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For more information about November's Special Election, head to the Clackamas County Elections website by scanning the QR code.



PINTS WITH PURPOSE: SIP FOR A CAUSE!

Help make a difference in the life of a local homebound senior

City of Happy Valley

The holiday season is the perfect time to bring awareness and support to the City's Meals on Wheels People program. That's why, from Nov. 14 to Nov. 24, five local taphouses and eateries are partnering with Happy Valley Parks and Recreation for Pints with Purpose, an annual campaign aimed at raising funds for this crucial program.

Through Meals on Wheels People, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation provides warm, nutritious meals to some of our community's most vulnerable seniors while offering friendly visits to those who may otherwise feel isolated or have difficulty getting out and about.

Participating venues will select a beer to be designated for Pints with Purpose promotion and will donate \$1 for every selected pint sold



to Happy Valley's Meals on Wheels People for the duration of the campaign. Monies raised will specifically help make a positive impact in the lives of local seniors by providing well-balanced meals to those who would otherwise go without.

Pints with Purpose Passport: Sip, Stamp, and Score!

New this year is the Pints with Purpose Passport which you can pick up at any of the five participating locations. As you visit each venue and enjoy a pint of the designated

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With the help of Meals on Wheels People, food is strategically prepared to maximize nutrition and is easily transported to recipients' homes.

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#ClackCo appraisers visiting Happy Valley area

County appraisers will be in and around Happy Valley until early December

City of Happy Valley

Appraisers with the Clackamas County Assessment and Taxation Department will be conducting reappraisals of residential properties and lots within the city of Happy Valley, and in the unincorporated areas surrounding the city, until early December. The reappraisals are expected to last six-to-eight weeks, weather permitting.

A map of the properties in the reappraisal area can be found at <https://bit.ly/HVAppraisers>



The purpose of the reappraisal is to verify that building/land assessments are up-to-date and accurate. In many cases, appraisers will not have to stop at properties, but simply have a look from their vehicles.

Altogether, there are around 14,000 properties that county appraisers will look over during the course of the reappraisals.

What appraisers look like

Residents can identify official county appraisers easily. They:

- drive county trucks cars clearly marked with the county logo,

- work in teams of two,
- wear bright orange vests, and
- have county identification (badges) to identify themselves.

Clackamas County deeply cares about resident privacy and safety, and also deeply cares about the safety of its staff. This is why the county is promoting this action and appraisers' appearances, to ensure the community knows who they are and what's going on.

If you have any questions or concerns about these reappraisals, or the reappraisal process, please contact the #ClackCo Assessment and Taxation Department at propertytaxinfo@clackamas.us.



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County appraisers will be driving marked county vehicles and will have proper county identification.

Seniors

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beer, collect a stamp on your passport. Once your passport is complete, bring it to City Hall to receive a special prize. You'll not only be supporting a great cause but exploring local taphouses and eateries that are committed to giving back to the community.

Spend local. Give local.

The best thing about Pints with Purpose is that each dollar from any of the designated beer selections purchased will stay within this community, supporting seniors right here, in Happy Valley.

Recipients of the program are often on fixed incomes or lack the ability to shop for and prepare meals on their own. They may also may not have a lot of family or consistent visitors nearby which means weekly visits from program volunteers are sometimes the highlight of a recipient's day.

"Meals on Wheels People is an important program and I very much look forward to volunteering each week," says Happy Valley resident, Michael Morrow. He and his wife, Diane, have been volunteering consistently since Happy Valley Parks and Recreation began managing the program. "Bringing meals to seniors not only gives them the nutrition they need but also supports meaningful



PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

Volunteer Michael Morrow (center) and wife Diane, help distribute meals to Happy Valley recipients each week and work alongside other Meals on Wheels Program volunteers, like Arnie (left) at the distribution center.

HELP MORE SENIORS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

In addition to the efforts of Pint with Purpose, New Seasons Happy Valley has also agreed to support the City's local Meals on Wheels People Program. The local grocery store will be contributing dollars collected from its Donate Dinners initiative to this important cause this holiday season.

connections. I've had some wonderful conversations during my visits and have seen firsthand the positive impact this program has on recipients' lives."

Meals are funded by Happy Valley Parks Levy dollars and generous community donations which help supplement costs. By partnering with Meals on Wheels People, the City of Happy Valley is able to provide nutritious meals at a considerable cost savings. The collaboration allows the City to extend its reach and impact, ensuring that more of

our homebound seniors receive the vital nourishment and social interactions they need. Suzanne Washington, Meals on Wheels People Chief Executive Officer, underscores the critical importance of this program: "Our partnership with the City of Happy Valley is so important in making sure older folks in need get both the healthy nutrition and the social connection they need to thrive."

Thank you to the participating partners joining Parks and Recreation for Pints with Purpose: Stickmen Brewing Company, Sports on Tap, Happy Hollow Wood Fire Pizzeria

PINTS WITH PURPOSE

NOVEMBER 14th-24th

PARTICIPATING PARTNERS:

For every designated pint sold, participating partners will donate \$1 to Happy Valley's Meals on Wheels Program to help buy meals for local homebound seniors.

Pints with Purpose runs Nov. 14 through Nov. 24 at participating venues.

Fire Pizzeria, HV Station, and Valley Public House.

Can't make it to one of the participating venues, but still want to help? You can also give directly to the City's local Meals on Wheels People program by visiting our designated

webpage at hvcity.com/pints-with-purpose. From there, you can submit a tax-deductible donation in the amount of your choice online. Your gift will support homebound seniors right here in Happy Valley who would otherwise not have

consistent access to wholesome, nutritious meals.

Help give the gift of hope this holiday season. Please consider donating or participating in Pints with Purpose. Together, we can help make a difference in our local community.



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COPS, COFFEE, AND PIZZA: A recipe for community engagement



Happy Valley Police Chief, Rich Sheldon, talks with a group of residents and answers questions.



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The Pizza with a Cop event provided an opportunity for residents and families to engage with law enforcement during an evening gathering.



The City's Coffee with a Cop event included members of the Public Safety Team. Here, Community Service Officer (CSO), Benjamin Hodges, talks to a local resident.

Happy Valley Police join the community at local events

City of Happy Valley

This fall, residents had the chance to participate in two events aimed at fostering connections with local law enforcement. The City's annual Coffee with a Cop event took place at Peet's Coffee on Oct. 2 and the first-ever Pizza with a Cop event was held at Stickmen Brewing Company on Oct. 15.

Residents and members from law enforcement spent the time talking about a variety of subjects and deputies listened to safety concerns shared by community. It was a great opportunity for both residents and members of the Happy Valley Police Department to exchange ideas and for residents in particular to hear more about what these first responders do.

Events like these are important as they foster productive conversations and give the community a chance to build trust and familiarity with deputies that regularly patrol the City.

In Happy Valley, residents experience dedicated police services. These unique services are offered through a partnership with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and are funded completely through a Public Safety Levy, which is voted on every five years.

Want to learn more about the Happy Valley Police Department? Be sure to follow the team on Facebook at @HappyValleyPoliceDepartment or check out their designated City webpage hv.city/police.



One of the benefits to events like Coffee and Pizza with a Cop is the chance for law enforcement to talk more specifically to residents and answer safety questions directly.



Deputy A. Kline from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office hands a police sticker to a young resident.

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. Stories might focus on your military experience, what you've learned from your travels, or anything interesting or inspiring.

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



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COUNCIL CORNER



Volunteer for City Committees

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Our City Committee volunteers are invaluable sources of information, expertise, and support. Consider joining a committee by applying online by Dec. 1 at 5 p.m. Photo from this summer's Volunteer Appreciation event which included all of our City Committee members.

City of Happy Valley

Do you care about future growth or design standards? Do you have an interest in improving public safety? What are your thoughts on public art? Are you interested in how the City spends its resources? Happy Valley is always looking for volunteers who are interested in their neighborhoods and their community to join one of the advisory boards. Dedicated citizens meet on a regular basis to address current issues and look for ways to make the City an even better place to live and work. There are seven citizen led committees that guide these efforts, including:

- Planning Commission
- Design Review Board
- Traffic and Public Safety Committee
- Public Art Committee
- Parks Advisory Committee
- Library Board
- Budget Committee

These committees provide strategic guidance to our work as members of City Council. The community volunteers on these committees chart a path for implementing a consistent design style for commercial developments, create traffic solutions at key bottlenecks, and select artwork to be featured in the community. Planning for the future isn't just about what we think

is best. It takes a collective vision from the community and cohesive action from our volunteer committees. We are fortunate to receive guidance and input from our community volunteers on these committees.

While not every committee has a vacancy at this moment, the City is always accepting new applications. To apply for one of these appointed advisory board positions, complete and submit the Public Involvement Application. The deadline to apply is Sunday, Dec. 1 by 5 p.m. For more information and an application, visit hv.city/city-committees.

For questions, please contact Ben Bryant, Assistant City Manager at benb@happyvalleyor.gov or 503-783-3840.

Join the fun at the Clackamas Lacrosse TURKEY TROT!

City of Happy Valley

The 10th annual Clackamas Lacrosse Turkey Trot is back this Thanksgiving with a 5k Run/Walk and a 1k Fun Run. The event takes place on Thanksgiving morning and aims to raise funds for the Clackamas and Nelson High School Boys Lacrosse teams. Participants who register before Nov. 18 will receive a guaranteed commemorative t-shirt.



The annual Turkey Trot returns Nov. 28. Sign up now!



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HVBA Member Meeting Wednesday November 27th

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Doors open for networking at 7:15am, meeting begins at 7:30am

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- November 1 • Clackamas Community College (Harmony)
- November 8 • HAPO
- November 15 • Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
- November 22 • Speed Networking

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November 5 • Chamber office

Ambassador Meeting

November 12 • 7:30 - 8:30 AM

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November 6 • Noon - 1 PM (virtual)

Business After Hours 5:00 - 7:00 PM

- November 1 • Milwaukie Floors and More (4:00-6:00pm)
- November 21 • Ruby Shade

Closure Dates

- November 28 • Thanksgiving
- November 29

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

HONORING Our Veterans

City of Happy Valley

As Veterans Day approaches, I am always filled with a strong sense of gratitude and pride. This day serves as a reminder of the bravery, dedication, and sacrifices made by the many men and women who have served in our nation's military.

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



Tom Ellis

Having had the honor of serving in the Coast Guard myself, I understand the commitment required of our service members. Their unwavering dedication to duty and this country is truly inspiring.

To all the veterans in our community, I extend my deepest thanks. Your courage and selfless contributions have not only protected our nation but have also enriched our local community.

Let us all take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by our veterans and offer our thanks. Your service represents the highest ideals of our nation, and we are forever grateful.

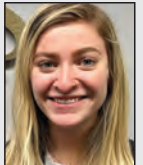


Mayor Ellis (third from the right) joined local veterans for an event at City Hall's Veterans Memorial Park on Oct. 17. This group also meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. at New Seasons for coffee and conversation. If you are a veteran, consider stopping by to join the camaraderie.

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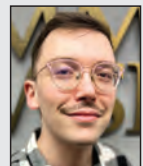
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Publisher's Note: Have an idea for a story? We are always on the search for new people, places, and things to write about. If you have an idea for an uplifting story that would benefit the community, then we want to hear from you!

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



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City to conduct online open house to help shape future Community Center Park design

City of Happy Valley

The two most requested investments in Happy Valley call for a future Community Center and Community Park. Last year, the City purchased 40 acres east of 172nd Avenue to accommodate both desires in one location. While significant outreach has influenced the Community Center design, the City is now looking for input on what to include in the surrounding Community Park.

An online open house will be held to gather residents' opinions on potential designs and

residents are highly encouraged to participate in this virtual exercise to share their thoughts on the project.

The City Council is dedicated to making the proposed community center and surrounding community park a reality. In recent years, the City has solicited input through surveys, focus groups, a resident-led Steering Committee, and the Parks Advisory Committee. Utilizing the gathered feedback, the City most recently conducted a statistically valid survey among Happy Valley residents. The primary goal was to assess voter support for the community center, prioritize

desired amenities, and determine how the center can best serve the community's needs. The survey results confirmed that residents are enthusiastic about the community center and are eager to see its development. As part of this vision, the adjoining park will most certainly enhance and complete the collective community space.

Your participation in the online open house will greatly contribute to shaping the future of Happy Valley's future parks and recreational programs and help fine tune the park's ultimate design. Results from the exercise will be made available



on the City's website once completed.

The online open house will be available beginning Nov. 5 through Dec. 3. To participate,

simply head to hv.city/community-center. Residents can also sign up for updates at the site to stay informed about the project's progress.

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- November 5**
 ■ **Election Day:** Ballot boxes open until 8 p.m. (see cover page for details)
- November 11**
 ■ **Veterans Day Observed:** City Hall and Happy Valley Library **CLOSED**
- November 14-24**
 ■ **Pints with Purpose:** locations vary (see cover page for details)
- November 19**
 ■ **City Council Work Session:** City Hall, 6 p.m.
 ■ **City Council Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- November 20**
 ■ **Youth Town Hall:** Happy Valley Library Community Room, 6 p.m. (see page 7 for details)
- November 27**
 ■ **Happy Valley Business Alliance Meeting:** City Hall, 7:30 a.m.
- November 28**
 ■ **Thanksgiving Day:** City Hall and Happy Valley Library **CLOSED**
- November 29**
 ■ **City Hall and Happy Valley Library** **CLOSED**
- December 3**
 ■ **City Council Work Session:** City Hall, 6 p.m.
 ■ **City Council Meeting:** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- December 6**
 ■ **Operation Santa Happy Valley parade:** please check www.clackamasfire.com for parade route and start time. This is a non-collection event. Please, no donations.
- December 7**
 ■ **Les Schwab Tire Check and Chain Up Clinic:** Les Schwab Happy Valley, 9 a.m.-noon, visit hv.city/les-schwab-clinic to reserve your spot
 ■ **Leaf Drop:** 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Public Works Building: 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to Happy Valley Park
- December 8**
 ■ **Tree Lighting Ceremony:** City Hall Parking Lot, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. (See page 13 for details)
 ■ **Operation Santa Collection:** City Hall Parking Lot, 2 p.m.-6 p.m. (See page 10 for details)

Flame-taming tips for a safe kitchen

Ensure your kitchen remains safe from potential cooking fires

Clackamas Fire District #1

Clackamas Fire reminds residents to be safe while cooking and gathering this holiday season. Thanksgiving is the number one day of the year for home cooking fires in the U.S., and unattended cooking is by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths. Other holiday-related home fires involve heating and electrical sources.

How to be safe in the kitchen:



- Check on food regularly while cooking and set timers. Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove.
- Keep your cooking area clean. Remove items, such as towels, oven mitts, and food packaging away from the stove. Keep handles for pots and pans turned toward the back of the stove.
- Don't wear loose fitting sleeves or clothing while cooking.
- If a fire starts on the stove top, cover it with a lid or metal cookie sheet and turn the stove off. Do not throw water on a grease fire.
- If there is an oven fire, keep the door closed and turn off the oven.
- If you experience a fire beyond



Keep an eye on cooking appliances this holiday season and practice safe habits in the kitchen.

the pan that has spread, get outside, and call 9-1-1 immediately. As a reminder, make sure that you have working smoke alarms in your home. Test the alarms once a month to ensure they are functioning properly. Keep your holiday season happy and safe by preventing fires in the kitchen.

Brewed Awakening Run Club 'No runner left behind'

Courtesy Brewed Awakenings Run Club

Brewed Awakening Run Club is a beginner friendly movement group based in deep SE PDX/Happy Valley area. Each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m., the group hosts runs that take them through areas such as Happy Valley Park, Pleasant Valley, and have recently added a route that starts and ends at Happy Valley Station in order to enjoy some breakfast sandwiches and coffee from Le Petit Cafe.



The group emphasizes making movement fun and accessible, utilizing a run/walk combo, typically averaging a two-mile route around their chosen location. Each month culminates with a 5k event, while also providing the option for member-led runs. For those gatherings, a member of the group can share a route of their choosing and lead the group for that Sunday. This helps create a sense of community and ownership within the team, and is organized in advance on a volunteer basis. A new addition this month is Wednesday

evening strength and speed work sessions, something the group is excited about offering as strength work is often overlooked when it comes to running and can frequently result in injuries.

The main goal of Brewed Awakening Run Club is to provide a safe and welcoming community in the deep southeast region for people seeking to add movement to their week. Emphasizing beginner friendly, the group's average pace is anywhere between 12 to 15 min miles depending on the make up of the members that day, and frequently includes walkers only as well. For runs where there are faster members present, the group splits into different pace groups, allowing for all parties to get the movement they were seeking that day. This is a place for people to come, have fun, and get some stress relief.

Brewed Awakening can be found on Facebook, Instagram, and Strava under the same name. If you have any questions, email brewedawakeningsrunclub@gmail.com



Brewed Awakenings hosts runs in and around Happy Valley each Sunday morning.

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Senior Healthcare Enrollment – Changes for 2025 to Consider!

Attendees can ask expert questions at event

Courtesy ROBERT HESSLINK

Healthcare enrollment is always challenging, but for 2025 it may be even more so, given the changes in reimbursement rates and prescription drug pricing. It is advisable to consider all of the options available within each plan and to consider how changes in your own utilization might impact plan selection.

Robert Hesslink, Health Insurance Specialist and Gerontology instructor, at Portland State University, will be available to answer your questions regarding senior healthcare enrollment Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Snap Fitness in Sunnyside Village, Happy Valley from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

About Robert Hesslink: Hesslink has been a licensed health insurance agent and financial representative for more than twenty years, serving individuals and business owners alike. Mr. Hesslink puts into practice what he has been teaching at Portland State University, at the School of Public Health since 2017.

Call 951-533-1563 to get current information or reserve your spot. Email Robert for more information: rhesslink@osaicwealth.com

JOIN THE CONVERSATION: Happy Valley Youth Council's Annual Youth Town Hall!

Popular event returns Wednesday, Nov. 20

City of Happy Valley

Attention all teens! The Happy Valley Youth Council is excited to invite you to our Annual Youth Town Hall—a free event where you can share your thoughts, connect with peers, and enjoy free pizza! This is your chance to discuss important issues impacting your life in a relaxed, fun environment. We want to hear from YOU because your voice matters!

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, Nov. 20

Time: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Location: Happy Valley Library Community Room; 13793 SE Sieben Park Way, Clackamas, OR 97015

Free Pizza for All Attendees!

At this year's town hall, we'll dive into some of the hottest topics affecting teens today:

The Impact of Social Media on Youth

- How does social media shape the way we think and feel about ourselves and others?
- Is constant scrolling affecting your mental health?
- Let's talk about the role of social media in our daily lives and how we can strike a healthy balance.
- The Lost Art of Communication Has social media and texting replaced face-to-face conversations?
- We'll discuss how we can reclaim meaningful communication in a world dominated by screens.

New School Policy: Cell Phone Pouches

- How do you feel about the new school policy requiring cell phones to be kept in pouches during class?
- Does the lack of immediate phone access make you feel more focused—or more anxious?
- We'll explore the pros and cons of this new policy and how it affects your day-to-day life.

Phone Usage & Mental Health: How Much is Too Much?

- How much time do you spend on your phone each day? Between social

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The Impact of Social Media on Youth

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Share your thoughts on the new school cell phone policy and weigh in on the effect of social media on mental health and more at this important teen event.

media, videos, and games, it can add up quickly.

- We'll discuss the link between screen time and mental health, and whether constant phone usage is contributing to stress, anxiety, or

distraction.

This is your chance to speak up and share your experiences. How do you balance being connected online with your mental health? We want to hear your voice! Don't miss this opportunity

to engage in thought-provoking conversations with your peers and meet new friends. RSVP today and bring your friends for a night of food, fun, and open discussion! RSVP to stephanih@happyvalleyor.gov. See you there!



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Ensuring safety through effective yard maintenance

Protect the community, enhance property values, and prevent hazards

As fall approaches, it's essential to keep your yard and public areas tidy. Fallen leaves, branches, and wet vegetation can quickly pile up and cause various problems. Overhanging tree branches can also obstruct walkways and traffic signs, posing major safety risks. Keeping your yard, sidewalk, and planter strip neat is therefore vital for the safety and enjoyment of the whole community.

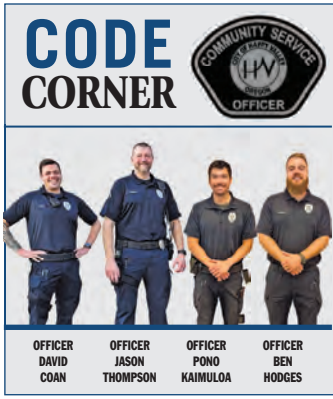
Benefits to clearing yard debris on a regular basis

■ **Reduce risk of falls**

Wet leaves and fallen bits of branches, especially along the sidewalk, can become a trip hazard and cause a serious accident. Raking and disposing of these items could save you from creating a situation that leads to personal liability should someone fall and become injured as a result.

■ **Prevent fire hazards**

Once dry, leaves, twigs, and other debris that accumulate in your yard can become kindling for wildfires. Dispose of



potentially hazardous items now, so you don't have to worry about it later.

■ **Keep pests under control**

Piles of leaves and overgrown vegetation are ideal habitats for rodents and insects. These pests can quickly become a nuisance for your neighborhood. Regular yard maintenance that includes cleaning up fallen leaves and branches helps reduce these concerns.

■ **Preserve property values and promote community**

A well-maintained yard contributes to the overall appeal of your neighborhood. When homes in a community take pride in their appearance and maintain tidy yards, sidewalks, and parking



Vegetation like fallen leaves, twigs, and other accumulated debris is not only an eyesore, but it can attract pests, block storm drains, and cause a fire hazard once dried.

strips, property values tend to remain stable or even increase. Well-kept vegetation can also help curb crime and ensure an enjoyable place to live.

We would like to encourage residents to take advantage of the complimentary leaf drop events organized by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation. This is a great way to get rid of surplus yard debris at no

cost you. For details, be sure to check out the Leaf Drop announcement below. Please keep in mind that it is never permissible to blow, place, or rake fallen leaves into the street. This is a safety hazard, and you will be cited if caught engaging in this activity.

It is important to note that the City's Municipal Code requires maintenance and/or the removal of vegetation

that poses a hazard to traffic, safety, and community health. Whenever possible, our team will work with property owners to address safety concerns that arise, but ultimately, it is the responsibility of the property owner to remedy those concerns. If safety concerns are ignored, property owners may find themselves facing a citation. Together, we hope to encourage your

MORE INFORMATION

Emergency vehicles, garbage and delivery trucks, the City streetsweeper, and pedestrians should all be able to pass an area easily without running into barriers. This means:

- Tree limbs over a sidewalk must be at least 7 feet above the surface.
- Tree limbs over a residential street must be at least 11 feet above the surface.
- Tree limbs over an arterial street must be at least 14 feet above the surface.



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A tidy yard supports neighborhood safety and livability, especially in the fall when fallen leaves and branches tend to pile up. Be sure to take advantage of one of the upcoming yard debris recycling events.

partnership in helping keep Happy Valley a beautiful and safe city this season.

Save the dates! FREE Leaf Drop events are back!

Happy Valley Parks and Recreation offers opportunity for yard debris drop at no cost to you

City of Happy Valley

City residents will have two Saturday opportunities to drop off seasonal yard debris (leaves, woody debris, and grass clippings) at the Public Works building for free recycling.

- Saturday, Nov. 2: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 7: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Public Works building is located at 13910 SE Ridgecrest Road, adjacent to

Happy Valley Park. Residents are responsible for unloading and de-bagging their drop-off materials on-site.

This is a residential service only which means no commercial landscaping or contractor loads will be accepted. Remember to bring proof of residency with you.

Here are some tips for managing leaves effectively to prevent them from becoming overwhelming:

■ **DO** collect fallen leaves and dispose of them regularly in your yard debris bin or save them for drop off at an upcoming FREE leaf drop event.

■ **DO** keep an eye on your street's storm drains and clear accumulated leaves and debris. If you see a clogged drain in front of your home, please rake it clear.

■ **DO** keep parked cars off the roadway

as much as possible during the next few months. This helps ensure the City street sweeper can get as close to the curb as possible.

■ **DO** make sure the branches of your parking strip trees have been trimmed and not at risk of hitting the street sweeper or emergency vehicles. Per City Municipal Code, tree limbs over a residential street must have 11 feet clearance above the surface.

■ **NEVER** blow, place, or rake leaves into the street or pile them next to the curb. This creates road hazards and can damage the street sweeper.

While there is not a formal street sweeping schedule, Public Works keeps tabs on areas most impacted by fallen leaves and prioritizes cleanup efforts accordingly.

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From Army Officer to Broadway Star

Del Lewis's extraordinary journey illustrates how military service can shape a life

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Since he was young, Del Lewis has had a love for music and performance. His assignment to the Army's Special Services furthered the passion he pursued after he left the Army. His journey is a testament to the unexpected doors that military service opened, shaping both his professional and personal life.



DEL LEWIS

Lewis grew up in the small farming community of Friona, Texas. He attended Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas where he earned a bachelor's degree in sacred music. At Midwestern, every male student was required to take two years of ROTC; Lewis did another two and after graduating in 1959 went through regular army basic training and immediately received his commission as a Second Lieutenant.

While attending Quartermaster Officer's Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, Lewis formed a chorus to perform Handel's Messiah, catching the attention of the Post Special Services. "They got me assigned to them and I organized the Quartermaster Command Chorus. The Army had an entertainment contest; the eight Army areas each had individual contests," Lewis said. "The winners in each category were brought to Washington to compete in the All-Army Entertainment Contest. My chorus won in the large chorus category." He and another member from the chorus were chosen to be in a quartet and he won with that group also.

He and the other winners were picked for the "Rolling Along of 1960" show. "What the Army does is they take the winners from the contest and put them together into a show that tours every Army base in the world," he said. "Because I was an officer and a choral conductor, I was chosen to be assistant director and did all the choral work. I was in charge of the show on tour and performed when needed."

As he approached the end of his Army service in 1961, he received a scholarship to study voice at Juilliard in New York City. While there, he worked at the First Army Playgoers Service and later decided to take an acting class. With information from an

army buddy, he sought out teacher Uta Hagen at the HB Studio.

"I got her on the phone, and I said, 'Hi there, Miss Hagen, I just got out of the army, and I did a couple of shows in college, and I thought I'd like to take an acting class,'" he said. "She said 'I'm sure we can find a class for you.' So, I went down and met her. We sat and talked for about two hours or more and she put me in her class. I didn't really know who she was and what privilege I was given."

With his second audition in New York, he secured a place in the chorus at Kansas City Starlight Theatre in the summer of 1962 where he got his Actor's Equity card. "In the union you can't have two actors by the same name. My legal name is Don Edwin Lewis. I took my initials (D.E.L.) and made that my first name."

He participated in several productions in various cities, including Rochester, New York and Augusta, Michigan. In June of 1965, he was performing in summer stock at The Barn Theatre in Augusta where he met his wife Abigail while she was working in costuming as an apprentice.

"She had to go back to school before the end of the season and I was still at The Barn doing the last show, and I called her, and I said, 'Abbie, let's just do this now,' and she said 'okay,'" he recalled. "Our anniversary is coming up on November 20th. It'll be 59 years."

In 1966, he was cast in the First National Touring Company of *Fiddler on the Roof*. With Abigail by his side, the show took them across the U.S. and to a Las Vegas residency at Caesars Palace where they lived until he left the show and in 1968, he went into the Broadway production.

In 1969, he was cast in *The Rothschilds* as the Major Doom and understudy to three of the brothers. Later in the run he was cast as Jacob Rothschild. He performed the show from its debut in 1970 till 1972 when he left the show to pursue other career moves.

During graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in 1972 their first child was born and the second in 1976. At the end of graduate school, he became the founding Artistic Director of Madison Repertory Theatre. From serving on the faculty at East Carolina University and directing



ABOVE: The Quartermaster Command Chorus that Del Lewis organized.



LEFT: Del Lewis (second from right) and his Army quartet.

COURTESY PHOTOS: DEL LEWIS

both the undergraduate and graduate acting programs at UW-Madison to chairing the department and directing the Center for the Arts and teaching for 23 years at Northeastern University in Boston, he shaped the next generation of performers. He was also on the national board of URTA (University Resident Theatre Association) and was a regional chair of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. He

received a Kennedy Center Medallion for service to the field of theatre education.

"The Army really changed the direction of my life," he said. "The best thing that ever happened to me was going to summer stock in 1965 and meeting Abbie. She has been my rock and the best thing to ever happen and who knows what would have happened if I hadn't met her."

Today, he inspires the next generation of theatre artists as the acting instructor at The Bridgetown Conservatory of Musical Theatre in Portland and remains active in the theatre scene, still performing.

He continues to share his love for performing arts, he will continue in the field for as long as he can.

"I want to stay involved," Lewis said. "I plan on staying as long as possible."

Local veterans honored at military pinning ceremony

Event honors Vietnam War veterans

City of Happy Valley

In a heartfelt ceremony, ten local veterans were honored for their service and sacrifice during the Vietnam War. The military pinning ceremony, which took place at City Hall on Oct. 17, was not only a tribute to these individuals but also a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The ceremony was officiated by Phyllis Hines from the Daughters of the American Revolution — Susannah Lee

Barlow Chapter, and Marie Laird Jensen from the Oregon Military Museum.

Each of the honored veterans was presented with a certificate and a commemorative pin, symbolizing the gratitude and respect of the community and nation for their selfless service. The certificates and pins were a small token of appreciation for the immense sacrifices made by these veterans during their service.

The City extends its heartfelt gratitude to each of the honored veterans. It also extends its thanks to all military personnel



A special Vietnam Veteran commemorative lapel pin was gifted to each of the recipients.

for their selfless dedication to our nation. Your bravery and commitment ensure the freedoms and values we hold dear, and for that, we are eternally grateful.



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Ten honored Vietnam War veterans gathered for a group photograph at a military pinning ceremony held on Oct. 17 at City Hall. The event also marked the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Also pictured is Marie Jensen (far left) and Phyllis Hines (fifth from left).

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Heartfelt ways to give this holiday season

Give back this holiday season through local charities, donation drives and community events

By City of Happy Valley

Fill a Stocking, Fill a Heart

This volunteer-led organization helps collect essential items for individuals and families in Clackamas County and ensures items reach those who need them most. For recipients of the program, these items may be the only gifts they receive. In support, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation and the Happy Valley Library

will host a donation site for the organization.

How it works: Pick up an empty stocking from the designated bin located in the Happy Valley City Hall lobby or Happy Valley Library main entrance. Fill it with such items as new hats and gloves, and small age-appropriate gifts. Each stocking has a list of needed items and suggestions, as well as a form to fill out to specify what age range your donated items are intended for. You can also make a tax-deductible financial gift to the organization, if you prefer. Deadline to return completed stockings to City Hall is Wednesday, Nov. 27 and to the Library, Saturday, Nov. 30.

Winter Blitz

Winter Blitz is a popular donation drive that serves local families in need. Students from Clackamas High School and Adrienne C. Nelson High School are once again combining efforts to help local families struggling this season by ensuring essential items are available and accessible.

The group will be collecting donations for new or lightly used items on the following days.

■ Nov. 2: Clothes, shoes



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■ Nov. 9: Kitchen Appliances (Kettles, toasters, utensils, air fryers, pots & pans, Tupperware)

■ Nov. 16: Children's clothing (Coats, jackets, shirts, pants, rain boots, etc.) and toys, stuffed animals, and books

■ Nov. 23: Comforters, blankets, and heaters

Collection of donations will take place at the Clackamas High School bus lanes each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Gift cards and monetary donations will be accepted on all dates!

For more information about items needed and ways to contribute to this cause directly, head to hv.city/winter-blitz. An upcoming donation collection event is anticipated for Saturday,

Dec. 14, so be sure to check the official site for more details.

Operation Santa Claus

Celebrating 50 years of giving back to community!

A beloved annual toy and food drive, Operation Santa is coordinated through the efforts of firefighters at Clackamas Fire District #1 and benefits individuals and families throughout the communities served by the district. Once again, the crew will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items at this year's City Tree Lighting event, making it even easier to give if you plan to attend. Specifically, you may drop off items for Operation

Santa from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at City Hall on Sunday, Dec. 8.

For those who can't make the big event, but would like to participate, there will be additional drop-off locations coordinated by the district throughout December.

Save the date for the annual Operation Santa parade! Clackamas Fire will also conduct a non-collection holiday themed parade in the Happy Valley area on the evening of Friday, Dec. 6. Again, no donations will be collected during this event.

Head to www.clackamasfire.com for parade route information and all donation opportunity details.



Celebrate Thanksgiving in Happy Valley

Dive into what Happy Valley has to offer for the Thanksgiving holiday

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

With Thanksgiving around the corner, you may be considering how to celebrate while also supporting your local Happy Valley community. Whether you're planning a warm family dinner at home or seeking a unique place to eat out, many local businesses are eager to help make your holiday memorable. Here are some great choices for fresh local ingredients, dining, drinks, and desserts.

Fresh Local Ingredients: Happy Valley Farmers Market

13231 SE Sunnyside Rd.
If you enjoy preparing your own holiday meal, check out the Happy Valley Farmers



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Localize your meal with fresh food from the Happy Valley Farmer's Market

Market. While the regular season ended in October, a special holiday market will take place on November 23rd from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is an ideal location to find fresh, locally sourced ingredients for your Thanksgiving dinner, along with specialty items to enhance

your meal. With more than 120 vendors, you can kick off your holiday shopping while supporting local farmers, artisans, and small businesses.

Dinner: Claim Jumper

9085 SE Sunnyside Rd.

Feeling stressed about hosting Thanksgiving at home? Let Claim Jumper at Clackamas Town Center handle it all for you. They're now accepting reservations for their special Thanksgiving dining experience, which you can book through OpenTable or by calling in. If you'd rather stay home but don't want to cook, Claim Jumper also offers Thanksgiving takeout platters, featuring options like roasted turkey, ham, prime rib, and complete holiday feasts. Be sure to include a homemade cake



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Dessert from Fat Cupcakes makes for a sweet Thanksgiving

or their signature cream cheese pie to complete your meal! For more details, visit claimjumper.com or call (503) 654-3700.

Dessert: Fat Cupcake

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While pumpkin pie is a traditional favorite, why not add an extra touch of sweetness

to your Thanksgiving table this year? Fat Cupcake offers a range of flavors, including vegan and gluten-free options, ensuring there's something for everyone in the family. Pick up a box to share and treat your loved ones to a delightful and creative dessert that will make your Thanksgiving even more memorable.

Drinks: Willamette Valley Vineyards Tasting Room

13220 SE 172nd Ave., Ste #160

No Thanksgiving meal is truly complete without a great drink to enhance the flavors. The Happy Valley tasting room at Willamette Valley Vineyards is the perfect spot to discover the ideal wine pairing for your holiday feast. Visit before Thanksgiving to enjoy a full



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Willamette Valley Vineyards has wine for a great addition to any Thanksgiving meal

tasting experience and select a bottle (or two!) to share. With a daily menu featuring dishes made from fresh, local ingredients, it's the perfect pre-holiday treat.

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Library Celebrates Expansion with Ribbon Cutting

10,000 square foot expansion finished on time & under budget

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For Happy Valley News

It's hard to dream up a more perfect Happy Valley day than Oct. 1st, 2024 when the warm autumn air was complemented by the beautiful foliage surrounding the Happy Valley library as kids played excitedly across the street in the public park. Truly an exceptional day fate had in store for our community, as Mayor Tom Ellis and many members of the Happy Valley community gathered for the ribbon cutting of the new library expansion, which had just completed its year-long construction.

"This is beyond my expectation," praised Mayor Ellis. "This is a 10,000 square foot expansion that was delivered on time and a half a million dollars under budget."

Mayor Ellis went on to thank members of the community who were heavily involved in the project such as City Councilors, the Library Board, City and Library staff, Scott Edwards Architecture, and Bremik Construction. He also thanked Representative Janelle Bynum along with the State legislature for awarding a portion of the funds for the project.

Fortunately, the time, effort, investment, and passion put in by all of these aforementioned groups



The community gathered as Mayor Ellis kicked off festivities at the Happy Valley Library's grand opening event.

of individuals paid off in spades, as this expansion poses so many exciting possibilities for the future of this community. However, just what does it look like?

First, upon entry into the new community space, you'll be greeted with a beautiful black and white mural, painted by local artist Soph Franz who actually contributed her time and art to the original library building several years back.

"When they did the original library the architecture team called me in to do some chalk drawings," says Franz. "The original idea was to do rotating art but they liked it so much it's never been erased! So, with this new edition, I was contacted by Doris Grolbert, the original Library Director, to do some new art for this space. I was given a clean slate of freedom, so I went with both nature and people enjoying

reading." Franz's concept was approved by the Library Board and City Art Committee.

This black and white mural, which took Franz a month to complete and eight coats of white paint against a black background, highlights a variety of people from all walks of life, seemingly letting their imaginations run wild based on the books they're reading, allowing these stories to consume them and take them on an adventure.

Complemented by this mural is an open and spacious lobby adjacent to a small greenspace, giving a sense that nature and its beauty surround us locals no matter where we end up.

However, the star of the show is the new community room itself, featuring four ceiling projectors and four retractable screens to coincide, with a wall of floor-to-ceiling windows that welcome in

natural light as well as provide gorgeous views.

To learn more about the inception of this grand space, we next sat down with Al Matecko, the Chair of the Happy Valley Library Board to uncover the project's background.

"Once the library moved out here from the mall, Doris made it clear that we needed more room, mostly due to the existing community room being full for most of its events," says Matecko. "Doris brought the idea to the board and was really one of the lead 'architects' in spearheading the project. I'm glad everyone came together to agree on the project because this is such a great environment and the community has really bonded with the library. The open concept was a key factor because we didn't want to sacrifice any of the beautiful views."

Matecko, a baseball fan, then



Artist, Soph Franz, talks with a patron next to one of the murals incorporated into the expansion's design.

used a sports metaphor to explain the significance of the Library Director's role, noting how if Doris was the one to "pitch" all of these innings to support and build the space, then Sarah Roller, the new Director, was the closer who saw the vision to light.

"I've been in this role for a year now," says Roller. "I've been involved in most of the Clackamas county libraries and was aware of this big project when I signed on. It was very exciting and a big motivator for applying for the position. The community has needed space to accommodate cultural programming, different classes, etc. As we get settled we also hope to open community booking to help facilitate meetings or other classes. It's all about creating and supporting a community."

Exceeding all of our expectations, several hundred members of the community turned out for this event . . . and we're pretty sure it wasn't just for the free

cookies and fruit, either. There was truly a magnetic feeling in the air of both accomplishment and gratitude, especially once we stumbled upon the previous Library Director Doris Grolbert, who was proudly carrying a gifted bouquet of flowers for her time and effort spent with this project.

"I was the Library Director within Clackamas County for close to thirty years," says Grolbert. "This library has shown over the years that it's not just about books anymore, but rather entertainment, learning, and programs. I knew we needed a flexible space to provide for our community. An incredible team came together to make this all happen and I hope people come by to check it out!"

This new extension to the Happy Valley Library is a true testament to our ever-growing community, showing that, when united, we can accomplish all of the goals we set in front of us.

Thank you, Community Donors!

The City of Happy Valley and Happy Valley Library would like to thank the following individuals, families, businesses, and organizations for their generosity in giving to this the library expansion project.

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Annual festival officially welcomes the fall season

By City of Happy Valley

Residents and visitors gathered at Happy Valley Park on Saturday, Oct. 5, to enjoy the return of Oktoberfest. Hosted by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Clackamas, the event was a resounding success. The festivities included pumpkins, children's crafts, dog races, and a bustling beer garden, making for a memorable day in the Valley.



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Let the festivities begin!

City's Tree Lighting Ceremony returns Sunday, Dec. 8

By City of Happy Valley

Get ready to celebrate the holiday season at the City's much-loved Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 8. The event is set to be festive, bringing the community together for an evening of joy and merriment. Once again, attendees will step into a Winter Wonderland with activities taking place both outside and inside Happy Valley City Hall. Enjoy stunning lights and decorations while taking in seasonal music and visiting a variety of community booths. Warm up with some hot cocoa and coffee, and don't miss a special appearance by Santa himself. Hosted by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, this event is bound to fill everyone with holiday cheer.

The magic of the season is just around the corner. Join us for this family-friendly event, and together, let's spread a message of peace, love, and hope.

In addition to celebrating the season, attendees will once again be able to

contribute non-perishable food and new toys as part of the community's efforts to support Clackamas Fire District #1's Operation Santa Claus donation drive. See page 10 for more information about this important cause and consider making a plan to support this important cause.



SAVE THE DATE

Tree Lighting Ceremony
 ■ Sunday, Dec. 8
 ■ 4 p.m.-6 p.m.
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Leading with Care and Purpose

New Oregon Trail Elementary principal, Max Whitehouse is dedicated to creating a nurturing environment for every student to thrive

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter



PHOTO COURTESY OF MAX WHITEHOUSE
Max Whitehouse and his wife.

Max Whitehouse, the new principal of Oregon Trail Elementary School, has always been driven by a desire to support others. He pursued social work after graduating from the University of Oregon, hoping to make a difference in the lives of those facing difficult circumstances. While interning at a juvenile justice center, he worked with at-risk youth.

and GED math and science, which he enjoyed. Working in an alternative high school, he quickly understood that helping students succeed was about more than academics. It was about creating a space where they felt safe, heard, and supported.

Whitehouse aims to engage with the community, establish strong relationships with families, and implement innovative strategies that address the diverse needs of students. His vision centers around ensuring that every student feels valued, not just academically but also socially and emotionally through letting students learn at the pace and means that works best for them. By empowering educators and encouraging them to develop inclusive practices, he aims to cultivate a culture of empathy and understanding throughout the school.

His dedication led him to obtain an administrative license, and he served as an instructional coach. "The last five years, I was a principal at the school I was a paraeducator for at the beginning of my career," he said.

"I was really wanting to be more part of a solution of creating an educational school environment where kids don't fall through the cracks," he said. "I want to explore other parts of education as an administrator and I'm working in a more comprehensive school so that I can help rethink the way that we're supporting kids."

Since being added to the

Oregon Trail Elementary community, he has been grateful to work with such dedicated teachers. "There are amazing teachers here," he said. "Every day I am impressed and humbled by how they show up every day to help the kids and teach them and support them." Although he hasn't had much experience in an elementary environment, he's loved every moment so far. "I feel like a celebrity when I walk down because everybody says hi to me and it's really fun to be part of creating those positive memories for kids," he said. "This place is pretty great."

By recognizing and addressing their social, academic and emotional needs, he aims to create a space where each student can thrive. "I want to make sure that [students] have all the opportunities in the world to explore what they're capable of and to feel a sense of pride and confidence in themselves," he said. "I think my main motivator is just creating a future for kids where they feel like they can live a life that's not so stressful and free, and really in a community that's really caring." He also wants to have a space where teachers feel supported.

From witnessing the hardships his students at his previous schools faced, having an environment where students are celebrated for who they are and their abilities, and ready for middle school is important. "I want kids to be able to leave Oregon Trail in the 5th grade, ready academically for middle school," he said.

His hope is for people to see him as an integral part of the community both inside and outside of school walls. Whether it's spending time at the local park or engaging in community events, he is proud to be an active participant in the Happy Valley community.

"I want [people] to potentially feel like they know me better and see that I'm committed to this school and community," he said. "This is a great school district; I'm really grateful to be a part of it."

Looking to the future, Whitehouse is excited about what lies ahead and is fully devoted to continuing to make a positive impact on the lives of the students and families he serves.

A Decade of Perseverance

Jonathan Lorusso reflects on his journey to achieving black belt status in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Happy Valley resident Jonathan Lorusso has reached a milestone that only a few ever achieve: earning a black belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. What began as an unexpected opportunity turned into a decade-long journey of perseverance and self-discovery. Today, as a black belt, he reflects on the transformative "superpower" of Jiu-Jitsu and the lessons he's learned along the way.

At 22 years old, Lorusso took a leap of faith and tried something he never thought he would. At the time, he felt something was missing from his life, so he started searching for something that could challenge him and offer a sense of purpose and direction. "I was gaining weight, and I was missing something in my life, and I needed something," Lorusso said. "I saw one of my friends posted on Facebook a flyer for Fight Team Tryouts at 503 West Coast."

The first time he was in the Octagon, he was terrified. "I never wrestled. I never did any type of martial arts; I did not look like a fighter," he said. "I went in there and had the toughest day, I ended up having two fights in an Octagon and it was so crazy for me."

Despite his early challenges, he felt drawn to what Jiu-Jitsu offered. "I went in and saw how hard it is. It's probably the hardest thing to do," he reflected. Jiu-Jitsu is different from most martial arts because it emphasizes grappling and ground fighting, challenging fighters to develop not only physical strength but also strategic thinking.

He never considered competing until his younger brother, who started a couple of months after, brought up the idea. "He convinced me to go, and we invited a bunch of family, and



PHOTO COURTESY OF JONATHAN LORUSSO
Jonathan Lorusso (center) receiving his black belt.

my kids and wife were there," he said. He ended up having a difficult loss that had him question if he wanted to continue. Despite the results, he didn't quit. "I got destroyed in front of everyone, and it just tore me down," he said. "I remember thinking 'I'm just going to stop,' but then something inside me was like, 'no, you've got to push through that.'"

Lorusso started taking his training seriously, putting in the extra hours and working hard, resulting in a pivotal moment at the Seattle Open, four months later. "I ended up going to that tournament and taking first place and beating a guy that was from Korea that flew to the states and was on a three tournament win streak," he said. "It was like this huge redemption for me and just an amazing time." He came back to the fighting gym and was promoted from white belt to blue.

The experience has taught him valuable lessons, especially about discipline and stress management. "[Jiu-Jitsu] exercises your stress tolerance and is huge for that," he said. There were moments when he felt tempted to skip training, especially after injuries. "Making yourself go train even when you don't want to," he said. "I definitely took my breaks, but coming back is

huge." Earning a black belt is a goal that Lorusso has long aspired to achieve. "I always told myself, like you know, one day I'm gonna be a black belt," he said. The moment his name was called during the promotion ceremony, he almost couldn't believe it. "I just got all these emotions. It was surreal," he recalled. "When they called my name, I was like 'wow'. It was such a great moment."

Lorusso's journey over the past decade has transformed him both on and off the mat, recognizing that when things get difficult, to not give up. "All that hard work that I've been putting in all those years, it's not a waste," he said. With this achievement, new opportunities arise, including the chance to open a gym like the one he trains in, Brazilian Top Team.

As he looks to the future, he remains committed to his training and setting a positive example for his children.

He hopes to inspire others to step out of their comfort zones and pursue their passions. "If you've felt that voice in your head telling you that you need something in your life, listen to it," he said. With so much more ahead of him, he is excited to continue in Jiu-Jitsu and encourage others along the way.

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The Road to Nationals

Clackamas High School's FFA makes school history as the first vet science team to go to the FFA National Convention

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

The Clackamas High School FFA Vet Science team has made history as the first group from their school to qualify for the National FFA Convention representing Oregon in the highly competitive vet science category in Indianapolis at the end of last month. Comprising recent graduates Noah Reyes, Bella Brown, and Leo Rosenberg, along with current student Weston Wingerd, and alternate Devin Bassett, the team has shown impressive skill and dedication.

The National FFA Convention, held annually, shows various leadership and career development events across multiple agricultural disciplines, attracting over 65,000 attendees (this year is 70,000) from across the country. The convention offers students the chance to connect with industry professionals through career fairs and networking sessions. Whether competing or attending educational events, participants leave with a renewed sense of purpose and greater appreciation for the agricultural community.

This year, the team demonstrated exceptional skill and dedication at the state competition, ultimately earning their spot at nationals. The competition featured multiple events, allowing teams to showcase their knowledge in different areas. "There's communications and then they get into specific industries like food science, livestock evaluation, meat evaluation, poultry evaluation, dairy cattle, dairy products or milk products, vet science," team advisor Kathy Mayfield said. "All the different ones that they offer because they try to address every industry that agriculture covers, which is pretty diverse."

"From our chapter, vet science is the only team going to nationals, but the other competitions there will be other chapters from Oregon



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHY MAYFIELD
The Clackamas High School FFA Vet Science team. Back row from left to right: Leo Rosenberg, Devin Bassett, Weston Wingerd
Front row from left to right: Jada Lam, Bella Brown, Noah Reyes, Bekah Hunker

going to nationals," Weston Wingerd said. "This is the first time that we'll have a Clackamas FFA vet science team going to nationals and the first time we've won state."

The competition is a series of rigorous, career based "tests" that the teams take, including animal identification, a practicum, clinicals and papers and more. "In order for them to score high, they basically have to have every rubric memorized because they have to not only demonstrate but talk through and explain every step using the terminology," Mayfield said. "It's that kind of a high-level content...based on rubrics that were developed by people in the medical industry."

At the end, the team gathers to present what they learned.

Winning the state competition was a surreal experience for Wingerd. "After winning vet science, it was super cool and like the first time I had been proud about winning something," Wingerd said. His teammates were equally thrilled. "All my teammates were ecstatic because after the competition, they're like calling their parents and stuff."

What made this victory even

more special was the fact that it was completely student-led. Noah Reyes and Bella Brown took charge of the team, gathering resources and essentially teaching the group, with guidance from Mayfield. "They really took charge and kind of kept us organized," Wingerd said.

Despite the high stakes, they managed to keep it lighthearted, showing that you can still have fun and succeed at the same time. Mayfield was impressed with the way the team ran things independently, considering that the contest is not for everyone. "It's a tough contest and it is not for the academically weak student," she said. "In terms of content material and what they learn in for that contest, I don't teach that in school."

In addition to their success, the chapter has earned the prestigious two-star designation in the national Superior Chapter Award category. This is a significant achievement for Clackamas FFA, and one member will accept the award on stage during the convention. "They have these different designations of three-star, two star and a one star, so we got a two-star

designation, so that's kind of a big deal," Mayfield said.

The chapter is also celebrating another big accomplishment: four of its graduates received the American FFA Degree, which is the highest degree you can earn in the organization. "The degree system is such that only those who have graduated from high school can earn their American degree, there's a lot of check boxes you have to hit in order to," Mayfield said. "We've never had four American degree recipients in one year, so that's a big deal too."

In total, 14 members from Clackamas FFA Vet Science Team attended the National FFA Convention. This included the five members of the vet science team, five additional chapter members, and the four American Degree recipients, who will be honored during the event.

The team's journey to the National FFA Convention is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for veterinary science. Their win at the state level, combined with their leadership and teamwork, highlighted their remarkable achievement.



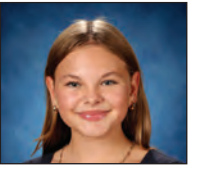
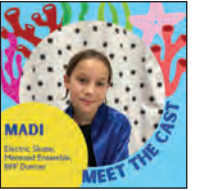
Local SpongeBob Musical Features HV Performers

Krayon Kids show opens Nov. 8

Get ready to dive into a colorful underwater adventure as Krayon Kids Musical Theatre Company brings The SpongeBob Musical to life! Opening on Nov. 8, at the historic Barclay Theater in Oregon City, this high-energy, family-friendly show is sure to make a splash with audiences of all ages.

Adapted from the hit Nickelodeon TV show, The SpongeBob Musical is a hilarious and heartwarming tale of friendship, resilience, and community spirit. Packed with original songs by a star-studded roster of musicians, including Cyndi Lauper, David Bowie, and Panic! At the Disco, this musical offers something for everyone—laughter, unforgettable tunes, and a message of hope.

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By James Kenneth Presley for the Happy Valley News



Hidden Falls – This bridge will give you a perfect view of a quaint local waterfall.

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November 17 is “National Hiking Day”, a time when many people are encouraged to strap on their hiking boots and take in some of the more pleasant trails and scenic views offered in your neck of the woods. From Happy Valley Park to Hidden Falls to Mt. Talbert, Happy Valley is littered with adorable trails that are designed for all hikers to enjoy, regardless of experience. November can be hit-and-miss in terms of weather, which is why we must take advantage of the beautiful autumn days that we can and take in the neighborhood foliage from picturesque views that will leave you speechless.

However, for some, the idea of taking on a hike, even the simplest, can be intimidating, oftentimes due to inexperience, lack of motivation, or perhaps you're just wanting to join others on this galivant.

The Happy Valley Hikers meet up twice a week, rain or shine, and invite all members of the community to partake in a little exercise that's designed to both build friendships as well as take in the beauty of Happy Valley.

“I've been in Happy Valley now for twenty-two years now,” says Sherman. “It only had about 4,000 people and we were sort of the last house on the block and everything above us was either empty hills or farmland. Right now it has about 30,000 people. It has changed immensely.”

Brett Sherman, a ten-year member of the City Council sits on the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee as well as other regionally focused committees that have helped Happy Valley both grow and evolve over the years. Sherman also runs a

small private investment company, underscoring his enthusiasm for “investing” in members of the community.

However, what excites Sherman most about his role within the city council is areas like preserving greenspaces, dedicating trails, and creating parkland, energized at finding grants to create this wonderful city we share and the little quaint nooks of nature carved within it.

“When I first moved here in 2002 I just bumped around and didn't really have a lot of opportunities to meet people or discover the area, so I actually walked down to city hall and requested a trail map that, to my surprise, didn't exist,” Sherman says. “They said ‘You can make one if you like!’. So I bought a GPS and started making trails. In 2006 I also brought back to life the Happy Valley Hikers.”

The Happy Valley Hikers, now with a full website and social media, currently do two hikes a week – a harder one on the weekends and an easier one during the weekdays. Hikes include meeting at a specific location at a certain time and, simply put, go hiking! Locations include Scouters Mountain, Scott Creek Trail, and Mt. Talbert as well as hikes through suburban territories.

“I wanted to make it super accessible, so you don't have to RSVP or pay anything, just show up,” says Sherman. “We sometimes have had groups up to 45 people... but that's likely due to

“It's so flexible and is just a great community.”

– Brett Sherman of the Happy Valley Hikers



A Hiking Community – Brett Sherman and the Happy Valley Hikers

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the beer or pizza stops we sometimes do after. It's a great way to meet new people.”

So, what do some of these hikes look like? Well, for starters, Hidden Falls is a 21-acre nature park that has a gorgeous waterfall and wooden bridge – a prime location for photos. It only has a mile of paved trails and is great for a hiker of any experience.

Mt. Talbert offers hikers 224 acres of a “wooded oasis”, with over four miles of trails and even covered picnic areas.

Scouters Mountain, which used to be home to the old Boy Scout camp, is a 100+ acre nature park with miles of trails and offers breathtaking views of Mt. Hood.

These three are just the tip of the iceberg, as the Happy Valley Hikers are constantly finding new and exciting ways to explore the views of the neighborhood.

“Mt. Scott Nature Park is a really lovely area and it doesn't get a lot of use,” says Sherman. “I would say the three biggest

gems for local hikes are Scouters Mountain, Mt. Talbert, and Mt. Scott. But places like Hidden Falls are incredible, too. We've got three really big nature parks to visit and then a collection of places to get in some great nature as well.”

Sherman encourages anyone curious to please join for a hike with the Happy Valley Hikers, promising that you'll be both “energized” and “excited”.

“The point is to make it accessible to all,” says Sherman. “Come and give it a try and, if it's something you enjoy, then great. It's so flexible and is just a great community.”

To learn more about the local trails, the Happy Valley Hikers, their schedule, and what to expect, please visit Hvhikers.com. Also, for this National Hiking Day, consider stepping outside of your cozy home and take in one last constitutional before the Winter weather truly takes over.

Women in Leadership and Management Awards

Celebrate Women in Leadership

Nominations open until November 15

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Each year, the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce hosts the Women in Leadership & Management Awards Luncheon to honor women of Clackamas County for their high-level achievements as executives and leaders who encourage, inspire and mentor others. This luncheon recognizes the invaluable contributions of women who excel in their fields and highlights the importance of mentorship and community involvement in fostering the next generation of leaders.

The awards celebrate women who either live or work in Clackamas County and have made significant impacts through their leadership roles. These trailblazers are often at the forefront of innovation and change, demonstrating excellence as executives, community leaders, and mentors. Their accomplishments serve as exemplary models of hard work, dedication, and a commitment to uplifting others.

The Women in Leadership & Management Awards Luncheon provides an opportunity for community members to spotlight deserving women who embody the spirit of leadership and service. Nominations are open to women of Clackamas County who wish to recognize those who have inspired them, driven positive change, or made significant contributions to their organizations and communities.

To ensure consideration, all nomination forms must be fully completed and submitted by November 15th. The process is straightforward, allowing nominators to share the stories and achievements of the women they admire most. The Chamber's website has the nomination form along with detailed information about the event, making it easy for participants to take part.

The event not only honors individual achievements but also fosters a sense of collaboration and unity among women leaders in Clackamas County.

By participating in the nomination process, you contribute to the legacy of leadership and empowerment that uplifts all women.

For any questions or assistance regarding the nomination process, the Chamber office is readily available at info@yourchamber.com. The team is eager to help ensure that every deserving woman is recognized for her contributions.

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Visit www.yourchamber.com for the nomination form along with detailed information about the event.

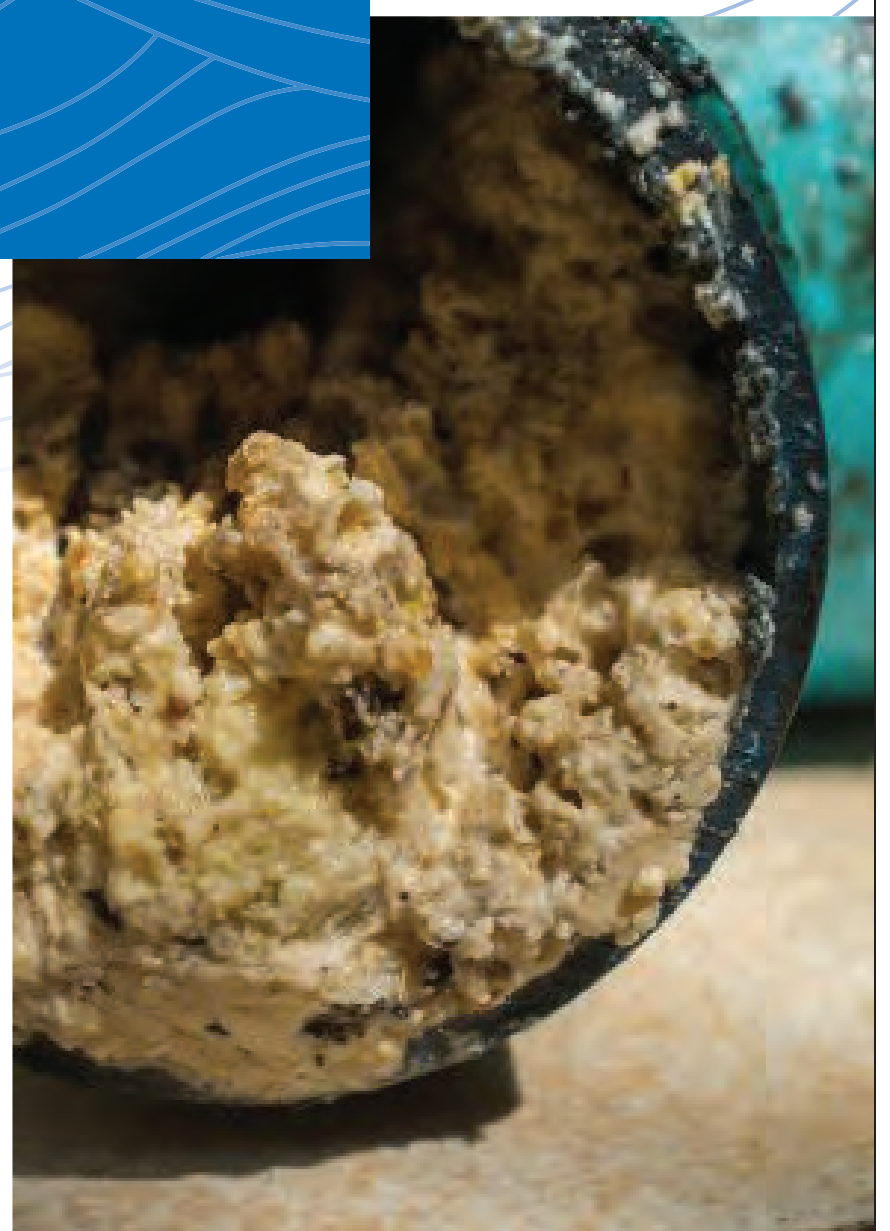
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Way to go, Madi! Go Hawks!

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Kruz Mogel, Junior

Boys Soccer

Junior boys soccer player Kruz Mogel is the SunGlow Athlete of the Week for the Cavaliers! Kruz has been a solid leader in our backline helping to constantly organize our team's defensive shape. Through this leadership, Kruz helped maintain a shutout and scored a goal against Lebanon HS. His consistent high level of play has really helped our team grow together as we hit the halfway point in our season.

Congrats, Kruz! Go Cavs!

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Tyler Walton, Junior

Varsity Boys Cross Country

Tyler won the varsity race at the Estacada Invitational in a race of over 150 varsity athletes.

Way to go, Tyler! Go Hawks!

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Grace Weaver-Morris, Junior

Girls Soccer

Grace Weaver-Morris is the Cavs SunGlow Athlete of the Week! Grace is a crucial part of the girl's soccer team. Her understanding of the game combined with her technical skill has led Grace to be number one in assister to goal scoring opportunities. In addition to assisting goals, Grace has also scored four goals so far this season.

Congrats, Grace! Go Cavs!

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Aidan Medina, Senior

Varsity Boys Cross Country

Aidan finished 13th out of 158 in a time of 16:59.

Way to go, Aidan! Go Hawks!

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Abby Nesmith, Junior

Girls Cross Country

Clackamas junior girls cross country runner Abby Nesmith is the Cavs SunGlow Athlete of the Week! Abby has been a leader of the team throughout the season, including her most recent performance at the Rose City Invitational where she ran the 5,000 meter course in a personal record of 19 minutes and 38 seconds. Abby is currently ranked as the third fastest athlete in the Mt. Hood Conference.

Congrats, Abby! Go Cavs!

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Rhyan Tanfernai, Senior

Varsity Volleyball

Rhyan has been a calm, steady presence for the Hawks this season. So far this season Rhyan has 14 Aces over 50 digs, and in our last match against Clackamas had a 100 percent serve percentage. Rhyan brings the team together with her inclusive and caring approach to the team and the program. She is always in the right place at the right time.

Way to go, Ryan! Go Hawks!

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Providence's Basecamp Prevention + Wellness

Classes are held virtually

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



Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance (Beginners)

Tuesday/Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. | FREE

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

Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. | FREE

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

Chair Yoga

Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. | FREE

A wonderful chair-based yoga practice for those who prefer to stretch and move their bodies while staying off the floor. Classes combine gentle movement and intentional breath in both seated and standing poses. www.welcometobasecamp.org/chairyoga

Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. | FREE

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

Skyhawks Sports Camps

All classes are held at: Pleasant Valley Villages Park



HoopsterTots

Oct. 19 - Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-9:40 p.m., Grasshoppers ages 2-3
Oct. 19 - Nov. 16, 9:50 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Froggies ages 3-5
Oct. 19 - Nov. 16, 10:40 a.m.-11:20 a.m., Kangaroos ages 6-8
Saturday | \$90

Learning basketball has never been more fun! These classes focus on dribbling, shot technique, passing and teamwork. Adjustable hoops and appropriately sized.

Basketball

Oct. 19 - Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-10:00 a.m., ages 6-8
Oct. 19 - Nov. 16, 10:10 a.m.-11:10 a.m., ages 8-12
Saturday | \$75

This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for the beginning to intermediate player. Using our progression curriculum, staff focus on the whole player, teaching respect, teamwork and responsibility. An active week of passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding makes this one of our most popular programs.

Soccer Shots Clinics

See registration pages for program locations.

Soccer-Mini

Thursday, Sept. 12 - Nov. 14, 3:25 p.m.-3:55 p.m., Ages 2-3 | \$205

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



Soccer-Classic

Thursday, Sept. 12 - Nov. 14, 4:10 p.m.-4:45 p.m., ages 3-4 | \$215
Saturday, Sept. 14 - Nov. 16, 2:55 p.m.-3:30 p.m., ages 4-5 | \$215
Saturday, Sept. 14 - Nov. 16, 3:40 p.m.-4:15 p.m., ages 3-4 | \$215

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

Soccer-Premier

Sept. 14 - Nov. 16, 2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. | Saturday | Ages 5-7 | \$215

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

Sunrise Taekwondo

All classes are held at Sunrise Taekwondo: 12048 SE Sunnyside Rd.

3-Week Trial Membership

Little Tiger - Ages 4-6yrs | Color Belt - ages 6-11yrs | Teen & Adult
\$75 + Free uniform | See registration page for class schedule

Don't miss this special offer from Happy Valley Parks and Recreation! Trial membership includes any two taekwondo classes/week for three weeks. This is a great opportunity to learn valuable skills like focus, confidence, discipline, respect, and goal setting through fun and engaging lessons. See if this is a good fit as you start your journey to becoming a Black Belt Family!



Kidokinetics

See registration pages for program locations.

Sportsplay Clinic

Sept. 15 - Nov. 10, 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. | Sunday | Ages 3-7 | \$89

Includes a different sport each week including - volleyball, football, hockey, lacrosse, frisbee, and more!



Ninja Play

Nov. 9, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Saturday | Ages 5-8 | \$50

Kids develop skills around stability, agility, balance, jump distance, and more. Every class is designed for optimal skill development and optimal FUN! Each week features warm-up, sport-specific skills and drills, free play, cool down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson

Hoops, Scoops, and Shots Winter Break Camp

Dec. 26 - Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. | Ages 4-8 | \$85

A combination of four popular sports to create a fun learning experience with: basketball, lacrosse, jai alai, and hockey to learn agility, accuracy, flexibility, balance, endurance, coordination, and speed.

Nothing But Nets Winter Break Camp

Dec. 30 - Dec. 31, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. | Ages 4-8 | \$85

A fun introduction to sports designed to help get kids moving and build confidence! Each week features a warm up, an introduction to a new sport or activity, free play, cool down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.

Jordan Kent Basketball Clinic

Location: Spring Mountain Elementary School
Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-noon | Friday | Ages 6-12 | \$39.95

One-day clinics offering beginning to intermediate fundamental sports training where your camper will participate in skill training, agility training, games, and nutrition education, all while basking in our exciting and engaging camp atmosphere! Each clinic includes a t-shirt or drawstring bag. See registration pages for program locations.



Journey to STEAM

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

LEGO Inventors Winter Break Camp

Dec. 30 - Jan. 3 (no camp Jan. 1), 9 a.m.-noon | Ages 6-11 | \$175

Unlock innovation as students tackle real-world problems using Lego. Become inventors through creativity, critical thinking, and Lego magic. Topics include sustainable design, simple machines, and innovative problem-solving.



Engineering For Kids Classes

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

Building Cities

Nov. 7 - Dec. 19, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. | Thursdays | Ages 7-12 | \$230

Cities are incredible feats of engineering. Explore the intricacies of giant skyscrapers, bridges, and other infrastructure with hands on activities that challenge creativity and critical thinking.

Welcome to Tea

All classes are held at Cup of Tea: 10117 SE Sunnyside Rd, Suite J
Nov. 16 | 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. | Saturday | Ages 18+ | \$15/class

Explore the world of Camellia sinensis! Taste various teas while learning their origins, processing methods, and unique flavor profiles in this immersive hands-on introduction to tea class with Susie Fisk of Cup of Tea. Sip and savor as we enjoy a cozy, informative tea tasting together. Don't miss this chance to start your tea journey and have some fun. Reserve your spot now!



Tippi Toes Dance Classes

See program descriptions for locations.

Gobble & Groove: Parents Night Out

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd.
Nov. 22, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Ages 5 - 12 | \$30 per child

Need a night off to prep for the holidays or just relax? Tippi Toes has got you covered. Your little ones will have a blast with arts and crafts, dancing, games, and more, so you can enjoy some well-deserved downtime!

Baby Ballet

Sept. 16 - Dec. 9, 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Monday Location: Sunnyside Grange, 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd, Clackamas, OR 97015

Sept. 17 - Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Tuesday Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex, 12915 SE King Rd.
Ages 2-4yrs | \$180

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



Ballet, Tap & Jazz

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd.
Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Dec. 10, 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m., Ages 3-5yrs | \$180
Tuesdays, Sept. 17 - Dec. 10, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m., Ages 6-8yrs | \$180
Thursdays, Sept. 18 - Dec. 11, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m., Ages 3-5yrs | \$180

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

Toddler and Me

Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex: 12915 SE King Rd.
Sept. 18 - Dec. 11, 5 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. | Thursday | Ages 1.5 -3yrs | \$180

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

Venivo Art Studios - In-Studio Classes

All art classes will be held at: Venivo Art Studios, 13329 SE Misty Drive

Create and Learn Event - Christmas Lights Painting

Dec. 6, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. | Friday | Ages 16+
\$25/ 1.5-hour session

Welcome to our festive adult art lesson, where we'll illuminate our canvases with the dazzling glow of Christmas lights shining in a tree. In this workshop, you'll get a 1.5-hour lesson, an 8" x 10" canvas panel, and tips on how to depict the soft, colorful glow of the lights, as well as how to create depth and dimension in your composition.



Sweet Lomy Art Workshops

All classes will be held at: Happy Valley Library located at 13793 SE Sieben Park Way

Fused Glass Ornament Workshop

Nov. 12, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. | Tuesday | Ages 10+ | \$50

Get in the holiday spirit and make up to three one-of-a-kind glass ornaments. Students will learn basic glass cutting and fusing techniques and can copy designs or come with their own creative ideas. Pieces will be fired after class and participants can pick up their creations at Sweet Lomy Art Studio in Gladstone.

Fused Glass Snowflakes Workshop

Dec. 10, 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. | Tuesday | Ages 15+ | \$50

Students will learn basic glass cutting and fusing techniques to layer and create up to three elegant glass snowflakes, just in time for the holidays. Pieces will be fired after class and will be available for pick up at Sweet Lomy Art Studio in Gladstone.



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PARKS AND RECREATION SPONSORED EVENTS



Field Trip Fridays

Field trips depart from: Happy Valley City Hall

Enjoy a new experience and leave the driving to us! Hop on the RecMobile to enjoy an afternoon exploring a handful of Oregon's social, educational, and inspiring gathering spots, all while getting to know members of your community! Spots are limited. To check out featured field trips, visit: www.happyvalleyor.gov/parks

Portland Holiday Market & Lunch

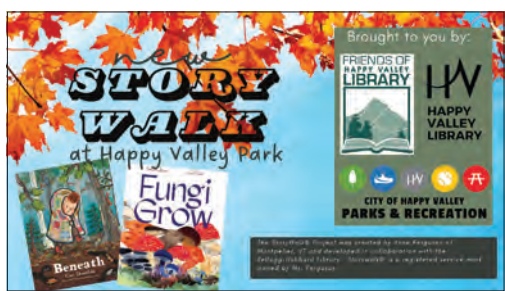
Nov. 15, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | Friday | Ages 18+
\$15-Resident / \$22.50 Non-Resident

Join our group for lunch at Happy Valley Station before we make our way to the Portland Expo Center for a unique holiday shopping experience. There will be more than 100,000 square feet of display space filled with hundreds of exhibitors offering food items, gifts, artwork, jewelry, home décor, clothing, spirits, craft items, books, ornaments, leather goods, bath and body, and much, much more!

Holiday Express Train Ride & OMSI "Exquisite Creatures Revealed"

Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. | Friday | Ages 18+
\$60-Resident / \$90 Non-Resident

Enjoy an afternoon at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry and experience the exhibit "Exquisite Creatures Revealed" - a new and expanded showcase from artist naturalist Christopher Marley featuring rare organisms from around the world in stunning displays like you've never seen before. Then get in the holiday spirit as you hop aboard a festive 45-min train ride on a heated vintage rail car along the Willamette River.



Fall Community Events & Activities

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Location: HV City Hall, 16000 SE Misty Dr.
Dec. 8, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Sunday | FREE

Learn more about the event on page XX or visit hv.city/tree-lighting.

Storywalk

Meeting location: HV Park Shelter "A"
Nov. 4 & Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Monday

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, visitors can enjoy a story as they walk along the path at Happy Valley Park. Each month, the library staff will display a book for readers of all ages to enjoy. Join us as we stroll and read the story together and then stay for an activity related to the book.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: HV City Hall, 16000 SE Misty Dr.
Monday, Dec. 16, noon-5:30 p.m.

Register online: www.redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Code: HappyVal

First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Classes are held at: Happy Valley City Hall, 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.
Nov. 8 | 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. | Friday | Ages 15+

Resident \$70 / Non-Resident \$105

Our in-person CPR/First Aid Training course combines lectures with hands-on skills sessions. Students will learn how to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org

Babysitter Training Course

Classes are held at: Happy Valley City Hall, 13770 SE Ridgecrest Rd.
Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. | Monday | Ages 10 - 16 Resident \$50 / Non-Resident \$75

Our in-person babysitter classes give you access to the latest information on childcare, offer tips, and can answer all your questions so that you're ready to start your own babysitting business. With lectures and class activities, these courses are engaging, informative and fun. Topics covered include: Basic Care for Infants and Children, Basic First Aid, Child Behavior, Age-Appropriate Activities, Emergency Protocols, Professionalism, Leadership, and Growing Your Business. Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org

Youth Open Gym Basketball Nights

Location: Scouters Mountain Elementary School, 10811 SE 172nd Ave.

Nov. 5 - Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. | Tuesday
Ages 10-17 | FREE

Open gym is an opportunity for youth to practice their basketball skills, shoot hoops with their friends and stay active. Bring your own basketball and water bottle. Available on a first-come, first-served basis. A

liability waiver must be completed for each participant. To provide a safe environment, there will be a maximum of 30 participants in the gym at a time. Open gym is welcome to all Happy Valley residents. No organized groups allowed during open gym night.

Astronomy Classes

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

Astronomy I : Solar System

Sept. 30 - Nov. 18, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. | Monday
Ages 16+ | \$100

Join Derek Sears, an Emeritus professor and NASA scientist, for an exciting 8-week course on astronomy. Learn about the solar system, the Earth, and the universe in this interactive class that includes lecture, conversation, and stargazing. No prior astronomy knowledge required. Content will focus on the solar system, with a subsequent course focusing on the stars and galaxies coming in the Spring. Scholarships available through the Happy Valley Parks Foundation: www.hvprf.org



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NOVEMBER 2024 LIBRARY EVENTS

Please note the library will be closed on Sunday, Nov. 10, Monday, Nov. 11, Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29. Please visit go.lincc.org/hvupdates for any additional impacts.

PROGRAMS

All Ages Programs

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

Puzzles

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Meeting Room

Everyone's welcome to put together puzzles! We'll have puzzles of all different sizes for just the right challenge.

Día de los Muertos Celebration

Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. - noon Community Rooms A&B

Come together for a Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration with crafts, music and more!

Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) is a Mexican celebration when families gather to honor the memory of deceased loved ones on November 1 and 2. Spirits are guided home to enjoy offerings left for them on meticulously crafted altars. Its roots are a fusion of traditions found in Europe and Mesoamerica, particularly the ancient Aztec empire.

¡Reúnanse para una celebración del Día de los Muertos con artesanías, música y más!

Día de los Muertos es una celebración mexicana en que las familias se reúnen para honrar la memoria de sus seres queridos fallecidos el 1 y 2 de noviembre. Los espíritus son guiados a casa para disfrutar de las ofrendas que se les dejan en altares meticulosamente elaborados. Sus raíces son una fusión de tradiciones que se encuentran en Europa y Mesoamérica, particularmente en el antiguo imperio Azteca.

Este programa es parte de nuestra Serie de Programas del Mes de la Herencia Latiné/ This program is part of our Latiné Heritage Month Program Series.

Trail Blazer Fun Night

Friday, Nov. 15, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Community Rooms A&B

Calling all Trail Blazer fans! Drop in for a special Trail Blazer night with trivia, crafts, and games. Brought to you by Happy Valley Parks & Recreations and the Happy Valley Library. RSVP available.

Let's Build

Saturday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 10:30 a.m. - noon Community Room A

Drop in for some free building fun with LEGO and Duplo blocks.

Chess Meet Up

Saturday, Nov. 23, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Community Room A

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

Library Lounge

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 10:30 a.m.-noon Community Rooms A&B
Everyone's invited for puzzles, crafts, and other fun!

Adult Programs

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



ESL Classes

Mondays 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Intermediate
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Advanced 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.

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

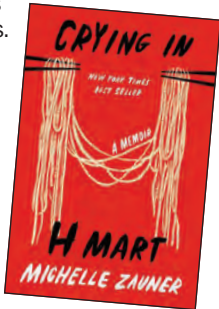
Those who enjoy playing American Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Be sure to bring your current National Mah Jongg League cards. Contact the library if you would like to learn to play.

Happy Valley Book Group

Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Community Room A

Read *The Librarianist* by Patrick deWitt, a magical journey spanning secrets and history, and discuss it with other readers.

New members are always welcome. Place your hold for December's book *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. Find out more about the group, including future reads at go.lincc.org/hvbg.



Genealogy Club

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 3 p.m.-5 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!

Quiet Book Club

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Shhhh! Want an hour of quiet reading time? We'll provide a (pretend) roaring fire and warm water for tea. You bring your reading material and cozy stuff (think a blanket, soft pillow, or scarf). Quiet time is followed by an optional 30 minute social time to share reading recommendations and other book tips! RSVP available.

Shizue: An American Story

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m. Community Rooms A&B

Presented by the Portland Opera, this opera illuminates the remarkable life of Shizue Iwatsuki. Born to a wealthy Japanese family and trained in the arts of poetry and ikebana, she marries Kamegoro and emigrates to his orchard in Hood River. Like thousands of other Japanese Americans, she experiences both hope and horror in her new home—from the luscious taste of fresh strawberries to the injustice of America's incarceration camps. Through it all, Shizue rises above and reaches beyond, embodying the concept of gaman, which means "enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity."

Brain Health with AARP

Thursday, Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m. Meeting Room

In this interactive session, you will learn about habits that incorporate the six pillars of brain health into your everyday life. RSVP available.

Youth Programs

Storytimes

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

Storywalk: Beneath

Happy Valley Park
Each month you can enjoy a story along the path in Happy Valley Park. Walk along and read the story *Beneath* by Cori Doerrfeld starting at the all-abilities playground now through Nov. 26.

Want to join us to walk/stroll and read the story together? We'll meet at Shelter A (by the big playground) on Monday, Nov. 4, at 3:30 p.m. to do the Storywalk, then everyone is invited to stay for an activity related to the book. This activity is kindly supported



Librarian Isaac leads a group on a read-along of the story with some fun activities along the way.

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Save the date for a special Storywalk get together on Monday, Dec. 2, at 3:30 p.m. for a mushroom scavenger hunt to celebrate December's book *Fungi Grow* by Gianferri!

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Giờ Kể Chuyện/Vietnamese Storytime

Saturday, Nov. 2 & Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Community Room A
Hãy đến thư viện vui hát, kể chuyện, làm quen với văn điệu thơ tiếng Việt và cùng làm thủ công với nhau nhé.

Enjoy Vietnamese stories, songs, rhymes and make a craft together as a family.

Stretch, Dance, Play

Thursday, Nov. 7, 10:15 a.m.

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

Sign & Sing

Friday, Nov. 8, 10:15 a.m.

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

Cuentos, música y manualidades / Spanish Storytime

Saturday, Nov. 9 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
¡Los invitamos a la Biblioteca de Happy Valley a disfrutar de una hora de cuentos, música y manualidades en Español!

We invite you to Happy Valley library to enjoy stories, music and crafts in Spanish!

中文故事时间 / Chinese Storytime

Saturday, Nov. 9, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.

欢迎加入我们特别为孩子们举办的中文故事时间，用普通话呈现适合所有年龄段的故事、歌曲和活动。Join us for a special Chinese Storytime presented in Mandarin with stories, songs and activities for ages 0-10.

Tallulah's Daddy

Saturday, Nov. 16, 10:30 a.m. Community Room A

For ages 2-6 and their caregivers. Drop in for some musical fun with our favorite bass playing dad!

On the Move!

Thursday, Nov. 21, 10:15 a.m. Community Room A

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

Olive & Dingo

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2 p.m. Community Room A

It's our favorite singing, silly clown duo Olive & Dingo with songs, stories, and lots of laughs!

Family Movie Time: Inside Out

Monday, Nov. 25, 1:30 p.m. Community Room A

Aaagh! Don't let anxiety take over – catch the emotional rollercoaster of this new release.

Tweens & Teens

For teens in grades 6-12.

Manga and Anime Club

Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Community Room A

Hang out with fellow manga and anime fans. November is button making! Chat about favorites, browse new number ones, eat snacks, and watch anime. For teens in grades 6 through 12.

Teen Library Group

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Meeting Room

Support the library while earning volunteer hours. Hang out with new friends, share ideas, and make stuff. A safe space for all to be themselves.

Library Board Openings

By City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Library Board is currently seeking new members. This advisory board helps create, develop and implement the library's programs and activities. Apply to join the Board at go.lincc.org/hvlib-boardapp or scan the QR code. Applications must be received by Nov. 30. Filled board positions will begin in January 2025. Thank you to our current board members for their many years of service.



English Classes with Goodwill

By City of Happy Valley

On Monday mornings, if you looked in the Happy Valley Library's Meeting Room you might think it had been transformed into a classroom. A dozen students sit at tables and a teacher leads the group in lessons. This group of English language learners is improving their skills thanks to a free program developed by Goodwill Industries of the Columbia Willamette.

Language can be a huge barrier to employment in the United States, and Goodwill's English as a Second Language program seeks to address this by providing collaborative, free English and citizenship test preparation classes to employees and community members. All Goodwill ESL classes are taught by experienced Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) professionals, and every student

receives a free textbook on their first day of class. While citizenship classes are not currently in progress at the Happy Valley Library, Goodwill is available to schedule these classes by request.

For instructor Amaris Crouch-Nowoisky, the work is incredibly rewarding. "I'm excited to help our diverse community gain confidence in their English language skills," shared Crouch-Nowoisky, "Learning a new language opens doors for opportunities, and I'm thrilled to be a part of that journey for my students."

New students are always welcome to join the classes at the Library. Classes are held each Monday: Intermediate (10:15-11:15am) and Advanced (11:15am-12:15pm). Goodwill is excited to bring these services to the Happy Valley community with the help of Happy Valley Library!



Day of the Dead/Día de los Muertos Ofrenda/Community Altar

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Ofrendas are an essential part of the Day of the Dead celebrations. The word ofrenda means offering in Spanish. They are also called altars or altars, but they are not for worship. Ofrendas are set up to remember and honor the memory of their ancestors. The Happy Valley Library invites community members to share photos of loved ones who have passed that they would like to have included in our ofrenda. Submit your writings and/or photos to be included at go.lincc.org/hvofrenda. (You can also bring items to be scanned to the Reference Desk.) Then celebrate Day of the Dead with us on Saturday, November 9 from 11am-12pm and visit our community altar.

Las ofrendas son una parte esencial de las celebraciones del Día de los Muertos. Ofrendas también se les llama altares, pero no son para adorar. Las ofrendas se establecen para recordar y honrar la memoria de sus antepasados. La Biblioteca de Happy Valley les invita a los miembros de la comunidad a compartir fotos de seres



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The Happy Valley Library invites community members to share photos of loved ones who have passed to be included in the Día de los Muertos Ofrenda.

queridos que les gustaría incluir en nuestra ofrenda. Envíe sus escritos y/o fotos para ser incluidas en go.lincc.org/hvofrenda. (También puede llevar los elementos que se van a escanear al centro de referencia). Luego celebra con nosotros el Día de los Muertos el 9 de noviembre y visita nuestro altar comunitario.

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Native American Booklist

By City of Happy Valley

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the library is highlighting recent books by Indigenous authors for children, teens, and adults. Here you'll find fiction and nonfiction by authors from some of the over 500 Federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages. Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with reading!



See the full list at go.lincc.org/hvnav

BUY A BRICK!

The Happy Valley Parks Foundation brings back the Buy a Brick Program

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

The Buy a Brick program, originally launched by the City of Happy Valley in 2013, has been given new life in 2023 under the leadership of the Happy Valley Parks & Recreation Foundation. Initially, the program allowed community members to purchase

engraved bricks that were laid near the skate park, offering a personalized way to support public spaces. With residents embracing the opportunity to commemorate loved ones and pets, or even share a playful message, the Buy a Brick program is now laying the groundwork for future park improvements.

The Parks Foundation's involvement in the Buy a Brick

program has brought significant improvements, starting with the reinstallation of new bricks and cement pads. "We said, listen, why don't we help you out and we'll take it over, and so that's what we've done," Morrow said. "We put in brand new brick of the people that already had paid for bricks. We re-engraved those into the new bricks." These new installations not only provide a

more durable foundation but also create an opportunity for additional brick sales, expanding the program's reach within the community.

In addition to restoring the original brick pad near the skate park, the foundation has expanded the program to include a second brick pad near the dog parks. "The idea was, people like to do things to memorialize their pets, so we've put that new pad over by the dog parks," he said.

The dog park brick pad has proven popular not just for pet memorials but also for those who frequently walk through the area and wish to leave a personal mark. The program now serves multiple purposes, with residents using the bricks to honor pets, celebrate loved ones, or simply add a fun and creative message. This expansion has helped foster deeper connections between the community and the park.

The Lee family, long-time residents, purchased a brick by the skate park to celebrate the opening of the new park, having it engraved for their son who loves to skateboard. "Harrison is the skater of the family. When he started skating in his teens, there were hardly any decent

parks in the area that allowed skateboarding," Ray and Karen Lee said. "When Happy Valley finally built the skatepark, we were ecstatic, we bought a brick to commemorate the occasion." The Lee's had their brick engraved with HARRISON LEE "SKATE DUDE".

Jean Rowsell purchased a brick for her father, S. Thomas Lee, M.D., on his 97th birthday. "He and my mother- Peggy Lee live in Happy Valley and they walk pretty much every day down in the park- he still walks about 1 mile every day," Rowsell said. "We also put a rabbit on the brick because he immigrated over from China and was born in the year of the rabbit."

The engraving process is handled by Fred Bass of Stone Art. He uses a specialized template that adheres to the bricks before engraving, but the process is highly weather-dependent. The bricks need to be completely dry, so most of the engraving occurs during the spring and summer months.

By purchasing a brick, residents help fund future park amenities and contribute to the beautification of spaces that will be enjoyed by generations to come. It's a chance to make a

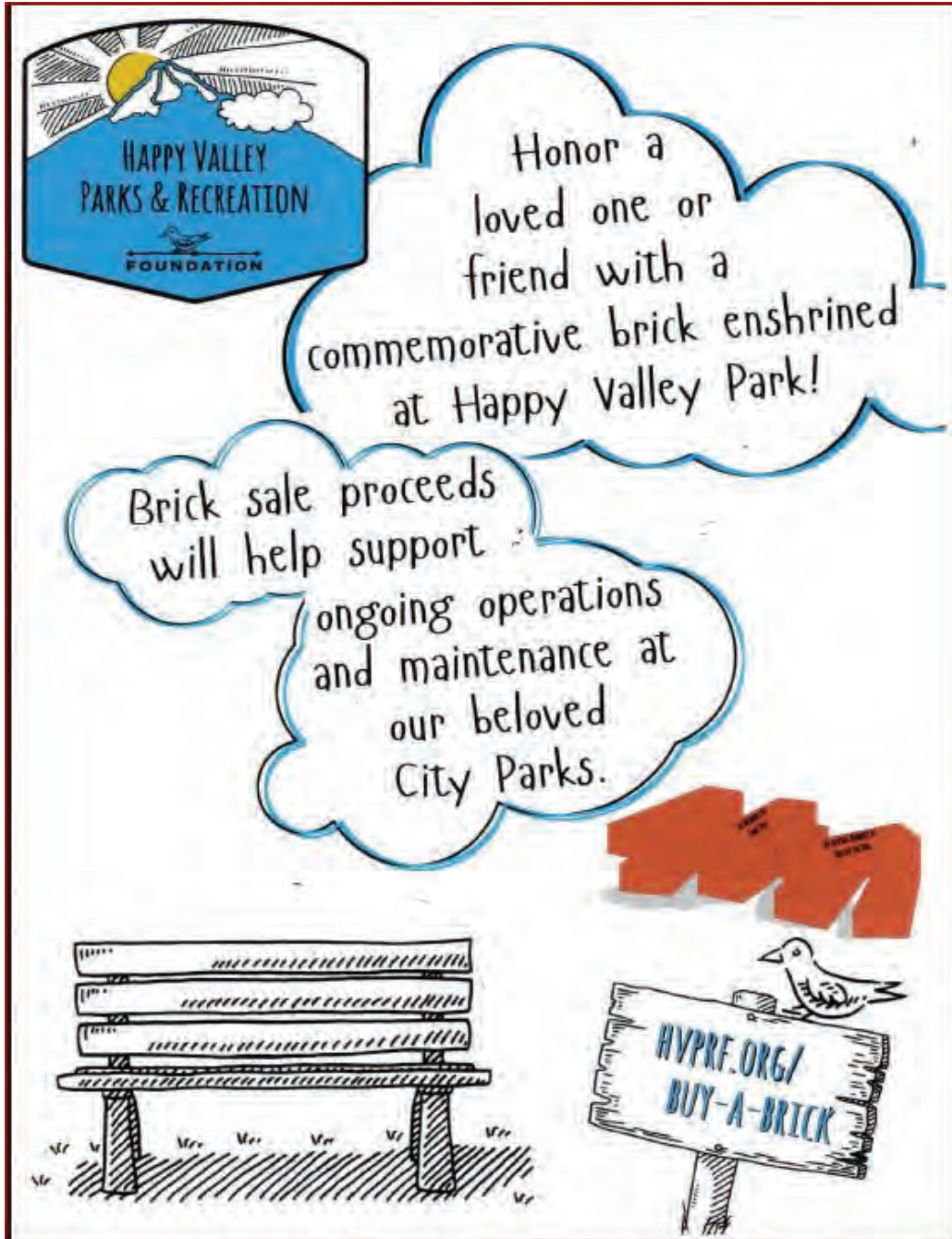
personal mark while supporting the growth and improvement of the community. "If you want to recognize a loved one, somebody that's passed on, your grandchildren or if you want to, just do a funny little thing, here's a way to do that," Morrow said. "It's going to help the community. You're going to get the benefit of putting your kid, your grandkids in a brick for the community to see and the money is going to go to a good cause."

To get involved, residents can visit the foundation's website, stop by local veterinary clinics displaying program information, or attend community events where the foundation will be promoting brick sales. Bricks can be purchased for \$150 at the foundation's website.

Whether it's through a personalized message or a heartfelt tribute, each brick tells a story that becomes part of the town's history.

BUY A BRICK

Visit: HV Parks & Recreation Foundation website



Bricks at the skate park

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PARKS & RECREATION**

Tree Lighting Ceremony

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

Happy Valley City Hall
16000 SE Misty Dr. 4pm - 6pm

Visit with Santa & drop off your letter!

**Operation Santa
2pm-6pm**

Tree Lighting | Crafts & Activities | Letter Writing
Live Music | Santa | Coffee & Cocoa

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8th Grade East Coast Trip June 2025

Informational Meeting Happy Valley & Rock Creek MS

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