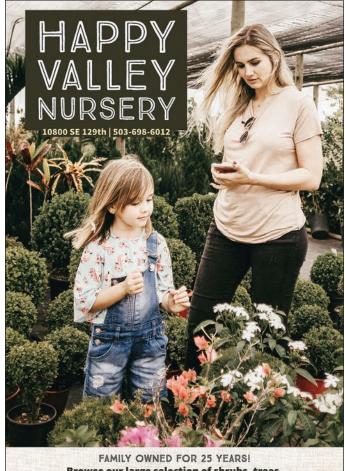
The Parks Foundation is an actively growing organization that wants to better the community and assist where it can, and the community garden is just one part of that. You can find more information on the Foundation at https://www. hvprf.org/ And for those who want to get on the waiting list for the community garden, there

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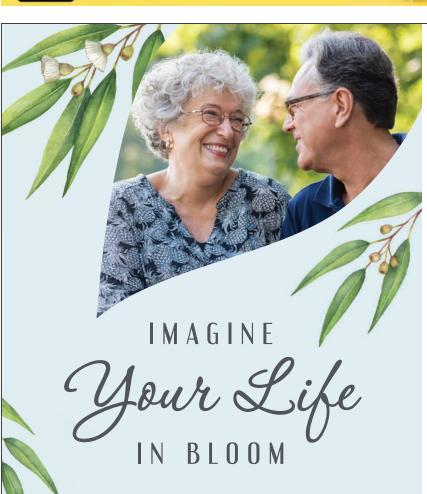
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1 p.m. - Family Festival

Happy Valley Park becomes the place to be as a variety of activities, vendors, and entertainment provides the backdrop to your 4th of July fireworks countdown. The Mayor and City Council will officially kick off the festivities, but then the Park is your playground as you check



You don't want to miss the community parade, a great event that encourages everyone to get in the patriotic spirit.

out the sights, snacks, and sounds. Rock out to live music and check out carnival inspired games and attractions.

At dark - Fireworks Show

When the sun sets that means it is time to hunker down and look upward as a beautiful show of color and light illuminate the sky. A professional fireworks show will commemorate the day's events as the holiday wraps.

For more information about this event, parade map, and to see a current list of food and beverage vendors, check out our 4th of July Family Festival event page at www.hv.city/4th-of-july.



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tion pond. This will be a 2.6-mile hike,

relatively easy with minimal elevation.

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Korean Vet Advocates for Veteran Support & Recognition

Korean Defense Veteran David Penaflor recalls his service and how he now advocates for the recognition of veterans

By EMMA DAVIS Pamplin Media Group

ith his own experience overseas, Korean Defense veteran David Penaflor is passionate about the vital role that veterans' resources play in healing. As a member of the Happy Valley Veterans group, which provides a space of compassion and acceptance for veterans of all branches, Penaflor has a devotion to bringing recognition and resources to these groups and veterans, ensuring that every veteran feels valued, supported, and heard.

As a veteran, Penaflor understands what comes with serving in the military. "One day, two friends of mine and I were walking downtown in our neighborhood, and we saw a recruiting station—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard-and I thought, what would it be like to be in the military with Vietnam going on or coming to an end?" he said. "So, we walked inside and all of us signed our names to enlist." Penaflor recalls that the whole decision was sudden. Without much thought, he enlisted in

"I was Army and the other two went different, but it was spontaneous, no discussion. It happened that fast," he said. "I enlisted for three years during the draft, and after I swore in, I said to myself, what did I get myself into?'

Penaflor did two tours in Korea in the Second Division Infantry Division. "That first tour went pretty fast, then I came back and thought I would get out of the service, so I enlisted a second time," he said. "I went to Korea again, this time on the DMZ.

His most memorable moment was on August 18, 1976, when



Penaflor in his class A uniform after graduating basic training at Fort Ord Ca.

he experienced thoughts during Happy Valley Veterans group a potential attack that left him and his comrades fearful. "I'm thinking, oh my gosh, am I going to live through this?" he said. "It didn't happen, that was the good part. [But] these were my thoughts that I experienced and everyone else too.'

After Penaflor served, he worked for the U.S. Postal service for 34 years. Once retired, he joined the Korean War Veterans Association, where he has served as Second Vice President, First Vice President, and now as President and the lead of a project with the KWVA as a tribute to Oregon's Korean War Veterans. "The Oregon Korean Interpretive Center is to honor our Korean War Veterans and educate the public about the Korean War and the lessons learned," he said.

This last year, he joined the

after David Bergman, a member of the group who served on the DMZ like Penaflor, encouraged him to attend. There, he connected with veterans from different branches and time served, sparking an involvement that has since underscored the therapeutic power of shared experiences and community support.

At his first time going to one of their weekly meetings, he felt welcomed and humbled right away. "I felt accepted," he said. "What I saw was something that was healing for me and for them. I feel like this crew comes together to heal each other and it's comforting to know

that the guy next to you will listen to you and share his story and comfort you with your



Active duty and Veterans sharing their stories with students at Sunset High School.



David Penaflor (lower row, center) and company headquarters' personnel for Charlie Co 2/9th Infantry Camp Greaves Korea on the DMZ 1976.

group has further emphasized he can understand what they how important it is that these groups get the recognition they deserve as a resource for veterans who understand each other and a place where they can come together as one. "It's not about the individual. It's about our community," he said. "No one's going to stand out because of their titles, that has nothing to do with it. The blood is the same, the heart is the same, and the service is the same."

Asserting the community recognition of the veterans and their experiences in war is remarkably important to Being a new member of the Penaflor. As a veteran himself,

are feeling on the inside. "You cannot see what they're going through... everybody has their most memorable moment," he said. "That's what those little things, kindness, love, generosity compassion and caring, mean so much."

Penaflor's involvement in several veteran groups and interactions with fellow vets, young and old, has further increased his determination to bring awareness. "Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraqi veterans, all of these groups need support," he said. "Don't miss the opportunity to thank them."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVID PENAFLOR Sergeant David Penaflor in Korea.

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UPLIFTING Youth Through Aerial & Acrobatic Arts

Pamplin Media Group

n March of this year, The Hive Athletic Arts made its official debut, offering classes of aerial and acrobatic arts aimed at inspiring active movement for youth. Both experienced aerial artists and coaches themselves, co-owners Jen Livengood and Bethany Foran opened The Hive to provide a bigger space for students, both experienced and newcomers alike, to practice their aerial skills.

"Jen was teaching [classes] in her barn, so we kind of started chatting and she was like 'I think I'm filling up the barn too much, maybe we should open up a studio further south," Foran said. "Around November or December of last year, she found a space and from there we were signing the lease and had it ready by March 3rd."

The Hive primarily focuses on aerial arts, practices like that of Cirque du Soleil, such as trapeze, fabrics, hoop, and more. They also do a little bit of ground acrobatics, including tumbling. However, a big thing that The Hive puts emphasis on is providing a place for kids to enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle, but in a fun and unique

"It takes a lot of strength, but it's very inclusive and it's a lot more building and a lot less competition compared to some other sports," Foran said. "It allows kids to kind of find something that works for them no matter what size they are." The Hive and its coaches work to ensure that every student feels comfortable participating, regardless of age or experience

There are several classes offered at the studio, including introductory classes for beginners, level 1, level 2, level 3, and more. There is even a class that adults can take too. The studio also provides a venue for birthday parties, a summer camp,

movie nights, and more.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HIVE ATHLETIC ARTS Coach and The Hive co-owner Jen Livengood (center) with Annie Wilson (right) and the other aerial competitor from The Hive at one of the Aerialympics

Arts also has a competition team and is one of the only studios, if not the only one, that works with the Aerialympics competition circuit. Aerialympics is specifically designed for aerial arts where students from across the country and even internationally compete. Currently, The Hive has two students who participate on its team, one of which being Happy Valley resident, Annie Wilson, 14. Wilson has been involved with aerial sports for three years, beginning coaching with Livengood in her barn, well before the Hive

competitions.

Prior to aerial, Wilson was a former gymnast, but disliking the team competitive aspect that gymnastics brings, she decided she wanted to try something different. "My friend had aerial being offered at her dance studio and so I started taking classes there, which got me into it," Wilson said. "I decided I wanted to keep moving forward with it, and that's where I met Jen." From then on, Wilson was partaking in private lessons with Livengood and once The Hive opened, she began classes there and started competing.

This season, there are four regional competitions around the country leading up to nationals. "We went to Eugene and Florida, and you don't actually have to go in person, so we In addition, The Hive Athletic did that for Wisconsin, and we the coming months.

also did a Texas one," Wilson said. "To compete to the next round for nationals, you have to score over a certain number of points and nationals this year is in Missouri so we're going to that in June."

For Wilson, although very excited about qualifying for the national competition in June, aerial is more than just competing. "I just love going out there and practicing," she said. "It's just fun to go to The Hive and just practice and learn more stuff and getting the technique down and everything.'

Along with competing, Wilson participated in The Hive's first ever showcase. This event held at the studio allowed students to show off what they'd learned in their classes to their peers and families.

The Hive Athletic Arts is more than just a studio. It's a place of inclusivity where kids and adults alike have a space to exercise and have fun. With a variety of classes, events, and a competitive team, The Hive offers something for everyone and as Annie Wilson's journey shows, it is also a place where passion and practice come together, helping students achieve their goals while having fun. With Bethany and Jen in the lead, The Hive continues to evolve, with plans to expand its class offerings and outreach in



► Annie Wilson

■ A class being taught at The Hive Athletic Arts studio. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HIVE ATHLETIC ARTS

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Veteran's Memorial Sculpture: "The Eagle Has Landed"

Art installation unveiling puts finishing touches on Veterans Park, many years in the making

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY

For Pamplin Media Group

n a cold, damp Tuesday afternoon in May, Happy Valley Mayor Tom Ellis alongside community stakeholders dedicated a long-awaited sculpture at Veteran's Park. The sculpture, meant to honor those who have served our country, takes the form of a bronze eagle, standing over 10-feet-tall with a wingspan of over 12-feet-tall. And while the weather was of inconvenience, it $did\ not\ stop\ a\ crowd\ of\ about\ 100$ guests and invitees from attending its grand reveal.

"As a Coast Guard veteran I couldn't be more thrilled than to have this in our city," said Mayor Ellis, addressing a crowd made up of local veterans, members of the Parks Advisory Committee, as the sculpture was revealed, Public Art Committee members, and others. "This is a testament to Happy Valley. We are honored to unveil this to all the men and women who have served our country."

Ellis credits former Happy Valley Mayor and congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer for the Veterans Park's initial progress years ago and, with a recent grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department in 2022, the city has finally be able to complete the memorial with a sculpture that represents the honor, strength, and integrity of those who risked their lives for our freedom.

The sculpture itself is made up of many recognizable features of war, from artillery to machine guns to Navy tools to helmets. There's even sand from Iwo Jima in the sculpture's base. In fact, the sculpture's artist, Travis Pond, was even able to include his grandfather's shovel from World



Sculpture artist Travis Pond, Mayor Ellis, city councilors and veterans at the dedication of the Veterans Park dedication

"I am overjoyed to be a permanent part of this city," Pond said. 'I am honored to have won this opportunity to make a sculpture to embody and pay tribute to all American Veterans. It has been a lifelong standing dream of mine."

The community stood in awe stripping away its black curtain to reveal a magnificent piece of art that is as inspiring as it is heartbreaking, almost giving those present a moment of unasked silence to reflect on all the sacrifices these wonderful veterans have made, hearing nothing but the sound of rain hitting their umbrellas.

"Happy Valley has done a great job setting up this park here," says Chris Markesino, a Lieutenant Colonel for the Oregon National Guard. "I encourage anyone from the community or even outside to come take a walk here at the Veteran's Park and see what good work has been done over these last few years.

From the flags to the benches to this brand-new sculpture, all are encouraged to visit the park now with an ADA-accessible ramp — to come to pay reverence and take in this beautiful sculpture that will likely have you taking some time to marinate in all of its detailed intricacies.



Local veterans admire the new sculpture up close, reflecting on shared history.

"Here you'll see some parts of a machine gun as well as some pulleys from lifting equipment," says Pond. "The whole thing is tied down like you would see on a military boat. They all have pickand-pull points. You can even spot a canteen cup on the neck of the eagle. The process altogether took about nine months.'

Pond credits the assistance in acquiring these parts from the Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the National Guard, as well as his collection and donations from

A fitting poignant metaphor came from former Lake Oswego Mayor Jack Hoffman, who offered the following.

What Travis (Pond) did is took individual pieces and melded them together into an operational unit that's recognized and respected," says Hoffman. "That's what the military does. A group of thousands of individuals that serve in different units but meld together to accomplish a singular purpose."

Veterans Park is located at Happy Valley City Hall and open from dawn to dusk each day.



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Shaping Creative Minds

Diving into the world of student media classes with HVMS educator, Steve Oliver

By EMMA DAVIS Pamplin Media Group

appy Valley Middle School's Steve Oliver is more than just a teacher; he's someone who is guiding young minds through the exciting ideas of media and technology. With nearly two decades of experience, Oliver's journey began at Round Middle School, eventually finding his home at Happy Valley Middle in 2009. Initially working as a social studies teacher, Oliver's path moved toward innovation when he discovered his passion for incorporating technology into the classroom.

From piloting SMART boards to producing captivating class movies, his knack for blending education with creativity became apparent. This blend led to the beginning of the media arts classes at HVMS, where students explore videography, yearbook design, and even tech skills from an early age.

Oliver's dedication goes beyond the curriculum; he creates community, empowering students to showcase their talents through the school's weekly news show and annual yearbook. His classroom isn't just a

Steve Oliver's media class.



Steve Oliver, behind the lens, picked up his love for photography in 2010

After a little bit of time, the

principal at the time had a

vision that instead of a loud-

speaker announcement, there

would be a video, mimicking a

news show. "At first, it was just

a teacher and a couple of kids

would help out and they would

do a minute and a half of reading

announcements that teachers

could access and show the kids every once in a while," he said.

"They had those kids make the

new show and they didn't have

much instruction around it and

After the class's original

teacher retired, the following

vear Oliver ended up taking over

the position. Ten years later, the

show has moved from selective

showings of the announcements

to a schoolwide event. "At the

beginning of the year, I help

them out quite a bit and we do

then they made it a class."

space for learning, but a place arts for 7th and 8th graders. for inspiration, where students thrive under his teaching, transforming into confident creators.

Oliver didn't originally teach the media arts classes at HVMS; he started as a social studies teacher and had no professional background in photography. But one day in 2010, he picked up a DSLR camera and fell in love with the art medium.

Oliver wanted to experiment with technology in those classes with videos and the SMART board, adding creativity to social studies. "My assistant principal asked me if I wanted to pilot the SMART board and I enjoyed doing that," Oliver said. "I made a movie about my class to show at the end of the year and a friend of mine in the building was teaching the media arts class at the time and I just had a ton of ideas." He then helped design the introductory tech class for 6th graders and media

added another class to his repotoire and became the yearbook advisor for the school. "It was a natural fit because I already had the cameras for the video classes," he said. Along with

show," he said. Five years ago, he

the news show, he records school concerts, sporting events and other events as well.

Although he finds joy in what he teaches, what is most rewarding to him is how these classes impact his students. "I enjoy that [the class] is kind of a bright spot in a lot of kids' days," Oliver said. "Being able to connect the subject that they really enjoy, it's nice.'

As Oliver reflects on his journey, he finds fulfillment in witnessing his students' growth, knowing that he's making a lasting impact on their lives and even his own. "It's pretty rewarding to have an audience every week for what you put together and it's great to use that as a motivational kid," he said. "They know that 1200 kids are going to watch the show on Monday, they take it seriously and produce something they can stand behind and they're really proud of what they've done."

With each project, each broadcast and each milestone reached, Oliver continues to shape the future of Happy Valley Middle School, teaching kids that they have a safe space to go where they can make things that they can look back on for years to come. "It's probably why I keep doing it; because it's a class community relationship a lot of groups, but by now, the based and I think it makes it all kids pretty much for the whole



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Sunrise Corridor Community Visioning

Hundreds of community members weigh in on goals

By Clackamas County

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the community. Project committees and technical staff will use the input to help identify actions and investments for the future of the Sunrise Corridor Community. Ideas include river access, housing, sidewalks, and other transportation infrastruc-



ture, as well as policies to support current residents and businesses.

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Emily Hoang, Freshman Girls Tennis

Freshman girls tennis player Emily Hoang is the Clackamas High SunGlow Athlete of the Week. Emily has played number one or two all year, and has lost just two matches against many of the best teams in the state. She is mature beyond her years, and has the team looking up to her.

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Kruz Mogel Sophomore

Boys Track

Clackamas sophomore Kruz Mogel is the Cav's SunGlow Athlete of the Week. Kruz led Clackamas in its league meet against Reynolds and Adrienne Nelson, winning both the 400 and 4x400 meter relay en route to helping the Cavaliers secure an undefeated 7-0 regular season record. He then placed

second out of 33 runners in the 800 meters at the prestigious Dean Nice Invitational, which brings together some of the state's best athletes. He also competed in the 4x4 relay, which finished second place out of 16 teams.

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Anika Long, Senior

Varsity Girls Golf

Anika Long shot a 9 hole 44 to lead the Hawks to a District Tournament Championship which solidified Nelson as the Mt Hood Conference Champions. Anika was recognized as a 1st Team All-Conference golfer for the 2024 season.



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Riley Le, Senior

Varsity Boys Track & Field

At the Panther Invitational, he placed 2nd in both the shot put and discus, earning 16 points for the team. Riley is currently ranked 3rd in the shot; 46'5 and 4th in the discus; 148'2



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A guide to some of the best things to do and gifts to grab for the father figure in your life.

By EMMA DAVIS Pamplin Media Group

very dad deserves to feel important on Father's Day, so why not treat him to a day out on the town with some of Happy Valley's best places. Here's a guide to some of the best things to do and gifts to get.

Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course

For golf enthusiasts, Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course is a must-visit. Known for its beautiful, tree-lined fairways and challenging holes, this course offers a serene golfing experience. It's a great place to spend a sunny afternoon with friends or family. The pro shop also offers a variety of golfing gear, making it an excellent spot to pick up a gift for the golf lover in your life.

Aerie at Eagle Landing

Another fantastic golfing destination is Aerie at Eagle Landing. This executive course features well-maintained greens and stunning views. It's perfect for both beginners and experienced players looking for a quick round. The on-site clubhouse offers stylish golf apparel and accessories, ideal for gift shopping.

Good Eats

Take a trip to The Wild West Smokehouse for the grill master kind of dad, located off Sunnyside at the Talbert Center next to Fuji's. This brand-new smokehouse and grocery honor the exciting flavors of the Pacific Northwest while embracing the rich culinary traditions of the rack of ribs for dad.

Slavic community; this isn't your typical Texas or Carolina BBQ joint. Instead, it offers a unique culinary adventure that introduces the people of Happy Valley to a world of diverse and exciting flavors.

Shopping and Gifts

For nature-loving fathers, the Backyard Bird Shop offers a unique selection of bird feeders, birdhouses, and nature-themed gifts that can transform any backyard into a serene retreat. Additionally, local businesses such as Happy Valley Ace Hardware provide an array of tools and DIY kits perfect for the handyman dad, while the Happy Valley Farmers Market features artisanal goods and gourmet treats for the foodie father.

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Backyard Bird Shop

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The annual event. organized by Parks and Recreation, helps drivers improve their confidence

City of Happy Valley

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City connects with local school principals

Principals from the City's local schools met representatives from the City to discuss topics like traffic safety and youth engagement. CITY OF HAPPY



City staff and principals talk about upcoming projects and partnership opportunities

City of Happy Valley

n May 16, staff from the City of Happy Valley once again met with principals from the area's schools as part of ongoing efforts to build relationships and discuss relevant happenings. For the past several years, the City has made it a priority to gather every

check in with local principals and share information. The hope is that through these meetings, both entities can help support one another and find ways to work efficiently and in the best interest of the City's students.

Topics discussed often include school related traffic concerns, resources available through City departments, and ways to engage youth at a local level. Representatives from law enforcement, the Happy Valley Library, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and other disciplines are also invited to share pertinent information. Any principal from a school that serves students in the City of Happy Valley is invited and very much encouraged to few months during the school year to simply attend.

Fun Run raises funds and spirits for Happy Valley Elementary



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The team from Happy Valley Parks & Recreation was at the ready with water and cheers as race participants passed the coveted hydration station.

Community comes together to support local students

City of Happy Valley

n May 18, residents participated in the 45th Annual Fun Run, benefiting Happy Valley Elementary School. Over 400 participants convened at Happy Valley Elementary to kick off three timed events a kid's dash, a 5K race, and a 10K race.

Coordinated by the Happy Valley Elementary PTO, this event helps raise funds for grade enrichment and educational programs, classroom stipends, general school needs and necessities, learning center needs, and everyday learning materials necessary for educational

Participants got a chance to run alongside neighbors and friends, and connect with staff and leaders from the City, Happy Valley Police Department, Clackamas Fire District #1, North Clackamas School District, and Happy Valley Parks and Recreation.



And they're off! Participants in the Happy Valley Fun Run take to the course.

Mediterranean Grill: Feast in the Middle East

Get to know Mediterranean Grill

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY For Pamplin Media Group

Traveling the world can be an ambitious task that requires time, financial commitment, and organization. If it weren't for these daunting tasks then perhaps everybody would hop on a plane and travel to see some of the world's most mesmerizing features. Luckily for us Happy Valley locals, there are plenty of small worldly flavors and experiences that are safely tucked in the nooks and crannies of our town . . . you just have to know where to look.

Mediterranean Grill, sandwiched in between Pete's Coffee and Noodle Man, has been a Happy Valley staple for thirteen years, offering a special kind of menu that doesn't come across your dining table very often. From tasty falafels to succulent kabobs to even creative pizzas, Mediterranean Grill is a labor of love that translates from an experienced as well as passionate kitchen to the dining tables that await its glorious efforts, and it's all thanks to owner Fadi Arnaout.

"They call me 'Grandma',' says Arnaout. "I am everybody here, from the cook to the waiter. It's just me and my sister (Rose) who work here right now, averaging about 115 to 120 hours a week.

When you walk into Mediterranean Grill you are first greeted by two impressive murals on both sides of the restaurant, one of Syria and the other of Greece, perhaps a nod to the variety of flavors from From there, Arnaout sought



Owner Fadi Arnaout: Standing next to artwork created by his daughter

the Middle East that Arnaout is committed to sharing with his customers. However, his time in America is not lost on Arnaout, as he also offers delicious homemade donuts on the weekend.

"I used to be a baker at Dunkin' Donuts in the 90s," says Arnaout. "All other recipes I learned from my mother."

Arnaout then gave us a little bit of his own backstory, sharing how he, while Lebanese, was actually born in Kuwait and was studying to be a commercial pilot before issues in the East halted his progress. out the American dream, opening Mediterranean Grill on September 11, 2011, after years at Dunkin' Donuts.

"It's been crazy from day one," says Arnaout. "I have had over fifty-five employees in my time here but now it's just my sister and I. She moved from Kuwait with her son seven years ago and since COVID we haven't had any other employees besides us."

Arnaout went on to discuss the restaurant, sharing how 70 percent of their business is from take-out. Equally, Mediterranean Grill does quite a bit of catering, both in-house



Inside Mediterranean Grill: Feast in the Middle East

and away for different celebrations, from graduations to holiday parties to weddings.

These are all handmade and homemade recipes," says Arnaout. "I make all my own bread, all the meat is trimmed to perfection, everything is seasoned top notch. Food has a different philosophy for me. It represents a saying from my late father who always said 'It doesn't matter how rich you are or how poor . . . we're all going to die one day. The only thing you're going to take with you is whatever you ate and drank that

day so always eat good food!'."

After sharing a laugh, Arnaout delved into his menu a bit more.

'It has a Kuwaiti infusion to popular Middle Eastern food," says Arnaout. "The falafel I make is different from any other falafel vou'll find. It's the size of a baseball. Our shawarma, or gyro as some call it, is a foot long and weighs in at a pound. We also have a specialty pizza that has over 25 different spices. It's a heavy pizza but delicious.

Arnaout was even kind enough to bring out a sample of some of his most popular desserts, including a scoop of

pistachio ice cream and a dark chocolate date cookie, both offering just enough sweetness to satisfy the craving for dessert without being too heavy to ruin the meal. The date cookie features, you guessed it, dates mixed with olive oil, walnuts, pistachio, and pure dark chocolate, both sugar-free and gluten-free.

However, with all of these wonderful and unique desserts, Arnaout credits the addition of the homemade donuts with why they're still in business today.

"Once we added the donuts it changed the business and brought more attention to us," says Arnaout. "We actually have a donut dedicated to the Happy Valley Moms with our special goat cheese filling and it's one of our best sellers. The Happy Valley Dads actually got mad that we didn't have a donut named after them, so of course we added one for them as well."

Arnaout, in a surprise announcement, also shared with us some exclusive information that he is in the final editing stages of his autobiography, titled "The Power of His Bread: The Life Story of Fadi Arnaout," expected to hit over 30,000 bookstores across the nation in a few short months. Make sure to check it out! We got a sneak peek at some of his stories and let's just say they're as fascinating as they are personal.

Mediterranean Grill is open seven days a week, closing at 8:00 p.m. on all nights but Tuesday, when the Grill closes at 4:00. Arnaout does recommend that orders for larger parties please be phoned in ahead of time to help with the operations and to ensure that you're not waiting too long for fresh, delicious food.

Community Church Inspires Passing Neighbors

Happy Valley Community Church brings inspiration to those driving by

"It's been a

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hope, humor, and

the community

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY For Pamplin Media Group

A long, boring drive can often be a defeating task, as we sit there in the still traffic during busy hours attempting

to find the right song or podcast to get us through this four-wheeled burden. However, if your route includes a drive-by of the Happy **Valley Community** Church, located at the corner of 129th and King Road, then you've

likely seen their unique reader board sign, offering you more to ponder than just what your future lunch order will be.

Happy Valley Community Church, located across the street from the Happy Valley Firehouse, first planted its flag in Happy Valley well over 100 years ago, offering generations of patrons words and teachings of kindness and love since the moment they first opened their doors. That being said, the church itself can only comfortably fit around 120 guests, which is perhaps why one specific stakeholder felt inspired to see just how far the good word could reach in the community

from their modest church. 'I had a secretary, Stephanie Frentress, who was here for a long time," says Pastor Jim Steele, who spent some time with us to discuss the importance of their reader board sign. "She had the knack to use her words in such a kind way to communicate hope and love. She was also responsible for the reader board. For her it was a ministry, wanting to communicate both God's love and hope . . . with the occasional

Pastor Jim, who has served as the Pastor for the Happy Valley Community Church for over twenty years, spent some time disclosing the responsibility of overseeing the reader board since Frentress's departure a year ago.

"Stephanie did such a great job of updating the reader board weekly to reflect not only messages but also events and things, such as birth announcements, that I knew once she left that I needed to build a resource for different messages," says Pastor Jim. "I started to pull things from books, online, publications that go back to the 70s, really anything that pops out I keep in my notes for applicable times and holidays. We're just communicating things that are already out there in the

Pastor Jim highlights how the readerboard typically changes every Tuesday but is fluid to certain current events or surprise announcements, giving those taking the backroads home

from work, those picking up their children from school, and, yes, those stuck in the non-stop construction on King road a chance to take in that week's particular message.

truth in love." Pastor Jim

"It's been a fantastic tool to communicate to the community hope, humor, and

truth in love," says Pastor Jim. As fate would have it, right in the middle of our interview with Pastor Jim, a friend of the church, Laura Ice, who recently moved to Happy Valley a couple of years ago from Hawaii offered her services to Pastor Jim to help change both sides of the sign every Tuesday.

"I think it cheers people up and lifts their spirits," says Ice. "It's important, but I know Pastor Jim is busy so I wanted to help in any way I could."

That being said, the power of the reader board and its clever messages have noticeably reached others in the community beyond those who attend Sunday mass.

"I just recently got in the mail a card from someone in the community and in that card they wrote a letter that was a pleasant surprise," says Pastor Jim. "It read, while this person wasn't a churchgoer, how the readerboard inspires him and often 'makes my

The card also featured a surprisingly generous contribution to the church.

Equally as surprising, Pastor Jim notes how he received a call last October from a woman who asked what the previous message was on the sign before it had been taken down. Turns out, this woman has friends in Germany and she translates these weekly messages into German and sends these messages to them as they too spread these inspirational phrases in their community.

We've gone international," jokes Pastor Jim. "I thought that was so cool!'

While these inspirational messages are the point of much positive conversation in the community, Pastor Jim did note how there has been, albeit very rare, the odd occasion where the sign stirs a bit of chaos, specifically a message from years back that read



PHOTOS BY: JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY



Happy Valley Community Church: A cherished relic of the city

"Honk if you love Jesus!"

"Half the people can't read the message because it's only on one side," says Pastor Jim. "The other half don't know why they're being honked at and given that it's at a three-way stop it caused some problems, so we ultimately took it down early."

Now, one thing Pastor Jim hopes to avoid amidst all this

in full, given that it's already standing on just a ledge thanks to a large digging project. That being said, there are contingency plans should there be a short pause, as Pastor Jim says that there is another sign in the basement that can even light up so people can get inspired during the night.

It's amazing what advice this construction work is having to community can offer you ... even temporarily take down the sign when you aren't looking for it.

Get ready for summer fun



The countdown is on to the 2024 Happy Valley summer happenings! Summer Concerts will be here before you know it.

Make plans now to attend these highly anticipated community events



City of Happy Valley

Get ready to celebrate another season of fun in the sun, right here, in Happy Valley!

4th of July Family Festival Thursday, July 4

Check out page 11 for all the details!

The day-long festival starts with a morning hike by the Happy Valley Hikers, followed by a community parade. At Happy Valley Park, visitors can enjoy live music, carnival games, inflatables, food vendors, and a beer garden. The event concludes with a top-notch fireworks display. Entry and most activities are free.

Concerts in the Valley Thursday nights, July 11-Aug. 22

Enjoy free, festival-style concerts at Happy Valley Park. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and relax near the Gazebo, with a splash pad and play area nearby. Food, beer, and wine are available for purchase.

Kids can have fun in the Happy Zone with crafts, games, and activities.

National Night Out Extravaganza Activities begin Monday, Aug. 5

National Night Out celebrates our city, residents, and first responders with a multi-day event featuring neighborhood block parties, a park concert, and family activities focused on safety and community connections.

Meet local law enforcement and learn more about dedicated policing services in Happy Valley and the Public Safety

Summer events are coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. Be sure to follow then on Facebook and head to happyvalleyor.gov/parks for all the latest when it comes to event information and concert schedules.



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JUNE 2024 LIBRARY EVENTS

Due to construction impacts, storytimes, Mah Jongg, and regular monthly programs will be on break until the fall.

LIBRARY CALENDAR

Programs

Due to construction impacts, storytimes, Mah Jongg, and regular monthly programs 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.

All Ages Programs

Taralon

Wednesday, June 12, 2 p.m.

HV Library-Taralon is a casual walk from the library, over to Taralon and through Sieben Park. Easy hike with minor elevation changes, 2.0 miles. Should be fine for all abilities, moderately paced and OK for kids, dogs and strollers. Hiking shoes recommended, as some trails are gravel.

South Side

Saturday, June 29, 9 a.m.

HV Library-Stroll on the South Side is a casual walk from the library, south along a number of "hidden trails" and back through the food carts. Moderate hike with a couple of modest hills, some a little longer, 2.3 miles.

Tie Dye Fun!

Saturday, June 22 For Adults, 10:30 a.m.

For Tweens/Teens (ages 10-18), 1 p.m. Get ready to tie dye in the park! The library will provide a choice of items to tie dye. Participants are also welcome to bring an additional item (natural white materials work best) to dye. Space is limited so registration is required (go.lincc.org/hvregister).



Sign up for one of our tie dye events later this month and add a splash of color to your day!

likers

Let's Hike!

Join the Happy Valley Hikers for a casual walk, meeting at Village Green Park. Registration is not

required, but RSVP at go.lincc.org/hvRSVP to get an email reminder and let us know you'll be there!



Let's go! Join the Happy Valley Hikers for two casual walk events, departing

Bookmark contest a hit!

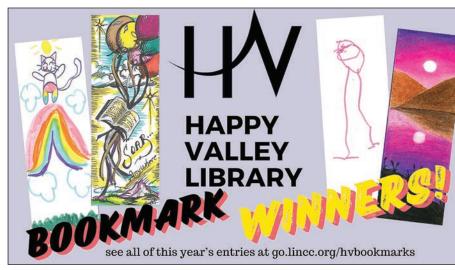
Over 400 entries were submitted in this

year's annual Library Bookmark

Contest. Staff carefully reviewed them and selected 34

favorites to print, from toddler to senior artists.

You can see a full gallery of the entries at go.lincc.org/ hvbookmarks. Stop by the Happy Valley Library to preview the winners and pick up a printed copy of your favorite.



Be sure to pick up one of this year's winning bookmarks the next time you visit the Happy Valley Library.

SUMMER READING

Looking for something good to read this summer?

Whether relaxing by the pool or on your comfiest couch, check out these reads for the ultimate summer experience.

You can find more summer reading suggestions on the library website: go.lincc.org/ hvsummerbooks.





Having trouble finding the perfect summer read? Check out some suggestions by our librarians!

Summer Reading is happening now at the Library!

The Happy Valley Library invites all ages (babies, kids, teens, and adults!) to participate in the Summer Reading Program. Come into the library to pick up a reading log

to start tracking your reading. Kids and teens read for at least 20 minutes a day on 24 separate days. Audiobooks count! And so does being read or sung to if you're age five or younger. Turn in your reading record in August

for a free book.

The popular Book BINGO is returning for adults! Read different types of books to get a BINGO for a chance to win prizes. Sign up to get a BINGO card on your next visit to the library. Book BINGO will also be available in Spanish.

Stay tuned for summer programming including crafts and games for kids and teens in area parks, concerts, and hikes.

Find out more at go.lincc. org/hvsummerreading.

Teen Read for a Cause

Teen Read for a Cause continues for a third summer, thanks to the generosity of The Friends of the Library and the hard work of the Library Teen Advisory Board! The Friends of Happy Valley Library are donating \$5 for every teen summer reading finisher up to \$1000. The Teen

Advisory Board researched and selected two charities to consider for support: Ant Farm, a local program supporting at-risk teens, and the North Clackamas Family Support Center, providing food and clothing pantries to area families. When teens finish their reading record, they will get to vote for which charity they would like their reading to support. Get reading teens – it's for a good cause!



book, or two, or three! Participate in the Summer Reading program and earn some great prizes.

Dive into a

(Temporary) Entrance Update!

The main doors to the library closed 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

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 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.



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The library's

Library expansion construction UPDATE

Drywall installation is underway in the new addition's basement, while mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire sprinkler setups are progressing on both floors. The stairs are framed, and openings into the existing library building have been demolished.

Additionally, the Roof Top Unit, a type of HVAC system, has been replaced on the existing library building, and an Air Handling Unit has been installed in the basement. Crews are also continuing to drywall the first floor and have begun installing window frames.

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 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 or by scanning the OR code with your smart device.



▲ Things are starting to shape





Crews work to prep and install mechanical and plumbing setups.

Construction for the library's expansion project continues.



Sophomore pole vaulter Kinsley Juliano brings home Nelson's first track and field title

Juliano vaulted 12 feet, 4 1/2 inches to take the 6A girls crown on Friday

By JACKSON NAUGLE
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Sophomore Kinsley Juliano was crowned the first track and field state champion in Adrienne C. Nelson school history at Hayward Field on Friday, May 17, vaulting 12 feet, 4 ½ inches to steal the 6A girls pole vault title.

"It's crazy. I did not expect it, honestly," Juliano said. "I was honestly hoping to finish in the top three. I mean, this is my first year vaulting at state and my second year at state."

Juliano battled B Genduso of Century up to 11-05.25, but Genduso failed to clear 11-08 while the Nelson sophomore cleared three more heights to top her personal best by nearly a foot.

"Just lots of practice," Juliano said of her swift ascension. "Staying late after everyone else has left just to get my reps and work done."

It was a mild upset for Juliano on Friday, who entered the field as the No. 2 seed behind only Genduso, whose season best stood seven inches taller than Juliano's until the tides turned at Hayward Field.

"I was on a lot bigger poles than I normally am," Juliano said. "Just trying new ones. It was really fun."

With the victory, Juliano picked up 10 team points for the Hawks, who finished sixth as a group on the girls side.

"It's been great," Juliano said. "Being concerned last year, I didn't even want to do track when I started, but my mom was like 'I signed you up, you're doing it,' and now I love it so much."

Alongside the history-etching performance of Juliano, fellow sophomore Simone Sideris finished fourth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 45.08 seconds, while sophomore Molly Harrison took sixth in the 400, running 57.33.

Meanwhile, freshman Ava-Lane Floyd finished fifth in the long jump with a leap of 17-07, while Juliano also took sixth in the triple jump, traveling 36-3.50 to add three more points for the Hawks.

On the boys side, senior Riley Le took eighth in the discus throw with a toss of 139-10.



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Nelson sophomore Kinsley Juliano celebrates after completing a pole vault during the 2024 OSAA Track and Field State Championship at Hayward Field on Friday, May 17.

Road construction progress report

Learn more about Superblock Phase 3 efforts on King Rd.

City of Happy Valley

The final phase of the Superblock project includes the addition of curbs, sidewalks, and street improvements such as streetlights between Regina Ct. and 132nd. Work will also include undergrounding power, construction of a stormwater detention facility, and improvements to the Mt. Scott Creek Bridge.

In February, residents likely noticed crews from NW Natural on site as they worked to relocate the gas line. Preparatory work fully commences this month as crews tend to general utility work and begin construction of the stormwater system on King Road. Mt. Scott Bridge improvements and construction of the stormwater detention facility will take place in conjunction with the stormwater system installation.

Undergrounding of utilities is anticipated to take place late spring/summer 2024, followed by paving and creating the final segment connections. Project is anticipated to be fully completed in winter of 2024. Two-way traffic on King Road will be maintained throughout the course of the project, though some minor delays are anticipated.



Superblock construction continues.

Keep FOG Out of Your Pipes!

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are found in everyday foods and food ingredients such as meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, milk, gravies, sauces and food scraps. If poured down the sink drain or into your garbage disposal, FOG can build up over time by sticking to the insides of sewer pipes. This could eventually cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or the public wastewater system. You can help prevent sewer backups by following these simple steps:

- Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and toss it into the trash instead of down sink drains.
- Soak up remaining FOG with paper towels and place it in the trash.
- Scrape food scraps into your compost or trash before washing dishes or loading the dishwasher.
- Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

Clackamas Water Environment Services produces clean water, protects water quality and recovers renewable resources. We do this by providing wastewater services, stormwater management, and environmental education. It's our job to protect public health and support the vitality of our communities, natural environment, and economy.



