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Don't miss the 2024 4th of July Family Festival! Happy Valley Park hosts a day-long event with activities and fun for all ages. See page 7 for details.



Happy Valley green spaces occupied by animals with heroic appetites

Some greenspaces require a bit more attention as well as a consideration for safety due to some tricky terrain. Cue the goats!

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For the Happy Valley News

Snowfire Road in Happy Valley is a steep, winding street that features a collection of homes, cul-de-sacs and green spaces. The road is so steep that some use it as their primary workout, taking on the elevation like Rocky Balboa conquering

"Our meat and potatoes became dealing with landscapes that are uniquely inaccessible due to density and type of foliage."

a mighty summit. However, while this specific HOA in Happy Valley Heights utilizes many landscaping services, one greenspace offers a bit of a conundrum as you cannot

unload heavy machinery into it. So, it was up to Dale Guenther, a retired forester and head of the HOA, to uncover a new method to clean up this green space.

Happy Valley Heights HOA applied for and received a nearly \$30,000 grant from Clackamas Water Environment Services (WES) through its RiverHealth Stewardship Program. The grant allowed four homeowners associations to collaborate on riparian treatments to mitigate stormwater runoff on 34 acres in the Mt.



COURTESY PHOTO

See GOATS / A2 Andrew Voss, the G.O.A.T. of his goats.

Celebrate National Night Out with Happy Valley Police and other first responders

Important event helps build relationships and foster a more secure community

City of Happy Valley

Save the date and join us Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Happy Valley Park for National Night Out, a nationwide event that serves to build relationships between residents and promote police-community partnerships. Made possible by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, the event features Happy Valley Police, Clackamas County Sheriff deputies,

and a variety of special law enforcement unit representatives. Firefighters from Clackamas Fire District #1 and other vital safety personnel from an array of disciplines participate as well. Residents are encouraged to check out emergency vehicles and rigs and become more familiar with the teams that support our City's safety. City Councilors, City staff and members of the Traffic and Public Safety

Committee will also be available to meet and engage with.

Building relationships with your neighbors is a powerful strategy against criminal activities. A tight knit community is better equipped to identify unusual behavior and extend a watchful eye over each other. National Night Out reinforces this notion and can be a great catalyst for encouraging residents

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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and local business owners to get acquainted.

A focus on Happy Valley Police is a highlight of National Night Out. These dedicated men and women provide a valuable service to our community and are committed to maintaining the safety of our city. Funded by a Public Safety Levy which is voted on by residents every five years, our Happy Valley Police work tirelessly to uphold the safety standards we know are key to creating a place we can all live, work, and play. National Night Out is a great time to learn more about these efforts, the levy, and how the City works in partnership with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to support a dedicated police presence 24/7, 365 days/year.

The event will offer an evening of summer fun that includes educational and interactive safety booths, and live musical entertainment by popular cover band Hit Machine. Food and beverages, including wine and beer, can be purchased at the event. Once the sun goes down, residents will have a chance to enjoy a drone light show set to



Crowd favorite, Hit Machine, will play all the hits as you mingle with friends, neighbors, and first responders.

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fun, upbeat music.

The City strongly encourages neighborhoods and HOA's to attend this event together in efforts to promote camaraderie and share in the experience.

For more information about National Night Out, head to hv.city/nno.

RING THE ALARM!

This year, residents can expect a multi-day National Night Out extravaganza that includes themed activities all week long. Beginning Monday, Aug. 5, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation will host family-friendly events that include a scavenger hunt, special field day, and first-responder fun at the Aug. 8 summer concert. Be sure to follow the City and Happy Valley Police Department on Facebook for more information as details are released.



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Visit with deputies and meet some of our local emergency responders while checking out their vehicles.



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Stop by a variety of educational safety booths packed with vital information for you and your family.

Goats

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Scott Creek, Johnson Creek and Clackamas River basins.

"We love working with and providing funding for our community partners to improve watershed health," said Gail Shaloum, Natural Resources Scientist. "WES is committed to producing clean water, protecting water quality and recovering renewable resources to protect public health and support our communities, environment and economy."

Enter Andrew Voss of Getfoola Farms, a farmer whose background features occupations as diverse as his beloved goats.

"I am an accidental goat farmer," jokes Andrew Voss, "I began my career as a marine biologist studying different fish in California until September 11, when my wife (Trina) and I immediately enlisted in the United States Army. We both were trained as interrogators ...



COURTESY PHOTO

Voguing goats: as hungry as they are photogenic.

it made parenting a whole lot easier."

Once Voss's time with the Army ended, he experienced a few other career stints in California before deciding to move his family to a small town within proximity to a city around 2011, landing in Estacada, Oregon.

"One of our objectives was to homestead," says Voss. "We started with chicken as our only livestock then we went to rabbits

and ducks before my wife said 'Goats, honey!' You have to breed goats annually if you want milk from them, so we quickly had about 25 to 30 of them because our family loves animals so much. Only nine of them were producing (milk) for us and the feed bill was only going up, so we explored the idea of brush-clearing goats."

Voss talks about his first time giving this concept a shot, specifically at a women's commune up

the road from them that needed their field cleared for a festival. Voss offered his services to see what this brushing-clearing process was all about, learning how the goats loved feasting on scotch broom seed pods while garnering how fast and effective the goats work, inspiring him to start a new branch of Getfoola Farms.

"One thing goats do extremely well is navigate difficult terrain," says Voss. "Our meat and potatoes became dealing with landscapes that are uniquely inaccessible due to density and type of foliage. This was very much the case with the Happy Valley job. We're not landscapers, we don't make everything look pretty so we view our services more as a 'wrecking crew' effort."

Voss also touches on how he counsels the client based on what he sees and finds in these spaces, utilizing all his post-goat demolition experiences and guiding them on how to handle certain problems that could come up in the future.

Equally, while the goats are there to work, the idea of

community isn't lost on Voss as he's seen just how much people love the goats.

"For the Happy Valley job I had the head arborist of the city come out to see the operation as well as the woman who was responsible for dispersing the grants that funded the project," says Voss. "A ton of people come by and ask to pet them and, of course, I'm going to say yes. Snowfire saw a lot of action with the community between adults and kids."

Voss also noted how there's been a growing disconnect in the country over the years between people who eat and people who help produce their food, and as somebody who loves to educate, Voss — as we witnessed on Snowfire — took every second available to him to talk with the community and teach them about the process and his goats.

"I wanted to provide an opportunity to explain what farming is really all about," Voss says before making a small joke involving some sketchy parking on Snowfire. "Although I was getting concerned at points of

our eight-day stay that we were creating a traffic hazard!"

Voss went on to share other ongoing projects with Getfoola Farms, including building their very own creamery and how one major passion of his involves utilizing his goats to help with future wildfires.

"It's very personal for us as we had to evacuate our own farm in 2020 because of the fires," says Voss. "At the time we had 75 goats and packed everything up and parked at a hayfield in Sandy thanks to a very generous Christmas tree farm owner. We thought that was the end of our home. The town was actually protected by a bunch of local well-drillers with no experience in fighting fires. I knew from there I wanted to help for the future."

Voss ended our conversation by touching on how he's pursuing a nonprofit umbrella organization that will help with some of the logistical problems that arise with wildfire season as well as teach farmers how to take their goats out to clear brush and prepare for impending problems due to fires.

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8934 SE Stillwater Ln.	4	3.5	3215	Sold	\$1,095,000	\$1,038,375
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Partnering with small businesses

Happy Valley Police connect with local businesses to boost safety and curb crime

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In Happy Valley, law enforcement recognizes the significant impact that local businesses have on the City’s livability. Understanding that a thriving business community contributes to the overall prosperity of the City, the Happy Valley Police Department has been proactive in partnering with business owners to ensure a safe and secure environment. This partnership not only safeguards businesses and their staff and patrons, but also illustrates the commitment of law enforcement to contribute actively to the local economy.

The following are some ways Happy Valley Police are specifically partnering with local businesses.

Business Patrols

Through visible patrols, Happy Valley Police aim to deter crime and empower business owners to identify and address potential safety concerns. Deputies routinely assess business areas and complexes, meticulously reviewing parking lots, storefronts, and surrounding areas to ensure a secure environment. By providing a consistent and reassuring presence, law enforcement not only acts as a deterrent to criminal activity, but also establishes a direct line of communication and familiarity with business owners.

Educational Outreach For Businesses

Deputies will visit a business onsite and review such elements as exterior lighting, vegetation overgrowth,



Happy Valley Police Chief Rich Sheldon talks with local business owners at a meeting of the Happy Valley Business Alliance (HVBA). This is one example of how law enforcement works with the HVBA to promote the security of small businesses.

visibility of valuables, and potential weakened points of entry. By identifying potential areas of vulnerability, law enforcement can offer valuable insights and sound advice to address security concerns and make it harder for thieves to take advantage.

Proactive Problem Solving

People experiencing homelessness, mental illness, or substance abuse are becoming more prevalent in the Portland Metro area. In response, the City of Happy Valley and Happy Valley

Police continue to work on solutions to address these types of concerns in our community. This includes connecting people with resources that might be beneficial and providing general education. Happy Valley Police undergo specialized training to address those who may be struggling or in personal crisis and understand the importance of offering compassion while establishing healthy boundaries to ensure a secure environment. Active collaboration between business owners and law enforcement ensures a collective

effort in addressing concerns and maintaining a supportive environment for everyone.

Happy Valley Business Alliance Involvement

The Happy Valley Business Alliance (HVBA) is a community-centric organization that supports and connects Happy Valley business owners and brings attention to their businesses, attractions, and upcoming special events. During general meetings, Happy Valley Police Chief Rich Sheldon often

provides important information pertaining to local business and the greater community at large. Topics addressed might include a report on recent crime trends, resources available to business owners to prevent break-ins, or opportunities for business owners to partner on an upcoming law enforcement event.

Traffic & Public Safety Committee

Attending a Traffic and Public Safety Committee meeting can be invaluable for businesses seeking to prioritize safety initiatives. The committee serves as a platform for businesses to engage with local authorities and collaborate on strategies that enhance public safety. Chief Sheldon attends regularly and is occasionally accompanied by deputies who work closely with local businesses. By attending these meetings, businesses can contribute to and benefit from discussions on traffic management, crime prevention, and overall community safety. Businesses even have the opportunity to voice their concerns, propose safety initiatives, and garner support from the committee to implement measures that directly benefit their patrons and employees.

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 having the ability to connect more closely with local businesses, 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.

Be part of something bigger

City of Happy Valley

This spring, the Happy Valley Library launched a community-wide fundraising campaign to raise \$150,000 for new furnishings and art, which will be used in the new expansion area of the building. A special kickoff event in April 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 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.

The library’s expansion project will add over 10,000 square feet to the existing building and is set to be completed in fall 2024. The space will include a 300-person community room, several study rooms, and a spacious lobby area. Once finished, it will be able to serve the needs of the growing and diverse community of Happy Valley and greater Clackamas area.

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)

StarCycle Happy Valley will also join this initiative and raise funds at their Under the Stars annual event this year.

The City of Happy Valley and the Happy Valley Library truly appreciate and recognize these partners for their leadership and commitment 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. For giving levels that offer name inclusion on the lobby’s donor recognition wall, gifts must be received by July 31, 2024.

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 email sroller@happyvalleyor.gov.

Community to help create a lasting legacy at Happy Valley Library

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Youth Council Updates

City of Happy Valley

One of the best parts of being a City Council is nurturing future leaders in Happy Valley. The Happy Valley Youth Council is one program that we are very proud to work with and it is no wonder that it is seen as an example across the nation. The Happy Valley Youth Council is comprised of high school students who live in the City and demonstrate the ability to take initiative. This council gives these teens a chance to express their opinions and lead projects that make a difference in the community. Since it started, Happy Valley's Youth Council has created and supported many valuable programs such as Teen Driver Safety Events, Rx Drug Turn-ins, and Youth Town Halls on relevant topics that matter to teens. Most recently, the group has led several events focusing on the importance of youth



Pictured from left to right: Council President David Emami, Councilor David Golobay, Giancarlo Manzoni, Kanak Patel, Mayor Tom Ellis, Councilor Brett Sherman, and Councilor Joshua Callahan



Pictured from left to right: Council President David Emami, Councilor David Golobay, Ava Stahl, Riley Thames, Will Sussman, Owen Hunt, Mayor Tom Ellis, Councilor Brett Sherman, and Councilor Joshua Callahan

mental health and wellness, a topic of concern for many local students. The Happy Valley Youth Council also initiated the annual Oregon Youth Summit, a meeting of local youth councils from around the state to exchange ideas and work together on important issues.

Last month marked a bittersweet moment as we said farewell to four graduating seniors and welcomed three new members. Please join us in thanking the following seniors for their dedication to our community while serving on the Youth Council: ■ Owen Hunt ■ Ava Stahl ■ Will Sussman ■ Riley Thames At the same time, please join us in congratulating the following individuals for being selected by their peers to serve on the Youth Council for the next several years: ■ Giancarlo Manzoni ■ Kanak Patel ■ Lucas Wong Thank you to the families of these outstanding individuals for raising kids with kindness, leadership, and a sense of service to the community. To learn more information about the Youth Council, visit www.hv.city/youth-council.

Meet your Parks Advisory Committee

City of Happy Valley

In Happy Valley, our parks are an important piece of the community's identity. They are places to meet friends, play, exercise, and explore the wonders of nature. Each City-managed park offers its own set of amenities, and programs are constantly growing to offer opportunities that are of interest to our community. The Happy Valley Parks Advisory Committee was created to support the effective functioning of parks throughout the City and advise City Council on specific park-related matters. The committee, which consists of five to nine resident members, are volunteers who serve two-year terms at the appointment of the Mayor and approval of the City Council. This group makes recommendations to the City Council concerning park properties, playgrounds, and other recreational resources. They also



Members of the Parks Advisory Committee gather for a group photo before a meeting. From left to right: Stephani Hern, Erin Bell, Mark Aasland, Glenn Wachter, Geri Naumcheff, Steven Sonk, Glen Sachet, Council President David Emami, and Chris Randall.

provide input on the planning and development of public recreational spaces and programs, weigh in on proposed ordinances, and give feedback on rules and regulations regarding use of parks and recreational facilities, so that they best serve the interests of the public. This includes working with Parks and Recreation staff to discuss how park facilities are used and being part of the discussion when it comes to future plans and improvements. In recent years, the Parks Advisory Committee was instrumental in the development of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan which provides guidance to the City on where to build new parks and trails, and details what types of amenities are most needed in our parks. The Committee has also provided feedback on the Community Center Feasibility Study and helps make recommendations regarding the voter-approved parks levy.


- Parks Advisory Committee Members:**
- Erin Bell
 - Ryan Rudge
 - Glen Sachet
 - Steven Sonk
 - Mark Aasland
 - Glenn Wachter
 - Geri Naumcheff
 - Council President, David

Emami – City Council Liaison ■ Public Works Director, Chris Randall – City Staff Liaison ■ Stephani Hern, Parks & Recreation Manager – City Staff Liaison Thank you to the Parks Advisory Committee for ensuring we continue to care for our parks and develop recreational opportunities for our community. If you are interested in sharing 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 the Public Involvement Application.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Summer

EVENTS

As summer takes hold, consider taking part in the many seasonal activities and events scheduled around town

Summers in Happy Valley are a great time to get out and enjoy community events. You will find something for everyone and create memories to last a lifetime.

This week, we're kicking things off with the annual 4th of July Family Festival. Join us for a parade, food, music, and fireworks. This truly is one of my favorite events and is a great way to celebrate the holiday.

If you love music, or just the Park series will also return

like to enjoy catching up with neighbors and friends on a summer evening, then we have two weekly concert series for you. Concerts in the Valley begin July 11 at Happy Valley Park and continue each Thursday night. There will be a new band line-up this year and a variety of fun activities planned to keep you and the kids entertained.

Happy Valley Library's Concerts in

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



Tom Ellis



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Between summer concerts, fireworks display, and a national event geared toward police and first responders, summer 2024 is set to be one for the record books.

on Friday nights starting July 26. These concerts take place on the lawn directly across from the main library building and are a great way to unwind after a long week. There are also Family Concerts every Saturday beginning July 27. If you like to read, don't forget to visit the library and sign up for the annual Summer Reading Program.

Another community favorite

is National Night Out, which takes place Aug. 6. Musical entertainment and educational safety booths will be set up at Happy Valley Park and there will be several activities scheduled throughout that same week to help celebrate our first responders and Happy Valley Police. Learn all about the City's Public Safety Levy, get to know the deputies that patrol our community, and make

connections with members of the Public Safety Team that are committed to keeping us safe.

Whether you attend a summer community event, plan a neighborhood Block Party, rent a park picnic shelter, or visit the local farmers market, I hope you enjoy Happy Valley in the weeks to come.

For more information on summer events, be sure to visit www.happyvalleyor.gov.

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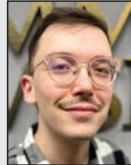
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CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Interested candidates must submit formal application by Aug. 27

City of Happy Valley

City Council Positions two (2) and four (4) will be on the ballot for the Nov. 5, 2024 General Election. The positions are currently held by David Golobay in Council Position 2, and David Emami in Council Position 4. Those interested in running must complete the formal candidate packet, which is available on the

City's website.

Elections are held bi-annually during the General Election in November. The City Council is comprised of a mayor and four (4) councilors. The elections are staggered so there is an overlapping of terms and never a time when all positions are elected at once.

In addition to attending and participating in the two meetings each month (first and third Tuesday evenings),

council members also attend meetings with other local and regional partners. All positions are on a volunteer, unpaid basis though eligible expenses are reimbursable.

If you are interested in running for office, you must be a qualified elector under state law, have resided within the city limits of the City of Happy Valley for at least one year immediately preceding the date of election, and cannot

be employed by the city.

If you have any questions or would like to file for candidacy, please contact the City Recorder at 503-886-8436 or karak@happyvalleyor.gov to arrange an appointment. Candidate filings must be submitted to the City Recorder no sooner than July 8 and no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 27, 2024. Additional deadlines and information can be found in the candidate packet online at www.hv.city/council.



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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.

July 4
■ 4th of July Family Festival, Happy Valley Park: events all day see page 7 for more details

July 8
■ Parks Advisory Committee Meeting: 6 p.m. City Hall

July 11
■ Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m. see page 11 for details

July 16
■ City Council Work Session, City Hall: 6 p.m.
■ City Council Meeting, City Hall: 7 p.m.

July 18
■ Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m.

July 23
■ Library Board Meeting, Happy Valley Library: 6 p.m.

July 24
■ HVBA Meeting, City Hall: 7:30 a.m.

July 25
■ Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m.

August 1
■ Concerts in the Valley, Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m.

August 6
■ National Night Out Happy Valley Park: 6:30 p.m. see cover page for details; activities throughout the week



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City urges residents to avoid illegal fireworks

When it comes to fireworks, make safety a priority

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley has a zero-tolerance policy for illegal fireworks use and 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. Please also keep in mind that for some individuals such as military veterans, young children, and pets, fireworks are extremely frightening. Please, be respectful of each other and our City.

Any fireworks you light must be purchased from Oregon permitted 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 illegal.

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Missiles & Rockets

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Cherry Bombs

M-80s

Make sure illegal fireworks do not make an appearance at your holiday festivities.

How to report illegal fireworks use

If you observe someone in the City to be lighting illegal fireworks and you either don't feel

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8 safety tips to avoid a grilling accident

Prevent fires, injuries and property damage at your next BBQ

Clackamas Fire District #1

It may be time to fire up the grill, but don't forget to make safety a top priority. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds grillers to pay attention to grilling safety during the spring and summer months, when most grilling fires happen. While some grill year-round, July statistically has the most grilling fires, followed



Perfectly grilled meats and vegetables are synonymous with summer. Make sure you follow these simple safety tips from Clackamas Fire.



by May, June and August. About half of the injuries from grilling are significant thermal burns.

Clackamas Fire encourages these simple tips to remain safe when grilling this season:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed

well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- If the flame goes out from a propane grill, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least five minutes before re-lighting it.
- For charcoal grills, keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

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Enjoy Independence Day at the Family Festival

A full day of fun awaits at this family-friendly event

City of Happy Valley

Experience the 4th of July with your friends and neighbors at Happy Valley’s signature community event, coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. Entrance is free and open to all ages, so bring your patriotic spirit and join us for a fun-filled day, together. Adding some extra pizzazz to the event will be special guest and social media sensation, Jeremiah Miller. Get ready to sing along to some of your favorite hits as this charismatic personality joins us for the Family Parade and kicks off the festival singing the National Anthem.



Break out the red, white, and blue because a fun filled day awaits this Independence Day.

CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

The 4th of July Family Festival is brought to you by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and is sponsored in partnership by:



The general schedule

9:30 a.m. Independence Day Hike

Meet the HV Hikers in the parking lot on SE 145th by the retention pond for a 2.6-mile hike that is relatively easy with minimal elevation.

Noon: Family Parade

Spectators can watch the parade from the sidewalk along SE Ridgecrest Rd. between SE 145th and the Happy Valley Park main entrance. For more information, head to hv.city/parade. **Sponsored by:**



1 p.m. Family Festival at Happy Valley Park

Rock out to live music and enjoy access to food carts, vendor booths and family-friendly activities. **City issued wristbands are required to utilize carnival rides and inflatable attractions. City residents will enjoy complimentary access to these attractions with proof of residence. Non-residents will be required to pay \$20.**

At dark: Fireworks Show

A professional fireworks display visible from Happy Valley Park will commemorate the day. At the time of print, the City’s fireworks show is on track to proceed. This could change in the event Extreme Fire Risk is declared.

The City would also like to extend a special thank you to Mary Friesen, owner of Happy Valley Preschool and Child Care Center, Inc., for so graciously donating the space needed to launch our fireworks show.



For more information about this event, wristband purchase options, 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.

CRAFTY KIDS

Inaugural Youth Entrepreneur Fair to begin July 11.

City of Happy Valley

The Youth Entrepreneur Fair is a fun and interactive way to learn about small business and financial literacy. 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. This opportunity is open to all students who live in Happy Valley that have a crafty product to sell. This 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. Please keep in mind that products are limited to handmade goods and no food or beverage items may be sold.

Join the waitlist!

At the time of print, registration was full, but the City is accepting interested youth who would like to be placed on the waitlist. Head to www.hv.city/youth-fair and complete the online form. If selected,

a City staff member will contact you 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.

Spots are currently full at the Youth Entrepreneur Fair, but interested kids and teens can still sign up for the waitlist.



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Play by the rules

Help keep City parks safe for everyone this summer by following these guidelines

City of Happy Valley

City parks and trails are great places to enjoy the warm weather and stay healthy. As Community Service Officers, we patrol these areas and enforce park rules for everyone's benefit.

With this said, it takes everyone's partnership in making sure park rules are followed. While we are tasked with ensuring compliance, we very much rely on you doing your part to help us keep City parks at their best. You may see us patrolling on foot, bicycle, or by truck as we make our way throughout these shared spaces. Ultimately, we aim to work collaboratively with parkgoers, and we are happy to answer any questions you may have about the park rules.

Here are some great tips to keep in mind to help ensure everyone's safety.


Be nice to the neighbors: Most parks are surrounded by neighborhoods. Please respect residents by observing noise levels and parking etiquette when you visit.


Watch the time: Parks are closed from dusk to dawn unless part of a City permitted event. If it is dark out and the gates are closed, those remaining may be issued a citation.

Keep it clean: During the summer there are park employees on duty seven days a week, emptying garbage cans and restocking restrooms. Visitors are expected to properly dispose of their personal garbage or take it with them when they leave. If the restrooms or another facility in the park need attention, please call 503-783-3800.

Mind your animals: All animal waste must be placed in a bag or container and disposed of properly. For your convenience, there are bag dispensers for animal waste at most parks and

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CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY Helmets are a must at the Happy Valley Park skatepark.



With sprawling stretches of trails and pathways, playgrounds, and community gathering areas, Happy Valley's parks are excellent places to explore and be active. As more families take advantage of all these great features, be sure to follow the rules to ensure the safety of all.



Dogs must be kept on leash unless in the designated dog park areas of Happy Valley Park.

we encourage you to utilize them. Don't forget that all dogs in City managed parks must be leashed unless they are in one of the designated dog park enclosures. Please note that Mt. Scott Nature Park and Scouters Mountain Nature Park are owned by Metro and dogs are NOT permitted in these spaces.

No smoking, please: Tobacco and smoking are prohibited on all park properties. This includes cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or any inhalant delivery system such as e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

Leave the adult beverages at home: Alcohol possession and consumption is prohibited at

City parks, unless permitted at a City sponsored event and distributed by an OLCC approved vendor.

Slow down: The speed limit through the park is 10 mph. All motor vehicles must be kept off paths, grass, and trails. This includes ATVs, motor bikes, and other recreational vehicles.

Stay above ground: To protect the park's irrigation system and prevent uneven terrain, please refrain from digging and do not pound stakes and posts into the ground.

Protect your noggin: Helmets must be worn at the skatepark all all times, regardless of age. This is City law.

Remind youth of risks: Educate children and teens on park safety and make sure little ones are supervised at all times.

Keep in mind that while we as Community Service Officers prioritize education and are happy to help clarify park rules you may have questions about, compliance is essential to avoid formal citations or exclusion from the park. Please help us work together to ensure all visitors can enjoy Happy Valley's parks this summer, safely and respectfully.

City celebrates National Public Works Week

Community gathers to highlight the work of Happy Valley's Public Works team

City of Happy Valley

May 19-25 marked National Public Works Week, a time to recognize the important team that helps maintain city infrastructure and maintenance services. A primary goal of the celebratory week includes educating the general public about the value and necessities of public works projects and to call attention to the importance of public works in community life.

To highlight all the great work of Happy Valley's Public Works team, the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team coordinated a Public Works Get Together at Happy Valley Park on May 22.

The event garnered an afternoon of fun that encouraged residents to meet the Public Works team and learn all about what they do.

Attendees had a chance to climb aboard the City's big rigs, play in a giant sand box, enjoy a themed dessert, and even connect with community partner, Clackamas Water Environment Services.



CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY The City's Public Works team gathered for a team photo at the event.



Kids tested out the driver's seats of all the rigs.



Community partner, Clackamas Water Environment Services, joined the fun by demonstrating a scope that can investigate pipes.



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Ross grew up in Springfield, OR and made his way to Portland after graduating from the University of Oregon. The move was an obvious one for the greater opportunities Portland offered, while staying relatively close to friends and family. When not working, Ross is with his family. He loves spending time with his wife, coaching his 10yr old son in basketball, baseball and golf and playing any other sport they can squeeze in.

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A leader and a teacher

Brandon Nguyen, recently recognized as an Amazing Kid, started the APISU at Rock Creek Middle School

By MAC LARSEN
Staff Reporter

As the founder of the Rock Creek Middle School Asian and Pacific Islander student union, Brandon Nguyen knows how to bring students together.

The idea to start the affinity club at Rock Creek came suddenly to Nguyen, like a light bulb went off in his head. “It was really weird, but one night I was thinking, ‘Rock Creek doesn’t have an APISU. We have a Black student union and a Latino student union, we should start an APISU,’ and I just emailed my principal,” said Nguyen.

After meeting as many fellow middle schoolers as possible, and presenting a formal proposal with a teacher advisor, the Rock Creek Middle School APISU was officially formed.

“I really like meeting and connecting because it’s not just my friends who are joining. We have the most people in our community over all the clubs. We really like to bond together, hang out and talk about, ‘How do you celebrate their culture?’” said Nguyen.

His sixth and eighth-grade Language Arts teacher, Christie Waagmeester, remembered when Nguyen was first mulling over his plan for the new club.

“I remember the days he was thinking about starting the club, he would come in and talk it through with me. He’d watched some of the other clubs surface and he saw there wasn’t (APISU) yet, he took it on as his challenge. Whereas a lot of kids might say, ‘That’d be cool if we did that,’ he followed through and wasn’t afraid to,” said Waagmeester.

Nguyen, an eighth grader, is also involved with yearbook, orchestra and student council at RCMS. He serves as co-president on student council.

“I feel like it’s important for everyone to get to know each other and get out of their comfort zone because a lot of middle schoolers are shy. They just stay at home or play Fortnite or whatever,” said Nguyen. “I really like to embrace personalities and have everyone meet each other and make new friends.”

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He’s proud of how APISU has grown since only starting last October. “The intended purpose was to bring students of Asian American and Pacific Islander descent together so we can collaborate and create ideas and learn about different cultures,” said Nguyen. “Our main goal is to spread the message of ‘Stop Asian Hate’ because there’s a lot of racism at our school and hate speech, and we acknowledge that as a school, but that was our main goal.”

Nguyen said that he wished they’d had more opportunities to talk as a school about those issues before he heads off to high school. However, he’s also looking forward to joining Clackamas High School’s APISU and pursuing his passion for teaching.

“I’ve wanted to be a teacher since I was in the first grade. My principal talks about it,” said Nguyen. “I’m going to volunteer (next year) every other week for my math teacher. She’s gonna let me come in, because I’ll be done earlier than the middle school, and I’m going to help teach a class period.”

While he’s always loved teaching, Nguyen also expressed interest in going to medical school and becoming a cardiologist. All of these passions are part of what keeps him engaged in class and enthusiastic about the school’s community.

“The thing that I enjoy most about him is he loves school. I don’t know if I’ve ever had a student, this is my 30th year, who genuinely just loves learning and school in general. It’s just so nice to see that even throughout the school year that doesn’t wear down, but he still is so enthusiastic about learning,” said Waagmeester.

Nguyen will carry that enthusiasm to Clackamas High School next year, but is going to miss Rock Creek Middle School.

“I’m looking forward to the electives and I’m excited to graduate,” said Nguyen. “I really like that everyone supports each other no matter what.”



Brandon Nguyen is the Amazing Kid for Milwaukie/Clackamas for 2024. Brandon started the first APISU at his middle school: Rock Creek Middle School.

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— Brandon Nguyen

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LET'S ROCK

Join the fun as seven bands take to the stage Thursday nights at Happy Valley Park

City of Happy Valley

Don't miss Summer Concerts in the Valley, happening every Thursday evening from July 11 to Aug. 22. Happy Valley Parks and Recreation once again invites you to enjoy a multi-week musical series with various bands and genres that includes country, rock, jazz, Latin, and R&B. DJ Doc Rock will return as emcee to keep the music flowing.

On select nights, the Parks and Recreation team will have special events to add to the fun. Enjoy an evening of wine tasting or marvel at a vintage car show while the band plays. Be sure to follow the City and Happy Valley Parks and Recreation on Facebook as details are unveiled.

Blankets or lawn chairs are all you'll need to take in the sounds. You can purchase food and drinks on site, including beer and wine for those 21 and over. And don't forget to check out the Happy Zone, where kids and teens can make crafts, play games, and more.

Additionally, the Youth Entrepreneur Fair will provide kids and teens with the opportunity to showcase and sell their creative products. Concert attendees can peruse these vendor booths each concert night and purchase handmade goods. For more details about this program, check out page 7 in this issue.

Concerts start at 6:30 p.m. For more details, go to hv.city/summer-concerts.

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Through her business and personal contributions, Lizbeth Hale continues to positively impact the Happy Valley community. Her commitment to giving back inspires others and reflects her deep love for the area she calls home. One of the most notable ways Lizbeth gives back to the community is through her involvement with the Rotary Club of Clackamas. Lizbeth also serves as a board member of the Happy Valley Business Alliance (HVBA), which aims to support local businesses and promote economic growth in the area. Her passion for entrepreneurship and dedication to giving back to the community make her an invaluable member of the HVBA.

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July 18:

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July 25:

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Born in Wyoming but raised in Oregon, band frontman Tyler Stenson, and Counting Crows tribute band, Black-Winged Birds, pay homage to this popular American rock group.

August 1:

STONE IN LOVE (Journey Tribute Band)

This group performs faithful renditions of classic hits from one of the most beloved rock groups of all time. Their high-energy performances include soaring lead vocals, lush four-part harmonies, signature guitar licks, fat keyboards, and driving rhythms.

August 8:

NO PO BIG BAND

Formed in 2010 in the neighborhoods of North Portland, this group performs high quality big band music with an 18-piece ensemble. From swing to blues, and bossa to Basie, No Po Big Band is exciting and hard-hitting when it comes to music.

August 15:

STUMP CITY SOUL

A Soul/Funk dance band, this group plays all the hits from legendary artists like James Brown and Stevie Wonder to modern hitmakers like Bruno Mars. Featuring a five-piece horn section and dynamic vocalists, this group is a powerhouse to say the least.

August 22:

TAKEN BY THE SKY (Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band)

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Building community through the SlingShot Challenge

HVMS eighth grade assignment makes lasting impact on students, teachers, community

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

What started as a simple class assignment has blossomed into a powerful initiative fostering leadership, community and environmental awareness.

The project, cultivated and guided by three Happy Valley Middle School teachers, was National Geographic's SlingShot challenge, which tasked students with proposing solutions to significant environmental and social issues. Facilitated by their teachers, the eighth graders conducted research, crafted proposals and created persuasive videos to present their ideas.

This hands-on project not only taught valuable research and writing skills but also united the students and the broader school community in working toward actionable, local solutions. Through this collaborative effort, the students learned the

importance of togetherness, community involvement and taking real-world action to make a difference.

The SlingShot Challenge is a nationwide challenge from National Geographic aimed at 13- to 18-year-olds to try to motivate kids to promote solutions for the world's big environmental challenges through a one-minute video. Eighth grade language arts teachers Wendy Weatherill, Joy Gaudio and Alex Ayers decided to implement that into the curriculum as a fun writing and research assignment.

"They had to make a one-minute video proposing a solution to an environmental problem," Weatherill said. "But we also gave them the option to do a more social-minded problem ... they could've done that as well." The teachers also collaborated with the science teachers to integrate science into the assignment as well as to make an integrated unit.

"It was an initially in language arts assignment where they learned how to research

and then they wrote a research paper on what is the problem, she said. "They wrote a proposal and then they made a video based on that proposal explaining what they felt the best way forward for our community would be to help solve the bigger problem but in our local community." With this assignment, brought on what became a five-week school-wide challenge called "Love Everything, Waste Nothing," a slogan created by eighth grader Kanak Patel for her project.

Each week presented a challenge for the students to participate in, drawn from student made projects, voted on by parents and families. Three out of the five projects highlighted were focused on cleanup called "Keep It Clean," where one week was in the cafeteria, another in neighborhoods and the last in schools and parks. The first week was "Positivity Challenge," focusing on bullying, and the final week was "Love Everything, Waste Nothing," focusing on upcycling. However, to some students,

it was more than just a grade, but rather a chance to get further immersed in their school community, find togetherness and build leadership. "A lot of students would write a different script based off their research papers and volunteer to talk at lunch to the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders," Gaudio said. "It was a great opportunity for them to feel invested and courageous about something they care about." Additionally, one student, Natalie Summers, took her project a step above and made a PowerPoint presentation about her topic to which her teacher (Weatherill) was able to make a small picture book from it.

In addition to speaking at lunch, some of the students would write scripts to present on the student led school news show, Heron TV. Some even made social media pages to get their message out to their student peers outside school walls.

The SlingShot Challenge assignment made a lasting impact on the school and to a vast majority of the students as well.

"After we did this project, I felt a turn of attitude. They were invested in the environment and something they really did

care about, and I felt a shift in that they were caring about their future," Weatherill said. "They retained a lot of good information that I feel like they feel smart, and I think just feeling smart makes you confident, and even if it was hard and painful to do, they're like 'Oh, I actually know something now,' which makes a difference."

What it all comes down to at the end of the day is community and togetherness, and with that, these eighth graders gained a sense of what it was like to be part of something bigger than themselves.

"It was just nice, and I think a lot of students just really enjoyed going out and doing something hands-on," Gaudio said. "I think the opportunity was just inclusive

Love Everything, Waste Nothing

Week 1

Positivity Challenge

Get to know people in your community. Stop hate, stereotypes, and negativity by talking with people at lunch and in the hallways. Flattening 5 "new" people this week!

Week 2

Keep It Clean- Cafeteria

Learn more about how litter affects wildlife and oceans. Practice healthy habits of cleaning up garbage after mealtime. Students at A, B, and C lunch compete to have the cleanest cafeteria.

Week 3

Keep It Clean- Neighborhoods

Learn more about how litter affects wildlife and oceans. Practice healthy habits of cleaning up garbage after mealtime. Students at A, B, and C lunch compete to have the cleanest neighborhoods.

Week 4

Keep It Clean- School and Parks

8th Grade students will be challenged to help clean up around our school campus and neighboring parks. Clean up kits are provided in generous donation by our local Ace Hardware.

Week 5

Love Everything, Waste Nothing

Learn how upcycling clothing can help community members and the environment. Clothing production causes stress on our water and air resources. Donating gently used clothing can help community members and waste.

Love Everything, Waste Nothing: a HVMS spirit week dedicated to helping the community

Winning gold and honoring a beloved teacher

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Happy Valley Middle School and its student council has recently been recognized with a Gold Council Award from the Oregon Association of Student Councils for their outstanding leadership and community service initiatives. This award, given at the OASC Spring Leadership Conference on April 27, marks a big achievement for the school, highlighting its dedication to making a positive impact despite facing a loss earlier in the year.

In February, the school community mourned the loss of beloved teacher Mrs. Rose Janusz. Determined to honor her memory in a meaningful way, HVMS leadership students and staff came together to create a lasting tribute that would reflect Mrs. Janusz's



The HVMS Student Government receiving the award.

passion for social justice and community advocacy.

"Happy Valley Middle School is really fortunate because we have a very supportive community of families. People come together to do big things," said Shelley Lute, the student council advisor and leadership teacher at Happy Valley Middle School. "Many of the kids had Mrs. Janusz as a teacher, so it was really important for them to honor her."

The student council collaborated with the Women's Foundation of Oregon. "We asked [Janusz] what she would want us to raise money for in her honor, and she chose the Women's Foundation of Oregon. So, she's the one who put us in touch with this incredible organization," Lute said. Their efforts were aimed not only at celebrating Janusz's life but also at raising funds to support her family and further the causes



Student Body President Jayden Alvarado and treasurer Evelyn Baatarsuren

she loved.

The students also hosted dances and sold "Jan-a-grams" in Janusz's honor, with all proceeds going to the foundation. All students who participated in organizing this

project earned service hours by helping in various ways throughout the community.

Through these initiatives and with the support of the Women's Foundation of Oregon, the students managed to raise \$4,000. The foundation matched their efforts, doubling the amount to \$8,000.

Beyond fundraising, students engaged in various community service activities, earning service hours as they volunteered their time to help others — a testament to their commitment to making a difference.

Winning the state award was unexpected, but accepted with pride. "We were focused on just trying to do as much good as we could," Lute said. "We weren't trying to get any award for it."

The impact of their endeavors extends beyond monetary donations. Inspired by Janusz's bravery and dedication to social

justice, the school commissioned a mural by artist Latoya Lovely. The mural, titled "Be Brave," will be displayed above the arts classroom — a lasting reminder of Janusz's influence on the school community.

The recognition from the Oregon Association of Student Councils serves as validation of Happy Valley Middle School's commitment to leadership and service. It shows the lasting impact that can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared purpose.

As the school looks to the future, it continues to uphold Janusz's legacy, fostering a culture of empathy, activism and community involvement among their students. The Gold Council Award is not just an award, but a celebration of resilience, compassion and dedication to making a positive difference in their community.

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A life shaped by service

Veteran Michael Rasher reflects on his life and how it led him to where he is today



Rasher collecting GPS data for field use.

COURTESY PHOTOS: MICHAEL RASHER



Michael Rasher in 1969 as a member of the United States Air Force at the Shepard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.



Rasher on the US International GPS Exhibit Team explains benefits of GPS to African Delegates in Zambia, Africa.

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Veteran Michael Rasher had dreams of becoming an architect, until the Vietnam War altered his plans. Enlisting in the military was an unexpected turn that he now considers a privilege, despite the challenges he faced during his service. It was later in life that he realized how profoundly his time in the military would shape his future. Reflecting on his journey, Rasher acknowledges that his military service helped lay the groundwork for his career and life, decades after.

In November 1968, Rasher enlisted in the Air Force. Following basic training, Rasher went to medical helper school for combat medical field training. He ended up getting the highest grades in the class, which gave him the opportunity to attend pharmacy school. Throughout his service, stationed primarily at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, KS, Rasher worked in a hospital and the flight line, using his pharmacy training to fill prescriptions and prepare medications. His combat field training prepared him for any critical situation.

Towards the end of his

enlistment, Rasher was injured on the flight line. “I don’t know if I got hit in the legs or if I just jumped wrong. It was a kind of situation where our consciousness was elsewhere,” he said. “When I came off the flight line, it was about 2:00 in the morning and when I got back to the barracks, I looked down and I just had this massive hematoma on my leg.” Concerned, he went to the emergency room where doctors found a blood clot, leading to a hospital stay of up to two weeks. Problems with his legs continued until he was honorably discharged with a service-connected disability.

Right after, Rasher initially went to work in Georgia as a Paramedic. While on the job one night, he discovered he had another blood clot and needed surgery. Problems with his legs persisted throughout his life.

Rasher’s life following his discharge from the service and as a paramedic in Georgia proved to be something fulfilling and meaningful to him. He went on to graduate from the University of Georgia in 1978 with bachelor’s degrees in both geology and agronomy and started working for the United States Department of Agriculture.

At the beginning of his career at the USDA, he was a soil Conservationist and a District Conservationist. In 1988, he was assigned to a technical leadership role. “My first assignment was to write a textbook that would explain and teach remote sensing applications for high altitude photography,” he said. His book was published and used throughout the government and many universities and colleges overseas.

Further in his career he took his experience and translated it into more efficient and effective methods of agricultural production using satellite navigation. He also worked closely with the military in similar ways. He went on to work with the US State Department and the United Nations on the US International GPS Team and more. “My education led me through a series of fortunate circumstances that let me come to a position where I was

able to lead and support,” he said. “And I think it was my enthusiasm for maps and remote sensing that led me to be a value to the military, even after my service.”

In 2010, Rasher and his wife Janet retired, and in 2021, moved to Oregon. He joined the Happy Valley Veteran’s Group after meeting fellow member, Raymond Platz. Through this group, he found community and pride in his service. “The saving grace for me is this brotherhood of men and women veterans in this group. I never went around saying I was a veteran or that or anything else. I never talked to

my family about it, I just never did,” he said. “It was the first time ever that I felt being a veteran was okay.”

Reflecting on his life experiences, Rasher’s time in the military paved the way to who he is now. “The four years I served in the military set the stage for the rest of my life,” he said. “The work I did after my enlistment was probably more important to the military than anything I had done while I was in the military. But I want people to understand that every veteran has a story to tell, and they ought to be listened to.”



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



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Venvino Art Studios provides the kids of Happy Valley a place to create and be themselves



Students proud of the work they've made!

COURTESY PHOTOS: VENVINO ART STUDIOS

By EMMA DAVIS & BREN SWOGGER
Staff Reporters

Venvino Art Studios has been a celebrated hub for the arts in Happy Valley for six years now. Founded by Janice Kiser, the studio has grown over the years, from hosting evening art events to now offering a wide range of family-friendly programming, including camps and lessons.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, Venvino has become a vital space for children to develop their love for the arts.

After starting as a teacher for the art lesson program, Natalie Ranum is now the head of the art lesson department, in charge of building the curriculum and planning events for the art lesson program.

One such event is the gallery event. “Twice a year in the studio, we will have a bigger event where we display the projects that the students have been working on for at least the past three months,” Ranum said. The gallery events are a great opportunity for students to be recognized and to celebrate their creative skills. “Because we are a private business, it’s not often that the parents get to see what goes on in the classroom and what they got to create.”

The gallery events mimic the atmosphere of an actual art gallery. Tables are moved to the side, lights are dimmed and the art is put on full display. “I like to compare it to kind of like a recital for the music kids,” Kiser said, “because we encourage them to dress up and we serve juice, the bar is open. We really



Sculptures students made for one of their class projects.



A student proudly posing with her self portrait.

try to make it this experience for them.” Venvino’s last gallery event showcased the work of about 80 students.

Venvino teaches children ages 5 to 18, divided into four different levels. They also offer digital art lessons for the older students. Levels one and two follow a monthly curriculum, teaching a new subject every month, diving into the history of a topic before focusing on the techniques, giving students the ability to not only be creative,



Art students hard at work.

but also learn the history of art.

“It’s really fun because we get to introduce some really unique projects that they may not do in the public schools or private schools or home,” Ranum said. Levels three and four dive even deeper into history and techniques, with each quarter focusing on an even larger subject.

Having the space to explore art more deeply than many public schools allow has provided an incredible creative outlet for many children in



Works of art on display created by Venvino Art Studios' art students.

the community, offering them a third space outside of school and home.

“We have a lot of kids who don’t necessarily fit into the school system as normal, whether it be learning challenges, communication challenges, self-esteem challenges,” Kiser said. “But they succeed in art, and so we draw a lot of those kinds of kids to our program because it’s just something they can do that they can be proud of, and it’s built a lot of our kiddos’ self-esteem and they come out of it a better person and not just a better artist.”

Watching these children grow as artists and individuals has been rewarding for both Ranum and Kiser. “The fact that I am able to bring this program to these kids just makes everything worth it,” Kiser said. “You can’t even explain that feeling when a

kiddo comes in not wanting to even try anything new, and by the end of the year, they leave a whole other person.”

Throughout the summer, Venvino hosts various art camps for kids, including an Adopt-a-Pet camp where children create a personality and make toys for their new “pet.” There are also curriculum-based camps for older kids and a two-day outdoor camp in partnership with Happy Valley Parks and Recreation.

Additionally, Venvino hosts family-friendly art events every Sunday, allowing parents and children to create together. They offer free Tuesday morning storytime with crafts related to the story and organize field trips, including visits to the Portland Art Museum.

For more information, visit venvinoartstudios.com.

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Japanese Classics Provide a Modern Twist

Sushi Moto provides delicious Japanese classic cuisine with a modern spin

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For the Happy Valley News

Death, taxes, and variety in cultural culinary influences in Happy Valley. These are the three certainties that everybody in our community will attest to, as traveling the world from the safety of your own home has never been easier. For example, Sushi Moto, located in the Happy Valley Town Center next to Casa Colima represents the Asia influence of the city. No matter how many new competing businesses move in or out, Sushi Moto and its exceptional customer service will continue to have a home so long as their product continues to match the overall Sushi Moto experience.

Sushi Moto first cut its enormous blue ribbon and entered our friendly neighborhood back in 2011, inviting guests to partake in dishes that vary from the familiar chicken and beef teriyaki to the more complex flavors of Asia such as eel and specialty fish. Upon entry, you are immediately greeted by a warm smile, likely from restaurant Manager Gina, who's just as excited that you're there as you are. From there, you'll likely take in the establishment's warm and exciting décor, from the hanging Japanese umbrellas to the warm string lights.

To learn more about the full Sushi Moto experience, we had a quick chat with the restaurant's owner, Hee Kwag, to uncover more about this Happy Valley favorite.



Sushi Moto owner Hee Kwag and manager Gina – Warm smiles and delicious food await

“The majority of the menu is not traditional Japanese preparation,” says Kwag. “We use a little more sweet, more sour, and we use more fish. The flavors are more exaggerated. Plus Americans love their mayo so we incorporate that in some of our recipes and sauces.” I guess that means “modern” in both flavors and in names, as this Sushi hotspot offers a neat collection of specialty rolls with fun names, from the Japanese lasagna to the James Bond roll to the sake bomb roll. However, of all these specialty rolls Kwag suggests there are a few specific ones that have captured the hearts of his

patrons. “The Hawaiian volcano roll is extremely popular,” says Kwag. “It has crab, jicama, spicy tuna, and baked salmon with our special sauce. The Las Vegas roll is also extremely popular, with four kinds of deep-fried fish, crab, jicama, and cream cheese with special sauces.” One proud note that Kwag noted was how Sushi Moto only uses tuna from Hawaii, paying a pretty penny for a high-quality ingredient. This is just one of the many fun and personal touches that Kwag puts into his menu, making the Sushi Moto experience as exciting as it is delicious. However, flavor and quality are only a



Key ambiance – Cozy doesn't begin to describe the Sushi Moto experience

couple of aspects of Sushi Moto's overall experience. What about the presentation? “For bigger parties, we do offer sushi boats,” says Kwag. “A medium boat feeds 4-6 people, and you can have up to ten different specialty rolls. Our large sushi boat has 20 different specialty rolls and it feeds around 12-15.”

We saw a glimpse of a sushi boat being prepared and let's just say you'll need a paddle-sized fork as you and your party set sail on a sea of exquisite flavors.

Now, another impressive feat at Sushi Moto is their full bar, featuring over twenty-five different sakes as well as other familiar spirits. “Our beers are only in bottle form,” says Kwag

before making a small joke with a big grin. “As for sake... Well, we have too many.” To keep the sake warm, Sushi Moto utilizes a handheld black kettle teapot over a small flame for this Japanese libation, the traditional way of serving this spirit. Equally, while we're on the topic of Japanese traditions, Kwag did delve into a brief Sushi-eating edict and what many sushi eaters get wrong. “You never dip your sushi roll into the soy sauce on the rice side as it's too much salt,” said Kwag. “You dip it on the fish side lightly. To use the wasabi, do not mix it with the soy sauce, just put a little bit on the roll, dip it fish side down, and then take a bite of the pickled ginger

after your sushi before moving on to the next flavored roll. It's like a mouth cleanser.” Lastly, Kwag touched on his community of guests and patrons and how they got him through the pandemic, specifically some select neighboring guests who put up signs that recommended checking out the restaurant amidst the takeout craze. So cool. Sushi Moto is open on Monday from 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and on Tuesday to Saturday from 12:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.. Equally, there are plenty of menu options besides Sushi Moto's incredible rolls, including Gyoza, Calamari, spring rolls, fried oysters, salads, bento boxes, noodles, and plenty of other delicious goods!



Sushi boat – The options and flavors are endless when you set sail with Sushi Moto

Residents declutter on Dumpster Day

LEFT: Scrap metal and other junk was collected throughout the morning in multiple dumpsters. RIGHT: Items in good condition will have a chance at new life thanks to Goodwill Industries. PHOTO COURTESY: CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY



City of Happy Valley

On June 8, Happy Valley residents unofficially kicked off summer at Dumpster Day, an annual event coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. The event gives residents a chance to recycle and dispose of a variety of items for free.

Stations throughout Happy Valley Park offered easy drop off points for residents to get rid of broken items, items

for donation, used tires for recycling, and secure paper shredding. There was even a spot to turn in old batteries and specialty light bulbs. In total, 30 tons of junk and eight tons of scrap metal were collected.

Thank you to community partners Hoodview Disposal and Recycling, Recology Waste Zero, Waste Management, Les Schwab Tire Center, Oregon Metro, and Goodwill Industries. The City would also like to extend its appreciation to the Happy Valley Youth Council,

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ORANGETHEORY FITNESS:

set your fitness sights under the bright orange lights

Orangetheory offers group fitness while rejecting intimidation, replacing it with both fun and encouragement

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For the Happy Valley News

Located just off Sunnyside at the Happy Valley Town Center is Orangetheory Fitness, offering guests and patrons alike a one-hour full body workout that is, oddly, as individual as it is group-based. What do we mean? Well, we sat down and spoke with Emma Mckercher, the studio manager of the Happy Valley location to learn more about Orangetheory Fitness and just exactly what it entails. “Happy Valley is just such a close-knit community that it made sense for Orangetheory to find a new home out here,” says Mckercher. “It’s fun doing a class with a large group and then immediately running into someone from that class later in the day at a grocery store or something.” Mckercher, who worked her way up the Orangetheory Fitness ranks over the years was promoted to Studio Manager of the Happy Valley Location in July of 2022, having originally worked as a sales associate at their East Vancouver location. She notes how fitness has always



Emma Mckercher, Studio Manager at Orangetheory Fitness Happy Valley.

been a special part of her life, having had a past in gymnastics and cheerleading. Mckercher suggests that it was a great segue to her current role, being able to exercise while being cheery and offering positive energy at the same time ... perhaps a needed attribute from a fitness leader given some of the beneficial but challenging aspects of Orangetheory. “Orangetheory is a very all-encompassing workout that caters to all demographics of fitness,” says Mckercher. “You can come in at any level of fitness and it wouldn’t be too complicated for you as it factors around your own heart rate-based training. All of our classes are coach-led and there are also visuals and demonstrations to help you early on with every class.” Mckercher touches on how it

would take roughly only three classes before truly understanding the Orangetheory program, leaving you wanting plenty more of it. “Repetition will make it easier,” says Mckercher. “It’s interval training with five different zones based on your heart rate. Specifically, you’ll train on our joint-forgiving treadmills, water rowers and weight room floor. There’s a lot of variety.” While you can pay per workout, it is recommended that you consider a membership option as they’re the most cost-effective for those who utilize Orangetheory as their only workout source. For example, there are plenty of parents as well as those with careers in Happy Valley that seek the most out of their workout with the tight schedules they have, such as Happy



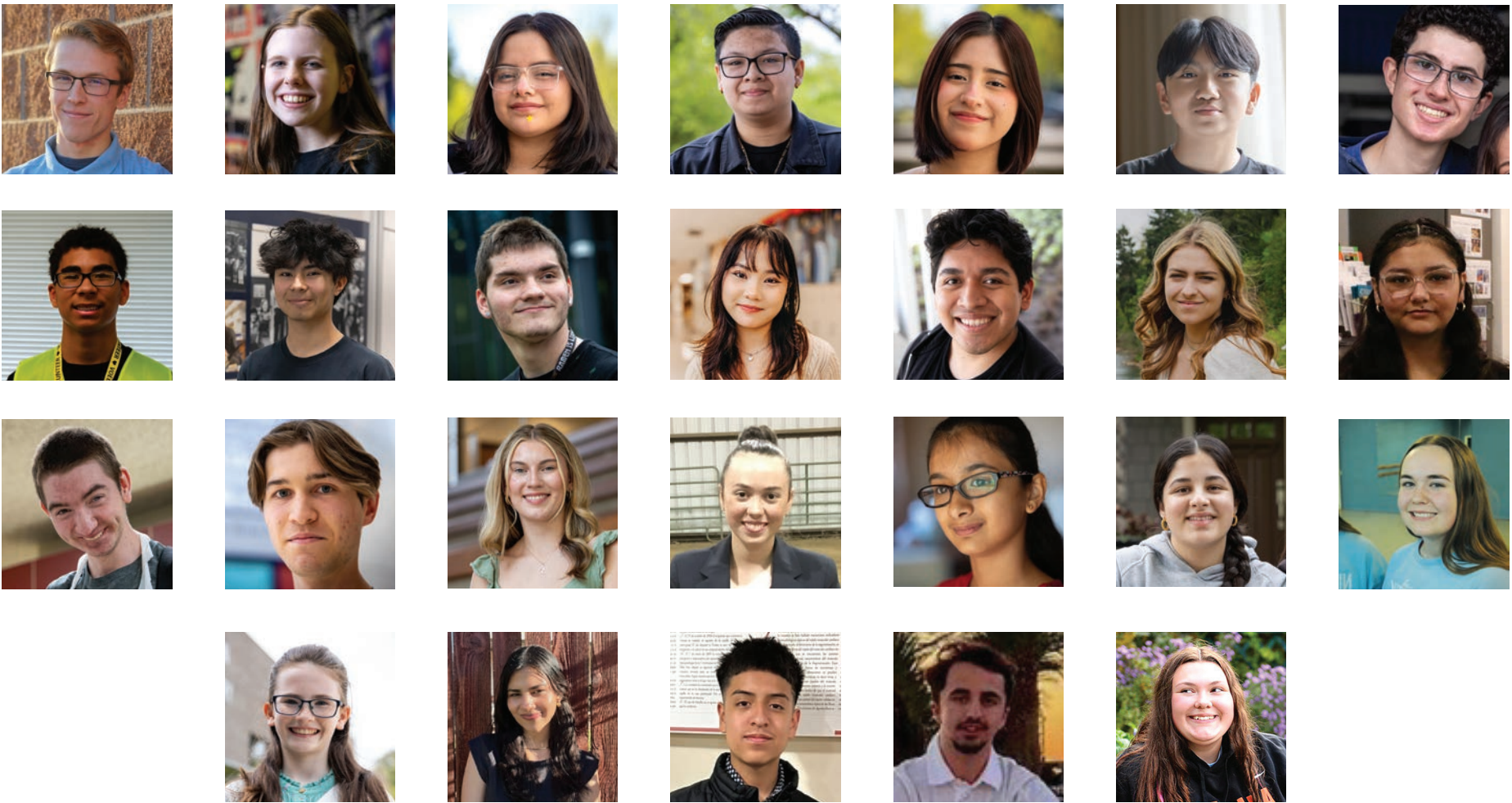
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Under the bright, orange lights, there’s plenty of space for a fun, effective group workout at Orangetheory Fitness.

Valley Orangetheory Fitness regular Natalie Hough, whose schedule can seemingly change at the drop of a hat based on her family or work needs. “I needed a space where I didn’t have to think or be in charge,” says Hough. “Life’s busy enough. I had friends who did it and loved it and saw results quickly. There’s a small learning curve at first in terms of the lingo, stations and rotations, but once you’re in you pretty much become addicted.” Hough touched on the idea of community and why it’s such an important role at Orangetheory.

“When you get into a class there are people from all walks of life,” says Hough. “It’s so inclusive and has brought a lot to my life. I joined Orangetheory when I was five months postpartum and seven months into the COVID-19 pandemic. It built a community for me filled with nice and encouraging people. I have made a ton of friends and so many relatable people work out there. You’ll quickly learn how non-intimidating it is while still being able to get in a great workout.” Workouts are meant to be uncomfortable ... but not

because of group intimidation. Orangetheory Fitness seems to understand the importance of creating a space where challenge meets confidence, giving you a chance to compete with yourself in an environment that’s both welcoming and uplifting. Might it be those famous orange lights that light up the room? “The lights don’t put off any heat, don’t worry,” jokes Mckercher. “The ‘orange zone’ represents the intense zone of your workout where you’re going to be pushing the hardest. It represents the overall goal of your workout and our program.”



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Outdoor Basketball Camp

July 8 – July 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. • Aug. 12 – Aug. 16, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 6-12 • Half Day \$165 • Full Day \$289

This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players. Using our progres-sion-based curriculum, we focus on the whole player - teaching sportsmanship and teamwork. Learn the fundamentals of passing, shooting, ball handling, rebounding and defense through skill-based instruction and small-sided scrimmages.

Track & Field Camp

July 15 – July 19, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 7-12 • \$165

Using special equipment, our exercises and drills will prepare athletes for a future in cross-country, track and field events, distance running, while inspiring a love for running and being active. The fundamentals of body positioning, stride, proper stretching, and cool-down techniques are all covered in this unique program. Participants will put it all together for one fun-filled day at the end of the week at the Skyhawks track meet!

Lacrosse Camp

Aug. 5 – Aug. 9, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 6-12 • \$289

Lacrosse combines the basic skills used in soccer, basketball, and hockey into one fast paced, high scoring game. Athletes will learn all the fundamentals of stick handling, cradling, passing, and shooting, all in a fun, non-checking environment. Every athlete will come away with a deep understanding of the game and its traditions.

Soccer Shots Summer Clinics

See registration pages for program locations.

Soccer-Mini

Thursdays, June 13 – Aug. 22, 3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m. • Saturdays, June 15 – Aug. 17, 4:30 p.m.-5:10 p.m.

Ages 2-3 • \$205

This high-energy program introduces children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet, dribbling, and the basic rules of the game. Through fun games, songs, and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active.

Soccer-Classic

Thursdays, June 13 – Aug. 22, 4:40 p.m.-5:05 p.m., ages 3-4, and 5:20 p.m.-5:55 p.m., ages 4-5

Saturdays, June 15 – Aug. 17, 3:50 p.m.-4:25 p.m., ages 3-4, and 3:00 p.m.-3:35 p.m., ages 4-5

This clinic uses creative and imaginative games to focus on basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting. We also highlight a positive character trait each session such as respect, teamwork, and appreciation.

Soccer-Premier

Thursdays, June 13 – Aug. 22, 6:10 p.m.-6:55 p.m. • Saturdays, June 15 – Aug. 17, 2 p.m.-2:45 p.m. • Ages 5-7

This program focuses on individual skill, fitness, and sportsmanship, providing an opportunity for children to be challenged through fun games and team interaction. Children will also be introduced to competition in a developmentally appropriate manner.

Community Pediatric Therapy

Location: Happy Valley City Hall – 16000 SE Misty Drive

Therapeutic Wellness for Kids and Families

July 10, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. • Wednesday • FREE – registration required • 15+

Join us to learn how to help your kids and family with daily activities like self-care, play, socializing, learning, and sleeping. This presentation will include tips on sensory processing and emotional regulation. Bring your questions and ideas!

Learn about Occupational Therapy

July 30, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. • Tuesday • FREE – registration required • 15+

Ever wonder what occupational therapy is? It's a rewarding field with many possibilities to help people of all ages in different areas of life. This presentation will include common ways occupational therapy makes a difference. Questions and discussions are encouraged!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Happy Valley City Hall, 16000 SE Misty Drive
Monday, July 8, noon-5:30 p.m.
Register online: www.redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Code: HappyVal

Kidokinetics Camps

Location: Pleasant Valley Village Park - 16710 SE Pleasant Valley Pkwy.

Sportsplay Clinic

June 12 - Aug. 28, 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. • Ages 2-5yrs

Wednesday • \$89/month per kid

A fun introduction to sports designed to help kids get moving and build confidence. Sportsplay includes a different sport every week, including - volleyball, football, soccer, lacrosse, frisbee, and more.



Stick to the Basics Camp

July 10 - July 12, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 5-8yrs

Wednesday-Friday \$125

A fun introduction to new stick sports designed to help kids get moving and build confidence. This camp features a warm-up, and an introduction to lacrosse, hockey, baseball, golf, and more! Every session will include free play, cool down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson -all in a non-competitive environment.

Ninja Play Camp

July 31 - Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 5-8yrs

Wednesday-Friday • \$125

During Ninja Play, kids develop skills around stability, agility, balance, jump distance, and more. Every class is designed for optimal skill development, and of course, optimal FUN! Each class features a warm-up, sport-spe-cific skills and drills, free play, cool down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.

The Y

Location: Happy Valley Park Gazebo – 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd

Comic Drawing

July 8 – July 12, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. • Ages 6-12yrs • \$240

Students will work on basic drawing skills. They will explore and learn more about comics in general. They will finish the class with an increased skill set and a greater appreciation for this exciting genre of storytelling.

Jr. LEGOS: Into the Wild

Aug. 12 – Aug. 16, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 4-6yrs • \$170

One of the wonderful parts about childhood is discover-ing all the amazing animals that live on the planet. We will learn about animals and their habitats through building models of animals with Legos while learning about what makes these animals special and unique.



Journey to STEAM

Location: Happy Valley Park Shelter AREA "B"
13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd

LEGO STEM Explorers

July 29 – Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-noon

Aug. 12 – Aug. 16, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Ages 6-11yrs • \$215

Embark on a week-long STEM journey with imagina-tive LEGO builds, games, and hands-on projects. Join us for fun, friendship, and the joy of learning with LEGO!

LEGO Engineers: Superhero Edition

July 29 – Aug. 2, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. • Ages 6-11yrs • \$215

Embark on an action-packed adventure as LEGO Superhero Engineers, where young builders explore the world of design and construction inspired by their favor-ite DC/Marvel superheroes, bringing their architectural dreams to life with colorful LEGO bricks while delving into mechanics of moving machines and gadgets.

LEGO Star Wars: Jedi Academy

Aug. 12 – Aug. 16, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 6-11yrs • \$215

Embark on an intergalactic adventure with LEGO Star Wars: Jedi Academy! Join us as LEGO Jedi apprentices, where students spend the week preparing for epic space missions through engaging LEGO challenges and cosmic exploration.

See more parks
listings on next page

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In-Studio Classes

Location: Venvino Art Studios – 13329 SE Misty Drive.

Create and Learn Series – Acrylic Painting How to Paint Mountain Landscapes
July 5, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 16+
\$25/ 1.5hour session

Delve into the techniques and nuances of capturing the ethereal beauty of clouds and the mysterious allure of the night. Each registration includes your 1.5-hour lesson and an 8" x 10" canvas panel.

Create and Learn Series – Acrylic Painting How to Paint a Sunset Silhouette
Aug. 2, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 16+
\$25/ 1.5hour session

Learn how to create stunning silhouettes with colors and light. You will get to use different techniques, such as blending, layering, and contrasting to capture the beauty of the twilight sky and the objects in front of it. Each registration includes your 1.5-hour lesson and an 8" x 10" canvas panel.

Outdoor Summer Art Camps

Location: Happy Valley Park Gazebo – 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd

Each day kids will do several take-home art projects. We will also play games, read stories, and socialize.

Fairy Garden Art Camp
July 8 – July 9, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday
Ages 5-10 • \$130

Join us for a magical journey of fairy garden making! This whimsical camp sparks imagination, creativity, and nature connection as we design and build our own miniature realms of enchantment.

Treasure Hunt Art Camp
July 15 – July 16, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday
Ages 5-10 • \$130

Join us for a thrilling art camp where you can create, explore, and team up for a treasure hunt adventure! This camp will spark your imagination and challenge your skills in a fun and supportive environment.

Race 'n' Create Art Camp
July 22 – July 23, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday
Ages 5-10 • \$130

This camp promotes imagination, creativity, and a dash of competition as campers design and build their own vehicles to race against each other. Participants will blend artistry with engineering, practice teamwork, creativity, and have a whole lot of fun in the thrilling race to the finish line.

Ninja Warriors Art Camp
July 29 – July 30, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday
Ages 5-10 • \$130

Camp is designed to ignite creativity, imagination, and agility in young artists through a fusion of ninja-themed activities and artistic expression. Campers will delve into a variety of art forms inspired by the stealth, skill, and mystery of ninjas, fostering both artistic and physical development.

Olympic Games Art Camp
Aug. 5 – Aug. 6, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday
Ages 5-10 • \$130

This camp is designed to ignite creativity, cultural exploration, and a sense of unity through various art forms inspired by the Olympic Games. Camp will immerse participants in diverse artistic activities celebrating sports, culture, and teamwork.

Oregon Adventures Art Camp
Aug. 12 – Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday
Ages 5-10 • \$130

Explore the wonders of Oregon through art. This camp is designed to inspire young artists to discover the beauty and diversity of Oregon's landscapes, wildlife, and cultural heritage through various art forms and activities.

Safari Tour Art Camp
Aug. 19 – Aug. 20, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday
Ages 5-10 • \$130

This program is designed to take young explorers on a thrilling journey through the wonders of a safari, sparking their curiosity about wildlife, habitats, and the beauty of nature through engaging activities and crafts. Camp aims to inspire a love for nature and cultivate a sense of curiosity and respect for the diverse ecosystems found in the wild.

Painting in the Park
Aug. 26 – Aug. 27, 9 a.m.-noon • Monday & Tuesday
Ages 5-10 • \$130

This camp is designed to inspire young artists to explore nature's beauty and capture it through various painting techniques while enjoying the serenity and inspiration of a park setting.

Providence's Basecamp Prevention + Wellness

Classes are held virtually.

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

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (Beginners)
Tuesday/Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. • FREE

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

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. • FREE

Participants will build upon their knowledge from our Tai Chi Beginners class and continue to gain confidence, stability, strength, and mobility in a fun and supportive environment. Class powered by Basecamp Prevention + Wellness, part of Providence Heart Institute. <https://welcometobasecamp.org/taichi>

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

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

Gentle Yoga
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. • FREE

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

Engineering For Kids

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd.

Junior LEGO Robotics: Wild Animals
July 15 – July 19, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 4-7yrs • \$239

This class is a perfect mixture of fun and learning, using LEGO® WeDo™ Robots. Using LEGO® bricks, students build a Hungry Alligator, Roaring Loin, and Flying Bird. They also learn how to program and operate their creations using a laptop computer.

Electrical Engineering: Circuit Circus
July 15 – July 19, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. • Ages 7-12yrs • \$239

This class is designed to introduce students to the concepts of circuit design, building, and maintenance through various hands-on activities. Students will walk away with an in-depth knowledge on basic circuits.

Junior Mission to Mars
Aug. 5 – Aug. 9, 9 a.m.-noon • Ages 4-7yrs • \$239

Join us for a Mars-themed adventure where you will read stories, learn science, and design engineering solutions for the Red Planet. You will explore topics like aerospace, geologic, and environmental engineering, and use EPK's Engineering Design Process to create orbiters, landers, and more. This camp will fuel your imagination and curiosity about Mars exploration.

Orbiters and Landers (Aerospace Engineering)
Aug. 5 – Aug. 9, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. • Ages 7-12yrs • \$239

Join us for a fun camp where we will explore NASA's amazing Mars missions and learn how orbiters and landers help scientists and engineers. We will also design and build our own STEM projects using the EPK's Engineering Design Process. Get ready for some space adventure!



Tippi Toes Dance Classes

See program descriptions for locations.

Baby Ballet
June 18 -Aug. 27, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. • Tuesday • Ages 2-4yrs • \$165

In this class, children will explore music, movement, balance, and basic dance steps in a welcoming and upbeat atmosphere. Designed for children to engage independently, parents won't be joining them on the dance floor. Instructors will ensure a lively and positive experience, keeping the music and curriculum flowing.

*Location: Sunnyside Grange - 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas, OR 97015

Ballet, Tap & Jazz
June 18 – Aug. 27, 5 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. • Tuesday • Ages 3-5yrs • Ages 6-8yrs • \$165

Three types of dance are incorporated during class time using high-energy music. Students learn choreography to multiple dances throughout the year and get to show off their moves at recital time. Original music separates Tippi Toes® dance classes from all the rest and fun is guaranteed! Students will be grouped by age.

*Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd.

Hip Hop/Jazz Combo
June 20 – Aug. 29, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Thursday • Ages 9-12yrs • \$165

We incorporate a mix of the three types of dance during class time using high-energy music. Students learn choreography to multiple dances and show off their moves at recital time!

*Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd.

Toddler and Me
June 20 – Aug. 29, 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m. • Thursday • Ages 1.5 – 3yrs • \$165

This class includes mom, dad, or another caretaker participating along with the little dancer. Teachers keep the music & curriculum moving while parents actively encourage, support, and keep little dancers on track.

*Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd.

Wild About Tippi Toes Camp
July 22 – July 26, 9 a.m. – noon OR 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Ages 5 – 12yrs • Half Day \$195 • Full Day \$275

This action-packed five-day camp combines high-energy Tippi Toes Dance Classes with wild animal-themed games, crafts, and activities. Campers will learn animal-themed dances for a final performance on the last day of camp!

*Location: Happy Valley Park – Shelter AREA “B”

My Gym in The Park!

Location: Happy Valley Park Gazebo – 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd

Parent & Me Class
10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Session 1: June 21, June 28, July 12 & July 19
Session 2: Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Aug. 16 & Aug. 23
Ages 18 months – 3 ½yrs • Friday • \$90

Join us for a fun-filled class where your child will sing, dance, play games, watch puppet shows, and enjoy "Surprise Time!" They will learn basic tumbling and sports skills, improve their motor abilities, and boost their self-esteem. They will also develop social skills and learn to cooperate with their peers in a positive setting.

Preschool Gymnastics
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Session 1: June 21, June 28, July 12 & July 19
Session 2: Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Aug. 16 & Aug. 23
Ages 3 ½ - 5 ½yrs • Friday • \$90

Join us for a fun program where your child will learn gymnastics, tumbling, and relays. Our teachers will encourage your child to build their strength, flexibility, and agility while boosting their confidence and self-esteem!



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JULY 2024 LIBRARY EVENTS

Please check our website for the most up-to-date hours and services. Library will be closed Thursday, July 4.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND CALENDAR

Due to construction impacts, story times, 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

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!



Explore the neighborhood with a gentle hike led by the Happy Valley Hikers.

Pioneer Park Hike

Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m.

"HV Library-Pioneer Park" is a casual walk from the library, making our way over to Pioneer 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.

Taron Hike

Saturday, July 27, 9 a.m.

"HV Library-Taron" is a casual walk from the library, over to Taron 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.

Opera a la Cart

Wednesday, July 10, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Village Green Park

Inspired by Portland's food cart culture, Opera a la Cart is a mobile performance venue that brings live opera performances directly into the community spaces where people gather. Designed and built by architecture students at Portland State University, the cart features a fold-out stage and a "menu" of operatic specials of the day to be sung by local artists. Free and open to the public.



Adults Programs

Felting Fun!

Saturday, July 13, Village Green Park

For ages 18+. Felt Flowers, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.,
For ages 10-18. Felt Sushi, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Felt artist LeBrie Rich leads two workshops focusing on felted creativity. Registration required: go.lincc.org/hvregister

Youth Programs

Field Days

Tuesdays, July 16, 23, & 30 from 10 a.m.-noon at Damascus Centennial Park

Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, & 31 from 10 a.m.-noon at Village Green Park

Fridays, July 12, 19, & 26 from 10 a.m.-noon at Happy Valley Park

For ages 3-11. Drop in for crafts, coloring and fun field games as we partner with Happy Valley Parks and Recreation!

Library field days1: Join the Library in the park for some outdoor fun each week!



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Journey Under the Sea

Wednesday, July 24, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

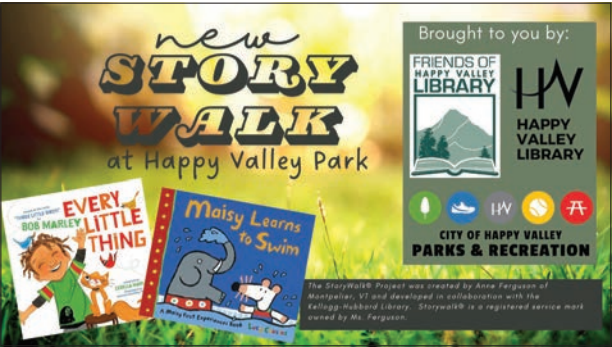
Village Green Park

Dive into an ocean of hands-on science fun while exploring Oregon's underwater environments. Discover the amazing variety of life beneath the waves in beautiful kelp forests or rugged, rocky reefs. Engage in activities and investigations that will inspire you to protect Oregon's diverse ocean habitat.

Presented by the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History. The program is targeted for a family audience with elementary age children and presented by a museum educator. After a short presentation, families can explore activity tables offering hands-on experiences.



The museum visits the Library in this outdoor educational experience exploring the world underwater.



Family Concert: Nathalia

Saturday, July 27, 10:30 a.m.

Village Green Park

Go on a bilingual (Spanish/English) musical adventure with LA based artist Nathalia! Provided by the Friends of the Happy Valley Library.

Storywalk Kick Off

Monday, July 29, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Happy Valley Park

Our new Storywalk is up! Walk along and enjoy the story *Maisy Learns to Swim* by Lucy Cousins at Happy Valley Park, now through August 21. Want to join us to walk/stroll and read the story together? We'll meet at Shelter A (by the big playground) on Monday, July 29, at 10:30 AM to do the Storywalk, then everyone is invited to stay for an activity related to the book.

Summer Reading is happening now at the Library!

Kids, teens, and adults alike can dive into great books and win exciting prizes this summer

Happy Valley 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 5 years of age or younger. Turn in your reading record in August for a free book.



Check out the BINGO booklist using the QR code.



Relax and explore new topics, genres, and worlds with the Summer Reading program.

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. Need help on your BINGO? Check out our special booklists at go.lincc.org/hvBINGObooks.

Learn more at go.lincc.org/hvsrp.

Library concert series returns

Sponsored by the Friends of the Happy Valley Library, this year's summer concert series will have you movin' and groovin' all season long

Concerts in the Park

Fridays, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Village Green Park

Family Concerts

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
Village Green Park

All of the library's summer concerts are made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Happy Valley Library.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Fridays, 6:30-8:30 pm Village Green Park

Boy & Bean July 26	Lisa Mann Trio Aug 2	Son de Cuba Aug 9	greaterkind Aug 16	Mbrascatu Aug 23
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Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and enjoy a music-filled evening!

FAMILY CONCERTS

Saturdays @ 10:30 Village Green Park

Natalia 7/27	Mr. Hoo 8/3
Rock Dojo 8/10	Corey Jenks 8/17
Paradise of Samoa 8/24	Olive & Dingo 8/31

Bring a blanket and get ready to dance for our Saturday morning concert series!

Thanks to our Friends!

Dedicated volunteers provide unwavering support for Happy Valley Library

This spring, metal stands went in the ground at Happy Valley Park, evenly spaced along the walking path. Thanks to the Friends of the Library, who purchased these materials, visitors can now enjoy a story as they walk along the path. Each month library staff will change out the book for readers of all ages to enjoy.

Projects like this and all of the summer programs at the Happy Valley Library wouldn't be possible without the generous support of the Friends of the Happy Valley Library.

The Friends maintain the Book Sale area of the library, going through donations and other materials to sell. If you've ever bought a book from this area, your purchase adds up to a lot of library support! This summer's Friday Night Concerts, Saturday morning Family Concerts, and Teen programs are all funded by the Friends as well.

You can help the Friends of the Library continue their support by visiting the Book Sale area of the Library. While most of our front desk services have moved to the new temporary entrance this summer due to construction, the Friends Book Sale area is open for business at its regular location. Just make your selections and pay as you exit the building.

Thanks, Friends, for supporting the work of the Library!



Don't miss out on great finds in the Book Sale area. Your support helps the Friends of the Library continue their amazing work.

Library construction continues

The library extension is nearing its final stages as the work progresses.

Several construction activities have been ongoing at the Happy Valley Library, including solar panel installation, curtainwall framing and glass installation, sheet rock installation, and plaza demolition. The new concrete ramp and stairs will be finished soon, along with painting and the final work on the first and basement floors.

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. Completion of the library expansion project is anticipated in Fall 2024. Be sure to check out page 3 of this issue to learn more about how you can be part of helping bring this project to fruition. You can also learn more about the expansion project online at www.happyvalleyor.gov/library-expansion or by scanning the QR code with your smart device.



HAN GETS REVENGE

Clackamas senior Lauren Han becomes first two-time girls tennis champ in school history

By JACKSON NAUGLE
Staff Reporter

Last weekend, Clackamas senior Lauren Han got her revenge.

A season ago, Han was upset in the 6A girls tennis singles final by Westview's Neema Feldman, falling 7-5, 6-1 just a year after taking home the title as a sophomore.

So, when the opportunity for redemption presented itself after Han made the singles championship yet again this spring, the senior made sure to seize it.

"Last year, I feel like I just played really tight," Han said. "I definitely felt the pressure, and this year I just managed it better."

On Saturday, May 25, Han played like she had a year of pent-up motivation inside, dominating Jesuit's Carissa Gerung in straight sets at Tualatin Hills Tennis Center.



Clackamas senior Lauren Han competes during the 6A girls singles final at the 2024 OSAA Tennis State Championships at Tualatin Hills Tennis Center on Saturday, May 25.

The Cavalier ultimately triumphed 6-3 in both frames, earning her second 6A singles championship in just three seasons.

"I played (Gerung) in the semis last year, so going into it

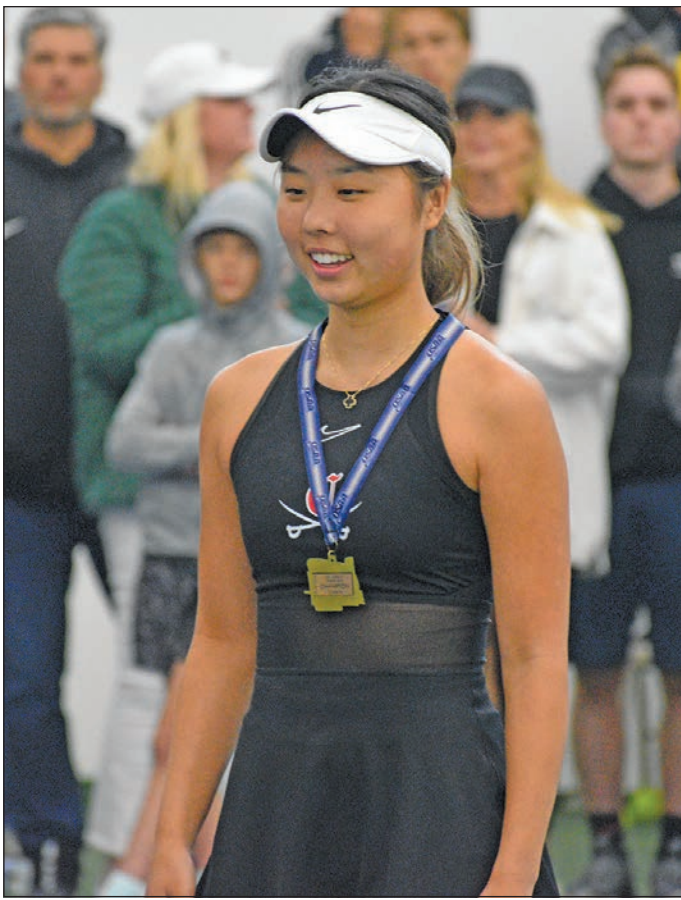
I was feeling confident," Han said. "I just felt like I needed to manage my emotions and not get too tight out there."

With the win, Han became the first two-time girls champion in Clackamas school

history. Meanwhile, her 10 team points — the only points scored by the Cavaliers at the state tournament — were good for a fourth place finish in the team competition.

"It's definitely good to go out on top. There were definitely a lot of emotions today," Han said. "Overall it was a good tournament."

While Jesuit ultimately finished first in the team competition with 16 points, Nelson freshman Sofia Sorokina won her first-round match over McNary's Nicole Schnurbusch, earning the only two points for the Hawks last weekend.



Clackamas senior Lauren Han competes during the 6A girls singles final at the 2024 OSAA Tennis State Championships at Tualatin Hills Tennis Center on Saturday, May 25.

Splash Pad fun!

Break out the flip flops and the swimsuits

City of Happy Valley

The Splash Pad at Happy Valley Park and the sprinkling pad at Village Green Park are officially open!

The water features run daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Labor Day weekend.

If you find the Splash Pad at HV Park not running during these times, double check the timer located on the wall nearest the restrooms.

It will time out periodically if no one is using it but can easily be reset.



Cool down with some sprinkler fun at the Happy Valley Park Splash Pad.

The water features run daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Labor Day weekend.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK SCHOLARSHIP WINERS



Clackamas
High School

Adrienne C.
Nelson HS



Cyrus Ngan
Varsity Swimming
University of Texas
at Dallas

Cyrus Ngan was an outstanding swimmer for the Cavaliers for four years, qualifying for state all four years. He was a leader in the pool for many of the younger swimmers. Along with this, he is was outstanding in the orchestra winning the James DePriest Award for outstanding orchestra student.

Cyrus was also one our Valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Congratulations, Cyrus!

Thank you Sun Glow for the continued support of our athletes!



Kai Miles

Varsity Track & Field
Oregon Institute of
Technology

Kai has maintained a 4.0 GPA and lettered in cross country and track & field all three years that Nelson has been open. He was named 1st Team All MHC and MHC Runner of the Year this past fall. This spring he qualified for the State Championships in the 3000m and placed 15th. Kai will graduate next week and will run at the Oregon Institute of Technology next fall.

Way to go, Kai!

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