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MARCUS MENDOZA

City selects new Chief of police

Marcus Mendoza takes command of the Happy Valley Police Department in September

City of Happy Valley

Happy Valley welcomed its new Police Chief this month. A 16-year veteran of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Chief Mendoza will lead the CCSO officers contracted to serve Happy Valley residents through our partnership funded by the public safety levy.

Chief Mendoza was interested in law enforcement from a young age.

"I volunteered as a cadet with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office when I was 17 years old," Mendoza said. "Exposure to law enforcement in high school is what solidified my decision to pursue this as a career." After high school, Mendoza served in the United States Marine Corps, which he credits with giving him the foundation for a strong work ethic and a passion for community service. At the age of 21, he joined the Los Angeles Police Department, where he spent four years serving in a myriad of roles, including on mountain bike patrol, the traffic team and in undercover narcotics, among others. "Even though I grew up in the area, I wanted to work for the LAPD because it was a large agency, and I wanted to gain as much experience as I could," he said.

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A look inside the proposed Happy Valley Community Center

Renderings of the proposed Center show what it could look like

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Mendoza

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After his time in Los Angeles, he returned home to the Pacific Northwest, where he has lived and worked for the past 20 years.

“Happy Valley has seen massive growth and prosperity. I remember driving through Happy Valley as a teenager — it was a much smaller city then. I lived in Happy Valley for about five years before moving to a small farm south of town,” he said.

For the last three years, Mendoza has served as the police chief for the City of Estacada. That experience has prepared him well for his new role.

“I come to Happy Valley with a feel for city government and an understanding of the contract relationship between the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office and the City of Happy Valley, and how that relationship benefits all of us,” he said.

When discussing his priorities as he takes over this new role, Mendoza mentions community connection.

“My priorities are building relationships with the community, city staff, administration, and Happy Valley deputies; maintaining a high level of law enforcement service for the city; and continuing to develop our personnel,” he said. He plans to build those connections by attending and hosting community meetings and events, working with communications staff to share updates with residents and by being on patrol in the city. “My approach comes down to customer service. We make decisions that affect other people. Those decisions should be made using a fair and lawful approach. Your police department should help you and help maintain a safe environment where you live and work,” he said.

Outside of his role as Chief of Police, Mendoza enjoys working outside on farm projects, including gardening and taking care of animals. Join the City of Happy Valley in welcoming Chief Mendoza! If you’d like to meet Chief Mendoza in person, plan to attend the annual ‘Coffee with a Cop’ event on Oct. 2.

Camp Withycombe, City of Happy Valley celebrate their strong alliance

The partnership soared to new heights in 2025

City of Happy Valley

Camp Withycombe, named after Governor James Withycombe, has been an important military training site and supply facility since its early 20th-century origins as the Clackamas Rifle Range.

Over the decades, it evolved into a robust base featuring historic structures, maintenance and logistics operations, and visitor space.

The base has played a pivotal role within the community of Happy Valley, fostering a partnership with the City that is a shining example of civilian–military collaboration, centered around honoring veterans and active-duty service members, and celebrating community spirit.

In 2025, Camp Withycombe actively engaged in multiple city-led events, including the Fourth of July Family Festival, Dumpster Day, and National Night Out. These collaborations help support our community and serve to shine a light on the service and sacrifice of veterans and military personnel within Happy Valley. The base also celebrated the reopening of the Oregon Military Museum, which welcomes visitors to learn about Oregon’s military contributions at home and abroad.

The shared commitment between the City and Camp Withycombe also extends to promoting veteran resources, recognizing military partners at public gatherings, and even weaving military support into our civic infrastructure through parks and public art.

This partnership underscores the belief that honoring service isn’t a one-time act but an ongoing effort that enriches both military personnel and the broader community.



A soldier from Camp Withycombe at the Happy Valley National Night Out. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



Soldiers from Camp Withycombe worked with community volunteers at this year's Dumpster Day. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



The Fourth of July Family Festival featured soldiers from Camp Withycombe. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)

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Saying Goodbye to HVPD Chief Richard Sheldon

He left the role at the end of August

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After four years as the head of the Happy Valley Police, Chief Sheldon is saying goodbye. Chief Sheldon started his career in law enforcement in 1988, serving communities around Oregon and as a member of the Army and National Guard. In his time with Happy Valley, he has focused on strengthening traffic safety, building relationships within the community and leading the team of Clackamas County Sheriff's officers assigned to Happy Valley. In his new role, Chief Sheldon will continue to work with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office as part of the internal affairs team. The City of Happy Valley thanks Chief Sheldon for his dedication and service.



RICH SHELDON

6th Annual lemonade stand raises funds for childhood cancer research

Proceeds from the event go to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

City of Happy Valley

When local siblings Roslyn, 8, and Xavier, 12, Creech set up their lemonade stand at the Happy Valley Farmers Market, waiting for customers to approach their table, it wasn't a new toy they were working towards. Instead, it was a chance to raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. The national nonprofit organization aims to change the lives of children with cancer by funding research, raising awareness, supporting families and empowering everyone to help cure childhood cancer. Childhood cancer research is an important cause for the Creech family, as Roslyn is a cancer survivor. "Roslyn was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia a few months before her second



birthday. Navigating the more than two years of chemotherapy and other procedures was challenging and life changing. Through it all, Roslyn was, and still is, so amazing, strong, and resilient," said the children's mom, Colleen Creech. The annual event has taken place in August to mark

the anniversary of Roslyn finishing her cancer treatment. "We like to celebrate her end of treatment anniversary by hosting a lemonade stand from which all proceeds are given to support pediatric cancer families and cancer research. There are still so many kids and families affected by pediatric

cancer. They need our community support, and our family will to continue to advocate for them," said Creech. Mayor Tom Ellis was on hand at the event to deliver an honorary business license for the lemonade stand, and praised Roslyn and Xavier's dedication to helping others.

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COUNCIL CORNER

Another unforgettable National Night Out honoring our first responders



Clackamas Fire showing some kids the fire engine.



Slicker rocks the stage at National Night Out.

City of Happy Valley

This year’s National Night Out was one for the books! Residents gathered at Happy Valley Park for an evening full of community spirit, connection, and appreciation for our local safety heroes. The event featured live music, emergency vehicle tours, and heartfelt moments honoring local safety heroes.

The evening is designed to foster genuine connections between residents and first responders. Throughout the park, officers, deputies, and firefighters shared laughs, exchanged high-fives, and engaged in meaningful conversations about community safety. These informal, face-to-face interactions offered a chance for residents to see the people behind the badges — highlighting the shared responsibility we all have in keeping Happy Valley safe. It’s this spirit of connection that continues to make National Night Out such a meaningful and impactful tradition.



The perfect ending to an unforgettable night- dancing with the Glow Show Robot!

The event included representatives from Clackamas Fire District, Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office, and Happy Valley Police Department, with emergency vehicles lining the park and inviting exploration. From climbing aboard fire trucks to police motorcycles, attendees of all ages had the chance to engage directly with the first responders who help keep Happy Valley safe year-round.

We were honored to welcome our military partners from Camp Withycombe and the Oregon National Guard to this year’s National Night Out. Their presence brought an incredible sense of pride and patriotism to the event. One of

the biggest highlights was the arrival of their large tactical vehicles, which captivated both kids and adults.

Musical guest Slicker, a high-energy country rock band, kept spirits high with an electric performance that had the crowd tapping their feet and dancing along. As dusk settled in, the night concluded with a stunning LED Glow Show by The Dancing Fire, a world-renowned entertainment group known for its dazzling visuals and professional dancers. The performance featured mesmerizing glow routines and high-energy choreography that lit up the night sky and left the audience in awe.

A huge shout-out to our

community sponsor, PARR Lumber, for helping make this event possible.

Thank you to Happy Valley Parks & Recreation for organizing this memorable event and to every neighbor, volunteer, partner, and first responder who helped make it special. National Night Out continues to show that when we come together, great things happen.

National Night Out is a nationally recognized, award-winning event, and Happy Valley continues to raise the bar. The evening served as a reminder of the power of community, the strength of partnerships, and the pride the city has in those who serve and protect it.

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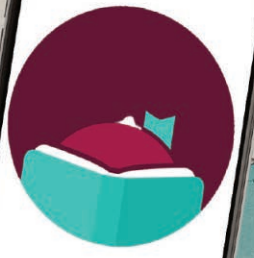
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Annual Report

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As Mayor, I’m consistently blown away by the amount of work that is completed to meet growing service demands.

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



Tom Ellis

As the City Council and the broader community have come to expect, the City of Happy Valley delivers quality customer and public service. Starting with the basics, local streets are kept at one of the highest pavement quality indexes in the State; parks and trails are well maintained and receive consistent upgrades; the City is safe and



A review of the past year shows the many accomplishments of our city, driven by the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers.

clean; growth is managed thoughtfully; and our community events enhance the small-town feel.

While 90% of what we do as a City is focused on the core local government services our community expects (see the fun facts), we continue to make monumental strides in delivering on key projects that are a priority to the City Council. Below are just a few of the many highlights:

- Finalized the library expansion
- Continued significant progress on the future Community

Center

- Finished the Superblock sidewalk project
 - Made progress developing plans for the future of Downtown
 - Passed the Public Safety Levy
- None of this would be possible without the support of the community. Likewise, volunteers on City committees served as a sounding board for advice and feedback. Lastly, our employees work tirelessly through challenging times to achieve our shared goals of making Happy Valley a better place. Every accomplishment highlighted in

FUN FACTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

- 53,705 records digitized
- 759,111 materials checked out at the library
- 134 planning applications/pre-apps/etc.
- 445 erosion control inspections
- 185 new single family home permits
- 11,096 building inspections
- 16,547 people served with sports field bookings
- 9,925 gallons of de-icer applied on streets
- 174,960 feet of crack seal installed
- 11 new businesses welcomed to HV
- 342 lbs. of unwanted drugs turned in
- 37.8 tons of waste collected on Dumpster Day
- 2,667 passport applications
- 2,435 code enforcement cases
- 15 new driver feedback signs installed

this report took a team effort. I am proud of what we have accomplished and excited for the year ahead.

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Volunteers gather in celebration at Happy Valley Park

City of Happy Valley

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The yearly event honored the incredible people who give their time, energy, and heart to make our community shine with an electric evening of music, food, drinks, and fun! Throughout the year, the City benefits

from countless hours of service and strategic guidance from volunteers in the community. Volunteers serve on advisory committees that do things like find solutions to traffic problems, improve parks, and manage growth.

Happy Valley also sees many individuals organize and participate in service projects that enhance our environment, foster community spirit, and support our community events and services. Happy Valley wouldn’t

be the community it is today without these backstage heroes who keep the show running and the lights burning bright.

City staff would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the amazing volunteers. These community members are helping to shape the future of our city. If you feel inspired and would like to apply to be on an advisory committee for the upcoming year, visit: hv.city/city-committees

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September 2025
Community Calendar

September 11

■ Traffic and Public Safety Meeting, City Hall: 6 p.m.

September 16

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

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

September 18

■ Public Art Committee Meeting, City Hall: 5:30 p.m.

September 24

■ HVBA Meeting, City Hall: 7:30 a.m.



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CLACKAMAS FIRE

Back to school, back to safety

Fire and life safety tips from the Clackamas Fire District #1

As families across Happy Valley prepare for the new school year, Clackamas Fire District #1 reminds parents, caregivers, and students that now is the perfect time to brush up on fire and life safety – both at home and on the way to and from school.

Whether students are walking, biking, taking the bus, or getting dropped off, a few simple precautions can help prevent emergencies and keep everyone safe.

Home Fire Safety Starts Here

■ Test smoke alarms once a month and replace the batteries at least once a year. Make sure alarms are installed on every level of your home and inside each bedroom.

■ Create and practice a home fire escape plan with your family. Identify two ways out of every room and agree on a safe meeting place outside.

■ Keep backpacks, school supplies, and other items away from heaters, stoves, and open flames.

■ Use power strips safely—don't overload outlets with laptops, chargers, or other devices.

Life Safety for Walkers and Bikers

For students walking or biking to school, fire safety goes hand-in-hand with traffic safety:

■ Always use sidewalks and marked crosswalks. Never cross the street between parked cars or in unmarked areas.

■ Stop, look both ways, and



Matt Davis, Sparky the Fire Safety Dog, Joey Barber, Bryce MacLennan in front of Engine 303. (COURTESY: CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)

make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.

■ Avoid distractions like phones or headphones while walking or biking.

■ Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially in the early morning or on cloudy days. Make sure bikers

Bus and Drop-Off Safety

■ Wait for the bus in a safe spot, away from traffic.

■ Stay seated while the bus is moving and listen to the driver at all times.

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Community Service Officer tackling wildfire risk in Happy Valley

Ben Hodges brings his love of the outdoors to his job

City of Happy Valley

When it comes to keeping Happy Valley’s green spaces safe from wildfire, one name keeps popping up: Ben Hodges.

Hodges, a Community Service Officer (CSO) with the City of Happy Valley, has been with the city for just over a year. In that time, he quickly became a key player in one of the city’s most significant efforts: wildfire risk reduction. With his background in forestry, landscaping, and horticulture and a newly earned title as an ISA Certified Arborist, Hodges is helping lead the charge to keep Happy Valley’s natural spaces both beautiful and safe.

Hodges’ story starts long before the badge and arborist credentials. A lifelong Oregonian (aside from a brief, 10-year adventure in Spokane), Hodges has always felt most at home outdoors. Whether it was propagating plants in greenhouses or offering landscape consultations in the private nursery world, Hodges has spent his career working closely with nature.

“When our first child was born, I knew I wanted to do something that allowed me to give back to the community,” Hodges shared. “Public service just made sense. It aligned with my skills and gave me more time with my family.”



Taron HOA green space before volunteers completed the wildfire reduction clean-up.



Taron HOA green space after volunteers completed the wildfire reduction cleanup.



Officer Ben Hodges

Hodges loves spending time with his wife and their two young kids, ages 4 and 2. As a family, they enjoy getting outside – whether it’s hiking in the woods or playing at the beach. When he gets a little time to himself, Hodges likes to go kayaking, fishing, or watch soccer, which he’s recently gotten into.

As a CSO, no two days are ever the same for Hodges. One day, he might be reviewing tree permits, the next out with Public Works inspecting trees on city property, while also enforcing municipal code and assisting police

with traffic accidents to keep the community safe and running smoothly. But it’s his work with the Wildfire Mitigation Program that’s taken off.

Drawing on his arborist expertise and years of hands-on experience, Hodges is now focused on inspecting HOA green spaces throughout the city, those treasured patches of forest and marshland tucked between neighborhoods. His role involves assessing wildfire risk, identifying potential hazards, and working closely with Homeowners Association (HOA) members to develop practical, sustainable solutions for keeping these natural areas safe and well-maintained.

“We’re not trying to clear-cut anything,” Hodges laughed. “It’s all about balance and protecting the natural beauty while making sure we’re reducing fire risk and creating defensible space around homes and structures.”

Happy Valley was awarded a Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant, a huge step in funding and supporting this vital work. And it doesn’t stop at city limits. Hodges also represents Happy Valley as a member of the Clackamas County Wildfire Collaborative, a team of public and nonprofit leaders brainstorming wildfire preparedness strategies across the region.

Earlier this year, the City of Happy Valley received a Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant from the Oregon State Fire Marshal’s Office and the Oregon Department of Forestry to help identify and address wildfire hazards within local HOA green spaces. With Hodges leading the charge, and with the tireless efforts of dedicated volunteers who have been instrumental in making this work possible, along with collaboration with Water Environment Services to secure additional grants, multiple areas identified

for wildfire mitigation work were assessed as part of the program. To support these efforts, the City used grant funds to purchase a trailer and outfit it with tools, creating a mobile resource hub that can be brought directly to neighborhoods for community cleanup events. HOAs have been encouraged to come together and take an active role in reducing wildfire risk. Thanks to Hodges’s outreach, the hard work of some dedicated volunteers, and continued guidance, many green spaces have already completed cleanup projects and now meet key wildfire safety standards. It’s a strong start to a long-term initiative and a big step toward protecting homes, families, and natural spaces throughout Happy Valley.

So, next time you’re out enjoying a Happy Valley trail, maybe give a silent thanks to the guy behind the scenes making sure that beautiful greenspace stays wildfire safe.

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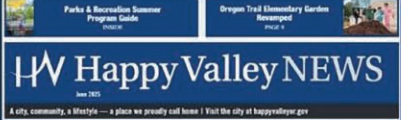


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New art on display

Public Art Committee selects new pieces for the Library and City Hall



Big Horn Sheep by Jim Johnson



Spirit of the Owl by Travis Pond



Leaf Spiral by Ken McCall



Downpour by Ken Turner



Frisky Fillies by Anna Lee Harris

City of Happy Valley

This July, Happy Valley welcomed new art to its public buildings.

Every two years, City Hall rotates the outdoor art on display with pieces from artists around the Pacific Northwest. This year, the rotation expands to include the Happy Valley Public Library as well.

This year's art display features several familiar local artists who have been showcased in Happy Valley before. Jenny Ellsworth from Oregon City is showing work at City Hall for the fourth time since 2015. Her current piece on display is titled Luna, with whimsical shapes of the starry sky carved into the steel of a spherical tank manufactured in 1946.

In discussion with Happy Valley staff, Ellsworth said, "I hope the community sees that old things can be turned into something new," a common theme in this year's pieces.

Earlier this year, the Public Art Committee received 45 applications from sculptors from Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho and Alaska. The committee made their selections of which pieces to display as part of the City's Sculpture Garden program. The program hosts a piece of art for a two-year term in a public space. The pieces are available for sale, with listed sale prices managed through City Hall. Several of the pieces hosted in the program so far have been acquired by the City for permanent display. Rick True's Speckled Redside Chromie was part of the Sculpture Garden program, but now is a permanent fixture in front of the City Library.

Reclaimed materials are a common thread through this year's selections. Travis Pond, another Oregon

City artist, installed Spirit of the Owl this year, a 3-foot owl made of reclaimed steel parts that stares inquisitively at the sidewalk and passersby. Pond's work is a familiar mainstay in Happy Valley, where he recently displayed Crane Study #47 at City Hall, and his imposing Eagle in Flight, a towering bald eagle made of repurposed military steel, spreads its 18-foot wingspan in the heart of Happy Valley's Veterans Memorial Park along SE 162nd Avenue.

"Half of what I do is collecting materials. I look for objects with significance and meaning, objects that have connections to us as individuals and as a whole. The scraps are part of our human history," Pond said. "For me, the question is never where to start. It is always where to stop. It is a constant look beyond the object, beyond the form, to what is next. Each circumstance, or in this case, each piece, spontaneously connects to the next."

This year's art selection includes two other prominent examples of repurposed materials welded into organic shapes. Portland artist Samir Sankari's Tall Bird combines piping, grating and rods into a towering shape that makes complicated geometric patterns against the sky. Oregon City artist, Suzie Beth, made her first piece of metalwork this spring to display in Happy Valley this year, The Center Will Not Hold, a towering flower-shaped spiral of salvaged industrial chain.

Two of this year's new installations showcase their artists' love of wild-life and the outdoors:

Frisky Fillies by A. Lee Harris from Bonners Ferry, Idaho, is on display at the Happy Valley Library.



Luna by Jenny Ellsworth

It depicts a rotation of wild fillies carved from polished granite, surrounded by pines below a pair of eagles in their sky-dance. Lee is a passionate traveler and stonecarver, and her pieces depict the wildlife of the American West in beautiful carved stone.

Big Horn Sheep by the late Jim Johnson from Salem lovingly depicts the big horn sheep Jim would see while traveling through Canada from Alaska. Jim showed his pieces in Happy Valley several times before, including the towering raging stallion Fury and contemplative statue Fumiko, and it is an honor to showcase his work one more time.

Happy Valley has one other repeat artist on display this year. Ken Turner from Seattle installed Downpour, a towering stainless steel droplet. Turner said that he loves working with stainless steel because "the reflections demonstrate time as they change with the light. The reflections include the environment and the viewer as they move." Two of Turner's pieces have been displayed at Happy Valley City Hall before: Timeline Theory Reflection, a stainless steel tree, and Time Management, a stainless steel clock tower.

The remaining piece in this year's cycle is Leaf Spiral, by Ken McCall.

"My contemporary sculptures are inspired by natural forms," McCall said. "Leaf Spiral is inspired by the autumn leaves swirling down from the many trees in my hometown of Boise." McCall's public artwork is a common sight in the Northwest, including dramatic forms of horses and their foals, massive dandelions spreading their seeds, whimsical marshland creatures and the haunting Spirit of Injustice at Boise's Anne Frank memorial, but this will be the first time his art will be displayed in



The Center Will Not Hold by Suzie Beth



Tall Bird by Samir Sankari

Happy Valley. The City and the Art Committee are thrilled to host these incredible artists' works and look forward to engaging more with local and regional artists. For more information, visit hv.city/sculpture-garden.

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Alzheimer's or Dementia: What's the Difference?

Dementia and Alzheimer's disease are related but are not exactly the same. Alzheimer's is a disease and dementia is a general term for decreased cognitive function. While all Alzheimer's patients have dementia symptoms, not all patients with dementia symptoms have Alzheimer's disease.

Although Alzheimer's disease is responsible for almost 80% of all dementia diagnoses, it is not completely understood. Alzheimer's is a buildup of different substances in the brain, tangles of fibers and plaques of protein that destroy nerve cells, gradually blocking signals between them to no longer be connected. Unfortunately, it can't be definitively diagnosed until an autopsy examination of a person's brain takes place after death, but CT scans and MRIs can detect changes caused by Alzheimer's. Symptoms are short term memory loss, confusion, impaired decision-making, problems concentrating, depression, other mood changes, and personality changes.

Dementia results from changes in the brain over time, leading to decline in cognitive function, affecting the ability to communicate, recall memories, and perform activities of daily living. There are many underlying causes for dementia, including a degenerative neurological disorder, Parkinson's or Huntington's diseases, or vascular dementia, which is caused by insufficient blood flow to the brain. Language changes, decreased attention and focus, poor judgment, thinking changes or memory decline will result in a dementia diagnosis.

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Community volunteers help bring new life to Christilla Pioneer Cemetery

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On Aug. 16, the City of Happy Valley proudly celebrated the grand opening of the Christilla Pioneer Cemetery, a long-standing historic landmark nestled atop Scouters Mountain Nature Park.

This milestone was made possible thanks to the dedication and hard work of volunteers from the Rotary Club of Clackamas, Boys Team Charity, National Charity League-Sunnyside Chapter and the Happy Valley Hikers. These community members came together with a shared purpose to restore and honor a piece of Happy Valley's past. Through months of brush clearing, invasive plant removal, and site cleanup, these volunteers helped transform the cemetery into a beautiful and welcoming place that reflects the pride we have in preserving our city's history.

Among those honored was long-time community member Dennis Deardorff, whose family members and other early settlers are buried at the site, a living connection to the deep roots and rich history that define Happy Valley.

The City extends heartfelt thanks to all who contributed their time and effort. Because of you, the Christilla Pioneer Cemetery is now open to the public and is a place where we can reflect, remember, and take pride in the early settlers who helped shape the community we cherish today.

If you choose to visit the property, please do so with respect and help us preserve and protect this historic site. Should you see any vandalism, report it immediately to the Happy Valley Police at 503-655-8211.



The ribbon is cut at the grand opening of the Christilla Pioneer Cemetery. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



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National Housekeeping Week

A conversation with Lemon Fresh Housekeeping

James KENNETH PRESLEY
for Happy Valley News

Celebrated during the second week of September, National Housekeeping Week is when thousands of housekeeping businesses come together to help promote the efforts it can take to do this job and to do it well.

Housekeeping, once perceived as a luxury service only those upper middle-class to wealthy could afford, has quickly shifted in today's society as a healthy practice for all to partake in, because a clean home can represent a safe home.

Today, thanks to two-income households, lack of responsibility across the family, neglect or even ignorance of specific housekeeping practices, many homes suffer from overlooking those deep-cleaning tactics that not only create a clean living environment but also help protect those within from lingering germs and disease-causing particles.

Kellie Marrs, owner of Lemon Fresh Housekeeping, shared her knowledge of the industry and some helpful tips that all homeowners could utilize.

"I've always been a clean freak since childhood," Marrs said. "I knew I had a knack for cleaning and knew I could make a living from this. I've been cleaning professionally for six years and started my own business three years ago."

Marrs, who started as a vet tech, notes how most of her business is through word-of-mouth referrals, a nod to the incredible work she and her sister, Holly, accomplish on a day-to-day basis.

"We do a lot of deep cleaning that other people either miss or just don't do, like baseboards and blinds," says Marrs. "Window tracks are another big thing



"Others show great gratitude and thank us up and down which gives us so much confidence and makes us love the work we do."

— Kellie Marrs, owner of Lemon Fresh Housekeeping

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needs, and the homeowners needs." Next, Marrs did offer some helpful tips for homeowners who prefer to upkeep their own homes!

"First, I would say squeegee your shower glass door every day because, if you don't, you'll develop hard water marks which become really hard to get off," says Marrs.

"Next, if you do have your blinds professionally done or if you do them yourselves then make sure you keep up on them every few weeks! Dust is easier to remove than dirt and grime which can develop."

Marrs also spills on her secret weapon, Dawn dish soap, which she dilutes with water, puts in a bottle, and uses for surfaces across her home.

Lastly, we talked about the appreciation of Housekeeping businesses and how both she and her sister are shown appreciation by their clients.

"A lot of my clients do tip which shows that they like our work," says Marrs. "Others show great gratitude and thank us up and down which gives us so much confidence and makes us love the work we do."

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people don't pay attention to, either on their sliding doors or windows. It's tedious work but we're happy to help!"

For first-timers, Marrs says clients usually call in need of weekly or bi-weekly upkeep for their homes. During

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"For some clients that are regulars we can do laundry and dishes," says Marrs. "It really just depends on the home, its

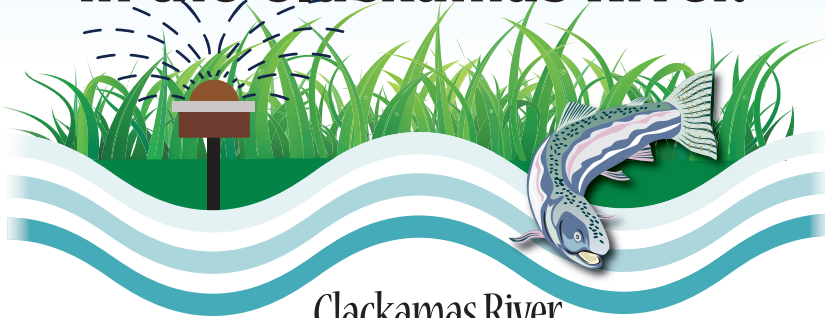


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From humble beginnings to a popular establishment

Kracked Crab has evolved from a food cart to a brick-and-mortar restaurant

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
for Happy Valley News

While many parts of the world assume that the finest seafood dishes come from places like Maine, Louisiana, or Connecticut, experts know the real gem of seafood smorgasbord is the Pacific Northwest.

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Enter Kracked Crab, a once beloved food cart at the Happy Valley Food Station, turned brick and mortar as part of Sunnysides at the Happy Valley Town Center, where the flavors of this new local favorite are as exciting as the rapid boil they're cooked in.

"I moved up here from Florida in 2016," said Joshua Daily, co-founder of Kracked Crab and co-owner of Sunnysides. "I came up here to be closer to family and work with some businesses but, once COVID hit, my brother and business partner, Todd, and I decided to get into the food cart business."

Daily, a Navy veteran, spent some time discussing his early years in the service industry, noting how both he and his brother, Todd, have always meshed well in



Joshua and Todd Daily, business partners and brothers, during Kracked Crab's humble beginnings.

their business ventures, sharing a singular goal with different skills and expertise to get there together.

"We balance out really well," says Daily. "We know our roles, stay in our lanes, but share equal responsibilities and ambitions."

In terms of the actual offerings at Kracked Crab, Daily reveals that seafood boils were always a part of his youth, especially on weekends with friends.

"We took our Taco Bell paychecks and went to get some crab for boils," says Daily. "It became a staple for us and we got really good at it."

Daily then talked about how they launched a seafood boil business in Salem and how it blew up "big time", leading them to pursue bigger opportunities across the state, and, while Happy Valley Food Station was initially unavailable, a slot for Kracked Crab seemingly opened up at the perfect time.

"Happy Valley had the nicest pod location in the nicest town and we always wanted to be there," says Daily. "Once we got in we realized it was the perfect place to grow a business."

So, after a few years at the Food Station, both Josh and Todd had their sights



ABOVE: Sunnysides, home of Kracked Crab.

LEFT: Grab a buddy, a lot of napkins, and get ready to feast with a seafood boil. (COURTESY: JOSHUA DAILY)

"Happy Valley had the nicest pod location in the nicest town and we always wanted to be there."

— Kracked Crab co-owner Joshua Daily

set on a bigger opportunity after discovering that the vacant building at the Happy Valley Town Center, formerly occupied by businesses like Applebee's and the Happy Valley Food Hall, was seeking the next brave renter.

Luckily, both Josh and Todd were able to bring their new business idea of Sunnysides to life, featuring a slew of unique and exciting vendors that mesh everything we love about our blended community into one big kitchen. With options like The Last Sip, Kung Fu Tea, The Dumpling Boys, Korndog Kings, and Rolls & Rice, all inhabit original menus with tantalizing aromas.

Of course, at the helm is Kracked Crab, where epic boils mesh with epic flavors thanks to their famous "drips", or seasoned infused butters that make each boil special.

"Gartlic parmesan is our most popular drip," says Daily. "Cajun is a close second,

followed by lemon pepper and honey garlic."

The dishes themselves feature, depending on what you buy, a variety of shrimp, crab, and lobster boils with accompanying sides tossed in the mix, such as corn, eggs, spuds, sausage, and more. The menu also includes dishes like fried fish, chowder, lobster mac, and more.

"We were able to open in May," says Daily. "We really wanted to create a space for young entrepreneurs who exhibit quality service with a quality product. My Navy experience helped me set this kitchen up to be efficient and effective and the county helped us construct the rules for the city's only food hall. So far it's been great."

One cool aspect we discovered was Daily's commitment to the community, including hosting UFC nights and late-night hours for Clackamas High School Varsity football nights. However, this is not the endgame for Josh and Todd.

"Once everything settles, we're going to be the longest full-service food place open in Happy Valley," said Daily. "Our hours are as late as 2:00 in the morning. That's why the bar at Sunnysides is called 'The Last Sip'."

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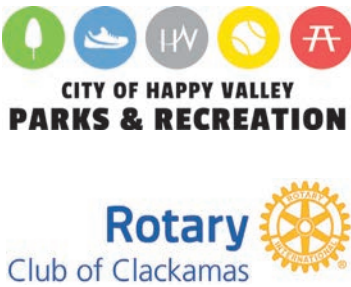
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On Saturday, Oct. 4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Happy Valley Park will transform into a lively celebration of Bavarian tradition, community spirit, and all-around good times. With large tents set up rain or shine, the party goes on no matter the weather.

From the moment you arrive, you'll be greeted with the sights, sounds, and smells of the season. The festival grounds will be buzzing with food vendors, craft booths, live bands, and toe-tapping polka music, not to mention plenty of opportunities to join in the famous Chicken Dance. Adults can raise their glasses in the stein hoisting competition, while kids enjoy the petting zoo, wagon rides, and small pumpkin painting courtesy of Embold Credit Union.

Feeling competitive? Try your luck in the ever-popular wiener dog races or test your appetite in our brand-new (surprise food) eating contest. (Hint: You'll want to sign up early as spaces



are limited!) And don't forget to strike a pose in the festive photo booth to capture the memories.

Whether you're sipping local beer and wine, shopping for handmade treasures, or enjoying hearty bites from the food vendors, there's something for everyone at this all-day festival. To make it even better, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and Valley Public House are teaming up to provide a special ride share promotional code for a safe and easy trip home.

Full activity lists, contest details, and registration information are available online (hv.city/oktoberfest). Remember, some contests fill quickly, so don't delay!

Happy Valley Oktoberfest

- Saturday, Oct. 4
- Happy Valley Park
- 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Happy Valley Oktoberfest is brought to you by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, in



ABOVE: Mark your calendars and get ready for a day of fun at Happy Valley's Oktoberfest!



Fun for the whole family, Happy Valley's Oktoberfest brings food, activities, and community together. Here, the crowd takes part in the Chicken Dance, a popular event at the festival.



LEFT: Community booths and vendors will be on site to peruse.



Kids can select a pumpkin, courtesy of Embold Credit Union, while supplies last!



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SEPTEMBER 2025 LIBRARY EVENTS

The library will be closed on Monday, September 1 and Wednesday, September 10

PROGRAMS

All Ages Programs

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

Library Lounge

Saturday, September 27, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Everyone's invited for puzzles, crafts, and other fun!

Chess Meet Up

Saturday, September 6, 10:15-11:45 am

Calling chess enthusiasts of all ages and levels, it's a morning of chess-playing fun at this friendly meetup! Some boards are available.

Adult Programs

RSVP for programs at <https://go.lincc.org/hvRSVP>

ESL Classes

Community Room B

Intermediate: Mondays, 10:00 am

Advanced: Mondays, 1:00 pm

All are welcome to drop in on this weekly class. Each student will receive a free textbook to use in the classes. RSVP available.

Citizenship Classes

Tuesdays, 10:15-11:15 am

Community Room B

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, 12:30-3:30 pm

Community Room A

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, 12:30-3:30 pm

Community Room A

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.

Spanish Conversation Group

Sunday, September 14, 2:00-3:00 pm

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. Registration required.

Be Red Cross Ready

Friday, September 12, 10:30 am

Community Room A

What do you need to do to be ready for an emergency? Learn the steps to ensure you can weather a crisis safely and comfortably. Being prepared may not prevent a disaster, but it will give you confidence to meet the challenge. RSVP available.

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, September 16, 1:00-3:00 pm

Community Room B

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!

How To: Computer Basics

Thursday, September 18, 1:00 pm

Community Room B

Starting with the basics of logging in, to accessing computer settings, this class offers all computer users valuable information.

Garden Talk: Don't Leave Your Garden This Fall

Saturday, September 20, 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Community Room B

It might seem like fall is not a prime time for gardening, but Master Gardener Kris LaMar has news for you! There are still so many easy ways you can help your soil, prepare for spring, and make next year's garden even more productive! RSVP available.

How To: Gmail

Thursday, September 25, 1:00 pm

Community Room B

Learn how to set up, access, and use Gmail (Google Email). Choose an email address, create a secure password, and explore other security features.

Bird Migration

Saturday, September 27, 3:00 pm

Community Room A

Our Nature Nerd friend Aaron Campbell is back for another class: Bird migration! Learn about different birds, their journeys, and how to track them in your neighborhood during a presentation and talk, then

head out for a guided bird walk around the Library to look for migrant birds. RSVP available.

Puzzle Exchange

Sunday, September 28, 2:00-4:00 pm

Community Room A & B

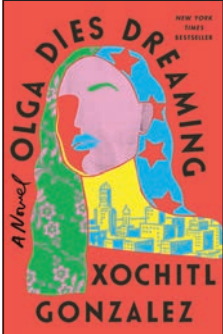
Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Come to our puzzle exchange to get some new-to-you puzzles! Bring and take as many puzzles as you like. You'll find a wide variety of puzzles on the tables — all sizes, piece counts, shapes, styles, and degrees of difficulty. No puzzles with missing pieces, please!

Happy Valley Book Group

Thursday, October 2, 6-7:30 pm

Community Room B

Read *Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xochitl Gonzalez and discuss it with other readers. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Share your thoughts!



Youth Programs

Storytimes

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

Stretch, Dance, Play

Thursday, September 4, 10:15 am

Community Room A

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

Homeschool Club

Thursday, September 11, 10:15-11:30 am

Community Room A

Hey homeschool families! Bring the whole family for a morning of fun with crafts and games.

Sign & Sing

Friday, September 12, 10:15 am

Community Room A

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

On the Move!

Saturday, September 13, 10:30 am

Community Room A

For 3-5-year-olds and their caregivers. Join Maria Fe Picar for a special story, songs and games that encourage creative movement.

Craft Time with Kenny / Kenny 雙語手工時間

Saturday, September 13, 2:00-3:00 pm

Community Room A

Join Kenny on the second Saturday of every month to learn about and integrate the creativity of various cultures into our daily lives through crafts. Through crafts, we can make our lives more joyful, fulfilling, and beautiful. This month's craft theme is: Labubu Culture and 3D Labubu Paper Models.

歡迎在每個月的第二個星期六，跟著 Kenny 一起，透過不同文化的手工，了解並將各種文化的創意融合入日常，讓我們透過手工，讓生活更加地歡樂、充實、美好。本月的手工主題是：歡迎在每個月的第二個星期六，跟著 Kenny 一起，透過不同文化的手工，了解並將各種文化的創意融合入日常，讓我們透過手工，让生活更加地歡樂、充實、美好。本月的手工主題是：拉布布文化與3D 拉布布紙模型



This month, Kenny shows how to create your own 3D Labubu paper model.

Giờ làm Thủ công đón Tết Trung thu / Mid-Autumn Craft Time

Sunday, September 28, 10:30 am

Community Room A

Giờ gia đình làm thủ công tại thư viện! Hãy đến và học cách làm lồng đèn giấy xinh đẹp để chào mừng Tết Trung thu tại Thư viện Happy Valley. Mọi lứa tuổi đều được chào đón và không cần kinh nghiệm.

It's family craft time at the library! Come and learn how to make beautiful paper lanterns to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. All ages are welcome, and no experience is necessary.

Take the Library Card Challenge!

Your library card gives you access to so much more than books! In addition to checking out books, movies, magazines, and video games, this September, take the challenge to explore all that your library card can do. To sweeten the deal, the Library will draw several winners to receive a prize.

There are two ways to



enter the drawing. All entries are due by September 30, 2025.

Don't have a card? Get a library card to enter the drawing. Library cards are available to all residents of the Clackamas County Library District, and Washington, Multnomah, Hood River, and Clark (Wash.)

counties. Cards are for those ages 5 and up. A person under 13 must have parental/guardian permission to get a library card. Stop by the library with your ID and proof of current address.

Already have a card? Try one of the challenges and stop by the library to enter the drawing.

Thanks to our Book Bingo sponsors!

From June through August, our community of adult readers comes together for the Book Bingo Challenge, logging hundreds of books each week. Every book read earns an entry into our prize raffle, generously supported by local businesses. Reading is rewarding on its own, and thanks to our sponsors, it's even more exciting with prizes! We're deeply grateful to the following businesses for helping make this summer a success and brightening the days of our lucky winners:

- The City of Happy Valley
- Cup of Tea
- Embold Credit Union
- Friends of Happy Valley Library
- Happy Valley Station

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The Happy Valley Library is grateful to our local business community for their generous donations to our Summer Reading Program.

Latiné Heritage Month

Latiné Heritage Month, Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, celebrates the contributions to American society and culture of Americans with roots in Mexico, Central America, South America, the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean, and Spain. September 15 is a significant date for many Latin American countries — it marks the date when five nations, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, celebrate their independence from Spain. In addition, México celebrates its independence on Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18.

To celebrate, we've put together booklists highlighting some recent notables by Latiné authors. And look for our Latiné Heritage Month programs for all ages in October. Find all of the lists at go.lincc.org/hvlatinevoices

El Mes de la Herencia Latiné, del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre, celebra las contribuciones a la sociedad y la cultura



estadounidenses con raíces en México, Centroamérica, Sudamérica, las naciones hispanohablantes del Caribe y España. El 15 de septiembre es una fecha importante para muchos países latinoamericanos — marca la fecha en que cinco naciones, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras y Nicaragua, celebran su independencia de España. Además, México celebra su independencia el 16 de septiembre y Chile el 18 de septiembre.

Para celebrarlo, hemos reunido listas de libros a continuación que destacan algunos autores Latiné notables. También busque nuestros programas del Mes de la Herencia Latiné para todas las edades en octubre.

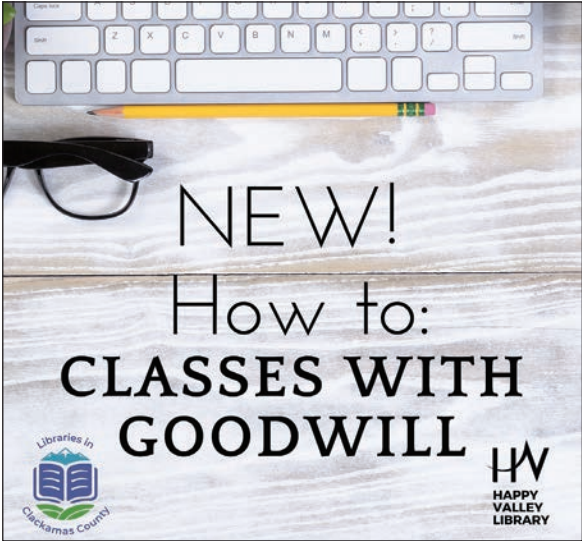
NEW! Computer classes at the library

Thanks to a partnership with Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette, the Happy Valley Library will be offering a 10-week computer and career series for free, on Thursdays at 1 pm.

From computer basics to Google Docs, resumes to interviews, each weekly class is designed to help build skills and confidence.

No registration is necessary. Computers are provided when needed for the class. This month, drop in for the following:

- September 18 at 1 pm: Computer Basics
- September 25 at 1 pm: Gmail
- October 2 at 1 pm: Google Drive



Brush up on your computer skills with help from Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette.

Happy Valley hits a *HIGH NOTE* with record-breaking summer concert series

City of Happy Valley

This summer, Happy Valley Park was the place to be every Thursday night as the 2025 Concerts in the Valley wrapped up another unforgettable season.

This year felt a little extra special since it was also the city's 60th birthday with a tribute-filled lineup that had the crowds dancing from start to finish.

In honor of the city's milestone anniversary, every band in the series was a tribute act, and the response was electric. From classic rock to pop anthems, each performance drew record-setting crowds, with several shows attracting fans from across the region thanks to the bands' strong local followings.

Each concert this

summer was more than just great music, we made sure to bring something extra to every show! From week to week, there was always something new happening in the park. One highlight was the Vintage Record Swap, held in partnership with local business Daily Records.

Attendees could also explore the Youth Entrepreneur Fair, where local kids proudly showcased and sold their handmade creations. The Car Show brought out an impressive lineup of vintage and exotic vehicles, drawing crowds and camera clicks.

This year's concert series wasn't just about the music. It was a celebration of community, creativity, and summer in Happy Valley. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make the City's 60th celebration one to remember.



Alabama tribute band, Roll On, poses in front of an energetic crowd at Happy Valley Park. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



Concertgoers pack the lawn at Happy Valley's Concerts in the Valley, soaking up the summer sun and live music. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



City Staff firing up the T-shirt gun to pump up the crowd before the concert. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



Kids take on giant connect 4 in the Happy Zone. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)



Youth Entrepreneurs showcase their items at the summer concert on July 31. (CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY)

We love our concert sponsors!

The 2025 Concerts in the Valley summer series sponsors:

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Summer Concert Series sponsors. Your unwavering commitment to our community makes it possible to bring music, fun, and meaningful connections to Happy Valley each summer. We truly appreciate your support and all you do to help make these events so special.

Here's a little more about each of our amazing sponsors.

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Sun Glow has been giving back to our community while keeping families and businesses comfortable since 1972. This second-generation family-owned business specializes in installation and maintenance services for commercial and residential properties for heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical services. Customer service is of paramount importance and is the backbone of everything they do. As proud Happy Valley residents and the greater community, Sun Glow Home Services has been an active sponsor of city events for more than a decade.



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



Travelin' Toms

As a proud sponsor of our summer concerts, Travelin' Tom's Coffee brings its unique mobile café experience to our community events.



Their presence adds a delightful touch, offering attendees a convenient and enjoyable way to savor their favorite beverages while enjoying the music. Their menu features a variety of drinks, including hot specialty coffees, iced lattes, frozen frappes, fruity refreshers, and TILT Nitro Energy™ drinks. They also offer non-coffee options like hot chocolate, lemonade, and tea, catering to a wide range of tastes.

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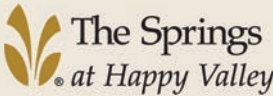
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The Springs at Happy Valley

This year marks The Springs at Happy Valley's inaugural sponsorship of our summer concerts, reflecting their dedication to community engagement and support for local events. Their involvement adds a new dimension to our concerts, fostering connections between residents and the broader Happy Valley community. The Springs at Happy Valley is a vibrant senior living community that opened its doors in 2023, offering independent living, assisted living, and memory care services. Residents enjoy a range of enriching experiences, from relaxing in the indoor pool and spa to exploring their creativity in the Ink Spot art studio or socializing at Fancho's Pub.



Little League team shows grit in playoffs

Postseason run came to an end vs. Banks

By JONATHAN DYER
For the Happy Valley News

In the world of Little League Baseball in the state of Oregon, few teams accomplished what a local team did this past June.

The Nelson Lottis Senior American baseball team, comprised of local 7th and 8th graders, was one of only eight out of 66 teams statewide to qualify for the state tournament, held in Banks, Oregon.

The path to state qualification was far from easy.

“They had to travel to Corbett for the play-in game, and only managed to win in the 7th and final inning with a grand slam from Jack Sackos,” said Tony Lottis, head coach of the team.

This qualified the team for the county tournament, where they placed second, with the top two teams moving on to state.

“In true giant-killer fashion, they beat the number one seed Estacada not once, but twice,” said Lottis. “It was really great to see the guys not back down, even if a team had more talent than them, they did not back down one inch.”

This approach took them



ABOVE: The Nelson Lottis Senior American baseball team with their second-place trophy at the county tournament. (COURTESY: KEDRA LOTTIS)

to the state tournament in Banks, Oregon. Held on July 18-20, the team defeated Lincoln City 14-1, but then ran afoul of Banks, who, after beating them, went on to win the state title. Coach Lottis continually used the term “felt improbable” when describing the way the team performed.

“It’s like they didn’t read the fine print,” Lottis said.

“They shouldn’t be able to do it, and so they went out and did it.”

Though their season ended in the second round of the state tournament, Coach Lottis beamed with pride, both as a coach and a father.

“It was great to see the Nelson name get so much play and respect.”

In the end, however, it was about the boys, and their growth and coming together not as individuals, but as a team.

“These boys discovered it was not about individual performance,” Lottis said. “They learned to trust each other, support each other. All the boys were each other’s biggest fans.”



LEFT: Jack Sackos, 8th grade pitcher and first baseman on the Nelson Lottis Senior American baseball team, pitching at the recent Clackamas County Championship tournament held this past June. They went on to place second moving onto the state tournament. (PHOTO BY ANDY MORRISON)

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