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The Trip of a IJEETIMAE

Five local veterans selected for an Honor Flight for their time in the service



"It was thrilling, emotional a life changer."

- Chuck Morris

Chuck Morris (right) and his guardian, Amy

By EMMA DAVIS

Staff Reporter

Five local veterans from Happy Valley - Chuck Morris (Navy), Al Caiazza (Army), Jim Pentheny (Army), Don Greer (Navy), and Jim Erwin (Marines) — recently returned from an unforgettable journey to Washington, D.C. as part of the Honor Flight program in mid-April. For the past 20 years, Honor Flight has honored America's veterans by providing them with an all-expenses-paid trip to visit the national memorials built in tribute to their service and sacrifice.

From the beauty of Arlington National Cemetery to the mail call on their flight home, the three-day trip left these veterans with lasting memories, moments of reflection, and a renewed sense of gratitude from a nation they served decades

The veterans spent three days visiting



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memorials honoring those who served

in Vietnam, Korea, and World War II, as well as the 9/11 Memorial. They also stopped at national landmarks like the Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, the Pentagon, the Capitol building, and the Senate chambers. Several of these stops proved to be emotional moments for the group.

Pictured from left to right: Al Caiazza, Jim Pentheny, Don Greer, Chuck Morris, and Jim Erwin in front of the Washington Monument.

"Everything we saw and went through was emotional," Greer said. "We felt

Each stop offered time for reflection, photos, and shared memories — including simple joys like enjoying ice cream together at the WWII Memorial. Right

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CLEAN SWEEP! Dumpster Day returns

Annual event offers City residents free disposal of unwanted items









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City of Happy Valley

It's time to declutter because Dumpster Day is back! Gather your items and head to Happy Valley Park between 8 a.m. and noon on Saturday, June 14. Residents



COURTESY PHOTO: CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY Dumpster Day is back June 14! This popular City event gives residents the chance

will have the chance to dispose of junk, donations, paper for shredding, and even tires, all in one convenient location.

to dispose of a variety of items all in one place.

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

Items you can drop off:

- Broken household items
- Electronics: TVs and computer equipment for E-cycling
- Furniture (box springs, mattresses, couches, chairs)
- BBQs, bicycles, exercise equipment

- Appliances (non-Freon types) and water heaters
- Passenger car and light truck tires, any batteries
- NOTE: A shredding truck will also be on hand to safely dispose of your old paper files and documents. Limit two banker boxes per residence.

What we can't accept:

- Hazardous waste, paint, propane
- All construction, demolition, or remodeling materials:
- Flooring vinyl tiles, vinyl sheet,

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Celebrate Dad in the Valley

From tee times and trails to craft cocktails and classic

pinball, Happy Valley offers plenty of ways to treat the dads and father figures in your life this Father's Day

By EMMA DAVIS

Staff Reporter

Father's Day is coming up on Sunday, June 15, and if you're looking for fresh ideas to celebrate the dads and father figures in your life, Happy Valley has you covered. From outdoor adventures to craft drinks and everything in between, it's the perfect excuse to spend the day making memories close to home.

For dads who love a good round of golf, there's no better way to kick off the day than at Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course. Tucked among towering evergreens, this beautiful, tree-lined course offers a peaceful, Pacific Northwest



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setting with just enough challenge for seasoned players and casual golfers alike. Book an early morning tee time and treat dad to a round followed by a bite at the clubhouse patio.

If your dad is happiest in the garage, backyard, or working with his latest home project, swing by Ace Hardware Happy Valley. From top-notch power tools to

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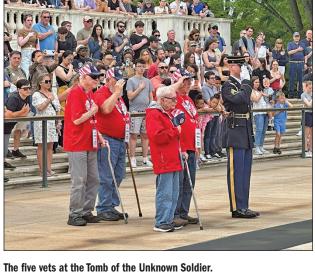
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alongside them the entire trip were their guardians, volunteers and family members assigned to assist the veterans throughout the journey.

"As a guardian, you help the veteran any way they need. Remind them to take meds, and most of the time they have to be in a wheelchair, so you're in charge of them," said Amy Nichols. who was Chuck Morris' guardian. "You don't leave them — guardians and vets have to stick together."

Joining Nichols on the trip were Jim Pentheny's son, Al Caiazza's son, Don Greer's granddaughter, and others. Linda Azorr, who played a huge role in organizing and making the trip possible, was also along to support the group.

One of the most meaningful moments happened laying ceremony honored Nichols said. "It was such at Arlington National



of the Guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier — a powerful tradition that left a lasting impression.

"I had two uncles that fought in World War II and one in the Korean War," Caiazza said. "It was very emotional."

Following that, a wreaththose who never made it an amazing experience for

Cemetery. The veterans home. Chuck Morris and witnessed the Changing Jim Pentheny were two of the four selected to lav the wreath, a moment Morris called "very emotional."

> Throughout the trip, people approached the veterans to thank them for their service — offering handshakes, salutes, and heartfelt words.

> "I absolutely loved how many people thanked them for their service,"



COURTESY PHOTOS: CHUCK MORRIS (From left to right) Chuck Morris and Jim Erwin in front of the Capitol building.

those boys."

The flight home held one more surprise. Each veteran was presented with a flag, and they participated in a nostalgic mail call -atradition from their time in service. Letters from loved ones were handed to them mid-flight, adding a personal and memorable touch to an already special trip.

"We're opening these envelope cards from friends clear across the country

and relatives," Morris said. "There was one from my daughter, and I tried to read it, but I started to cry. I asked my guardian to read it. It was the most unexpected thing."

When they landed, members of the Coast Guard were there to greet them, a simple but meaningful gesture to wrap up the trip.

For the veterans, being selected for Honor Flight was a surprise — and something they won't soon forget.

"I was jumping up and down when I found out I was selected," Caiazza recalled. "It was amazing."

Many of them reflected on how much it meant to finally feel recognized for their service after so many

"We didn't know we would be chosen to do something like this," Pentheny said. "It was an honor just to be selected."

Getting to share the trip with fellow veterans made

the whole experience even more meaningful, creating new bonds and memories they'll carry for the rest of their lives.

"I'm still buzzing from it," Morris said. "It was thrilling, emotional — a life changer."

The Honor Flight experience serves as an important reminder of the need to preserve the stories and experiences of those who served. Programs like this offer veterans the recognition they deserve, while giving them a chance to connect, reflect, and heal.

"It brought us all together." Pentheny said.

"We'll never forget it," added Caiazza.

And for those considering the trip down the road, Pentheny had this advice:

"I would certainly try to convince anyone who's on the borderline about whether they should go or not - they should go. 'Cause it is a trip of a

Dumpster

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- Walls plaster, decorative plaster
- Siding: cement siding shingles "Transite"
- Ceilings: acoustical tiles, "popcorn" and spray-on
- Insulation: spray-applied, blown-in, vermiculite, pipe, HVAC and lagging
- Electrical wire insulation, panel partitions
- Other: fire doors, fire brick, fire proofing
- Household garbage
- Commercial landscaping debris
- Residential yard debris: trimmings, sod, stumps, rock
- No refrigerators, freezers or appliances containing Freon (coolant fluorocarbons)

Yard Debris Drop Off at Public Works Building

Residents can drop off seasonal yard debris at the Public Works building for free recycling during this event. The Public Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. It will NOT be a station along the regular Dumpster Day route, so make sure you allow some additional time to visit that location in the event you have other items to discard. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site. No commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted.

American Flag collection

py Valley Parks and Recreation is proud vital to ensure this free service continues to partner with local Troop 611 to offer for all Happy Valley residents.

you an opportunity to drop off American flags that are ready for retirement at one of the collection stations at the Dumpster Day event. The Scouts will ensure your flag is disposed of in a proper, traditional ceremony.

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

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

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

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

For more information, check out the event webpage at hv.city/dumpster-day.

Pack your patience!

While we will do our best to keep the line moving, there may be significant wait times for this popular event. Volunteers will be available for assistance, but please be prepared to unload your vehicle quickly and exit the area promptly to As a service to the community, Hap- $\,$ make room for others. Your cooperation is



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Dads

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classic Dad-approved gadgets, you're bound to find something that suits his style. The friendly, local staff is always ready to help you pick out the perfect last-minute gift.

After a day outdoors, settle in for a well-earned drink at Whiskey Barrel Lounge. Known for its laidback vibe and impressive selection of whiskeys and craft cocktails, this neighborhood favorite is the perfect spot to toast to dad. Pair a pour of his favorite bourbon with one of their mouthwatering burgers or signature small plates. Pro tip: their smoked old fashioned is a local go-to.

And you won't have to go far for your next stop. Public House Pinball is located right across the hallway inside Valley Public House, making it easy to shift from sipping cocktails to flipping pinballs and playing some "old fashioned" games. This cozy spot brings a nostalgic edge to your Father's Day plans, with a lineup of vintage and modern pinball machines, plus local craft beers, ciders, and snacks. Challenge dad to a game or two and see who claims family bragging rights.

perfect day involves fresh air and scenic views, Happy Valley is home to some of the area's best local Park for sweeping views day. of Mount Hood, take a



COURTESY PHOTO: SAH-HAH-LEE GOLF COURSE

Tee off with dad at Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course.





ABOVE: Challenge dad to a game or two of pinball at Public House

COURTESY PHOTO:

LEFT: Enjoy a craft cocktail at the Whiskey Barrel Lounge located underneath Valley **Public House.**

COURTESY PHOTO:

If your dad's idea of a Happy Valley Park's shaded nature trail, or visit Hidden Falls Nature Park, where a peaceful forest path leads to a cascading trails. Trek up to the top of waterfall, truly a picture-Scouters Mountain Nature perfect spot to cap off the

Whether you're raising Day one to remember.

leisurely loop through a glass, hitting the trails, or competing for a pinball high score, Happy Valley is packed with ways to make dad feel special this year. Celebrate the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who mean the world to you, and make this Father's

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City of Happy Valley

Headed on an extended vacation and worried about the safety of your home? To help ease those worries, you may request a vacation check at your residence by submitting a Residential Vacation Check Form online.

If approved, Happy Valley's Community Service Officers will patrol, when available, the perimeter of your residence to investigate if there have been any signs of a crime or entry. They will check to ensure doors and windows are closed and locked, and that there are no visible signs of access. In the event of an emergency or issue at the home, you (or a local emergency contact as indicated on the form)

would be contacted regarding the nature of the issue. Head to hv.city/vacation-checks or scan the QR code to learn more.



Pro tips before heading out on any extended vacation

- 1. Temporarily suspend your mail, paper, and any automatic deliveries.
- 2. Let a trusted neighbor know where you will be, how long you'll be gone,
- and how to contact you in case of an emergency.

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

 5. Lock your doors and windows.
- 6. Ask a neighbor to put away any trash receptacles, so they aren't left at the curb.

Summer, Summer, SUMME!



Mark your calendars for these ever-popular community events

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley is about to heat up with a summer season filled with music, fun and community

4th of July Family Festival — Friday, July 4

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

Concerts in the Valley – Thursday nights, July 10-Aug. 21

Enjoy free, festival-style concerts at Happy Valley Park with a new musical entertainment line up! You'll be rocking and rolling week after week with lively cover bands that span the decades, so bring a blanket or lawn chairs and soak up the sounds. Stay tuned for details related to special themed nights, including a vintage car show! Food, beer, and wine will be available for purchase. Kids will have fun in the Happy Zone with complimentary crafts, games, and activities. Note: No concert on Aug. 7 due to National Night Out happening that Tuesday.

National Night Out -Tuesday, Aug. 5

National Night Out celebrates our city, residents, and first responders with a fun event that brings live music, vendors, educational booths, and the community together! Meet local law enforcement and learn more about dedicated policing services in Happy Valley. Stay until the end for a special performance event that will surely illuminate the night!

Summer events are coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. For all the summer fun, check out the Parks & Recreation Summer Activities Guide in this issue of Happy Valley News. Be sure to follow them on Facebook and head to hv.city/parks for all the latest when it comes to event information and concert schedules.



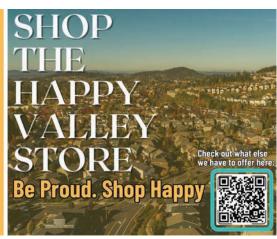




The countdown is on to the 2025 Happy Valley summer happenings!

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Council Meetings are held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at **City Hall**

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COUNCIL CORNER

Progress continues to bring a Community Center

City of Happy Valley

Recently, the City Council has been meeting monthly with the Parks Advisory Committee to provide input and guidance on the development of the **future Community** Center.

The City is planning for construction to begin in Spring 2026 with completion targeted for early 2028. To meet those timelines, there is a lot of work to do! Here are just a few of the updates we discussed with the Parks Advisory Committee last month.

Community Center Focus

Over the course of the last few years, the City conducted significant Artist rendering of the Community Center's exterior is inspirational and does not necessarily reflect the final design. community engagement for this project to make sure the amenities included in the final design meet local needs. To take engagement to the next level, the City hired a public opinion and research

firm to reach a rep-

resentative sample of

community members

who may not have oth-

erwise participated in

previous engagement

efforts. Most recently. this included two focus groups of Happy Valley residents. Here are just a few of the things we learned.

Community Center Update

■ To Happy Valley, this is more than a recreation center or aquatic facility - it's a Community Center.

■ People are hungry for a place to gather and connect. They don't want to drive far away and

want to disconnect from their devices.

■ Programming for the Community Center should be multi-generational and provide a meaningful impact across the lifespan.

■ The indoor swimming pool is still the top priority.

Community Center Exterior Design

While people care

most about the amenities in the community center (i.e. pool, multi-purpose gymnasium, community room, etc.) we know the look and feel is important. During the joint meeting with the Parks Advisory Committee, the City's Architect presented several renderings of the current design. The intent is to mirror the Happy Valley design style in a costeffective way. While it's still early in the process, it's exciting to see the design take shape!

Want More?

If you are interested to read more about the Community Center, see the designs, building layout, location, etc. visit hv.city/ community-center.

Meet your Happy Valley Library Board

Learn more about the Library Board and its important work in the City.

City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley **Library Board plays** an important role in establishing policy, guiding and reviewing programs, and determining its strategic direction. It represents the library's entire

service population, which includes Happy Valley, Damascus, and the unincorporated Clackamas/Sunnyside

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

Members of the Board also serve in an advisory capacity to City Council to help ensure that the library offers highquality services and act as a link between the library and the wider community.

Library Board Members:

- Al Matecko, Chair
- Jennifer Ellis ■ Jerry Dukleth
- Shandra Ban
- Michelle Berry
- Sarah Roller City

■ Joshua Callahan

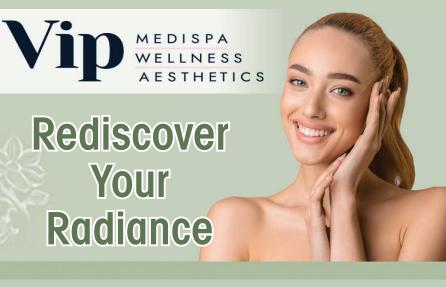


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Council Liaison

Thank you to the Library Board for serving our community and helping ensure these services are a top priority.

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15655 Southeast Oriole Lane	2231	4	2.5	SOLD	09/19/24	\$600,000	\$562,500
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Budget Season

City of Happy Valley

Like many cities, the Happv Valley Municipal Code follows Oregon State Law by requiring an annual budget to be balanced and adopted by the City Council no later than the end of June. Getting to this point involves a review of prior trends, projections for the future, and analysis. Most importantly, it involves input and approval from the Budget Committee which includes five residents and the City Council members.

I'm pleased to report that



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Pictured from left to right: Council President Joshua Callahan, Asher Chen, Councilor Glenn Wachter, Councilor David Golobay, Mayor Tom Ellis, David Emami, Sheila Ritz, Councilor Brett Sherman

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



Tom Ellis

with careful spending and strategic budgeting, the City maintains a positive outlook. The budget we adopted allows us to continue funding the basic services that you have come to expect such as street sweeping, road maintenance, park beautification, code enforcement, police ser-

vices, growth management, business support, library and recreation programing, and community events.

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

- Designing improvements to 172nd Avenue
- Designing a new Community Center and Community Park
- Developing plans for a future downtown with local restaurants and shops
- Designing a new Public Works facility

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

2025 Budget Committee

- Mark Aasland
- Asher Chen
- David Emami
- Geri Naumcheff

If I Were Mayor contest winners recognized by City Council

Tom Ellis, and Councilor Brett Sherman.

City of Happy Valley

At the May 6 City Council meeting. winners from the 2025 If I Were Mayor contest were each presented with a formal certificate and a \$100 cash prize.

Jordan Aguilar, a 4th grader from Verne Duncan Elementary, was the winner from the poster category. Vera Davis, an 8th grader from Cedarcrest Homeschool, won in the essay category, and Kelvin Chen, a senior at Clackamas High School, won in the digital media category.

The contest challenges students to share their creative ideas about what they would do as mayor. All three students conveyed in their submissions the importance of community and providing a welcoming environment for those who live here.



COURTESY PHOTO: CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY From left to right: Council President Joshua Callahan, Councilor David Golobay, Vera Davis, Kelvin Chen, Jordan Aguilar, Mayor

Resident Members

- Sheila Ritz

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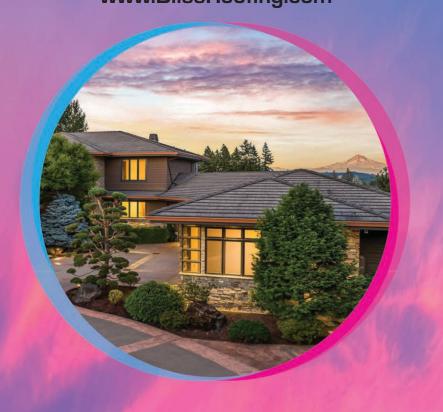
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City of Happy Valley

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

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 cover page for details

■ Leaf Drop: 8 a.m.noon at Public Works Building, See page 4 for details.

June 17

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

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

June 25

■ Happy Valley **Business Alliance:** City Hall, 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m.

July 1, 2 & 3

■ Illegal Fireworks Turn In Event: HV Police Department 8 a.m.-5 p.m., see Page 10 for details

July 4

■ 4th of July Family Festival: 1 p.m.-dark at Happy Valley Park, See

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

to right for details.

July 7

■ Parks **Advisory Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.

July 10

■ Concerts in the Valley: Band After Midnight (ABBA Tribute) at Happy Valley Park, 6:30 p.m. See Page 3 for details.



Scan QR code to sign up for notifications

CLACKAMAS FIRE

Making waves with water safety

Clackamas Fire District #1

As warm weather approaches, Clackamas Fire reminds everyone the importance of practicing safe water habits. Follow these helpful tips from the American Red Cross to keep you and your family stay safe:



■ Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.

■ Never leave a child unattended near water, don't trust a child's life to another child, and teach children to always ask permission before going near water.

■ If you're not planning on swimming, be cautious around ocean shorelines, rivers and lakes. Remember that cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards are dangerous.

■ Be aware of underwater obstructions in low water levels.

■ When boating, wear a life jacket!

■ Avoid alcohol use which impairs judgment, balance, and coordination. Alcohol also affects swimming and driving skills and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

■ Install and use barriers around your home pool or hot tub.



As the temperatures heat up, you may find yourself headed out to the river, pool, or ocean. Make sure you and your family know how to stay safe in the water.

■ Enroll in home pool safety, water safety and CPR/AED courses to learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

Safety first when it comes to fireworks

Take advantage of the upcoming amnesty event

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley has maintained a firm stance on illegal fireworks for over a decade, prioritizing the safety and well being of its residents.

Individuals found using illegal fireworks within City limits are subject to an immediate \$1,000 citation. If you witness someone engaging in illegal fireworks use, we encourage you to report it. Your vigilance could help protect our community from the risks of potential injuries, property damage, and accidental wildfire.

How to report illegal fireworks

If you observe someone in the City to be



Is it worth it? Consider the cost of a \$1,000 citation. If you are found to be using illegal fireworks, it is an automatic

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

Illegal fireworks turn in event — NO QUESTION ASKED!

Once again, the City is partnering with the Happy Valley Police Department and Clackamas County Sheriff's Office to help get illegal fireworks off the streets. Please consider getting rid of any illegal fireworks at this no question asked event happening July 1, 2, and 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Simply head to the HV Police Department located at 12915 SE King Rd. to turn in your items.

Residents gather to learn about wildfire City encourages residents to be risk reduction efforts City encourages residents to be proactive about wildfire safety

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley residents, HOA representatives, and neighborhood leaders gathered recently for a wildfire risk reduction meeting aimed at educating the community and outlining next steps for local fire prevention efforts.

The event featured a presentation from Jen Warren of the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office (OSFM), who provided detailed guidance on how homeowners can create defensible space around their properties. Her presentation highlighted practical strategies for reducing wildfire risk, including vegetation management, home hardening techniques, and community-wide collaboration. She



Jen Warren from the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office shared important tips and best practices for reducing wildfire risk at home.

emphasized the importance of preventative measures and how

small changes can significantly improve neighborhood safety.

The meeting also served as an opportunity for the City to share updates and next steps on the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant it has secured. The grant will begin funding HOA green space cleanup events this month. These clean-up events are organized and hosted by different HOA's and designed to help reduce fuel loads in critical buffer areas between neighborhoods and nearby green

The meeting reflected a strong interest in wildfire preparedness and a shared commitment to

keeping the Happy Valley community safe. City staff expressed appreciation for the high level of participation and look forward to continuing collaborative efforts in the months ahead.

For more information about the Wildfire grant that the city has received please visit hv.city/ Wildfire-reduction-grant.



YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth Council Holds 14th Annual Rx Drug Take Back Event

Over 300 pounds of prescription medications collected for safe disposal

City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Youth Council annually organizes the Rx Drug Take Back event as part of its commitment to the well-being of the community. Since 2011 these events provide a safe way for community members to dispose of prescriptions and over-thecounter medications, which may be expired or simply no longer needed. Over 300



Pictured left to right: Mayor Tom Ellis, Resident Volunteer- Michael Morrow, Youth Council Advisor - Steve Campbell, CSO Happy Valley Police - Shari Stark, and members of the Happy Valley Youth Council - Kanak, Ariya, Larissa, Kierun and John.

lbs. of drugs were collected at the Apr. 26 event, bringing their total collection to 5,500 lbs. of unwanted medications.

Too often, unused prescriptions or over the counter medications find their way into the wrong hands. This is dangerous and can lead to tragic outcomes. This has been notably concerning following the influx of pills containing fentanyl. But even over the counter medications can pose

a risk if not properly disposed. Safe disposal efforts, such as last month's turn in event. protects our water supply and keeps drugs out of the hands of unauthorized and recreational users.

If you missed the event, a permanent drop-box is located at the Happy Valley Police Department, 12915 SE King Rd. Residents can drop there for safe disposal of unwanted or expired prescriptions and medications.

A big thank you to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Happy Valley Police Department, and the City's Happy Valley Community Service Officers for their assistance during the event.

Cheers to the class of 2025

It's certainly time to celebrate

City of Happy Valley

Congratulations to the many students in our community who are graduating this year. Whatever path you choose to follow next, be it college, travel, the military, or the job market, the Happy Valley community is cheering you on. No matter where life takes you, always remember that Happy Valley is

your home. Whether you visit occasionally, or you come back to start a new family, Happy Valley welcomes you.

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

Fly Fishing **Classes Continue**

Happy Valley Parks & Recreation partners with NW Fly Fishing Outfitters

By EMMA DAVIS

Staff Reporter

Two young Happy Valley locals are casting a new line into the community, leading a new Parks & Recreation fly-fishing class designed for beginners, offering both classroom instruction and hands-on river experience. 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," instructor Chloë Courtney said. The class is designed to



COURTESY PHOTO: GABE GOLOBAY Gabe (right) standing with a happy student from his class at

NW Fly Fishing Outfitters.

provide a strong foundation for newcomers while helping experienced anglers sharpen their skills.

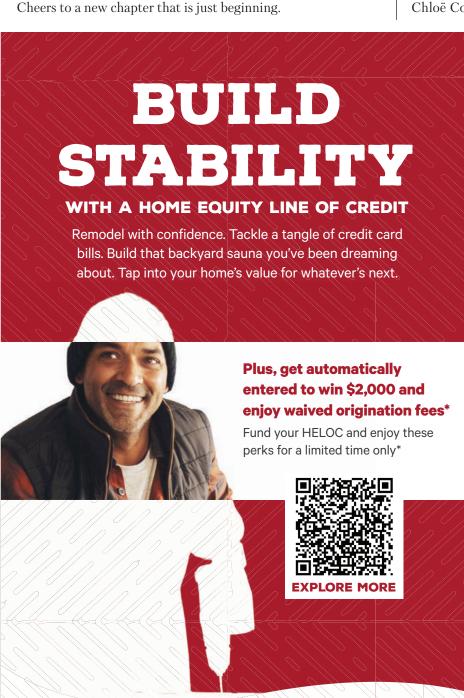
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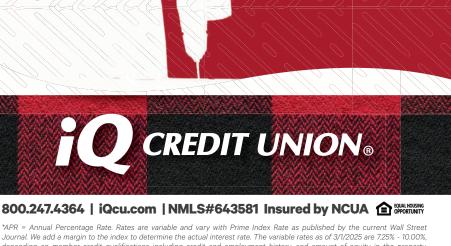
- In-Class: June 25 / On-River: June 28
- In-Class: July 22 / On-River: July 26
- In-Class: August 20 / On-River: August 23

TO REGISTER

For more information or to register, visit hv.city/parks, or scan the QR code.







Journal. We add a margin to the index to determine the actual interest rate. The variable rates as of 3/1/2025 are 7.25% - 10.00%, depending on member credit qualifications including credit and employment history, and amount of equity in the property. Our rates do not go below 3.75% or above 15%. Promotional waiver of closing costs pertains to all costs required to open the line of credit except for any required appraisal. If an appraisal is required, borrower will be required to pay for such appraisal, normally \$775 or more. If the Home Equity Line of Credit is paid off and closed within the first 36 months, waived closing costs must be repaid to the credit union (up to \$300) as fee reimbursement. Minimum loan amount is \$10,000, and minimum fixed-rate conversion amount is \$5,000, but there is no minimum advance requirement. Credit is subject to approval, not all applicants will qualify. Fees that occur after the line is opened, such as annual fee (\$35), reconveyance fee and quit claim deed recording fees are not considered closing costs. Flood and/or property hazard insurance may be required and are also not considered closing costs. All Credit Union loan programs, rates, terms, and conditions are subject to change at any time without notice. All loans subject to approval of property. Promotion is valid for applications taken between May 1, 2025 and July 31, 2025 (and the loan must be funded no later than August 31, 2025). Promotional period subject to extension at Credit Union's discretion



CODE CORNER

Don't let noxious vegetation ruin your landscape

Trees and flowers are blossoming, but so are grass, weeds, other noxious vegetation

City of Happy Valley

The City's Municipal Code requires the maintenance or removal of vegetation that poses hazards to traffic, safety, and community health. Vegetation obstructing walkways or roadways, for example, creates mobility challenges for pedestrians and vehicles.

Overgrown and brittle brush also increases wildfire risk, and noxious vegetation with poisonous effects can make outdoor enjoyment for the community challenging.

In Happy Valley, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure noxious vegetation such as grass, blackberry bushes, ivy, and other plant life do not become a problem. With everything in full bloom, we'd like to encourage the community to check on their yards, parking strips, and any other property to confirm this type of vegetation isn't posing a concern. Our team will work with you to devise a plan of action should your property be out of compliance, but ultimately it is up to property owners to take care of any concerns and avoid a formal citation.

Noxious vegetation includes:

- Weeds more than 10 inches high
- Grass more than 10 inches high
- Trees, bushes, roots, other natural growth, soil, or solid waste that obstructs public



COURTESY PHOTOS: CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY
Grass that has been left to grow too long is not only an aesthetic eyesore, but
it poses a health and safety hazard when it lends itself to nesting critters and

sidewalks or roadways

home to other invasive plant life.

- Dead or decaying trees or tree limbs, dead bushes, stumps, and any other thing likely to cause a fire or that present a safety hazard to the public or to neighboring property owners
- Uncontrolled growth of weeds, bush, berry vines, poison oak, poison ivy or grasses which provides a place of refuge for rodents, contributes noxious pollens to the atmosphere, poses a fire hazard or

unreasonably interferes with use and enjoyment of public or private property

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

For more information or

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

Get a jump start on yard maintenance NOW!

■ To help motivate residents to tackle overgrown vegetation, there will be an opportunity to dispose of extra 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. Drop off: 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park. Learn more at hv.city/ dumpster-day and check out cover article on this issue of Happy Valley News.





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Building accessibility

Crews to continue ADA transition plan assessments this summer

City of Happy Valley

ADA Transition Plans help cities like Happy Valley identify, prioritize, and fund needed improvements at intersections and other areas where pedestrians may enter the roadway to cross. Last year, crews began assessing intersections throughout the City to gain a better understanding of where things stand with public sidewalks and ramps.

This summer, crews will continue their assessment efforts, taking measurements and photos, marking pavement, and checking things like sidewalk and ramp slopes as they look for any

physical barriers that might make traversing these spots a challenge. All this data collection will help finalize a plan of action should anything need to be updated or changed.

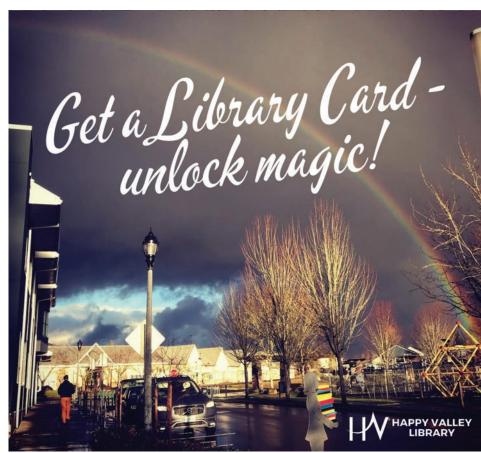
These efforts are essential for creating a more accessible and inclusive city, where everyone can safely and comfortably access the various facilities and services of Happy Valley, regardless of their mode of mobility.





COURTESY PHOTOS: CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY ner, residents may notice markings

As part of their work on the ADA transition plan this summer, residents may notice markings at crosswalks and intersections. These markings are part of the assessment efforts being conducted by crews to ensure greater accessibility and compliance.







CAN YOU DIGIT?



The garden is planned to be ready by the time the school year ends. $\label{eq:condition}$

COURTESY PHOTOS: GRETCHEN ROWLAND-HORRIGA

How one school is creating a new outdoor space for learning to happen and children to thrive

By EMMA DAVISStaff Reporter

At Oregon Trail Elementary School, a once-thriving school garden is getting a fresh start — and it's becoming much more than a place to grow vegetables. Led by teachers Gretchen Rowland-Horrigan and Holly Lee, and supported by generous community partnerships, the school is transforming its former garden space into a vibrant outdoor classroom and community garden.

The project is designed to engage students in hands-on, nature-based learning while offering fresh, locally grown food to families. From salsa gardens and pumpkin patches to a sensory garden shaped like a paw print, this initiative is cultivating deeper connections between students, nature, and the Happy Valley community.

Big Garden Revamp

The original garden, which launched in 2018, enjoyed early success by providing students with meaningful, hands-on opportunities to connect with nature and learn about the environment. However, like many school programs, it fell into disuse during the pandemic.

"The garden space was no longer usable for a while," Rowland-Horrigan explained. "Now, we're having a big garden revamp." The vision for the space expanded beyond just growing vegetables — it's being reimagined as a full outdoor



"We're hoping by September to harvest our first salsa and have a tasting in the cafeteria."

— Gretchen Rowland-Horrigan

classroom and gathering space for both students and the community. "We wanted to create a space that was an outdoor classroom where students could learn and the community could be a part of the school," she said.

The redesigned garden will feature two main areas: a productive vegetable garden where students can learn about growing food, and an adjacent sensory garden shaped like a paw print. Each section of the paw will be dedicated to one of the five senses. "Our hope is to create a space where you can see, touch, feel, and listen — maybe even with a little pond feature," Rowland-Horrigan said. "We want all sensory needs to be met in this space."

In addition to these areas, themed planting beds will offer further educational opportunities. A "Salsa Garden" featuring tomatoes, onions, cilantro, and peppers will supply ingredients for the school's first-ever salsa harvest party in September. "There's going to be a couple of beds dedicated to a salsa garden," she shared. "We're hoping by September to harvest our first salsa and have a tasting in the cafeteria."

Another highlight will be a "Three Sisters" garden with corn, beans, and squash, teaching students about cultural food practices and sustainability. The garden will also include beds for raspberries and flowers, with long-term hopes of launching a



garden-to-table program.

Possible with Partnerships

This project has been made possible through the generosity of local businesses and community volunteers. Happy Valley Nursery has donated plant starts for the vegetable beds, while Hammer & Bloom is constructing a potting station and an educational kiosk. "Those are huge things for us," Rowland-Horrigan said. Cub Scouts Pack 191 pitched in by filling garden beds with soil. and the school's PTO has been actively involved throughout the project's development.

Even students themselves have helped raise funds. Through a "PopCANs for PopCorn" fundraiser, the school collected \$1,800 in just one month. "We surpassed our goal—and cans are still coming in every week," Rowland-Horrigan noted.

The garden isn't just about plants; it's about people, too. The school plans to open the

space to the community after school hours, offering local families a place to gather, help tend the garden, or simply enjoy the environment. The overarching goal is to foster a deeper respect for food, nature, and sustainability. "It's really cool when we're so used to just going to the store and buying things, but we no longer have a respect for where that food comes from or how long it takes to grow," Rowland-Horrigan said. "These experiences help you appreciate your world a lot more when you get to watch it happen."

The revamped garden at Oregon Trail Elementary is more than just a place to grow food — it's an outdoor classroom where students connect with nature, learn about sustainability, and discover the importance of healthy food sources. With the support of local businesses, volunteers, and students, the garden is becoming a handson learning hub for food, the environment, and community connection.



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Happy Valley's 4th of July Festivities

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City of Happy Valley

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ty event. Enjoy live music, food and beverage vendors, activities, and fireworks, all at Happy Valley Park. This

is a free event open to all ages, so bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and patriotic spirits, and join us for a fun-filled day, together.

The general schedule includes the following:

Friday, July 4

■ 9:30 a.m.: Independence Day Hike with the HV Hikers

■ Noon: Family Parade
■ 1 p.m.: Family Festival
■ At dark: Fireworks Show

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



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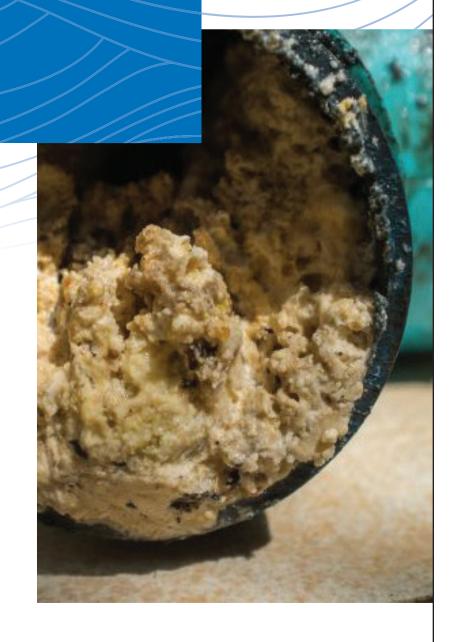
Keep FOG Out of Your Pipes!

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

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A Century of Family, Friendship, and Joy

Happy Valley resident, Jan Matsen, reflects on a century of simple joys, strong bonds, and cherished memories

By EMMA DAVIS

Staff Reporter

Happy Valley resident Janice "Jan" Matsen (née Urquhart) celebrated a remarkable milestone this April-her 100th birthday-surrounded by family, friends, and cherished memories. Now, she reflects fondly on a life defined by close family ties, lasting friendships, and meaningful connections.

Whether raising five daughters with her late husband or building a fulfilling career, Matsen has found deep purpose and contentment in the simple joys of life with no regrets.

Roots in Portland and Early

Born and raised in Portland, Jan grew up as the oldest of three children, alongside her parents, her sister Joann, and brother

Her early years were spent during the realities of the Great Depression, a time she recalls as difficult for many families, including her own.

"My parents didn't have it easy at all," Matsen said. "But we managed to get through them all."

She developed a particularly close bond with her father, sharing days in the garden and trips to baseball games.

"He was very special to me," she said.

There was one memory with her father that still sticks out to her.



COURTESY PHOTOS: IAN MATSEN Ken and Jan recreate their "Just Married" photo from when they were young.

"I don't have any bad thoughts about it or any wishes to do something different."

Jan Matsen

"We lived in a neighborhood where there were quite a few kids and dad, loaded up the trailer and took us all out to Dodge Park," she said. "It was two older boys, about three of us about my age and I was one of the youngest and that [trip] was a real treat."

Breaking Barriers in High School and Wartime Work

As a teenager during World War II, she attended Washington High School. She took a mechanical drawing class, primarily consisting of

"The dean wanted to sign me up for typing and shorthand the next year, and I said, 'No way. I don't want to do it; I want mechanical drawing," she recalled. "She said, 'Well, that's practically all boys,' and I told her, 'I don't care."

Though a few other girls occasionally took the class, Jan was usually the only

"The boys didn't pay any attention to me. I was just a classmate-they didn't see me any differently," she

After high school, she used her mechanical drawing skills to work at a Swan Island shipyard, where she created precise technical drawings needed for modifications on whalers and tankers.

A Lifetime Partnership

During her time in high school, she met her future husband, Ken — the older brother of a friend. Ken was drafted in 1940, and the two spent nearly four years apart before marrying in 1946 — beginning what would become a 78-year marriage until he passed away 102.

Career and Community Contributions

After the war, she continued to work in various office and administrative

"I worked at US



Ken and Jan Matsen after their wedding day.

National for a little over a year until [Ken] came home and I quit working until my youngest was about two years old," she said. "I went [back] to work nights for First Interstate and I worked there for almost 34 years. First at night as a manual bookkeeper. My last job was a manager and loan officer at one of their small branches. Women didn't work [those jobs] really, so I was one of the earlier women managers."

Matsen began volunteering within her community when she retired at 65.

"I worked with kids from kindergarten through fifth grade, but mostly I love the third graders," she said. "I did that for 21 years until I couldn't go upstairs anymore so that was my main interest after I retired."

One of the things that she did was take her love of sewing to make doll quilts for a yearly fundraiser held by the fire department.

Family Life at the Center

One thing that remained

a constant in her life is the importance of her family. Together, she and her husband raised five daughters,

Marie, Nancy, Marg, Lau-

rie, and Susan.

While the days were often busy, she always found happiness in the simple moments shared at home and with loved ones.

"The girls had their own interests and I would help with whatever I could with them, and we just did the best we could as a family of seven," she said. "If we had any special trips, it would be a trip to the coast and we liked that."

Embracing Community and New Friendships

Looking back at her 100 years she cherished her relationships and family.

"I have so many new friends [at The Springs] and every time there's a new group or one or two people that would sit down at the table when I'm eating or [if I] see an empty table; that's a place for me to go," she said. "I like it here because I find all these people that are so interesting and learn some of the

things about their lives."

Reflections and Hobbies at 100

She is currently living in Happy Valley and even if they aren't in close proximity, Matsen is surrounded by the love of her family: her five daughters, three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

When reflecting on her century, she says what stands out most after 100 years is the people along the way and her family.

"It was a good life, it's all the people that I've got to know. I liked working with people and when you have people that you like, no matter what, it's fun," she said. "Mine wasn't an exciting life, it was just a family life."

Matsen partakes in hobbies and free time at The Springs.

"I'm taking a writing class now and writing some of my own reminds me of things that I haven't thought of for years," she said. "I like to read. I always have. I still like to sew and I like when I can get out and walk outside and [spend time] with people."

With no regrets, she feels content knowing the bonds she's built with family and friends have shaped a life full of joy and fulfillment.

"I never had any thought, except what might be ahead," she said. "I don't have any bad thoughts about it or any wishes to do something different."

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A BLAST from the Past



COURTESY PHOTO: JEFF GREEN

A walk down memory lane: The original staff members and principal, Pat Wong (far right), reminisce on their time at Mt. Scott Elementary.

By EMMA DAVIS

Staff Reporter

Mt. Scott Elementary was filled with nostalgia, laughter, and school pride on the morning of Friday, May 2nd, as the school hosted several members of its original staff for a memorable and special visit. These guests, who were part of Mt. Scott's opening year in 1989, returned to reconnect, share memories, and celebrate the lasting impact of their time at the school.

The morning assembly provided a unique opportunity for current students to hear what Mt. Scott was like more than three decades ago. The visiting staff members reflected on the early days of the school, sharing stories about their classrooms, students, and how the school community came together during the early years of the school. They also took time to answer questions from students, who were excited to learn about the school's history and how it's changed over the years.

One of the assembly's most heart-warming moments came when several of the original staff recognized current Mt. Scott employees who were once students in their classrooms. The room erupted in cheers and applause as names and memories were called out, creating a touching connection between past and present.

"The staff went on a tour of the school after the assembly and admired the

campus and reflected on some of their memories," Jeff Green, Mt. Scott Elementary's principal said. "They saw artifacts from the first few years of the school including a tile with their names on it."

The visit was organized by Pat Wong, Mt. Scott's very first principal, who played a key role in establishing the school's foundation. After the assembly, the staff took a tour of the school and had the chance to reflect on how the building has evolved while maintaining its welcoming, tight-knit atmosphere.

"It was fun to see one of the current Mt. Scott teachers, Melissa Pfaff, who proudly claimed she was a Mt. Scott student who had some of the visitors as her teacher," Curtis Long, the Community Relations Director of the NCSD said. Another current teacher, Karen Morgan, student-taught under one of the veteran teachers."

The event served as more than just a trip down memory lane, it was a celebration of Mt. Scott Elementary's spirit, honoring those who laid the groundwork and those who continue to carry it forward today. For students and staff alike, it was a meaningful reminder of the lasting bonds built within these walls and the importance of preserving the school's history for future generations.

"It was a beautiful day," Green said.

The visit left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance — a day that blended history, heart, and Mt. Scott pride.



COURTESY PHOTO: BRITTANY DAVIS KUEF Jersey Mike's presents the check for the money raised for the Nelson High School class of 2025 grad party.

Community Rallies to Support ANHS

By EMMA DAVIS

Staff Reporter

Adrienne C. Nelson High School's senior grad party committee teamed up with Jersey Mike's for a special fundraiser supporting this year's all-night celebration for the Class of 2025. In just five days in early April, families, local businesses, and community members helped raise an impressive amount through the Jersey Mike's event.

This year's celebration carries added meaning, as it marks the first graduating class to have attended all four years since the school opened. Since its opening in 2021, students, staff, and families have worked together to establish new traditions and a strong sense of school pride at Nelson High School.

"They've gone, freshman through senior year, so that's pretty amazing," Nelson High School's Grad Party committee president, Brittany Davis Kuehl, said. "[It's also the] first graduating class of approximately 411 graduating seniors; it's a big one."

One of the biggest fundraisers the ANHS senior 2025 grad party committee put on this year was a partnership with Jersey Mike's, where participants could present a fundraiser card, donate a minimum of \$5 to the Grad Party fund, and receive a free sub in appreciation. The Jersey Mike's team played a big role in the success of the event as well.

"The owner and the manager, Ashley, she was amazing too," Davis Kuehl said. "They paid and printed up the cards and they helped distribute some of those cards out in the community too. It was a huge partnership."

The event saw an enthusiastic turnout, with supporters in the community showing up in generous numbers to contribute, ultimately raising \$4,595 with 919 cards turned in.

"It was very humbling to see the community come together and know that they were doing something to support our Nelson seniors," she said. "It was kind of overwhelming."

The committee also hosted other events like dine-out nights, raffles, merchandise sales, and additional community-driven activities, each one adding to the growing momentum and financial support for the big night.

"It's really amazing. We ended up with more auction items than we did at, for our dinner auction event than we even did with attendees at our dinner auction. It was a little bit crazy. Like we almost had so many and it was a lot of work," she said. "It was well worth it. That was definitely a collaborative effort. I think we made just shy of \$15,000 at our dinner."

Thanks to all the hard work of the ANHS senior 2025 grad party committee and the efforts of the community, this year's graduating class is set to enjoy a safe, fun, and memorable celebration — made possible by a community that continues to rally behind its students.

"We are so proud of the years of hard work these students have put into getting to graduation. This once-in-a-lifetime accomplishment should be a cause for huge celebration," Principal Greg Harris said. "We are so appreciative of the parent volunteers and our community partners like Jersey Mike's for putting on this celebration in a way that allows our students to celebrate in a safe and fun way."





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City of Happy Valley

On May 17, residents participated in the 46th Annual Fun Run, benefiting Happy Valley Elementary School. Over 500 participants convened at Happy Valley Elementary to kick off three timed events which included a kid's dash, a 5K race, and a 10K race.

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

Participants got a chance to run alongside neighbors and friends, and connect with staff and leaders from the City.

City Hall serenade

Rock Creek Middle School choirs visit City Hall

City of Happy Valley

On Apr. 29, City Hall once again welcomed the talented students from Rock Creek Middle School's choirs for a special performance. It was not only a fantastic opportunity for the students to showcase their skills, but also a chance for City staff to connect with a local school and support the students' efforts.

We'd very much like to thank Rock Creek Middle School Choir Director, Sarah Strobel, for reaching out to us to coordinate this visit. This year marked the third in a row her students have performed at City Hall.



Choir students from Rock Creek Middle School pose for a photo with Mayor Ellis following their performance.

Car Care Clinic Helps Drivers Boost LES SCHWAB Skills and Stay Road-Ready

Parks and Recreation hosts another successful hands-on workshop for the community

City of Happy Valley

On April 26, drivers of all ages gathered for Happy Valley Parks and Recreation's annual Car Care Clinic. Designed to enhance confidence behind the wheel, the event gave participants practical tools for maintaining their vehicles and staying safe on the road.

Throughout the day, 19 attendees rotated through a series of handson stations led by local



Happy Valley police offered valuable driver and road safety tips, helping attendees feel more confident and prepared behind the wheel.



AAA assisted individuals in learning how to locate and inspect car fluids.

experts. From checking tire pressure and tread wear, to understanding dashboard alerts and practicing how to change a tire, drivers were able to

build real-world skills they can rely on. Representatives from the Happy Valley Police Department were also on hand to provide valuable safety advice and answer questions about road preparedness.

We are grateful to everyone who joined us for the 2025 Car







COURTESY PHOTOS: CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY Les Schwab shared tips on tire health and safety, while handing out goody bags stocked with tire pressure gauges and helpful resources.

Care Clinic! A special thank you to our partners-Les Schwab Tire Centers, AAA, and the Happy Valley Police

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Goodbye Blackberries!

Volunteers needed at upcoming community event!

City of Happy Valley

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 21, and join members of the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Foundation for a special volunteer project open to the community.

The focus will be on the removal of invasive blackberry plants on the east and south sides of the Happy Valley Park soccer fields. The City will provide all the necessary tools, so all you need to do is show up with sturdy shoes, protective clothing, and gloves. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Organized by the Foundation, this event aims to enhance the Park's beauty and safety, and augment the efforts of Happy Valley Parks and Recreation.



Join the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation at their upcoming volunteer event on June 21.

No need to RSVP. Look for the Foundation's canopy set up in the Park, just east of the volleyball court, where Boys Team Charity will also be on hand to lend their support. This is a fantastic opportunity to give back to the community, work alongside your neighbors, and enjoy the great outdoors.



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ibbon cutting marked the official completion of the highly anticipated Superblock

Superblock completion celebrated

City of Happy Valley

On May 15, community members and officials gathered to commemorate the completion of the Superblock project, a multi-year project that now connects Ridgecrest Rd., 132nd Ave., King Rd., and 147th Ave. with contiguous sidewalks.

This three-phase project was designed to enhance pedestrian and motorist safety while creating new opportunities for everyone to enjoy walking in the area.

The celebration brought together City Council members, project contractors and engineers, City staff, members of various City Committees, and principals from Happy Valley Elementary and Middle Schools.

The completion of the Superblock marks a significant milestone for the community, paving the way for safer streets and a connected neighborhood.

Show your Happy Valley pride in style!

Sport your love for our city

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley residents now have the perfect way to rep their hometown pride with the launch of new summer items at the Happy Valley Store! From tees and hats to fun accessories, there's something for everyone who loves where they live.

Can't make it to City Hall? No problem! The **Happy Valley Mobile Store** will be attending all our community events this summer, so you can grab your gear while enjoying local festivities. Whether you're at a summer concert, National Night out or Oktoberfest, it's the perfect chance to show



Snag your Happy Valley gear at the HV Store.

your support for our city and celebrate the people who make it so special.

Be sure to swing by the store (or mobile shop) and pick up your Happy Valley gear

If you would like to see more items that we have to offer, check out hv.city/City-store.

School's (almost) out for summer!

City staff and principals meet to discuss projects and collaboration opportunities

City of Happy Valley

On May 14, staff from the City of Happy Valley once again met with principals from the area's schools as part of ongoing efforts to build relationships and discuss relevant happenings.

The City prioritizes regular meetings with local principals throughout the school year to share updates and coordinate efforts. The hope is that through these meetings, both entities can help support one another and find ways to work efficiently and in the best interest of the City's students.

Topics discussed often include school related traffic concerns, resources



At three points in the year, principals from the City's local schools meet with representatives from the City.

available through City departments, and ways to engage youth at a local level. Representatives from law enforcement, the Happy Valley Library, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and other disciplines are also invited to share pertinent information. Any principal from a school that serves students in the City of Happy Valley is invited and very much encouraged to attend.

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City of Happy Valley

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opportunity to score treasures during the annual Happy Valley Garage Sale. Just imagine what you may find! Be sure to mark your calendars now so vou don't miss it!



Visit the Happy Valley Garage Sale page on Facebook for more event info! https:// www.facebook.com/HappyValleyGarageSale

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 our Community Writer, Emma Davis, at emma.davis@youroregonnews.com



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

This Nostalgic Favorite is Anything BUT Square

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY For Happy Valley News

Detroit-style pizza is a fast growing trend that's making its way far beyond the borders of Michigan, allowing pizza lovers of all shapes and

sizes to take part in this pan pizza with a soft spongy crust to combine where the cheese extends over the edges, crisping up to what can only be described as pizza

nirvana. So, capitalizing on pizza we this amazing trend would want with a few notes to both see of classic Sicilianstyle pizza is Ranch, a once pop-up pizza joint that now

has nine locations across Portland and Washington, Ranch, which opened in 2017, is the brainchild of business partners Eric Wood and Richard Corey who together have much like pizza dough – worked, folded, and molded this exciting establishment to what it is today!

"We took our very simple model of pizza and a few salads and marketed them to establishments nearby that served drinks but didn't have their own food setup," says Wood when discussing the beginning of Ranch. "It ended up being an attractive option to these bars and spots we worked with."

Since then, the two would grow Ranch into what we know it as today, opening their own brick and mortar in 2018 off NE Dekum Street before finally bringing their business to Happy Valley at the Valley Public House, neighboring Tamale Boy in the food hall.

"We got to ride the coattails of the Valley Public House's owners' dreams of this incredible taproom and restaurant model," says Wood. "It's been a super consistent location for us and really our first non Portland suburban spot. We've adapted to the different community that's out here but they've been so welcoming and supportive."

As it pertains to the menu, Ranch offers guests an exciting variety of Detroit-Sicilian hybrid pies that range from your classic pepperoni to vour controversial Hawaiian. With vegan, veggie, and spicy options to boot, you'll surely find exactly what you're looking for at Ranch. Equally, you can get most of these in whole pie fashion to share with friends or quarter sized for personal enjoyment.

"We didn't want to be hemmed in by exact regional styles," says Wood. "We wanted to combine all of the things we loved with a focus on making the pizza we would want to both see and eat."

Of course, your Ranch Pizza



COURTESY PHOTOS: RANCH PIZZA

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Owners Eric Wood and Richard Corey — The Men Behind the Pies



Ranch Pizza Happy Valley: Outdoor Seating is Available at the Valley

Behold - Flavors that will have you bouncing

experience would not be complete without, well... the ranch.

"Dipping pizza in ranch was something I grew up doing," says Wood. "For us it comes down to nostalgia and that joy of taking someone back to their youth. We wanted to do that if not provide a better version by making a product that's relatable with high quality ingredients. Ranch with you pizza represents that. I think people are having fun with pizza again and we're moving away from sort of that snobby era."

Wood's ended on Ranch Pizza's place in Happy Valley.

"We had a gradual introduction into the community thanks to Amy and Brian (owners of the Valley Public House)," says Wood. "Our time here has shown us the importance of listening to our customers and being willing to adapt and remodel based on the needs of who we are serving. It's our first suburban location and continues to be one of our busiest. It's been awesome and we can't wait to see what the future holds."



Dance Party

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY For Carpenter Media Group

It can sometimes be difficult to find the perfect location or plan the perfect party for your child's birthday, as not only are you looking to entertain an assortment of precious yet rambunctious kids but you're also looking for economical options that won't destroy your home in the process.

Well... what if I told you that one local business offers a fun and different alternative?

Happy Valley Dance Academy (HVDA), located off Oregon Trail Drive next to the library, is known for many things in our artistic community. From their annual performance of 'the Nutcracker' to their various performances in dance competition, the HVDA has many offerings, including a variety of birthday packages that might just make the perfect party for your child's summer celebration.

To learn more, we spoke with Ashley Daskalos, the Studio Manager of the HVDA to learn more about these birthday packages.

"We've had several birthdays here which have all been amazing," says Daskalos. "We have packages that are predetermined BUT we do give groups the freedom to choose what your theme is. We had one recent group that loved 'Harry Potter' so you certainly can go outside the realm than what's on the

Currently, the HVDA has three different packages



COURTESY PHOTO: HAPPY VALLEY DANCE Ashley Daskalos - Studio Manager

to choose from. The first is called the "Glass Ball" and runs at \$195. Here you get the space for an hour with 30 minutes of setup. Includ-

ed are exclusive invitations, goodie bags, a full service host, and a max of 10 guests with 30-min of dance! For \$100 more you can purchase the "Grand Ball" package, which includes all the aforemen-

unique ideas." - Ashley Daskalos

"It gives us a

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tioned amenities as well as 5 extra guests and an extra 30 minutes of party time. Lastly, the "Royal Ball", which rounds out at \$395, includes up to 20 guests and three complimentary pizzas.

"I love when kids think out of the box because it helps us break out of the mold of what we know," says Daskalos. "It gives us a chance to get our creative juices flowing and I just love unique ideas."

Several theme options at the HVDA are Ballet, Princess Ballerina, Acrobatics, Ballroom, Stop Drop & Hip Hop, as well as others!

Plan your child's next birthday at the Happy Valley Dance Academy

"One important thing to note is that the final headcount does not include the parents of the kids who are guests," says Daskalos. "We do have the space to go up from 20 guests but it would require additional fees."

Equally, decorations and cake are the responsibility for those renting the space. However, just how do you book it?

"We prefer weekends only for our party bookings," says Daskalos. "However, we did have one girl who really wanted it on a Friday so we were able to make it happen. So long as it doesn't interfere with our classes or anything else on the schedule we can typically make

it work! The earlier the better is mv recommendation when booking because our schedule does fill up. I would say a minimum of two weeks."

Of course, a partv at the HVDA would not be complete without, well... dance!

"It all depends on the age group, so if a birthday group is older they can likely take instruction better so we can teach them some stuff based on the themes," says Daskalos. "However, dance isn't for everyone so nobody will be forced. We'll also offer fun games and activities to make the party special for everybody in attendance."

Equally, HVDA does offer their space for rentals outside of kid birthday parties.

To learn more, feel free to contact happyvalleydanceacademy@gmail.com

Carpets, Rugs, and Upholstery, Oh My! Lumpy Rug Day

Pro cleaning tips for National

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY For Happy Valley News

May 3rd was the comedic albeit important National Lumpy Rug Day, a chance to embrace the quirky nature of imperfect rugs and carpets, and while many might choose to simply sweep their problems under them, others in spring cleaning mode are determined to find ways to both clean and improve some of their home

fixings. We reached out to Joe Kinnaman, better known to the community by his business name "The Carpet Man", a Happy Valley local since 1989 who has been dealing with all things carpets, rugs, and upholstery since he started the business in 1978.

"The first carpet I ever cleaned was with another company at the old Organ Grinder restaurant," savs Kinnaman. "I swore I would never clean another carpet!"

After a quick laugh, Kinnaman then began to talk more about the industry and problems he often sees at most homes.

"Problems expressed to me are spot stains," says Kinnaman. "Everyone sees them unlike an overall soiled carpet! For me, the big, ugly dark spots are no problem to get right out. It makes us look like heroes as they are generally the easiest. Sometimes colored spots can be an issue but we can get most of those out as well."

In terms of upkeep to your own carpet and rugs, Kinnaman offered these pieces of advice.

"Vacuuming is so important and is usually not done enough," says Kinnaman. "Some people have a home spotting machine which I would say go ahead and use with their recommended product. However, I like applying the



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOE KINNAMAN Joe Kinnaman — The Carpet Man

detergent with a small sprayer to the carpet directly then rinsing with the spotting machine. In terms of pet stains I would suggest, depending on the amount, layering something very absorbent like Kleenex, then paper towels, then an old towel. Add on something flat and heavy and leave it on all day and most of the urine will be drawn through capillary action."

One fun fact Kinnaman mentioned was how urine is generally acidic at first, meaning your standard cleaners should work if treated early. However, overtime urine turns to alkaline and becomes difficult to remove.

"An acid like vinegar could remove the yellow stain immediately," suggests Kinnaman.

That being said, some homeowners are looking for materials that involve less upkeep or work. To that, Kinnaman recommends nylon carpet as it wears the best.

"Most spots can be removed from Nylon," says Kinnaman. "That said, other fibers can work well, too, especially when they're built into a loop instead of a cut pile or plush."

Lastly, Kinnaman notes one small test that will help determine when it might be time to get your carpets and rugs cleaned.

"You could wet a part of your carpet, ring it out and see how much soil is there," says Kinnaman. "A clean carpet/rug can make the air in your home cleaner which is always a good thing."









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Providing Physical Therapy to the Community

Therapeutic Associates bringing healing physical therapy to Happy Valley

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY for Happy Valley News

The importance of active recovery and bodily maintenance cannot be underscored enough, as leaning on industry professionals to assess and improve your overall physical wellness is the best way to not only heal from nagging aches and pains, but also cement a foundation of understanding that will improve your overall quality of life for years to come.

Lucky for us locals in Happy Valley, those industry professionals are located no further than right off 147th and Sunnyside, neighboring the likes of Starbucks and Pizza Hut in a can't miss location. Equally, what's also can't miss is the positive results their growing clientele have experienced over the years, so much so that Therapeutic Associates are actually in the scouting process for a larger location in the area to further service the Happy Valley community.

To learn more, we sat down and spoke with Clinic Director Jesse Frechette to learn more about the business and just who it services.

"I am a full time physical therapist as well as clinic director," shares Frechette. "I opened this location eightand-a-half years ago after doing some research and discovering just how much we liked the family orientation and array of school districts. We were able to forecast a lot of growth in Happy Valley."

Frechette then talked about what he's noticed personally as it pertains to our community and how



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Therapeutic Associates – The house of healing
Therapeutic Associates might

be able to help.
"Our primary focus was to

build a clinic based on what we thought the community

needed," says Frechette.
"There's a ton of active people in Happy Valley from high school athletes to adults who compete in Crossfit. We see much variety as far as age and pathology at our clinic and want to make an impact across all needs."

From there, we dove directly into understanding the signs your body is giving you that might suggest it's time to visit

Frechette and his amazing team of PTs.

"Anytime you feel like your body isn't performing in the way that it should,"

says Frechette. "Basic movements like going up the stairs or getting out of the car that have suddenly become challenging would be a red flag. We want to help figure out what the cause is and how to fix it."

So, what happens when you first meet either Frechette or one of his team members?

"Our first appointment with a client will primarily be

information gathering along with a series of tests on the troubled area," says Frechette. "We'll feel pretty confident at the end of that first appointment with what's going on and will map out a treatment plan from there."

Whether it be chronic pain treatment, uncomfortability in the neck or back, motor vehicle accident care, post-op rehab, sports therapy, or other issues, Frechette and team will closely work with clients to develop treatments plans that are meticulously designed and carefully executed based on your body's needs

Lastly, Frechette offered this bit of info that highlights the simplicity of beginning your wellness journey.

"It's really important to know that you don't need a referral to get PT," says Frechette. "People have direct access to us so feel free to call and we'll help you begin your journey to healing."

Empowering your Fitness

New facility opening this summer in Happy Valley

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY for Happy Valley News

Set to make its debut this Summer across from the Happy Valley Station Food Carts and behind the Carl's Jr is Sculpt PDX, an advanced fitness program that utilizes cardio, core, and primarily strength training to quite literally sculpt your body and generate overall wellness.

Sculpt PDX, which currently resides off Highway 212, is the creation of pharmacist and fitness lover Jared Isse who had the goal to eliminate the rollercoaster that was incorporating fitness into his life's busy schedule.

"I had the space in the warehouse right next to my pharmacy and really wanted to build a business that would follow what I

believed in fitness and strength training," says Sculpt PDX owner Isse. "I wanted to build a program that was affordable, where it felt communal but also where the coaches felt more hands on to individual needs."

Of course, while already conveniently located for us Happy Valley locals, Sculpt PDX will actually be moving even closer and directly into our neighborhood, an opportunity that Isse is very excited about.

"The original dream was to always be up in Happy Valley and it's one of the greatest spots in the state," says Isse. "The visibility is awesome and we're looking forward to having more free range with things like music and other accessabilities for our clients."

Of course, for those familiar with the brand, Sculpt PDX isn't about the space itself but rather what takes place inside it that keeps them coming back.

"Depending on the day that you go will be a different muscle

group you hit," says Isse. "It's a three day rotation. Every workout is different as we believe in progressive overload, where you hit a muscle group over and over till it's exhausted, of course with ample recovery after."

Ideally, Isse recommends newer members visiting at least three days a week to benefit from this thought out programming.

"Each session that we do is four blocks and we always finish with core," says Isse. "The first block is 10 minutes where we do a little bit of HIIT (high intensity interval training) or cardio. Block 2 is a full body block, utilizing compounding movements based on the areas of focus for that day. Block 3 is all upper body. Block 4 is all lower body. After that we usually do about 6 minutes of core to round out the workout."

Currently, Sculpt PDX has an 18 person capacity at their 212 location, making sure that the coaches demonstrate movements and form prior to the



Inside
Sculpt PDX
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door.

COURTESY PHOTO: SCULPT PDX

actual session for these challenging workouts.

"We may not be the most fun... but we will get you the results you're wanting," jokes Isse. "We want to make an impact in your mentality and a change in your body. We're really for the strong minded and strive for members who want to get better and stronger."

Sculpt PDX is about finding something that you can do and do it in perpetuity. Isse and his team are all about finding that balance that works best for your lifestyle when it comes to nutrition and fitness. However, when that time is carved out to commit to fitness it's important that you hit it hard and with purpose.

"We base our memberships sort of off coach consultations," says Isse. "We weigh your goals, needs, availability, nutritional lifestyle, and everything else involved with your health to determine what path is best for you. We do things like a 'six-week-challenge' to a '90-days-of-change'. There's a lot of options here."

To learn more or inquire about a membership of your own, feel free to visit sculptpdx.com.

Welcome to the neighborhood

New business celebrates

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.

Happy Valley businesses contribute significantly to our local community by providing many of the goods and services we all need and enjoy. They offer places for us to gather, workout, eat, drink, and shop, and provide jobs which boost the economy and contribute to a city that thrives. The City of Happy Valley not only encourages new businesses



Ellis, along with members of City Council and the HVBA welcomed Sunnysides (The Last Sip). This indoor multi-vendor eatery and bar serves up a variety of cuisines.

On May 9, Mayor

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to set up shop, but it is happy to highlight them with pomp and circumstance. 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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SUMMER CONCERTS

Happy Valley Library

The Happy Valley Library is preparing for their 10th annual "Concerts in the Park" series, sponsored by the Friends of Happy Valley Library. Once again, these free concerts will be held on Fridays, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., in Village Green Park across the street from the library. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and join us for a musicfilled evening!

July 25: Kivett Bednar Band **August 1:** DJ Action Slacks **August 8:** Le Bon Bande **August 15:** Songbird & the Boogie

August 22: Pura Vida Orquesta

Summer Reading IS HAPPENING NOV at the Library!

Happy Valley Library

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

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

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

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

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



■ Looking for something good to read this summer? Whether relaxing by the pool or on your comfiest couch, check out these reads for the ultimate summer experience. You can find more summer reading suggestions on the library website: go.lincc.org/hvsummerbooks.



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Adult Services Librarian Alicia Pérez Ververa was recently recognized for her work at the Oregon Library Association annual

Local Librarian Receives State **Award**

Happy Valley Library

At this year's Oregon Library Association (OLA) Conference in Eugene, Spanish Bilingual Adult Services Librarian, Alicia Pérez Ververa, was recognized for her work to create welcoming library space for all communities. Her commitment to creating a library profession that is diverse, supportive and inclusive of all was noted by fellow professionals from around the state.

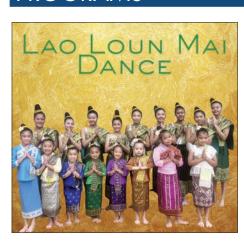
Alicia shared in her acceptance speech, "As a BIPOC librarian, I have a unique lens and lived experience in understanding the cultural and language barriers many diverse communities face." Her local work has led to more language-specific programming, new book collections, and better visibility of services for marginalized groups. "I want to create a safe space in our library," remarked Alicia about her work in the library.

In addition to the incredible work Alicia has done to bring more programs and services to the Happy Valley Library, she has also helped revamp the state chapter of REFORMA, a professional librarian group that works to support library staff in serving Spanish speaking communities. "Oregon is growing and changing in demographics," noted Alicia, "and I want to promote accessibility, diversity, equity, and inclusion for all who walk through our library doors."

Now Alicia will share her work even further presenting at the National REFORMA Conference in Long Beach, California on the programming she's developed. In another nod to her dedication and advocacy, OLA's Leadership Committee awarded her a scholarship to attend on behalf of

"Alicia is such an incredible colleague, collaborator, and librarian," shared Program Coordinator Anna Bruce. "She leads with deliberate thoughtfulness, exploring options, seeking advice, offering ideas, and following through with action. Her recognition is much deserved!"

PROGRAMS



All Ages Programs

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

Lao Loun Mai Dance Program

Saturday, May 31, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Community Rooms A & B

Lao Loun Mai is a vibrant dance group that was established two years ago with a mission to celebrate and preserve Lao culture through the art of dance. With a strong emphasis on keeping traditions alive, Lao Loun Mai also fosters a sense of community, creating a space where kids can come together, share experiences, and

celebrate their shared roots.

The dances performed by Lao Loun Mai preserve traditional Lao dances, while modernizing them for today's generation. By blending classical movements with modern styles, they celebrate their cultural heritage and identity, honoring both tradition and the evolving spirit of Lao.

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.

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, June 10, 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!

Spanish Conversation Group

Sunday, June 22, 2 p.m.-3 p.m. Community Room A

Practice your Spanish conversational skills

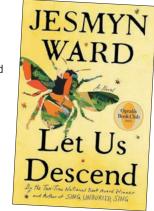
through fun role-playing scenarios and conversation topics with other language learners. Please note this is not a Spanish class, but a conversation group. Participants should have at least a beginner's level of conversational Spanish.

Happy Valley Book Group

Thursday, July 3, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Community Room A

Read Let Us

Descend by Jesmyn Ward 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

Sign & Sing

Friday, June 13, 10:15 a.m.

Community Room A

For 2-5-year-olds and their caregivers. Sing, dance, and sign with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers.



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Bookmark Winners Announced!

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This March, the Library held the 3rd annual Bookmark Contest. Staff reviewed over 500 entries from all ages and selected 34 favorites to be printed. Congratulations to all those selected. There were so many incredible designs. Look for a different selection each month of the winning entries to pick up as supplies last.

Teen Read for a Cause

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Teen Read for a Cause continues for a fourth summer, thanks to the generosity of The Friends of the Library and the hard work of the Library Teen Advisory Board! The Friends of Happy Valley Library are donating \$5 for every teen summer reading finisher up to \$1000. The Teen Advisory Board researched and selected two charities to consider for support: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) and Friends of Trees. When teens finish their reading record, they will get to vote for which charity they would like their reading to support. Get reading teens – it's for a good cause!

Let's Hike!

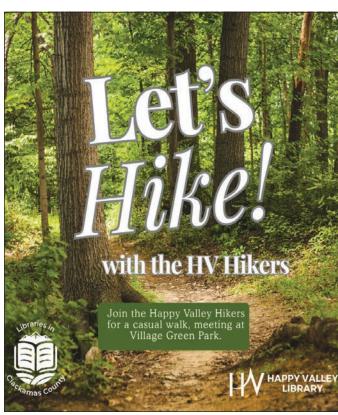
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Back for a third summer, the Happy Valley Library is excited to continue our partnership with the Happy Valley Hikers. Led by Brett Sherman, this group has an extensive weekly rotation of walks. During the summer, they add two walks per month that start from Village Green Park, across from the Library.

Upcoming Hikes:

- Wednesday, June 11, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, June 28, 9 a.m.

Look for the full schedule at go.lincc.org/hvhikes



Get ready for an awesome summer at the Happy Valley Library!



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SUNGLOW ATHLETES OF THE WEEK





David Lim, Junior

Varsity Boys Golf

Junior David Lim has been a true leader for the boys golf team. Although battling a recent back injury, David played in the Regional tournament at the OGA Course in Woodburn and carded a 79 as the low round for the Clackamas Boys Team. He has been vying for the #1 spot all year and finished the year as our #1 golfer with an average tournament score of 78. Congratulations David on battling through adversity this year!



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Ben Foglio, **Sophomore**

Varsity Boys Baseball

Sophomore baseball player Ben Foglio has helped to lead the Cavs to a top 15 ranking in the state. Ben pitched eight innings against Sandy on Saturday May 10th. He struck out eight, walked one and gave up zero runs in the outing. He also contributed at the plate by getting a leadoff hit in the last inning to generate the game winning run. Congrats Ben!

Congrats, Ben! Go Cavs!

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Abby Nesmith,

Varsity Girls Track & Field

Junior Abby Nesmith is a leader on the Cavaliers Track & Field team and is currently ranked first in the league in the 300m hurdles with a time of 45.45 seconds. Abby's been a selfless leader for her team, participating in a variety of events to help her team secure a 6-1 record in league dual meets. Her work ethic and leadership have been vital for the program to be successful. Congratulations, Abby!

Congrats, Abby! Go Cavs!

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Adrienne C. **Nelson HS**





Sofia Forbito, Senior

Varsity Girls Softball

Sofia Forbito has hit .667 this month with 2 HR's and 13 RBI's. She has also gone 2-0 with a 2.42 ERA in the same span.

Way to go, Sofia! Go Hawks!

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Ethan Wallace, Senior

Varisty Boys Golf

Ethan shot his best round of high school golf at the regional golf tournament with a score of 75, which placed him 7th against a very strong field of golfers.

Way to go, Ethan! Go Hawks!

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Aiden Troung, Junior

Varsity Boys Tennis

Aiden Troung was one of the first student athletes to qualify for State for Boys Tennis.

Way to go, Aiden! Go Hawks! 💥 SUNGLOW,

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Nathan Aing,

Varsity Boys Tennis

Nathan Aing is one of the first athletes to qualify for the State tournament for Boys Tennis.



Way to go, Nathan! Go Hawks!

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Alden Ton,

Varsity Boys Tennis

Alden Ton was one of the first student athletes to qualify for the State tournament for Boys Tennis.







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