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Join the fun at Paws in the Park

Upcoming community event to celebrate your favorite canine companions!

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation invites all pet lovers to Paws in the Park, a family friendly event that will give those beloved pups a chance to shine. This FREE community event is designed to promote responsible pet ownership and will bring educational opportunities and entertainment for residents and their furry friends alike. Event takes place Saturday, May 31 at Happy Valley Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT

Pet Parade

Dress your pet in their most fabulous attire and join the Pooch Parade! Then, watch as pups become superheroes, characters, funny foods, and more. A Best Costume award will be up for grabs. No pet costume? No problem! Come as you are because all pups are encouraged to participate in the procession.

Special Contests
Does your dog have a knack for tricks? Or maybe your pup looks just like you? Enter them into our contests to show off their impressive skills and see how closely they resemble their owner.

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On the fly in Happy Valley

Happy Valley Parks & Recreation to host fly fishing series in partnership with NW Fly Fishing Outfitters taught by two young locals

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Two young Happy Valley locals are casting a new line into the community this spring. Gabe Golobay, 19, and Chloë Courtney, 23, are leading a new Parks & Recreation fly-fishing class designed for beginners, offering both classroom instruction and hands-on river experience.

Raised in Happy Valley and longtime anglers themselves, the two bring a blend of fun, expertise, passion, and environmental awareness to their teaching. With roots planted firmly in the local fly shop—Northwest Fly Fishing Outfitters, owned by city council member and Gabe's father, David Golobay—they're eager to make fly fishing more accessible, engaging, and inclusive for everyone in their hometown.

Chloë started fly fishing at age five with her dad and later earned an environmental science degree from Oregon State University. She's currently organizing a women's fly-fishing group at the fly shop.

"I'm hoping that women in Happy Valley want to come do



PHOTO COURTESY OF GABE GOLOBAY

Meet the instructors: Gabe Golobay, 19, adds enthusiasm and a love for his favorite activity to share with the new class.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHLOË COURTNEY

Meet the instructors: Chloë Courtney, 23, brings passion and fly fishing expertise for the participants of the new class.

"I think, you don't know that [you like it] until you try something new, and I'm excited to see people slowly get more and more into it."

— Chloë Courtney

it," Chloë said. "Just because again, it's a fun thing that I feel like has such a reputation of it being kind of a dude sport, and I think it's fun to get girls out

there."
She's passionate about what fly fishing offers on a deeper level. "It's like you're not thinking of anything else but just being

outside," she said. "And I think that it brings a lot of awareness to how beautiful fish are, and

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Celebrate Mom in Happy Valley

From spa days to wine tastings and boutique finds, Happy Valley businesses are serving up sweet ways to celebrate the moms who do it all

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Mother's Day is right around the corner, and Happy Valley is brimming with thoughtful ways to show appreciation for the amazing women in our lives. Whether you're looking for a relaxing escape, the perfect gift, or a stylish outing, local businesses are offering special experiences that will make this year's celebration one to remember.

Start the day with some well-deserved pampering at **HAVEN OF REST SPA**, where moms can indulge in tranquil massages, rejuvenating facials, and luxurious body

treatments. Known for its serene ambiance and top-tier service, the spa is a local favorite for good reason. This Mother's Day, they're offering special packages curated just for moms—think aromatherapy, soothing scalp treatments, and plenty of time to unwind.

After a morning of relaxation, treat mom to a tasting experience at the **WILLAMETTE VALLEY VINEYARDS TASTING ROOM**, located right in the heart of Happy Valley. The tasting room showcases some of Oregon's finest wines and offers a cozy, elegant setting for sipping and savoring. For Mother's Day, they're hosting a special tasting flight paired with local cheeses and sweet



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Fly

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once you have that connection to being out there, you have a lot of respect for the river and everything.”

Gabe brings his own wealth of experience to the program, having grown up fly fishing with his dad around Happy Valley and the Clackamas River. “It’s something I always did with my family growing up,” he said. “And I just ended up loving it and it became something I wanted to do.” He currently teaches classes at the fly shop and is excited to help others experience the joy of the sport.

“Fly fishing is a time to relax and get out and enjoy being with friends and family for me,” Gabe said. “I don’t even need to catch fish to have a great time on the river.

In partnership with Happy Valley Parks & Recreation, Chloë and Gabe are offering a course tailored for all ages and experience levels, with the hope that more people can discover joy in their favorite pastime. Participants receive both classroom instruction and on-the-water practice, with a focus on safety, technique, and the basics of gear and casting. Small class sizes ensure plenty of personalized support and a welcoming space for beginners and experienced fishers alike. “You’re going to get a lot of one-on-one work in how to understand everything,” Chloë said.

The class is designed to provide a strong foundation for newcomers while helping experienced anglers sharpen their skills. “I feel in fly fishing you could always advance, which is nice,” Chloë said. “You can keep growing, and you’re never going to stop learning things.”

Each course includes two sessions: one classroom-based session held at the Happy Valley Library, and a second hands-on session on the Clackamas River. The \$100 registration fee includes instruction, as well as gear such as waders, boots, fly rods, and reels.

Classes are offered on the following dates:

- **In-Class:** May 28 / **On-River:** May 31
- **In-Class:** June 25 / **On-River:** June 28
- **In-Class:** July 22 / **On-River:** July 26
- **In-Class:** August 20 / **On-River:** August 23



PHOTO COURTESY OF GABE GOLOBAY (from left to right) Gabe and his dad, Happy Valley city council member and owner of NW Fly Fishing Outfitters, David Golobay on the river.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GABE GOLOBAY Gabe (right) standing with a happy student from his class at NW Fly Fishing Outfitters.

Whether you’re a curious beginner or simply looking for a fun, low-pressure way to unplug and explore Oregon’s rivers, this fly-fishing class offers a great opportunity to get outside, learn something new, and connect with nature. With their deep local roots and enthusiasm for sharing the sport, Gabe and Chloë are creating an experience that’s accessible, empowering, and full of heart.

“My favorite part about teaching

anything is seeing people get excited over it because it is really fun,” Chloë said. “I think, you don’t know that [you like it] until you try something new, and I’m excited to see people slowly get more and more into it.”

And the classes are about more than just fishing.

“In Happy Valley, our Parks and Rec fly-fishing classes will be more than just casting lines—they’re about learning together as a community,” said Stephani



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHLOË COURTNEY Chloë on a night fly fishing trip.

Hern, Parks & Recreation Supervisor. “With Chloë and Gabe leading the way, two homegrown guides sharing the rivers and memories that shaped them, they’ll be teaching with a whole lot of local pride!”

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Paws

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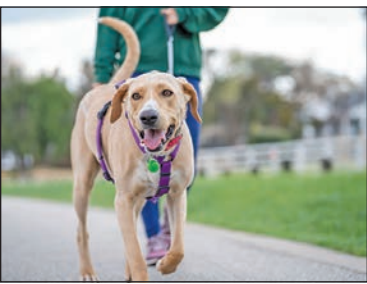
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PAWS IN THE PARK

Paws in the Park is the perfect way to spend a day outdoors with your pet and connect with fellow dog enthusiasts. Dogs are welcome provided they remain on leash unless they utilize Happy Valley Park's designated dog park areas.



Photo Booth

Show your pup some love when you stop by the themed photo booth to capture some special memories.

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Stay on top of your dog's health and safety by making sure they are in compliance with local laws and easily identifiable should they become lost.

Rescue & Adoption

Looking to add a new member to your family? Stop by the Oregon Humane Society and Oregon Dog Rescue booths to view photos of adorable dogs in need of a forever home.

Big thanks to the following community partners for helping make this event possible:

Earthwise Pet Nutrition Center and Wellness Spa,

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Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Food and beverage vendors, Steam-Werkz, Four Corners Grilled Sandwich Co., and Valley Public House will also be on site.

For more details as well as a list of events and activity times, head to hv.city/paws-in-the-park and be sure to follow the City on Facebook and Instagram.

Mom

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of tastes. Whether your mom loves a timeless cardigan, statement earrings, or a cozy candle, you're sure to find something she'll adore. Some boutiques are also offering in-store specials and complimentary gift wrapping throughout the weekend.

If your mom loves nature or is a bird enthusiast, **BACKYARD BIRD SHOP** is a hidden gem. This charming store features a variety of bird feeders, garden décor, and books that will delight anyone with a love for the outdoors. Their friendly team can help you create a custom birdwatching gift set that adds a little joy to her backyard sanctuary.

Finally, for moms who love a good blowout and a little glam, **DRY BAR** is the place to go. Offering signature blowouts, styling, and refreshments in a chic setting, it's the ideal treat before a brunch date or dinner celebration. Consider booking her a spot or surprising her with a gift card—because every mom deserves to feel fabulous.

Whether you're planning a full-day itinerary or looking for a single special stop, Happy Valley's local businesses are making it easy to celebrate moms with style, love, and a little local flair. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

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COUNCIL CORNER

Community center planning continues

Efforts remain robust as future community center takes shape

City of Happy Valley

Last month, the City Council held a joint meeting with the Parks Advisory Committee to discuss the future Community Center. They reviewed the building layout and planned amenities to ensure it continues to align with

community preferences and that it is financially feasible. Behind the scenes, City staff are frequently meeting with the contractor and architect to ensure the project remains in motion. Members of the City’s leadership team are also continuing to tour other community centers in the metro area to explore amenity options and gather insights. In addition, the City is working with financial advisors to prepare for a potential bond



measure that would be referred to the voters in November to cover a portion of the cost for building the Community Center. Over the course of the next few months, City Council plans to hold a few more joint

meetings with the Parks Advisory Committee to continue these important discussions. The site for the future community center and park is located just off Scouters Mountain Rd on the east side of 172nd

Avenue. Groundbreaking for the new community center is expected to take place in spring 2026 with a formal grand opening anticipated by the end of 2027. Learn more about this project at hv.city/community-center.

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 with friends, play, exercise, and enjoy the great outdoors. Each local 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



Members of the Parks Advisory Committee gather for a group photo: From left to right: Glen Sachet, Geri Naumcheff, Naomi Turrentine, Ryan Rudge, Steven Sonk, and Isaac Charlton

Council.

This group makes recommendations to the City Council concerning park properties, potential designs, and other recreational resources. They also 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. Additionally, the committee reviews and processes grants for City managed trails, parks, and open spaces.



Learn more about the City of Happy Valley's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan at www.hv.city/parks-plan or scan the QR code.

This includes the all-access park upgrades at Happy Valley Park, improvements along Mt. Scott Creek Trail, the Veterans Memorial Park, and fire mitigation work.

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

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MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Memorial Day Message

City of Happy Valley

Memorial Day will be observed later this month. This day has significant importance as we remember and honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

I am always moved by the stories of courage and dedication exhibited by our Armed Forces. Their efforts are a testament to the strength and resilience of our nation and their commitment to our country has

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



Tom Ellis

ensured our freedoms and safeguarded our way of life.

As Mayor, I am committed to ensuring that the legacy of our fallen heroes is honored and upheld. I also want to highlight the families who have experienced firsthand the weight of these heroes’ sacrifice.

On behalf of the City of Happy Valley, I extend my deepest gratitude to our servicemen and servicewomen. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your commitment to our



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Located next to City Hall, the Happy Valley Veterans Memorial Park includes a pathway, labyrinth, and plaza, benches, and a breathtaking 10+ foot eagle sculpture comprised of recycled steel from military surplus items and other local metal sources.

country.

For those wishing to honor our fallen heroes, I encourage you to visit the Happy Valley Veterans Memorial Park, located adjacent to City Hall. This is

a wonderful place to peacefully reflect and honor the memory of the brave individuals who sacrificed their lives for our country.

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

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



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Announcing the winners of the If I Were Mayor Contest

City of Happy Valley

On behalf of City Council, we are excited to announce the winners of this year’s If I Were Mayor contest! Adding to the fun this year was Happy Valley’s Youth Council, which helped narrow down our winners.

Congratulations to Jordan Aguilar, a 4th grader from Verne Duncan Elementary (poster category), Vera Davis, an 8th grader from Cedarcrest Homeschool (essay category), and Kelvin Chen, a senior from Clackamas High School (digital media category). The winners have all been notified and will be recognized by the City Council at an upcoming meeting.

If you student submitted a poster and would like to keep it, please email Stephanie Warneke at swarneke@happyvalleyor.gov by Friday, May 9 to arrange pick up from City Hall.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s contest. The City encourages all students in grades 4 through 12 to consider participating next year. Your ideas and creativity just might shape the future of our community.



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s If I Were Mayor contest. Winners will be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting, so stay tuned for photos of the big day.

Parks

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voter-approved parks levy. Most recently, the group has been instrumental in helping support efforts related to the bringing the future Community Center and park to fruition.

Parks Advisory Committee Members:

- Erin Bell
- Ryan Rudge
- Glen Sachet
- Steven Sonk
- Isaac Charlton
- Naomi Turrentine
- Geri Naumcheff
- David Golobay – City Council Liaison
- Chris Randall – City Staff Liaison
- Stephani Hern– 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.

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May 6

■ Joint City Council/ Parks Advisory Committee Work Session: City Hall, 6 p.m.

■ City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

■ City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

May 13

■ Happy Valley Library: **CLOSED** for all staff meeting

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

May 17

■ Happy Valley Fun Run: 8 a.m.-noon, Happy Valley Elementary School, see page 16 for details

May 20

■ Budget Committee Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.

May 21

■ Public Works Community Event: Happy Valley Park, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m., see page 12 for details

May 26

■ Memorial Day: City Hall and Happy Valley Library closed

May 28

■ HVBA Meeting: City Hall, 7:30 a.m.

May 31

■ Paws in the Park: Happy Valley Park, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., see cover page for details

June 3

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

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

June 14

■ Dumpster Day: 8 a.m.-noon at Happy Valley Park, see page 16 for details



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Be wildfire aware and ready

Learn how you can prepare in case wildfire strikes.

Clackamas Fire District #1

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

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

■ Get READY before wildfire happens by protecting



yourself and your property from the threat of wildfire. Begin in the spring by creating defensible space around your home and adjacent property. Defensible space is a 100-foot buffer zone between your home and the surrounding wildland area.

■ Getting SET means creating and preparing your wildfire action plan. The plan will be unique to your family and should include everyone, even your pets. The plan is a check list that includes different evacuation routes and emergency meeting locations.

■ Wildfires are unpredictable, move quickly, and change direction without warning. When wildfire approaches your home, it is time to GO! When you evacuate early,



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

you give your family the best chance of surviving. You also may avoid getting caught in smoke, fire, and traffic jams.

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

The threat of wildfire in our

area is real. By following the Ready, Set, Go program, you can help your family increase their chances of surviving a wildfire emergency. For more information, visit clackamas-fire.com/readysset-go.

Learn more about the City's efforts to mitigate wildfire risk here in Happy Valley and what you can do now to protect your home and family at hv.city/wildfire-resources.

Help protect the community from wildfires

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley has introduced a new Wildfire Risk Reduction Program, thanks to funding from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office and the Oregon Department of Forestry. This program aims to reduce wildfire hazards in the City by clearing flammable debris and creating defensible spaces in previously identified high-risk areas managed by Homeowners Associations (HOAs).

Key components of the program include:

Fire Safety Training: A specialist will train HOA members on defensible space strategies and fire prevention techniques.

HOA Clean-Up Days: Organized by individual HOAs, these events involve residents, city staff, and volunteers working together to clear dry brush, trim vegetation, and remove

invasive plants. Check to see if your HOA has a clean-up day scheduled.

Property Assessments: City staff reassess HOA green spaces to identify necessary improvements following statewide standards.

This program is a crucial step in safeguarding homes and enhancing community resilience against wildfires. Learn more at hv.city/Wildfire-reduction-grant.

REGISTER NOW! Special Wildfire Risk Reduction Training

Join us for a Wildfire Risk Reduction Training on May 7 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. at City Hall. Led by OSFM Wildfire Risk Reduction Specialist Jenn Warren, this session will cover:

- Defensible space best practices
- Strategies for reducing wildfire hazards in HOA-managed areas
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ABOUT US

The Happy Valley Youth Council is an advisory board serving as teen advocates in the community. Youth Councilors collaborate on ideas and information and look to the City Council for mentorship and assistance. The Youth Council encourages community members to join their events and attend their monthly council meetings.

SCANN TO APPLY TODAY!



APPLICATIONS DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 AT 5PM

<https://www.happyvalleyor.gov/city-hall/boards-commissions/youth-council/>



Applications for Happy Valley Youth Council vacancies must be received by Wednesday, May 7 at 5 p.m.

Few spots open as Happy Valley Youth Council seeks new members

The deadline for eligible high school students to apply is Wednesday, May 7

City of Happy Valley

Are you the youth we need? Do you know a teen who loves to be involved or wants to be an advocate for other teens in our community? Applications are now being accepted for teens interested in filling a vacancy on the Happy Valley Youth Council. The applications must be completed and submitted to City Hall by Wednesday, May 7 at 5 p.m. Applicants must be available to attend the May 14 Happy Valley Youth Council interviews in

the evening at City Hall. Each applicant will participate in a panel interview. The 12-member Youth Council works to promote a positive influence for their peer group and their community through safety events and participation in many of the City's community events. Any City of Happy Valley resident teen who will be at the freshman through senior academic level for the 2025-2026 school year is eligible to apply and serve. Visit hv.city/youth-council for the application and more information.

YOUTH POWER IN ACTION!

Happy Valley Youth Council shines at NLC Conference

City of Happy Valley

Each year, the National League of Cities (NLC) brings together youth councils from across the country to collaborate and learn from each other in Washington, D.C. Happy Valley Youth Council (HVYC) got to meet with over 300 other Youth Councils from across the country. The Congressional City Conference Youth Program is peer-led and youth created. Sessions are planned and executed by the youth. There were over 50 Oregon youth delegates that attended this year's conference in March. They workshopped, connected, and shared initiatives they are all working on to help make our communities better.

Thank you to the League of Oregon Cities for helping our youth be successful and organizing our group. This year the Youth Council, City Council, and a few City staff had the honor of visiting with the new Labor Secretary, Lori Chavez-DeRemer. It was a great experience, and we are proud to represent the City



HVYC at the NLC Conference opening general session. PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON DIXSON PHOTOGRAPHY



Creating memories and making history! HVYC at the U.S. Capitol. PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

If you know a high school student in Happy Valley who has strong leadership skills and an interest in community involvement, the HVYC is currently accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. More details about the application process can be found on this page.



Members from the HVYC during an NLC youth workshop. PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY



HVYC, City Council, and City staff outside U.S. Labor Secretary, Lori Chavez De-Remer's Office. PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

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The city is filled with beautiful trees, but they require proper maintenance to ensure their health and safety. In Happy Valley, property owners and residents of HOAs are responsible for taking care of their respective trees, including those in their home's adjacent parking strip along the street and those on HOA property. Doing so prevents overgrowth which can obstruct traffic signs and pathways for pedestrians and service vehicles. It also contributes to the aesthetic appeal of the City's neighborhoods and keeps Happy Valley a desirable place to live and visit.

Community Service Officers monitor compliance of tree maintenance and are tasked with keeping an eye out for safety concerns. To avoid citations, property owners should regularly maintain their trees, as overgrowth can quickly become problematic. If there is a concern and your property's trees pose a safety risk, we will always connect with you first and try to help problem-solve any issues.



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

Do I need a permit to remove a tree on my property?

For general property trees with trunk diameters greater than six inches, a Type A Tree Removal Permit is required and must be secured prior to any tree removal. Street trees, regardless of their size, must not be removed without a Type B Tree Removal Permit from the City. For comprehensive details on tree removal permits and procedures, please visit hv.city/tree-permit.

Get a jump start on yard maintenance NOW!

There will be an opportunity to dispose of yard debris during the City's upcoming Dumpster Day event on Saturday, June 14. A standalone recycling station at Happy Valley Public Works will offer a chance for residents to discard their seasonal yard debris, courtesy of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. Learn more on page 16.

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



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

Street maintenance update | City plans to repair potholes around town

City of Happy Valley

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

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

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

This coming season, the City anticipates repairing potholes along collector roads including William Otty Rd., Misty Dr., and five additional local roads.

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

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Paying it Forward

• From military service to local volunteering, Minh Matthews' journey rooted in gratitude, purpose, and lifelong drive to give back

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Whether through his 24-year military career or his current role in the community, Minh Matthews has dedicated his life to helping others. Driven by the need to “do better and be better,” Matthews’ career reflects a commitment to service in all its forms.

From providing crucial benefits guidance to federal employees to volunteering with the City of Happy Valley, his approach is clear: always move forward and make a meaningful impact. His true passion lies in helping people feel supported, safe, and empowered—an approach that continues to shape his efforts as he seeks to give back to the community in any way he can.

Impacted by 9/11

Matthews joined the Army in the wake of 9/11, wanting to serve his country in a meaningful way. “I joined on October 1, 2001,” Matthews said. “I saw 9/11 happen, and I literally walked into the recruiting office a couple days later.” Wanting to be part of something bigger than himself, he chose to become a combat medic. “My family came over from Vietnam in ’75, and I kind of looked at 9/11 and thought, ‘Why can’t I give the same opportunity that a soldier gave my family? Maybe I can give that to somebody else.’ So that was the breaking point,” he said. “Protect the United States, protect the citizens, and at the same time, maybe do the same thing someone else did for my family—give to somebody else.”

Over the years, he transitioned into roles focused



on recruiting, retention, and human resources, guiding others through their own military journeys and helping them build fulfilling careers. That foundation of care and support became the hallmark of his service, no matter the role he stepped into.

His dedication carried over into his transition to federal work at the Department of Defense in Clackamas after shifting from active duty to the reserves. “In 2012, they got rid of the program I was in, so I went from active duty to reserve status. Then I did two years running Portland Engraving,” he said. “From there, my good friend offered me a position, and that’s when I started working as a federal employee for a while.”

A life of volunteerism

Matthews’ commitment to service extends into years of volunteering with the City of Happy Valley, where he continues to actively contribute. He is also involved in his church. “I volunteer in the kitchen at my church, and I’ve been doing that for a while,” he said. “I also help

manage the kindergarten and first graders to get them prepared for lunch and mass. For him, serving his local community is a natural extension of his lifelong dedication to helping others and a way to continue paying it forward. “It’s so fun helping Happy Valley, and it’s such a privilege for them to allow a volunteer to even do the things that I do,” he said.

Reflecting on his military experience, Matthews is grateful for the many things it brought him. “You can’t define it by one specific thing, but definitely the career progression, the experience, and the support from the Army,” he said. “And the family, the camaraderie, the teamwork, the understanding to fight for the cause—whatever that cause may be.”

Matthews has been recognized with various awards for his service in both the Army, Federal Government President Community Service Award — Bronze in 2014 and the city of Happy Valley, including the Community Service Award in 2018.

He currently serves on active duty at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas as a Careers, Transition & Retention Non-Commission Officer. He also works at the Bonneville Power Administration as an IT Business Specialist, Contracting Officer Representative, and Budget Analyst.

Matthews’ life and career demonstrate an ongoing commitment to serving others, regardless of the role. “Making sure that I continue to do what makes me happy,” he said. “And what makes me happy is making people around me happy, supported, and safe.” Whether through his military service, community involvement, or personal interactions, he is dedicated to creating positive change and encouraging others to do the same.

“There’s always something to do. You can always better yourself, and the military saying is: always move forward no matter what,” he said. “It doesn’t matter if you crawl, walk, or run—just remember to always move forward. Do better, be better.”



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

Highlighting our Heroes

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley would like to recognize our community’s veterans and active military.

To do this, Happy Valley News aims to share the story of people in our community who have served or are currently serving in one of our country’s armed forces each month. We are particularly interested in featuring active-duty military personnel, veterans with recent service roles, and current National Guard servicemen and women.

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 emma.davis@youroregonnews.com

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Happy Valley Parks and Recreation brought excitement this Spring Break with a week full of free, family-friendly pop-up activities across town. Designed to keep kids moving, creating, and connecting with their community, the lineup offered something for everyone—no packing or travel required!

Hoops, hulas, and happiness

The week kicked off with a chance for kids to test their skills with a pop-up basketball net and to show off their hula hoop tricks. Between shots and spins, the RecMobile team made sure everyone had a chance to jump into the action and enjoy before settling into a family movie in the library community room.

Crafty collabs

On Tuesday, the Happy Valley Library once again transformed into a hub for hands-on fun. In collaboration with the Library team, families created colorful buttons and bookmarks to take home. With plenty of supplies and even more imagination, kids crafted keepsakes to remember their Spring Break adventures.

Soccer goals and nothing-but-net moments

Midweek brought a sporty pop-up to Pleasant Valley Villages Park, where kids could practice soccer shots on the green or take aim at free throws on the basketball court. Whether dribbling, kicking, or shooting, there was no shortage of smiles or energy!

Hiking, hunting, and hidden surprises

The great outdoors called later in the week, as families joined the Happy Valley Hikers for a guided trek to Hidden Falls. Not long after, Hidden Falls Nature Park became the site of the final pop-up—a “Spring Things” scavenger hunt! Young explorers scouted the area for hidden illustrations and, upon completing their game boards, chose a prize from the beloved Parks and Rec “Mystery Box.”

Looking back and moving forward

Each day brought something new, and every activity helped bring the community together for shared fun and discovery. Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is grateful for all the families who joined in and made this Spring Break so special.



ROLLING FUN

You can catch the RecMobile crew this summer with free crafts and activities each Monday from July 7 through Aug. 20 at Village Green Park and Wednesdays at Happy Valley Park from 10 a.m.-noon. We can't wait to see you there!



The advertisement for Bliss Roofing is set against a background of a blue sky with soft, wispy clouds. At the top, the company logo features the word "Bliss" in a stylized, cursive blue font with a white outline, positioned above a black silhouette of a house with a chimney. Below the logo, the word "ROOFING" is written in a bold, pink, blocky font with a black outline. Underneath this, the text "Your Preferred Roofer Since 1969" and "Because Experience Matters" is displayed in a black, sans-serif font. A large, bold, black headline reads "FREE ESTIMATES", followed by the phrase "Contact us today!" in a black, italicized, sans-serif font. Below the headline, the phone number "(503) 653-6100" and the website "www.BlissRoofing.com" are listed in a black, sans-serif font. A large circular inset image shows a modern house with a dark roof and large windows, surrounded by greenery and a paved driveway, with a mountain visible in the background under a sunset sky. At the bottom, two columns of services are listed, each preceded by a pink checkmark icon. The left column includes "ROOF REPLACEMENTS", "ROOF REPAIRS", and "NEW CONSTRUCTION". The right column includes "Composition", "Shakes", "Tile", and "Metal".

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Daimler Truck North America and Portland Trail Blazers plant trees in Happy Valley

- Special tree planting event at Happy Valley Park honors environmental commitment

City of Happy Valley

On Apr. 10, Daimler Truck North America, the Portland Trail Blazers, and the non-profit Friends of Trees celebrated 11 years of their 3's for Trees program by hosting a tree planting event at Happy Valley Park.

The program, founded on the shared commitment to environmental sustainability, ensures that trees are planted for every three-point shot made by the Trail Blazers on the court.

Throughout the 2024-25 season, the Trail Blazers program has donated more than 4,500



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Hundreds of trees and native plants were placed in the green spaces nearest the Park's boardwalk.



Over 100 Daimler Truck North America and Portland Trail Blazers employees took part in a special tree planting at Happy Valley Park.

trees between fan participation in the online Hoop Heroes game and the Trail Blazers' 976 three-pointers, totaling 48,708 trees planted since the program's inception. To put those trees into perspective, the program has planted 19 acres of trees, the equivalent of 171 basketball courts. As these plants mature, they will absorb 40 tons of CO2 from the atmosphere and provide enough oxygen for 97,000 people annually, generating clean air for years to come.

Trail Blazers employees, Trail Blazers Forward Kris Murray, representatives, and performance team members joined Daimler Truck employees and Friends of Trees for this special event which aims to strengthen the local tree canopy and replenish native plant species.

Happy Valley celebrates Earth Day and Arbor Day

Volunteer event honors commitment to preserving and expanding the City's tree canopy

City of Happy Valley

The City of Happy Valley is proud to be designated a Tree City USA. For over 20 years, the City has been awarded this designation, a status cities must apply for through the Arbor Day Foundation.

This national program started in 1976 and encourages cities to actively promote and expand tree growth.



On Apr. 19, volunteers gathered for a Friends of Trees event at Village Green Park. The event helped celebrate both Earth Day and Arbor Day and the City's designation as a Tree City USA.

In 2022, City Council adopted a proclamation highlighting the importance of preserving the City's tree canopy. As a result of that proclamation, Apr. 22 is recognized as both Earth Day and Arbor Day in Happy Valley. To commemorate the occasion this year, the City joined community partner, Friends of Trees, to celebrate these special dates on Saturday, Apr. 19 with a special project at Village Green Park. Volunteers helped transport mulch which will help support the growth of saplings that were planted earlier this year.

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City of Happy Valley



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Celebrate National Public Works Week at community event

City of Happy Valley

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

To highlight all the great work of Happy Valley's Public Works team, the City of Happy Valley, in partnership with Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, will hold a community event at Happy Valley Park on Wednesday, May 21. The event encourages residents to meet the Public Works team and learn about what they do. Perfect for little ones, attendees will have

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chocolate pudding "dirt cups," complete with crushed cookies and gummy worms. This event is a great way to connect with the unsung heroes of Happy Valley and applaud their hard work.

Mt. Scott Creek Trail upgrades on track for spring completion

Trail enhancements coming

City of Happy Valley

The Mt. Scott Creek Trail enhancements are progressing smoothly and are anticipated to be fully completed by the end of May 2025.

Located west of SE 129th Ave, this popular trail is known for its forested areas and native plant life. Improvements include new asphalt pathways, a new boardwalk, and a

newly constructed bridge crossing over the creek, all designed to enhance safety, accessibility, and connectivity.

Additionally, ADA upgrades are being implemented to ensure a more inclusive experience for everyone wishing to enjoy the trail's natural beauty and peaceful ambiance.

This project is made possible through a partnership with the Oregon Department of Transportation Community Path Grant, supporting the development of multi-use paths across the state.



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Updates are making headway along Mt. Scott Creek Trail.

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Take the time to show appreciation for your teachers and principal this May!

Showing Appreciation for Our Educators

Happy Valley celebrates the dedicated educators who make a lasting impact in classrooms and beyond

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

National School Principals’ Day on May 1 and National Teacher Appreciation Day on May 6 are special opportunities to thank the principals and teachers who support students, families, and the community.

In the North Clackamas School District and around Happy Valley, teachers and principals for all age groups play an important role in helping students grow, learn, and succeed. They lead with care, creativity, and dedication, whether it’s in the classroom, in the office, or during school events.

Happy Valley schools are filled with staff who go above and beyond to make learning fun, safe, and meaningful. These national days of recognition are a great reminder to say thank you to the educators who work hard all year long.

A simple thank-you note, a kind gesture, or even just a heartfelt acknowledgment can go a long way in honoring the hard work and heart that educators pour into their roles each day.

As we celebrate Principal’s Day and Teacher Appreciation Day, the message across Happy Valley is clear: our schools succeed because of the passionate, dedicated people leading them.

Hitting the Right Notes

Happy Valley Middle School music teacher, Angela Hjertstedt receives OMEA Music Educator of the Year for middle school

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

In a career rooted in passion and the transformative power of music, Angela Hjertstedt has hit a high note. The Happy Valley Middle School music teacher was named the 2025 Oregon Music Education Association (OMEA) Middle School Music Educator of the Year in January—a recognition that celebrates not only her exceptional skill as an educator but also her unwavering dedication to helping students discover their voice. For Hjertstedt, the award is more than a personal milestone; it’s a validation of a life spent inspiring young musicians.

Hjertstedt began her musical journey as a classical pianist, but it was in middle school that she discovered her voice—both musically and personally.

“I’ve been a musician my whole life,” Hjertstedt said. Though she pursued an undergraduate degree in vocal performance, her heart led her to teaching. “I was teaching lessons to get myself through college, and I worked at a children’s theater in Portland and started teaching classes there,” she said. “And I fell in love [with teaching]. I was like, ‘I can’t believe that I could do this for a living.’” She then got her master’s in education at



PHOTO COURTESY OF ANGELA HJERTSTEDT
Angela and her husband Josh at the banquet in January.

Portland State University and began her career in the Centennial School District, later stepping away to raise her two sons before returning to teach in the North Clackamas School District.

Now in her 13th year teaching and 7th at HVMS, Hjertstedt’s dedication was recognized on a statewide level. Nominated by a peer and supported by heartfelt letters from colleagues, Hjertstedt was named the sole recipient of the 2025 OMEA Music Educator of the Year for middle school in the state of Oregon. “[When I found out I won] I was in shock and disbelief,” she said. “I thought, ‘Well, maybe I’m not nominated,’ but [the email] said, ‘You have won an award,’ and also, I didn’t know what [award] it was until we were there, until they announced it.”

At the state banquet where she received the

recognition, she was joined by several special guests, including a former student, Bethea, who has since become a music educator herself—a moment that highlighted the deep and lasting impact Hjertstedt has had throughout her career.

“She was in middle school at Centennial and went into education, and she always says, ‘It was in your classroom that I realized I want to do this with my life,’” she said. “And so she came and was there, and that was so special.”

Hjertstedt’s teaching focuses on helping students find their unique passion and spark, both in music and in life. “My goal and my passion and my desire is that every student that comes into my classroom would discover their voice,” she said. She creates a supportive environment where students can build confidence and

feel encouraged.

“In my general music class, we do like one singing unit, but so many kids never knew they could sing, and they try it and they fall in love,” she said. “We did this [optional] concert in March and I probably had 40 kids volunteer. They showed up and performed in front of a packed gym, and the parents came up to me afterward—some just like in tears—‘I didn’t know my kid could sing.’”

“Like those things,” she said. “I can’t imagine not having that.”

Receiving the award has renewed Hjertstedt’s motivation, reminding her of the impact she has on her students and the importance of her work. “I have more passion now than ever after having this recognition, and I guess it’s just validation that I am on the right path and I’m doing the right thing,” she said. “It doesn’t take an award to feel that; getting up and doing it every day is worth it, but you never know what could be coming your way.”

As she continues her work at Happy Valley Middle School, she remains committed to inspiring her students, helping them discover their voices, and making a lasting impact—one student at a time. “I’m gonna keep doing that every day,” she said. “Show up [for my students], do my best, and just give it my all.”

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ONTO SOMETHING BIGGER

Cece's Gyros expands with a new food truck, powered by community love and flavor

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Cece's Gyros started as a casual Saturday endeavor at the Happy Valley Farmer's Market, never meant to become a full business, but with community support, the power of food, and determination, Elias Nomie made it a reality.

It all began in 2017 when Nomie's mom, Nancy, and aunt Jennifer started serving their homemade dishes at the Happy Valley Farmer's Market. In 2018, they rebranded as Cece's, named after Elias's younger sister Celine. After graduating from Portland State University in 2020, he continued to pitch in while working a corporate job, but by the end of 2021, he made the leap to join Cece's full-time. With a new food truck on the way and plans for expansion, Cece's has grown into a family-powered business, rooted in tradition and



Coming soon: Elias Nomie takes Cece's Gyros to the streets of the community with their new food truck opening soon!

community.

While Cece's began as a small thing at the market, it has grown into something beyond anything Nomie and his family ever intended and imagined. "It was really just sharing what she loved to do, which was cooking and her food," Nomie said. "But the response from the community was overwhelming. I mean, people kept coming back, telling their friends; it became clear that we had something special." Nomie's involvement began early,

helping out from time to time while he was still in college.

After graduating, he continued to help out, but something shifted within him that led him to leave his full-time job; though the decision was challenging, he felt a strong connection to the business and saw its potential to grow into something more. "Watching how people connected with our food really inspired me," he said. "Seeing the joy and the compliments and the smiles from people

Seeing the joy and the compliments and the smiles from people that they gave my mother and our business, I knew that there was potential to create something bigger."

— Elias Nomie

that they gave my mother and our business, I knew that there was potential to create something bigger." This inspiration fueled his decision to fully commit to Cece's.

Cece's Gyros has grown steadily through local events, other markets, word-of-mouth, and a commitment to consistent, high-quality food, and incomparable service. "We don't just cook, we enjoy sharing our heritage and our family's love for food," he said. "Our quality ingredients, fresh cut vegetables, everything. We make sure that everything is served with the same care as if we were serving our family at home." While the journey hasn't been without its challenges, the overwhelming support from the Happy Valley and Gresham

communities has been a big driving force behind the business's evolution, something Elias feels deeply grateful for. "[The support] has meant everything, everybody in the community has been like an extreme blessing to be a part of those communities," he said. "The Happy Valley community and the Gresham Barlow community specifically, we would not be here nowhere near as what we are today if it wasn't for them."

As Cece's grew, more and more customers at the various markets and events were asking the same question that prompted Nomie to take the business even further. "The number one question we got asked is: 'where are you located?'" "Where are you located?," he said. He was then driven to fulfill

the customers requests and follow his vision to bring Cece's beyond the markets: buying their first food truck at the end of last year.

As Cece's Gyros moves into this new adventure with the food truck, the opportunity to increase visibility and provide a more permanent presence for customers is a significant milestone. The food truck not only brings their beloved dishes to a wider audience, but also gives Nomie and his family a chance to share them with the community that has supported them from the beginning. "It means the world. I can't thank them enough," he said. "I wish I could shake each one's hand and tell 'em thank you for supporting."

Looking ahead, his long-term vision is to expand Cece's with more trucks and grab-and-go spots, all while ensuring that the magic, love, and warmth that started it all remains at the heart of everything they do.

Welcome to Happy Valley

New businesses celebrate

City of Happy Valley

Did you know the Mayor, City Council, and members of the Happy Valley Business Alliance (HVBA) frequently partake in ribbon cutting ceremonies as a way to officially welcome new businesses to the City? For over 15 years, the City has

been offering this opportunity as a way to engage new businesses and connect residents to some of the best spots in town.

By partnering with the Happy Valley Business Alliance to offer commemorative ribbon cutting ceremonies, the City aims to celebrate one slice of the American Dream.



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NCEF Receives \$75,000 Donation

The North Clackamas Education Foundation receives a \$75,000 donation to support the Wichita Emergency Housing Fund.

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

The North Clackamas Education Foundation (NCEF) received \$75,000 from the City of Milwaukie in critical support to the Wichita Emergency Housing Fund, providing relief for an estimated 100 local families facing housing instability.

The funding was facilitated by NCEF, a non-profit organization that serves more than 17,000 students across 32 schools in the North Clackamas School District. In addition to offering student scholarships and educator grants, NCEF operates programs that provide food and essential resources to families in need.

The Wichita Center for Family and Community, which will receive the funds, is a central resource hub for families in the North Clackamas and Happy Valley areas. The center offers services such as a food pantry, clothes closet, dental care, and after-school programs, as well as emergency housing assistance to those experiencing financial hardship.

In December 2024, NCEF Executive Director Stephanie Rose brought attention to the urgent need for additional support for the Wichita Emergency Housing Fund.

The \$75,000 donation will be used to provide emergency financial support to help families remain housed during times of crisis. The support comes at a crucial time, as more families face financial challenges related to rising housing costs and limited access to affordable housing options.

This partnership NCEF reflects a shared commitment to supporting families and ensuring they have access to stable housing and essential services. The donation is expected to serve as both a lifeline for those in need and a model for future collaboration between local government and community organizations.

The Wichita Emergency Housing Fund plays a key role in preventing homelessness and helping families regain stability. This contribution marks a significant step in addressing the growing needs of vulnerable families throughout the North Clackamas region.

10 Days of Literary Fun

Oregon Trail hosts a two week literacy celebration with fun activities and a special guest

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

What began as a single evening event last year blossomed into a fun, 10-day celebration at Oregon Trail Elementary. Building on the success of last year's Literacy Night, the school expanded its commitment to reading with a full Literacy Week filled with themed spirit days, a returning author visit, a lively, family-centered evening of activities, and a new reading challenge launched by the Portland Pickles baseball team. With strong support from the school's PTO and enthusiastic participation from students, the event proved that a love for books is not only alive—but thriving—throughout the Oregon Trail community.

At Oregon Trail Elementary, this year's Literacy Week was an exciting event that brought the whole school together with fun activities. "So this year we had a two week literacy week with fun themes and things for the kids," Oregon Trail teacher Gretchen Rowland-Horrigan said. "And it was so exciting to see that what was just literacy night last year became

a 10-day literacy celebration this year." From March 17th to March 21st, students and staff took part in a series of daily themed spirit days, each meant to make reading more enjoyable and interactive. Each day of the week had its own unique theme to encourage student participation and enthusiasm.

The week started on Monday with "Books Knock Our Socks Off," where everyone wore crazy socks. Tuesday's theme, "Reading is Better with a Buddy," had kids bring their favorite stuffed animals. On Wednesday, "Books Bring Us Together" encouraged each grade to wear a specific color, creating a rainbow effect. Thursday's theme, "Books Bring Out Our Wild Side," was all about animal prints and animal-themed clothing. The week ended on Friday with "Books Boost Our Imagination," where students dressed as their favorite book characters for a fun parade.

However, the biggest highlight was the visit from Dillon the Pickle, the Portland Pickles mascot, who helped launch the Pickles Reading Challenge. "[The team] came out and they gave this assembly encouraging kids to read and if they met their goals, each goal could be individualized, which was really cool," she said. "If the kids met their goals and made a home base, then they got tickets to a Pickles game." The challenge allowed students to set their own



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRETCHEN ROWLAND-HORRIGAN
The 10 day event also included a literacy night where there were plenty of literacy related activities.

reading goals making it fun and motivating for everyone.

In addition to the spirit activities and the reading challenge, the school also hosted Literacy Night where they welcomed author Aron Nels Steinke to present his new graphic novel Speechless. During the event, families enjoyed a book exchange, decorated bookmarks, and learned about local resources available to support reading. Local groups, such as the Clackamas Bookshelf, also contributed to the event by giving books, which were then shared with students.

The Oregon Trail PTO played a big role in organizing the daily themed activities and ensuring that every aspect of the event

ran smoothly and everyone was having a good time. "Our PTO kind of went above and beyond this year and it was so amazing," she said. "I felt really appreciative of them because they were so willing to put in so much energy to take it from just being a one night thing to being a week-long celebration."

What made this year's Literacy Week so special was the incredible support from the whole community all came together to make it a memorable event. "I really hope this is the beginning of a great thing," she said. As this tradition continues to grow, it's clear that the collective efforts of the school community are vital in inspiring a love of books that will last well beyond the classroom.

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

Please note: There are some items that cannot be accepted, so residents are encouraged to visit the event's official webpage at hv.city/dumpster-day for a complete list of what to expect before heading to the event.

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

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

Yard Debris Drop at Public Works

■ As an additional courtesy, the City's Public Works team will offer a special station, so residents can dispose of leaves, grass clippings, and branches at the Public Works building for free recycling. Please note that the Public



Save the date for Dumpster Day! This popular City event gives residents the chance to dispose of a variety of items all in one place. Volunteers will be on hand to help residents unload items and keep the line moving.

Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgcrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. It will not be a station along the regular Dumpster Day route, so make sure you allow some additional time to visit that location in the event you have



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

In honor of our Flag

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

■ **Please note:** Due to collection volume and space limitations, this event is limited to Happy Valley residents. (97086 zip code is not always within City boundaries. Please bring your I.D. for address verification within City boundaries.) For more information about this and to confirm your address is within City limits, head to hv.city/address-check.

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

Last call to register for for Happy Valley Elementary's Fun Run



City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Fun Run is just a few weeks away! This popular event encourages adults and kids alike to lace up their running shoes and help support programs for local students. This year's run is scheduled for Saturday, May 17.

The race, organized by

Happy Valley Elementary School's PTO, is a professional event, complete with race shirts, timing chips, and sponsor booths.

Participants can choose from three events which include a kids' one-mile dash, a 5k run/walk, or a 10k run.

The kids dash will begin at 8:15 a.m. while the 5k and 10k races will begin at 8:45 a.m.

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

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Celebrating National Provider Day

Happy Valley Preschool and Childcare Center highlights its longtime role in supporting local families and growing with the community.

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For Happy Valley News

On the Friday before Mother’s Day, many communities around the country will celebrate National Provider Appreciation Day, where both child care providers and educators alike will be at the forefront of gratitude for many families who seek that extra bit of help or attention for their children.

Amongst many local provider services is Happy Valley Preschool and Childcare Center (HVPCC), located off 145th and resting just behind Happy Valley Park. It is here where parents can entrust a wide range of professionals to assist their children in a variety of programs, including programs designed for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and even those potty-training.

We spoke with Director of HVPCC Jill Hensley to learn more about this storied local business.

“My mom and grandmother started the preschool when I was one in 1990,” says Hensley. “There’s been lots of additions since we’ve started but originally we were just a preschool.”

Hensley, who has worked at HVPCC since high school, started as a sub when her own



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Happy Valley Preschool and Child Care — A place welcome to all children

daughter turned one, slowing working her way up to the role of Director over time.

“I didn’t really expect to love this job as much as I did,” says Hensley.

Hensley went on to share just what makes HVPCC so special.

“We’re located at an amazing spot in our community being connected to Happy Valley Park,” says Hensley. “We take nature walks and visit the duck ponds, for example. Our actual property is five-acres so we have an apple orchard we visit in the fall.

These days, given that many families require both parents working full time to provide for their family, what once was a luxury service has now become a necessity for many.

“We used to only have seven classes in one of our buildings so now we have eight,” says Hensley.

“We also grew our after school program as well, a program we had actually stopped but brought back to help out dual income families. We’ve also gotten more teachers to help accommodate bigger classrooms.”

Hensley also touched on HVPCC’s place in the community and what she’s seen over the years from her role.

“We have such an amazing staff and, for the most part, the parents have been amazing as well,” joked Hensley. “We’re so grateful for our families and we believe in full transparency with the parents who trust us to take care of their kids. We’re all a team here and we try to make the parents feel part of that team. I see parents today who I actually went to preschool with so it’s so cool to see this business become multigenerational.”

Clackamas County Kids Camp Expo Brings Summer Planning to Life

Local vendors unite to offer parents a one-stop shop for summer activity scheduling

City of Happy Valley

Families gathered at the Happy Valley Library on Apr. 5 for the Clackamas County Kids Camp Expo, a community-driven event designed to connect parents with local summer camp programs. With more than 30 vendors on site, attendees explored a wide variety of opportunities—from sports camps and outdoor adventures to STEM and creative arts camps—all under one roof.

“The Summer Camp Expo was the result of months of collaboration and planning among local small businesses, all united by a shared goal—to work together instead of alone,” said Janice Kiser, owner of Venvino Art Studios and one of the Expo’s organizers. “By pooling marketing resources and efforts, we created a collective platform to connect directly with families, amplifying our impact far beyond what any one of us could achieve individually.”

The atmosphere was festive and family-friendly, with interactive booths, hands-on activities, and a surprise visit from Kona Shaved Ice, offering sweet treats to visitors throughout the day. The event struck a unique balance between fun and function, giving parents a convenient way to explore summer options while kids got a taste of what’s ahead.

“Organizing the Clackamas County Kids Summer Camp Expo was an incredible experience,” said Hailey Fowler, owner of Kidokinetics and an organizer of the Expo. “I loved collaborating with other passionate local



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business owners to bring something meaningful to our community. As the owner of Kidokinetics, it was especially rewarding to see families discover new ways to keep their kids active and engaged this summer. The turnout was amazing, and it truly felt like a celebration of what makes Clackamas County such a vibrant place for kids to grow and play.”

Organizers expressed excitement about the future of the expo and the potential for continued community collaboration in the years to come. If you’d like to learn more about this event and stay in the loop for next year, visit www.clackamascountykids.com. Join the newsletter to receive the latest updates and exclusive offers. Be part of our community and never miss out on the exciting opportunities for your kids and family.

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CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY PARKS & RECREATION

EXCURSIONS

Field Trip Fridays

Field trips depart from Happy Valley City Hall 16000 SE Misty Dr. Enjoy a new experience and leave the driving to us! Hop on the RecMobile to enjoy an afternoon exploring a handful of Oregon's social, educational, and inspiring gathering spots, all while getting to know members of your community! Spots are limited. To check out featured field trips, visit hv.city/parks.



Salmon River Trail Hike

May 9, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+
\$15-Resident / \$22.50-Non-Resident
Join us in hiking a 5-mile section of the beautiful Salmon River Trail outside Welches. This stunning trail rambles along the pristine Salmon River through lush old growth forest in the Huckleberry-Salmon Wilderness on Mt Hood. Pack a picnic or save your appetite for lunch at Barlow Trail Roadhouse after our hike.



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Birdie Bungalow Build

Location: Scouter's Mountain Nature Park 11000 S.E. Honorable Way
May 16, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • Friday • \$20 • All Ages
*Minors must be accompanied by a registered adult.
Participate in a unique workshop that combines art and nature. Gather under the picnic shelter at Scouter's Mountain Nature Park with your friends and neighbors, and let your imagination run wild as you build and decorate your very own birdhouse while learning about the species of birds that call Happy Valley home. Children 8 years old and younger FREE with a registered adult, and will get to decorate their own craft birdhouse.



Best Buddies – Community Information Session

Location: Happy Valley Library – 13793 SE Sieben Park Way
May 29, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. • Thursday • FREE • All Ages
*Registration Required.
We are excited to partner with Best Buddies, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating inclusive opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This informational session is the perfect opportunity to learn more about Best Buddies' mission, programs, and how you can get involved in fostering meaningful friendships, leadership development, and employment opportunities for people with IDD. Whether you're a community member, educator, student, or business leader, we invite you to join us to discover how we can work together to create a more inclusive world. Come with your questions, meet like-minded individuals, and find out how you can make a difference! *We are offering a staff-supervised breakout space available for children in attendance for this event. If you'd like to utilize this service, please list names and ages upon registration. Thank you! *

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Babysitter Training Course

Location: Happy Valley City Hall – 16000 SE Misty Dr.
June 20, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. • Friday • Ages 10 – 16
Resident \$50 / Non-Resident \$75
Our in-person babysitter classes give you access to the latest information on childcare, offer tips, and can answer all your questions so that you're ready to start your own babysitting business. With lectures and class activities, these courses are engaging, informative and fun. Topics covered include Basic Care for Infants and Children, Basic First Aid, Child Behavior, Age-Appropriate Activities, Emergency Protocols, Professionalism, Leadership, and Growing Your Business. *Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org



SPORTS



Skyhawks Sports Camps

See online listings for program locations.

Tennis

Thursdays, May 1 – May 29 • \$75
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • Ages 6-8
4:40 p.m.-5:40 p.m. • Ages 9-12
Serve up fun with Skyhawks Tennis! This program elevates tennis skills by focusing on the techniques of forehand, backhand and scoring while utilizing practice sessions and match play to develop consistent, well-rounded players. Each session also fosters personal growth, emphasizing sportsmanship and perseverance.

Basketball

Saturdays, May 3 – May 31 • 10:40 a.m.-11:40 a.m.
\$75 • Ages 6-12
Dribble, shoot, score with Skyhawks Basketball! Perfect for developing athletes, this program sharpens passing, shooting, and dribbling skills, emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants develop defensive and rebounding abilities in a dynamic setting that promotes personal and athletic growth. Get involved and make a difference on and off the court!



Soccer Shots Clinics

Location: Happy Valley Park - 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.
Soccer Shots logo.

Soccer-Mini

Thursdays, Mar. 20 – May 29
3:30 p.m.-4 p.m. • Ages 2-3
Saturdays, Mar. 15 – May 17
4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m. • Ages 2-3 • \$210
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.



HoopsterTots (Grasshoppers)

Saturdays, May 3 – May 31 • 9 a.m.-9:40 a.m.
\$75 • Ages 2-3
Discovery the joy of basketball with HoopsterTots! This fun program focuses on dribbling, shooting, passing, and teamwork using adjustable hoops for age-appropriate challenges. Join HoopsterTots to shoot and score foundational skills! Parent participation is required with children 3.5 years and younger.

HoopsterTots (Kangaroos)

Saturdays, May 3 – May 31 • 9:50 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
\$75 • Ages 4-5
Discovery the joy of basketball with HoopsterTots! This fun program focuses on dribbling, shooting, passing, and teamwork using adjustable hoops for age-appropriate challenges. Join HoopsterTots to shoot and score foundational skills! Parent participation is required with children 3.5 years and younger.



ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Engineering For Kids Classes

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex - 12915 SE King Rd.
Full Day Hours: 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Noon-12:30 p.m. is supervised lunchtime for Full Day Students)
Engineering For Kids logo.



Week 1:

Junior Civil Engineering: Fun Foundations

June 16 – June 20 • 9 a.m.-noon
Monday – Friday • Ages 4-7
Half Day Tuition: \$279 • Full Day Tuition: \$439
Building a house to withstand the Big, Bad Wolf is where the fun begins in Junior Civil. This class is centered on exploring the concepts of building and construction through hands-on exploration and design. Students explore the engineering behind skyscrapers, bridges, roads, and more in this fun and engaging experience.

Junior Scratch and MaKey MaKey: Musical Adventures

June 16 – June 20 • 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday • Ages 4-7
Half Day Tuition: \$279 • Full Day Tuition: \$439
When your favorite song comes on the radio do you sit quietly or do you dance around and

Soccer-Classic

Thursdays, Mar. 20 – May 29
4:15 p.m.-4:50 p.m. • Ages 3-4
Thursdays, Mar. 20 – May 29
5:05 p.m.-5:45 p.m. • Ages 4-5
Saturdays, Mar. 15 – May 17
3:55 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • Ages 3-4
Saturdays, Mar. 15 – May 17
3 p.m.-3:40 p.m. • Ages 4-5
\$220
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, Mar. 20 – May 29
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Ages 5-6
Saturdays, Mar. 15 – May 17
2 p.m.-2:45 p.m. • Ages 5-6
\$230
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.

Kidokinetics

Location: Pleasant Valley Villages Park - 12254 SE Falling Rain Way
Kidokinetics logo.

Sportsplay Clinic

Sundays, Apr. 6 – June 1 • 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. (no class Apr. 20) • Ages 3-7 • \$89/month, or \$178 total
A fun introduction to sports designed to help kids get moving and build confidence! Each week features a warm up, an introduction to a new sport or activity, free play, cool down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Northwest Fly Fishing Outfitters Classes

See program descriptions for locations.

Intro to Fly Fishing

Session 1: In Class - May 28
On River – May 31
Session 2: In Class – June 25
On River – June 28
Session 3: In Class – July 22
On River – July 26
Session 4: In Class – Aug. 20
On River – Aug. 23

Ages 18+ • \$100 - *Includes one class session, waders, boots, reels, & fly rods
This class is designed to introduce participants to the fundamentals of fly-fishing, providing them with a solid foundation to enjoy and excel in this rewarding sport. Unlike typical casting classes, our course covers a wide range of topics essential for beginners. The course will be split into two types of sessions: one that takes place in the classroom and one that is on-site. The classroom session will involve instruction, discussions, and activities to prepare you for the on-river session which will provide a hands-on experience where you can apply what you've learned in a practical setting. No prior experience is necessary; all skill levels are welcome.



engineers students will discover the coral reefs and create a model of a food chain. Students will use mechanical engineering skills to design and create different modes of transportation, such as a getaway vehicle for the heroine Kate and a wagon for the princess. Lastly, as civil engineers students will construct a bridge for the Billy Goats to quietly cross and a tower for Rapunzel. Students will engage with engineering concepts using a hands on approach to help better understand the Engineering Design Process.

Junior LEGO Robotics: Wild Animals

June 23 – June 27, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Monday – Friday • Ages 4-7 • \$439
Students will explore a few fairy tales from different points of view and engage in activities to investigate solutions for each fairy tale's obstacles. Students will explore several different areas of engineering skills. As environmental

play the air drum solo? In Musical Adventures With Scratch and Makey Makey, we are going to explore how different sounds are created and we will create our own interpretations of common musical instruments like drums, piano, guitar, and even a recorder, and we will create our very own dancing program, all through the use of Makey Makey and Scratch to bring our music to life! The last day will end with a bang, or at least a really great mini concert from all of our students!

Week 2:

Jr. Twisted Fairytales

June 23 – June 27, 9 a.m.-noon
Monday – Friday • Ages 4-7
Half Day Tuition: \$279 • Full Day Tuition: \$439
Students will explore a few fairy tales from different points of view and engage in activities to investigate solutions for each fairy tale's obstacles. Students will explore several different areas of engineering skills. As environmental

FINE ARTS

Venvino Art Studios – In-Studio Classes

Location: Venvino Art Studios 13329 SE Misty Dr.
May 18, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. • Sunday
Ages 12+ • \$35
This course will introduce students to fundamental acrylic painting techniques. They will learn how to work with different brush types, layering methods, and color mixing to enhance their paintings.
Venvino Art Studios logo.



Fused Glass Jewelry

Location: Happy Valley Park, Shelter Area B - 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.
Tuesday • June 10 & June 17 • 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Ages 12+ • \$110
Design and create your own fused glass jewelry in this hands-on, two-part class. Make a variety of pieces, including pendants, rings, brooches, earrings, and pins, while exploring glass layering techniques, etching on dichroic and irized glass, and experimenting with chemical reactions for unique effects. You'll also learn finishing techniques to transform your pieces into polished, wearable art.
Fused glass jewelry examples.



Tippi Toes Dance Classes

See program descriptions for locations.
Tippi Toes logo.
Parents Night Out
Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex 12915 SE King Rd.
May 9, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. • Friday • Ages 5-12
\$45; \$5 sibling discount
A parents' night out to give moms a well-deserved night off to relax and recharge! Kids will dance, play games, craft a sweet gift for Mother's Day, and have a pizza party with Tippi Toes.

Baby Ballet

Mondays, Mar. 17 - June 2 • 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex 12915 SE King Rd.
Tuesdays, Mar. 18 – June 3 • 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Location: Sunnyside Grange - 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd
Ages 2-4 • \$225
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.



Toddler and Me

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex 12915 SE King Rd.
Thursdays, Mar. 20-June 5 • 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
Ages 1.5-3 • \$225
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.



Ballet, Tap & Jazz

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex - 12915 SE King Rd.
Tuesdays, Mar. 18 - June 3
5 p.m.-5:45 p.m. • Ages 3-5
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Ages 6-8
Thursdays, Mar. 20 - June 5
6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Ages 3-5

WILD About Tippi Toes Summer Camp

Location: Happy Valley Library 13793 SE Sieben Park Way
June 25 - June 27 • 9 a.m.-noon
Wednesday - Friday • Ages 3-6 • \$155
Lions and Tigers and Bears...OH MY! Embark on an adventure by dancing through the jungle in this dance camp. Dancers will stomp like elephants, be swinging through the trees like monkeys, and running in the sun like the wild animals of the safari. With animal crafts, songs, and wildly fun activities, it's sure to be a roaring good time!



Providence's Basecamp Prevention + Wellness

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

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (Beginners)

Tuesday/Thursdays
8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
FREE
This introductory class welcomes those wishing to learn the initial forms of the Tai Chi practice with a desire to gain confidence, stability, strength, and mobility in a fun and supportive environment. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichibeginners



Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

Tuesdays/Thursdays • 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
FREE
Participants will build upon their knowledge from our Tai Chi Beginners class and continue to gain confidence, stability, strength, and mobility in a fun and supportive environment. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichi



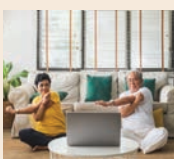
Chair Yoga

Tuesdays/Thursdays • 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
FREE
A wonderful chair-based yoga practice for those who prefer to stretch and move their bodies while staying off the floor. Classes combine gentle movement and intentional breath in both seated and standing poses. www.welcometobasecamp.org/chairyoga



Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays • 10 a.m. • FREE
The practice of gentle yoga combines mindful movement and breath with standing, seated, and restful floor-based practices to nourish the body, mind, and heart. www.welcometobasecamp.org/taichi





MAY 2025 LIBRARY EVENTS

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, May 13 and Monday, May 26. Please visit go.lincc.org/hvupdates for any additional impacts.

REPAIR FAIR



Bring your items in for repair instead of replacing and reduce waste at the upcoming Repair Fair!

Repair Fair Returns!

By City of Happy Valley

In partnership with Clackamas County Sustainability & Solid Waste, the Happy Valley Library is excited to offer a repair fair. This free community event brings together skilled volunteers and people with broken items. On Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the

public can bring in the following items for repair:

- Clean clothes and textiles
- Small home appliances
- Small electronics.

Multiple items can be brought in, but they will be worked on one at a time. For more information and to inquire if an item can be repaired, please email sustainability@clackamas.us.



Books for Mental Health

By City of Happy Valley

May is designated Mental Health Awareness Month. Its purpose is to raise awareness, fight stigma, and advocate for policies that support the millions of people in the U.S. affected by mental illness.

To highlight Mental Health Awareness month, we have pulled

together lists of mental health resources including self-help guides, novels, nonfiction, memoirs, graphic novels, trusted websites, and help lines. Please note that these resources are not meant to substitute for professional medical diagnosis and treatment. Find a display in the Library or explore the online booklists at go.lincc.org/hvmental-health.

Library Board Welcomes Two New Members

By City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Library Board recently welcomed two new members to the group this year: Shandra Ban and Michelle Berry. Library Director, Sarah Roller commented, “We are grateful for their commitment and enthusiasm in supporting the library’s mission to provide and promote informational, educational, cultural, and recreational materials, and resources to enhance the economic, social and

cultural vitality of the community.”

Shandra has lived in the Happy Valley area with her family for the past nine years. She enjoys hiking, skiing and playing board games. She works for a nonprofit organization and is passionate about giving back to her community. Her love for books and appreciation for all the library’s services inspired her to join the board and support its mission.



Shandra Ban



Michelle Berry

Michelle lives in Damascus with her family, who enjoy attending concerts, sporting events, and traveling. An avid reader, Michelle has always had a strong appreciation for the library and joined the Library Board because she believes in the important role the library plays in the community. She’s excited to help support its programs and events.

Teen intern shares her passion for community and inclusivity

By City of Happy Valley

Meet Nineth Gonzalez, Happy Valley Library’s current Intern! Nineth is a 17-year-old Senior at Rex Putnam High School with a passion for community and inclusivity, which led her to apply for the internship. Throughout her time at the library, she helped by leading teen volunteers, assisting during events and programs, gathering and preparing supplies for staff, and dressing the library’s very own Gladys the Goose.

“I loved getting to meet new people and create meaningful memories for patrons at the library. As a creative person, I especially enjoyed the creative freedom I was given, such as creating posters for the teen area and creating prompts for the children’s art wall,” shared Nineth.

As a Latina, Nineth also enjoyed being able to share her culture with

the community with events such as Día de Los Muertos and Talavera painting. “I am grateful for the support and welcoming nature of the Happy Valley Library staff for making me feel equal and part of the team,” remarked Nineth.

“Nineth brings such positivity to her work with the Library,” shared Librarian and mentor Anna Bruce. “She approaches tasks and projects with thoughtfulness and creativity, which is fantastic for building her skills and supporting our work!”

Outside of the internship, Nineth enjoys watching and performing in live theater, singing in her school’s choir, and cozying up with a book by candlelight after a long day. As a Senior, Nineth has had to balance her academics, extracurricular activities, and the internship. Nineth noted, “With the encouragement and support of the staff I was able to manage everything with ease and



PHOTO COURTESY OF NINETH GONZALEZ

School year teen intern Nineth Gonzalez shares her enthusiasm and creativity with the Happy Valley Library.

am grateful to have been given flexibility during my busy schedule.”

One of her last tasks as the school year intern will be to help onboard the summer teen intern. After four interns, the program is going strong, providing a job opportunity for an area teen and bringing much needed help and energy to the services and programs offered by the Library.

Summer at the library

By City of Happy Valley

Summer is a great time for spending time at the Library. From the popular Summer Reading program, providing free prizes for reading, to concerts in the park, there is plenty happening at the Happy Valley Library for everyone.

Summer Reading

Summer Reading starts June 1. Drop in between June 1 and Aug. 8 to pick up your reading log and track your reading. Open to all

ages, grownups too, this is a great way to keep the reading habit strong (and win prizes!).

Concerts in the Park

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the Friday night concert series brings bands to Village Green Park for a chance to kick back and savor the sounds. This summer features everything from jazz to oldies, Latin funk to Cajun beats.

Family Nights

Wednesday nights in July

and August, the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a variety of family friendly presenters and performers. From magicians to museums, it’s a great mid-week highlight.

On the Big Screen

Taking advantage of the new community space, look for weekly gaming programs for tweens and teens and special Monday Movie Matinees.

For the full schedule of summer fun, head to go.lincc.org/hvsummer.

PROGRAMS

All Ages Programs

All Together Now programs are designed as intergenerational programs, with people of all ages coming together to create and play



Local dance group brings Laotian dance to the Happy Valley Library.

Lao Loun Mai Dance Program

Saturday, May 31, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Community Rooms A & B
This vibrant dance group was established two years ago with a mission to celebrate and preserve Lao culture through the art of dance. Enjoy a performance by these talented students.

Library Lounge: Pride!

Sunday, June 1, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Community Rooms A & B
All are welcome for a special edition of Library Lounge with a Pride theme! We’ll have puzzles, crafts, and other fun! In addition to activities for everyone, this program will also have a craft area specifically for teens and adults.

Adult Programs

RSVP for programs at go.lincc.org/hvRSVP

ESL Classes

Mondays, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Meeting Room
All are welcome to drop in to this weekly class. Each student will receive a free textbook to use in the classes. RSVP available.

Citizenship Classes

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Meeting Room
Drop in to this weekly class that will prepare you for the civics and American history portion of the citizenship interview, taught by an instructor from Goodwill. Every student receives a free citizenship test prep textbook. RSVP available.

Chinese Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Meeting Room
Those who enjoy playing Chinese Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Contact the library if you would like to learn to play.

American Mah Jongg

Fridays, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Meeting Room
Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and

friendly group! Be sure to bring your current National Mah Jongg League cards. Contact the library if you would like to learn to play.

Bike Camping 101

Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.-noon Community Room A
The Street Trust is back with another bike-how-to, this time focusing on bike camping. Learn what to bring, what to eat, how to pack, where to go, how to get there, and safety. Attendees leave with free resource handouts and a helpful packing checklist. RSVP available.

Everyone Can Be a Leader

Tuesday, May 6, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Community Room A
Is there an alternative type of leadership? When are we leaders in our communities? How can our unique senses of self contribute to our roles as leaders? Join Oregon Humanities Conversation Project facilitator Pepe Moscoso for a lively discussion of how everyone can be a leader. RSVP available.

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, May 20, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Meeting Room
Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips. Insights

are discovered and pathways revealed as we attempt to solve the mysteries of our ancestors’ elusive stories!

Happy Valley Book Group

Thursday, June 5, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Community Room B
Read *A Generous Nature* by Marcy Cottrell Holmes and discuss it with other readers. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!



Youth Programs & Storytimes

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

Giờ Kể Chuyện/Vietnamese Storytime

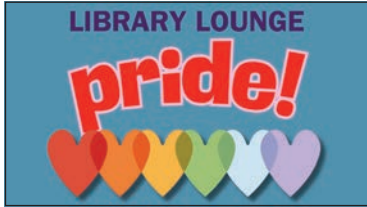
Sunday, Apr. 6, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Community Room A
Hãy đến thư viện vui hát, kể chuyện, làm quen với văn điệu thơ tiếng Việt và cùng làm thủ công với nhau nhé.
Enjoy Vietnamese stories, songs, rhymes and make a craft together as a family.

Homeschool Club

Thursday, May 8, 10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Community Room A
Hey homeschool families! Bring the whole family for a morning of fun with crafts and games.

Sign & Sing

Friday, May 9, 10:15 a.m. Community Room A





ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clackamas High School



Frankie Wong, Senior Justin Diep, Junior

Boys Tennis

Senior Frankie Wong and junior Justin Diep are having an outstanding season for the Cavs boys tennis team. The two are playing number one doubles and have won six of their first eight matches. The two are positioning themselves for a potential run at qualifying for the state tournament.

Congrats, Frankie & Justin! Go Cavs!

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Jessi Tantog, Sophomore

Girls Golf

Sophomore Jessi Tantog is taking the MHC girls golf by storm! Jessi has been the medalist in all four of the league matches so far. She is the number one player at every event by an average of 15 strokes. She has consistently shot in the 70's. Her most recent match, on a shorter course, she shot a 63 with her back 9 score of 29 only two strokes off the course record for a match played there. She has single-handedly put the Cavaliers in a position for an automatic bid to the state tournament. Great job Jessi

Congrats, Jessi! Go Cavs!

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Nathan Peters, Senior

Boys Track

Nathan Peters is having a standout senior year for the Cavs boys track program. He is currently ranked first in the MHC in the 800 meters and has been a team leader for his four years in high school. Nathan also is a member of our league's top ranked 4x400 meter relay team and among the league's best in the 400 meter dash. Good luck the rest of the way Nathan and congrats!

Congrats, Nathan! Go Cavs!

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Avery Radich, Senior

Varsity Girls Softball

Avery Radich is a senior starting catcher and clean up hitter for the Cavaliers softball team. Over the past three weeks Avery is hitting .476 with 13 RBI's in seven games. She has been a blocking machine behind the plate and does a great job framing pitches. Avery has had 12 girls steal on her and retired six of them in the last three weeks. Her work ethic and leadership have been vital for the program to be successful. Congrats #42!

Congrats, Avery! Go Cavs!

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Adrienne C. Nelson HS



Abigail Huspeck, Senior

Girls Softball

Abigail Huspeck Month of April Stats:

Avg .400

OPS 1.400

4 Doubles

2 Home Runs

7 Runs Scored

.970 Field percentage playing SS

Congratulations on being a Sun Glow Athlete of the Week!

Way to go, Abigail! Go Hawks!

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Molly Harrison, Junior

Varsity Track & Field

Molly currently leads the conference with her marks in the following events:

100 Meter State 15th

200 Meter State 11th

400 Meter State 15th

400 Meter Relay State 3rd

1600 Meter Relay State 1st

Congratulations on being a Sun Glow Athlete of the Week!

Way to go, Molly! Go Hawks!

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