

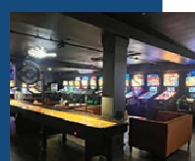


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As we enter into 2025, we invite you to look back through the year and remember what makes living in Happy Valley so great!

By Happy Valley News Staff

It's been quite a year in the Valley! And to celebrate, we're looking back at some of our top community events, celebrations & people from this past year that make Happy Valley such a special place!

Public Safety Team Battles January Ice Storm

Despite snow, ice, high winds, and power outages, the Public Safety Team operated 24/7. They worked around the clock to assess and treat roadways, respond to emergencies, and prevent challenges. Through continuous efforts in de-icing, plowing, sanding streets, and addressing incidents like fallen trees and stuck vehicles, their unwavering dedication shines.



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Handmade cards created by members of the community were delivered to residents at local care facilities.

Youth Summit brings collaboration, impact

Excitement was in the air in February, as youth councilors from Happy Valley and Lake Oswego collaborated to present the 2024 Oregon Youth Summit. This innovative partnership signified

a united commitment to nurturing the well-being and future of Oregon's youth leaders. By combining resources, expertise, and passion, the summit aimed to be an impactful and transformative

experience, addressing the concerns and aspirations of the state's young leaders.

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Happy Valley Youth Council gathered for a group photo during the Oregon Youth Summit.



The Public Works crew worked 24/7 during January's multi-day snow and ice storm. Here, they helped clear a large tree blocking Tyler Rd.

Embrace Winter in Happy Valley

The fun winter happenings in and around Happy Valley

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

For those living in Happy Valley, the greater Metro and surrounding areas offer many winter activities. Whether you're seeking the adrenaline rush of winter sports, the serenity of nature's beauty, or the charm of community traditions, the Portland and Happy Valley areas offer countless ways to make the most of the season.

For ski and snowboard enthusiasts, Mount Hood offers a haven for winter sports only a short drive from Happy Valley.



Take a stroll through many of Happy Valley's parks with family or friends.

Resorts like Timberline Lodge, Ski Bowl, and Mount Hood Meadows provide lessons, equipment rentals, and trails that cater to everyone, from seasoned skiers to eager beginners.

Whether carving through fresh powder or unwinding with a hot cocoa by the lodge fire, Mount Hood delivers the quintessential

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HV Resident SQUASHES World Record

Gary Kristensen sets a Guinness World Record paddling a 1,000-pound pumpkin down the Columbia River

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Happy Valley resident Gary Kristensen recently made headlines by breaking

the Guinness World Record for the longest journey traveled in a pumpkin. Kristensen, a giant pumpkin grower, paddled a massive 1,000-pound pumpkin 45.69 miles down the Columbia River, starting at Bonneville Dam and ending at Langsdorf Landing.

The feat, which took 26 grueling hours over two days, was not just a test of physical endurance but also a testament to Kristensen's determination and the unique charm of



PHOTO COURTESY OF GARY KRISTENSEN
A proud Kristensen and the giant pumpkin he sailed down the Columbia River in.

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Record

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pumpkin paddling. Supported by a lifelong friend navigating a pontoon boat, Kristensen overcame treacherous winds, waves, and fatigue to achieve his dream, creating an unforgettable adventure along the way.

Kristensen, a real estate appraiser and small business owner in Happy Valley, has turned his passion for pumpkin growing into a unique tradition. He began cultivating pumpkins in 2011, finding joy in nurturing these giant gourds. Since 2013, he has participated in the West Coast Giant Pumpkin Regatta, an annual event that brings together pumpkin enthusiasts to race massive, hollowed-out pumpkins across the water.

Kristensen had known of people who had done the world record, and decided one day that he wanted to eventually do it. "I thought I should try to do that and I keep talking about doing it," Kristensen said. "And finally I just decided, I'm in good physical shape and I just felt like every it was the right time."

To prepare for his world record attempt, he carefully

selected the perfect pumpkin for paddling—large, buoyant, and sturdy enough to handle the Columbia River's challenges. His strategy involved launching near Bonneville Dam to harness the river's current, with essential support from his friend David piloting a pontoon boat for navigation and safety. "I started at Bonneville and my plan was just to go as far as I could go," he said.

Throughout the journey, Kristensen faced relentless challenges, battling 35-mile winds and unpredictable waves. One particularly tough moment came when waves repeatedly poured into his boat, making it difficult to stay afloat and maintain control. "When I wasn't paddling, the pumpkin wanted to roll over because it was partly full of water. It wasn't very stable at that point," he said. "I just kind of kept paddling a bowl of soup and trying to get to shore so I could wade out the winds."

It took him an hour to reach the shore, drain the water from his pumpkin, and wait for the wind to calm down, but he managed to keep from sinking. Kristensen anchored his pumpkin and climbed out to take a nap. He awoke an hour later to find the tides had left the pumpkin stranded on the sand. "My



PHOTOS COURTESY OF GARY KRISTENSEN
Gary Kristensen was all smiles on his journey towards a world record.

plan was just to take a quick nap on the beach," he said. "I looked over at the pumpkin and the pumpkin was high and dry on the beach."

His buddy David started digging the pumpkin but the two quickly learned that the beach had been used to lock barges and that there were big industrial cables beneath the surface. After three hours, Kristensen managed to get the pumpkin back in the water by carefully maneuvering the 1000-pound watercraft over this maze of

cables. "We dug underneath it and got some water under it, we could twist it," he said. "And finally we were able to get it twisted away from this cable that was sticking up and got it back in the water." Kristensen completed his 46-mile journey by paddling the rest of the day for five hours and 31 minutes.

Kristensen's adventure ended at Langsdorf Landing near Sauvie Island, not because his pumpkin fell apart or sank, or he was too exhausted to continue. As nightfall struck on their



The Columbia River delivers a picturesque view for his paddle excursion.

second day of paddling, he and David decided to conclude their voyage. "It was Sunday evening and we both needed to work the next day and so we decided to call it quits," he said. "Ended at Langsdorf Landing across from Sauvie Island And that was where was officially recorded at 45.69 miles." The whole journey, from start to finish, took approximately 26 hours in total.

While Kristensen felt proud of completing the challenge, he also felt a mix of emotions. There was relief in finishing,

but also excitement and anticipation as they now had to wait for Guinness World Records to officially approve of his achievement. "I was a little anxious about whether Guinness was going to approve the record because their rules are really strict for good reason," he said. Ultimately, Kristensen succeeded in attaining his world record title.

In reflecting on his journey, Kristensen expressed deep gratitude for the support he received from friends, family, and even strangers who followed his adventure. The best part though: going on the adventure with his old friend. "Going on an adventure with somebody who's been a big part of your life is kind of just an opportunity I haven't had," he said. "It was just a cool adventure that we could share."

Kristensen plans to continue his love for growing giant pumpkins and is already dreaming up future pumpkin-related adventures, including taking another stab at beating his own world record. "Maybe I can get a pumpkin by June and if I can it will be so much easier," he said. "And I can really squash it, If I can make that happen, all bets are off."



Head up to Mt. Hood for some fun in the snow.



Ice skating is a fun way to take advantage of the winter season.



Hit the slopes!

Winter

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winter adventure. Snowshoeing, sledding and cross-country skiing all offer good entry level opportunities to play in the snow for folks new to snow sports at lower cost.

Those who love to ice skate can enjoy a delightful

experience at Winterhawks Skating Center in Beaverton, just a short drive from Happy Valley. This family-friendly rink welcomes skaters of all abilities, offering a fun and inviting atmosphere. With festive music and the joyful sounds of fellow skaters, it's the perfect place to create cherished winter memories.

Though hiking shines in summer, winter hikes offer a

unique way to explore the serene beauty of the season. The hidden gems of winter trails provide an escape from the everyday hustle, with Scouters Mountain Nature Park offering family-friendly paths and panoramic views, while the trails at Happy Valley Park present a more invigorating challenge.

For those willing to venture a little farther, a day trip to Multnomah Falls and

the Columbia River Gorge unveils breathtaking scenery. Multnomah Falls, adorned with icicles and framed by snow-covered evergreens, is simply magical, and the Gorge transforms into a mesmerizing winter wonderland.

While summer is often associated with farmers' markets, Oregon's winter markets bring their own unique charm. The Portland Farmers Market

remains lively during the colder months, offering seasonal produce, artisanal crafts, and warm beverages. In Happy Valley, the new Winter Market provides a cozy, community-focused space to shop for local goods while soaking up the seasonal atmosphere in an indoor environment.

Celebrate the season's whimsy with the Happy Valley's Snowflake Scavenger Hunt from

Jan. 6th to Jan. 31st. Unique snowflakes are hidden throughout four different parks, waiting to be discovered. Each week, a photo of one of the snowflake ornaments will be revealed, accompanied by a clever clue to guide your search. If you're among the lucky treasure hunters who find a snowflake, simply bring the photo to Happy Valley City Hall to claim your prize: the stunning glass snowflake ornament itself!



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Winter Readiness: A Comprehensive Guide for Safety

Be ready for any storm this season

Winter weather in the Pacific Northwest is never a sure thing, but forecasters are already predicting cold temperatures and snowstorms in the near future. Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

Plan ahead

Stay informed and be prepared: Keep tabs on local weather reports and make time to stock up on home essentials, medications, pet food and any additional necessities that you may need throughout the duration of a storm. Don't wait until the last minute.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Steve Campbell



Be cautious of downed trees and power lines.

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Stock up on essentials and have them ready before the storm hits.



Keep garbage and recycling bins off the street and away from the curb if the hauler is not scheduled to come.

COURTESY PHOTO: CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY

Prepare for power outages: Following last year's ice storm, many residents experienced multi-day power outages. Have candles, flashlights, or lanterns easily accessible, including extra batteries. If you experience an outage, report it to PGE online at portlandgeneral.com/outages or calling 503-228-6322. If you encounter a downed power line, stay away from the area and immediately call PGE at 503-464-777.

Make sure your vehicle is ready for emergencies: If you need to go out, always carry a cell phone and portable charger. It's also wise to have a windshield scraper, collapsible shovel, warm shoes with traction, emergency flares, tire traction devices, a bag of road salt or sand, rope or chain, booster cables, flashlight, blankets, water and snacks, extra hats, coats, and gloves. Ensure your gas tank is full or your electric vehicle is adequately charged. Pro tip: When not in use, aim to keep your vehicle parked in a driveway or your garage, and off the street. Parking on the street can hinder sand and deicer applications during a storm and makes it more difficult for the street sweeper to pick up loose gravel once the storm passes.

Keep tire chains handy: It's important to learn how to install your chains BEFORE a storm strikes. Practice installing your chains at home where you can troubleshoot any challenges.

Check your tires: Experts agree tires are the single most important safety item for your car. Checking to see if tires are too worn is simple. The bare minimum for your treads should be 2/32nds of

an inch, which you can measure with a penny. Tire treads should at least come up to the imprint of Abraham Lincoln's head.

Keep garbage and recycling bins off the streets: Sign up for alerts with your garbage hauler, so you can be notified should your collection day be rescheduled due to a storm. Keep bins off the streets and away from the curb when possible as this helps the City's snow rigs treat the roads and ensure unobstructed access for emergency services.

Keep storm drains clear: Make sure debris isn't obstructing your street's storm drains ahead of time and keep an eye on the area during a storm. As snow and ice melt, you'll want to make sure water has a place to go.

Protect your water pipes: When temperatures drop below freezing for extended periods, your pipes are at risk. Wrap exposed outdoor pipes and those in unheated areas of your home.

Open indoor cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate under sinks and let faucets drip to reduce the chance of freezing. Know the location of your main water shut-off valve in case of an emergency. If unsure, contact Sunrise Water Authority directly for assistance.

For additional tips and a list of the area's local utility service providers, visit hv.city/utilities.

Winter Driving

Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions: Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on roads covered with ice and snow. If you do not know how to maneuver vehicles in the snow and ice, please stay off the road.

Give yourself time and space: You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.



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Public Works crews will be working around the clock if a winter storm hits.



Do not abandon your vehicle in the right of way.

Keep vehicle headlights clear and on: Ensure other drivers can see you.

Allow snowplows space to do their jobs safely: Don't follow too closely behind and please don't pass a snowplow. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.

Don't abandon your vehicle: When abandoned cars create a safety hazard, the City will tow your vehicle, at YOUR expense. If you MUST leave your car during a storm, please pull as far off the road as possible to allow snowplows and emergency vehicles to pass. This is crucial to keeping roads accessible to first responders and members of the Public Safety Team.

Tree Safety

When heavy snow and ice accumulate on tree limbs, even a slight breeze can cause them to come crashing down. It's best to let the precipitation melt on its own and to stay away from the area during this process. If anything is touching or near a power line, call the PGE Tree Hotline at 503-736-5460 and wait for someone to inspect the area.

Snow Removal and De-Icing Treatments

The City's Public Works team operate around the clock to maintain city streets

during a storm. These staff members will do what they can to pre-treat roads, if conditions permit. When snow accumulates beyond a couple of inches, crews always prioritize plowing and sanding high-traffic, high-volume roadways first as these are essential for emergency response access. Next, they focus on collector roads that distribute traffic between local roads and primary routes. And finally, if resources allow, they will clear local and residential roads. You can find a map of snow removal routes online at hv.city/snow-removal.

The Public Safety Team

Working alongside our Public Works crews and emergency responders, our City's Community Service Officers assist during storm events by identifying road closures, flagging for snow equipment, and aiding response efforts in the event of a traffic collision and vehicle towing. It is absolutely imperative to follow their directives and cooperate fully to ensure the safety of both the general public and everyone on the Public Safety Team.

Stay in-the-know

The City's Facebook page and website are great resources for staying updated with current information regarding inclement weather and local road closures. If you haven't signed up to receive City alerts yet, please take a moment to do so at hv.city/notifications.

As a city, we try our best to predict what the weather will do, and plan accordingly. Sometimes we are spot on and other times we choose to err on the side of caution. In either case, it's not always an easy decision, and safety remains the top priority. The best advice for ensuring your safety during a winter storm is to plan ahead, stay informed, and keep off the roads if you can avoid it.

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Ongoing efforts toward a future Recreation Center, Park, and Downtown District

Progress continues towards the realization of a new recreation center, park, and downtown district



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An artist's rendering shows one possible design of Scouters Mountain Road as it extends to the future downtown district. This illustration is a concept and does not represent the final design.

options for the alignment of Scouters Mountain Road, which will provide crucial access to the HVRC and community park.

Though still in the early stages, these infrastructure discussions are helping to form a dynamic and vibrant new hub for our community. Moreover, the construction of a road to this future downtown is crucial because it will ensure seamless connectivity, promote economic development, and enhance accessibility for residents and visitors alike.

Previous community feedback has shown a strong desire for the recreation center and park to become a reality. In the coming months, residents can expect to see significant progress as the City finalizes designs for the HVRC and park, and narrows down financing options. To this end, the City will be developing some final plans soon as we remain committed to ensuring these desired amenities become a reality.

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In late 2024, the City sought feedback from residents through an online survey and virtual open house to gather preferences for the future community park amenities. The results of this survey are currently being compiled and will soon be available for public review. Your input is invaluable in putting the finishing touches on the larger vision for the space, as we incorporate it with the amenities already identified for the future Happy Valley Recreation Center (HVRC).

The City is also focused on the development of a future downtown district. This area will serve as a gateway to the new recreational area and is anticipated to feature ample parking,

mixed-use residential and commercial spaces, and pedestrian-friendly pathways. As part of these efforts, we have been actively engaging with staff and design consultants to explore potential

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National Charity League unites mothers and daughters in service

Sunnyside Chapter announces annual membership drive

City of Happy Valley

The Sunnyside Chapter of National Charity League, Inc. (NCL), the nation's largest mother-daughter volunteer organization, has announced its Annual Membership Drive and has begun accepting applications from women with daughters currently in 6th – 7th grades. The Sunnyside Chapter is comprised of 156 members who reside in Happy Valley, and surrounding areas.

The Sunnyside Chapter mother-daughter teams volunteered over 4,000 philanthropy hours in the 2023-2024 chapter year for 20+ local and national philanthropic organizations.

The mission of NCL is to foster the mother-daughter relationship through an ongoing commitment to philanthropy, culture, and leadership. Many members are drawn to NCL as a opportunity to create meaningful experiences with their daughter.

"As president of our NCL chapter, I am continually inspired by the way this organization brings together moms and daughters to serve the Happy Valley community. Through leadership opportunities, philanthropy, and personal development, NCL empowers us to make a meaningful impact while building lifelong connections. Our chapter is more than a group—it's a community rooted in service, growth, and friendship. I am excited to see how NCL will continue to strengthen our community and create a legacy of giving for generations," said Megan Cooper, NCL President.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NATIONAL CHARITY LEAGUE
Members of the NCL Sunnyside Chapter gather for a photo during a service project with Meals on Wheels.

"The ongoing partnership with our philanthropies is something special that mothers and daughters value and appreciate. Everyone learns a little more about the philanthropy partners and can really see the effect of the volunteer hours and service. These ongoing partnerships rely on new members to

continue providing the needed support to the philanthropies," said Kari Hill, Vice President of Communications.

In addition to the focus on philanthropy, NCL members also enjoy leadership and cultural activities as a whole chapter and in smaller groups based on the girls' high school graduation

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, prospective members are encouraged to visit the Sunnyside Chapter's website hv.city/ncl or email membershipsunnyside@nclonline.org. Applications for membership are only accepted during the Annual Membership Drive from Jan. 15 – Mar. 1.

Seniors are shown special recognition at the Annual Tea held every spring, which is a favorite event for many members. All members have jobs within NCL so that the chapter runs efficiently, allowing both mothers and daughters to increase leadership skills.

Growing the chapter will allow NCL to make an even larger community impact.

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Embracing our City's future

As we enter 2025, our City is ready for new beginnings and a renewed dedication to our goals. Looking ahead, Happy Valley continues to focus on livability and lay the foundation for future developments. This year, we are set to advance a variety of projects, including:

- Ongoing discussions and planning for a future Happy Valley Recreation Center and park
- Continued planning for a future downtown
- Design improvements to widen and upgrade 172nd Ave.

MAYOR OF HAPPY VALLEY



Tom Ellis

- Updates and enhancements to Mt. Scott Creek Trail
- Completion of the eagerly awaited Superblock
- And additional collaboration with developers to ensure that new subdivisions and commercial centers provide parks, sidewalks, trails, and other amenities for the entire community to enjoy

These projects represent just a portion of the City's ambitious and forward-focused plans. Our commitment to maintaining the unique small-town charm of Happy Valley while embracing the future remains strong. City staff are at the



Aerial view of SE 172nd Ave. towards SE Foster Rd. Future improvements are planned for this busy road.

forefront of these efforts, delivering exceptional customer service and addressing the diverse needs of our residents. City Council members, in turn, pledge to prioritize the well-being of Happy Valley and support initiatives that enhance livability, safety, and positive experiences for all. We look forward to continuing

our collaboration with community partners and are excited about the prospects the new year holds. Engaging with residents is a top priority for both me and the Council, as your insights and perspectives are invaluable. I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous new year!

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What would you do as mayor?

Get a jump start on your contest submission

City of Happy Valley

Do you know a student with big ideas, a compassionate heart, and an interest in making the community a better place? The City of Happy Valley is once again participating in the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) If I were Mayor contest, so tell students to mark their calendars and prepare to submit their entries by Thursday, Mar. 6.

Extra credit!

If you are employed in one of the Happy Valley schools and teach students in grades 4 through 12, please consider encouraging your students to partake in this activity. It is a great way to supplement concepts being discussed in the classroom.



Cash prizes await for winners in each category of the City's If I Were Mayor student contest.

The winner of each age group in the Happy Valley contest will be awarded a \$100 cash and recognized at an upcoming City Council Meeting. More information and official entry forms can be found at hv.city/student-contest.

This contest is open to students from the City of Happy Valley, students enrolled in schools that serve City of Happy Valley residents, and home-schooled students from the City of Happy Valley.

Christ the King School to Host Open Houses

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

Christ the King Catholic School in Milwaukie is excited to welcome families and community members to its open house events on Jan. 26 and Feb. 2. These events offer a perfect opportunity for parents and students to explore the school, meet teachers, and experience the supportive, faith-based environment that sets Christ the King apart.

Visitors will have the chance to tour the campus and see the classrooms where students engage in a well-rounded education focused on both academic success and character development. Teachers will be available to answer questions, provide insights into the school's curriculum, and share how they create a caring and positive learning atmosphere. Families will also learn about the variety of programs and activities Christ the King offers, including arts, sports, and faith-based service opportunities.

Applications for the 2025-2026 school



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MORE INFORMATION:

When: Sunday, Jan. 26 from noon-2 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 2, from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Where: 7414 SE Michael Dr.

Milwaukie, OR, 97222

Phone: (503) 785-2411

Website: www.ctkweb.org

year will open during the open house events, allowing interested families to begin the enrollment process.

In addition to exploring the school, visitors are encouraged to attend Sunday Mass either before or after their visit. Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., providing a chance to experience the larger Christ the King community.

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

January 7

- City Council Work Session: City Hall, 6 p.m.
- City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

January 14

- Planning Commission Meeting: City Hall, 6 p.m.

January 20

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: City Hall and Happy Valley Library Closed

January 22

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

January 30

- Joint City Council/School Board Meeting: Happy Valley Library, 6 p.m.

February 4

- City Council Work Session: City Hall, 6 p.m.
- City Council Meeting: City Hall, 7 p.m.

February 5

- Valentine's Day Care Cards Due: please return completed cards to City Hall or the Happy Valley Library (see page 18 for more information)



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CLACKAMAS FIRE

Winter Heating Safety: What you need to know

Stay warm this winter with these home heating safety tips

By Clackamas Fire District #1



Did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fires? With a few simple safety tips and precautions, you can prevent most heating fires from happening. The following safety tips can help you create a fire safe home this winter:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from such heating equipment as the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified

professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind



A warm fire or convenient space heater may be just what you need this winter to stay cozy, but remember to follow these vital safety tips to prevent injury and home damage.

of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel-burning space heaters.

- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out.

HEATING EQUIPMENT SMARTS

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call Clackamas Fire District #1 or the gas company.

Never close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.

- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

Happy Valley and Les Schwab team up to keep residents ready for winter roads

- Annual event
- bolsters residents' confidence in winter road conditions

City of Happy Valley

With winter's arrival bringing occasional snow and icy roads to the area, even the most prepared drivers can find themselves challenged by the task of using tire chains. To help residents feel confident and ready for winter travel, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation partnered with Les Schwab Tire Center last month to host the fifth annual Tire Check and Chain Up Clinic.

This event, held at Les Schwab's Happy Valley location, offered a hands-on learning experience for the community. Expert team members from Les Schwab provided personalized, step-by-step demonstrations on how to properly install tire chains, ensuring participants gained the skills to tackle the task

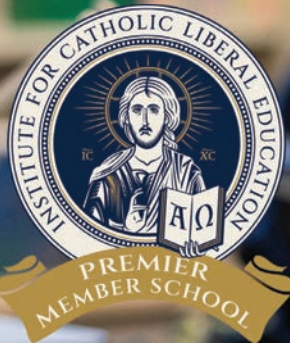
on their own. Attendees also had their tires checked, receiving tips on how to ensure their vehicles are road-ready for the season.

The City of Happy Valley is grateful to Les Schwab Tire Center, especially store manager Rob Herbel and his dedicated team, for their commitment to supporting local residents. By sharing their expertise, they've helped many drivers feel more secure and prepared when venturing out on wintry roads. If you missed this year's clinic, don't worry! Resources for winter preparation, including tips for safe travel, are available online at hv.city/inclement-weather. And, if you're still in need of tire chains or other winter gear, give Les Schwab a call to schedule an appointment.

Les Schwab Tire Center is located at 13254 SE 169th Avenue (503-427-0448).



A resident learns how to install tire chains at the annual Tire Check and Chain Up Clinic. PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY



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YOUTH COUNCIL

Exploring social media and meaningful communication

Local teens gather for important discussions

City of Happy Valley

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, over 100 students gathered for a dynamic and insightful Youth Town Hall that addressed the ever-evolving role of social media in our lives and the importance of fostering meaningful communication. The event, moderated by Mr. Eric Post, was a remarkable blend of thought-provoking discussions and interactive activities.

Mr. Post opened the session by exploring the profound impact of social media on our daily routines. He encouraged attendees to reflect on their habits and discussed strategies for striking a healthy balance between online and offline life.

Mr. Larson captivated the audience with a compelling talk about reclaiming the lost art of face-to-face communication. In a world dominated



Members of the Happy Valley Youth Council gathered for a photo.

by screens, he emphasized the value of meaningful dialogue and human connection, inspiring students to think critically about their communication styles.

The event was designed to be engaging and participatory, featuring icebreaker games and a screen-time activity that highlighted the effects of excessive device use. These activities helped set the stage for open discussions.

The Impact of Social Media on Youth: Students shared their

experiences and perspectives on how social media influences their lives, both positively and negatively.

New School Policy: Cell Phone Pouches: The introduction of cell phone pouches sparked a lively discussion on how this policy might shape classroom dynamics and focus.

Phone Usage & Mental Health: Students explored the question, "How much is too much?" The discussion delved into how excessive phone use can affect mental well-being

and offered strategies for mindful usage.

Time Management and Distractions: Managing screen time effectively was a recurring theme, with students sharing personal strategies and challenges related to staying productive in a digital world.

Student Survey: A Voice for the Youth

The event featured a poster survey where students expressed their opinions about the digital world, sharing

insightful and diverse perspectives that added depth to the discussions.

■ Screen time (daily average)

■ What app is used most?
■ What time of day do you most use your phone?

■ What time of the night do you put your phone away?

■ Do you think your phone use has affected the way you communicate with friends and peers? (Has it worsened communication?)

■ Do you think your phone

usage has affected the way you perform in school?

The Youth Town Hall successfully fostered an environment of learning, connection, and reflection. Students left with a deeper understanding of the digital landscape and practical tools to navigate it responsibly.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Eric Post, Mr. Larson, and everyone who contributed to making this event a success. Your efforts are shaping the leaders of tomorrow!

Sunrise Corridor Community Vision Plan is almost ready!

Clackamas County

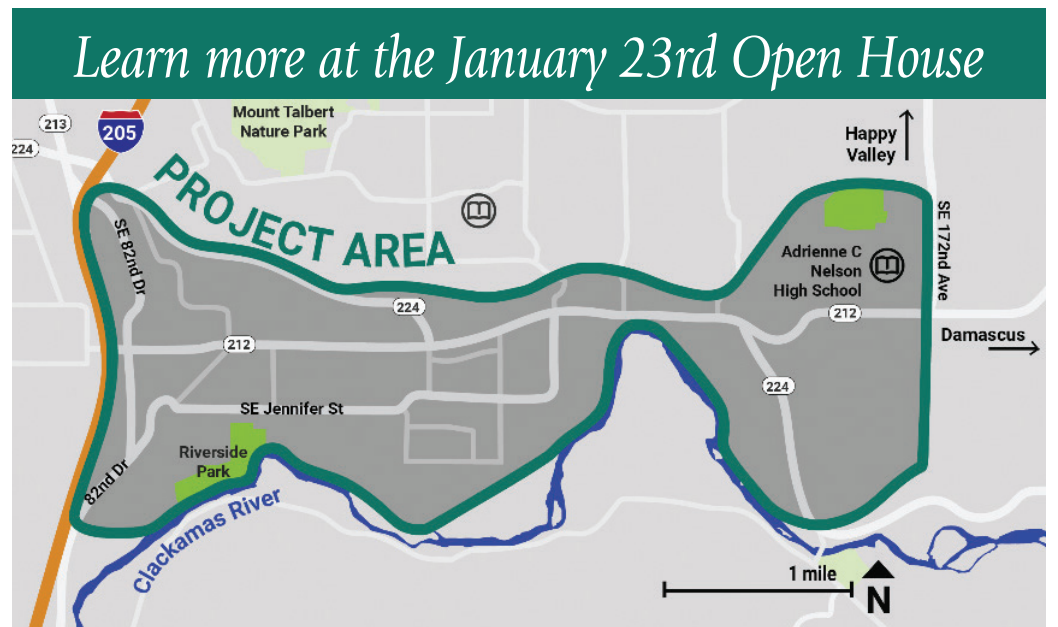
Over the last year, hundreds of community members have given input to co-create the Sunrise Corridor Community Vision – and it's almost ready. See the recommendations that will guide area improvements and investments that help meet everyone's needs! Themes include: jobs and economy, open space, public health, environment, neighborhoods

and places, and transportation.

Attend the open house to see updated maps and learn about next steps. Talk with staff and other community members. Spanish, Vietnamese, and Russian interpreters will be there. Drop by the Open House on Jan. 23, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Clackamas High School Library, 14486 SE 122nd Avenue or give input online Jan. 15 – Feb. 3 www.clackamas.us/sunrise

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Home Business Licensing: What You Need to Know

All businesses, including home-based ones in Happy Valley, must obtain a license

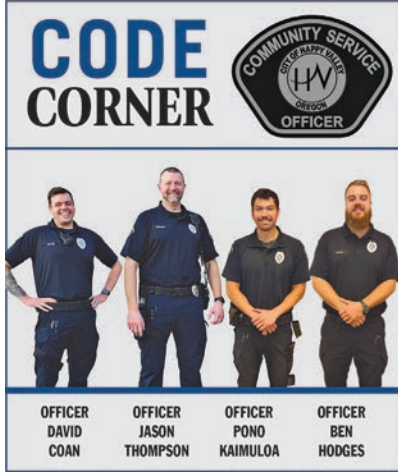
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Running a business in Happy Valley, whether from a commercial location or the comfort of your home, is a significant undertaking. The City wholeheartedly supports and encourages the entrepreneurial spirit, and recognizes the positive impact small business has on the greater community.

While running a business from home has its advantages, not everyone is aware that these ventures also require a business license. This is something that all businesses in Happy Valley must do, regardless of type, as it ensures the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and visitors alike.

Have a Home-Based Business?

Through Ordinance 124, Chapter 5.04 of the Municipal Code, the City is tasked with regulating the licensing of businesses operating within City



limits. This regulation ensures that all businesses follow the same rules and contribute fairly to municipal services.

By properly licensing your home-based business, you not only meet legal requirements, but you also take an important step in being a responsible and considerate neighbor. A license signifies your business operates within approved guidelines and takes into account potential concerns to your neighbors such as increased traffic or noise. It also confirms that your business meets basic health



If you run a home business, you must have an official business license on file with the City. Scan the QR code to learn more at our designated webpage.

and safety standards. Compliance with the licensing process ultimately demonstrates your commitment to maintaining the peace and harmony of your neighborhood which in turn supports our City's livability and the credibility of your business.

The business licensing process is

designed to be straightforward. In addition to an application and license fee, a brief questionnaire is all that accompanies the materials for home-based business owners.

Fair and Balanced

To support compliance, we as

Community Service Officers actively work to ensure that all businesses within City limits are properly licensed. This involves cross-checking renewal records and reaching out to businesses that need to update their license status or begin the process. Through these efforts, we help maintain a fair business environment for everyone.

Working Together

Our goal is to help businesses comply with licensing requirements. Together, we aim to partner with home business owners to make the process manageable. If you run a home-based business, be sure to complete the necessary licensing steps, if you haven't already. This will ensure your business operates legally and smoothly, safeguarding it from potential disruptions.

Next Steps

For more information, please visit our designated webpage at hv.city/business-licenses. There, you'll find details about licensure fees, requirements, and a link to submit an official business license application online. If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at City Hall by calling 503-783-3800. We're happy to assist.

Hap-Bee-Honey Initiative supports veterans, ecosystems

City of Happy Valley

The Hap-Bee Honey Program is a collaboration between the City of Happy Valley and the Bee-Lieve Education Foundation to support local ecosystems and veterans. Partnering with OSU's Master Beekeeping Program, Bee-Lieve provides education in sustainable beekeeping and the importance of pollinators, equipping veterans with skills in hive management and pollinator-friendly practices.

Through this partnership, Happy Valley proudly introduces Hap-Bee-Honey, a sustainably harvested honey product. By purchasing Hap-Bee-Honey, the community not only supports local ecosystems but also honors and uplifts veterans, with every sale of the honey going to veteran-focused programs. This initiative highlights Happy Valley's commitment to environmental education, veteran empowerment, and community wellness.



The Hap-Bee Honey Program brings sustainable beekeeping to Happy Valley, all while empowering veterans and enhancing local ecosystems.

Stop by City Hall and pick up a bottle of the one-of-a-kind honey for purchase — While supplies last!

Cheers to a Cause

City of Happy Valley

Last month, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation joined forces with local taphouses to support the Meals on Wheels People program, making a meaningful difference for some of our community's most vulnerable seniors. Through this partnership, seniors receive warm, nutritious meals along with friendly visits, providing not only essential nourishment but also much-needed companionship for those who are homebound or face challenges preparing their own meals.

The Pints with Purpose initiative is an annual event that turns every pint of beer into a helping hand for local seniors. Participating venues selected a featured beer and committed to donating \$1 for every pint sold during the campaign.

The result? A remarkable \$2,200 was raised to benefit Happy Valley's Meals on Wheels People program. These funds will go directly toward delivering well-balanced meals to seniors who often rely on this service for their daily nutrition.

This year, the Pints with Purpose Passport Program added even more excitement to the campaign. Participants could visit each taphouse, enjoy the designated beer, and collect a sticker in their passport. The activity aimed to



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Thank you to our local taphouses and to all those who participated in this year's Pints with Purpose campaign!

encourage community involvement while supporting a great cause. Once the passport was filled up, participants headed to City Hall to collect a prize.

Every pint poured and every dollar raised symbolizes the strength of our community coming together. Thank you to all who participated—whether by enjoying a pint, collecting passport stamps, or helping spread the word. Together, we're helping make life a little brighter for Happy Valley's seniors in need.



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City of Happy Valley

Residents and visitors gathered at City Hall on Sunday, Dec. 8, to kick off the holiday season. Hosted by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, the event brought the community together for an evening filled with beautiful lights and family fun. The festivities included sweet treats, children's crafts, visits with Santa, performances by local students, and an opportunity to donate to those in need.



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Educator Mac Morando's Full-Circle Journey

Mac Morando's journey comes full circle as she returns to Happy Valley Middle School, blending her experiences as a student and educator to inspire the next generation

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For The Happy Valley News

Life offers its own unique journey for each and every one of us, taking us to places not yet discovered and challenging us with a variety of tasks based on goals and circumstances. However, while many journeys lead people far away from where they're familiar, some lead us right back to where we began, offering a recalibrated look at what once was and, if motivated, what could be.

"North Clackamas hires amazing teachers and it's been very clear in my time both as a student and as an educator."

—Mac Morando

Born in Seattle, Washington, Mac (MacKenzie) Morando fluttered around the West Coast throughout her childhood, moving from Washington State to Oregon to California and then back to Oregon. Her family finally found home and planted their roots in the Happy Valley area halfway through the second grade.

"I came back here permanently and started going to Happy Valley Elementary in North Clackamas," says Morando.

Morando then attended Happy Valley Middle School, spending her time as a young competitive gymnast while embracing life as a strong student, unknowing what life would have in store for her years later in this same institution.

"Growing up my parents always instilled in me that it was expected that we would go to college, try our best in school, respect our teachers, and support our community," says Morando.

Morando then utilized her gymnastics skills by joining the dance and cheer teams throughout different



If these walls could talk – Morando standing outside the doors that have served her well in life.

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"Student becomes the teacher" – Mac Morando and former teacher turned Science Lead of North Clackamas School District, Meagan Sternberg

periods of her time at Clackamas High School without sacrificing the values that her parents had presented to her years earlier. Luckily, Morando's journey would not be one she had to take on alone, having met her boyfriend and now husband Cameron back in her middle school days, eventually dating during their time at Clackamas High School.

"He was also very involved in the community, as was I but just in different ways," says Morando. "We got married in 2019, had our daughter in 2021, and our son in 2024."

However, before Morando fulfilled her aspirations of being both a wife and mother, she first sought out other personal mountains to climb

and goals to be realized.

"For a large part of high school, I did the Sabin-Schellenberg Health Services internship where we did rotations and I got to sit in on surgeries as well as other cool things," says Morando. "I always thought I would go into healthcare but was not so confident in my science skills at the time. There was some self-doubt."

Nevertheless, during her freshman year at Oregon State University, Morando opted to take a Biology course and began her pre-med adventure.

"I realized this was something that I totally could achieve so I switched my major to biology immediately," says Morando.

Sadly, a serious surfing accident during her junior year of college created some trauma post-surgery that diminished her intrigue to work within a medical setting. Luckily, a supplemental instruction class led by Morando at OSU provided her with an epiphany as a possible educator.

"I was able to draw a straight line back to the wonderful experiences I had with all of my previous teachers," says Morando. "Teachers that made me feel insightful and how I could contribute something positive."

Morando then pursued her Masters in Science Education at OSU while completing some student-teaching in Salem. After some time, Morando returned home to Happy Valley with

her family and, right around the start of the pandemic, began teaching within the Reynolds School District.

Ultimately, after four years, Morando found an opportunity teaching science at Happy Valley Middle School, noting how that was likely one of only a few middle school opportunities she would've even considered, having spent the previous years in a high school setting.

"I was pleasantly surprised by what kids can do at this age," says Morando. "Six grade levels younger was a big leap but I was blown away by the amount of discourse and critical thinking in the classroom."

Of course, there was the prospect of staying in Happy Valley full-time time which left Morando overjoyed of this new opportunity.

"It's been really joyful, especially being in my late twenties," says Morando. "There's so much beauty in leaving but then to both come back as well as give back. Giving back to these kids has been so meaningful to me as well as working with teachers who gave me the tools and confidence to pursue goals in my own life."

Some educators that Morando noted were Bradley Cole, a former teacher and now cohort who inspired Morando through his feedback and positivity. Equally, she credits her science teacher Meagan Sternberg, who's the current lead of all science in the North Clackamas School District and "inspired" Morando in the field of Science. Lastly, Morando wanted to thank Rose Janusz, a former teacher who sadly passed away last year.

"North Clackamas hires amazing teachers and it's been very clear in my time both as a student and as an educator," says Morando.

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Arcade NOSTALGIA

Step into a nostalgic world of classic pinball and arcade games at Public House Pinball, where family-friendly fun meets a lively atmosphere!

Public House Pinball, a new addition to the Valley Public House family located in the basement, officially opened at the end of October 2024.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
Emma Davis

Born from a collaboration between Doug Puenta and Valley Public House owners and close friends, Ami and Brian Shannon, this exciting new concept brings pinball and arcade games to Happy Valley in a family-friendly, upscale environment. Public House Pinball is already making waves, offering a fun experience with a mix of classic and modern pinball machines, a welcoming atmosphere, and a place for everyone in the community to enjoy.

Puenta's vision for Public House Pinball, in collaboration with Ami and Brian, was to create a space that combined the nostalgic joy of pinball with a family-friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The idea evolved from a desire to provide the community with a place to enjoy classic games while also being able to unwind with food and drinks.

"I talked to Brian and Ami about the things they were looking to do down here, possibly just because it was downstairs and kind of a dark area," Puenta said. "And I was like 'gosh, it's like a big game room, maybe what about pinball or arcade?' So we decided to do kind of trial back in September." Initially, the trio tested the waters, introducing pinball machines to pique community interest.

After months of building, planning, designing and getting all the machines, Public House Pinball was born into a space that exceeded the expectations of both the Valley Public House team and the community. Guests were welcomed into the exciting new space, where the blend of nostalgic pinball machines and family-friendly atmosphere quickly became a hit.

"We kind of went for that mid-century mod lounge kind of vibe and then one of the big highlights is that's our Valley Growlers bar top and all of these tables from our original location across

the street next to New Seasons," Ami Shannon said. With a bar within the area as well as a whiskey bar right across the hall and taproom above with pub food, customers are free to bring food and drinks down while they enjoy playing.

What makes Public House Pinball special is the growing resurgence of interest in pinball, which attracts both seasoned players and newcomers alike. The collection of pinball and arcade machines includes both timeless classics and newer, themed machines like musicians and bands Led Zeppelin and Elton John, as well as classic films like Jaws and Godzilla. "We've got some awesome musicians. Led Zeppelin and Foo Fighters and Iron Maiden," Puenta said. "Our top three most popular games last month were Stranger Things, Elton John and the third one was Jaws."

An exciting element provided to make pinball more interactive is the addition of leaderboards and tournaments. The hub has created an exciting atmosphere for players to connect, compete, and cheer each other on. "You can download the Stern Insider app, and scan the QR code on the Stern games and it knows you're playing the game," Ami said. "It keeps track of your scores and how many times you played it and all your achievements."

In addition to the pinball machines, Public House Pinball boasts a diverse collection of classic arcade games, including fan favorites like Ms. PacMan, DigDug, Donkey Kong, and many more. "Most of these games Brian already owned because he's been collecting them for 20 years," she said. There is also a 22-foot shuffle board in the middle of the room and darts toward the back wall.

One notable adjustment, driven by input from the community, was the decision to introduce a cover charge for unlimited play. "A lot of people have been giving us feedback that they like just paying a cover charge and having everything on free play," she said. "It's



Some of the few popular ones include the Stranger Things and Led Zeppelin machines.



Try your hand at the several pinball games, including Jaws, Godzilla and Jurassic Park.

been very fun for them to just play and not worry about losing their quarters."

A special thing that Public House Pinball has brought the community is the nostalgia factor. Those adults who grew up going to the arcade, now have a place to go to relive their childhood and even pass on the fun to their families. "It's been nice for us to see families come out together and have something to do," Brian Shannon said. "It's fun to see people always come in and see these games and want to play them, and it brings back good memories from when you were younger like like Pac-Man and Donkey Kong." Though this is a family friendly establishment, once the



The space also has a 22-foot shuffle board right in the middle of the room.

clock strikes 7:00PM, the space turns adult only for customers seeking a fun night out where the cover charge is reduced to \$7 instead of its usual \$10 for adults.

Looking ahead, Public House Pinball is gearing up for an exciting future. Plans for leagues and tournaments will allow players to showcase their skills and compete with fellow enthusiasts, adding a new layer of excitement to the space.

"We're looking to do a league, probably in February," Brian said. Additionally, the space can be rented out for events too. "If people want it for a private event, birthdays, corporate events, we're able to rent [the space] out," he said. The introduction of new pinball machines will keep the experience new, and committed to evolving

"It's been nice for us to see families come out together and have something to do."

— Brian Shannon, Valley Public House owner

based on customer feedback, ensuring that the community always has something new to look forward to. "I think there's a lot of people still yet to discover this, so we're going to keep it fresh," Puenta said.

Whether you're reliving the past or experiencing the game for the first time, Public House Pinball hopes to revitalize the charm of pinball and offer a fun, social environment where the community can come together to enjoy games and create lasting memories.



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EDUCATION

Finding her VOICE

Happy Valley Middle School eighth-grader Evelyn Baatarsuren earns OASC leadership role

Evelyn Baatarsuren, an eighth-grade student at Happy Valley Middle School, has earned the pivotal leadership role as the Middle Level Representative on the Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC) Student Executive Board.

The sole middle school position on the board, Evelyn's responsibilities include representing Oregon's middle schools, contributing to events like the Spring Conference, and inspiring peers to explore leadership opportunities through OASC programs. Her journey into leadership started as a fun thing to do and has since blossomed into a passion for making a difference in her school and beyond. She is determined to create opportunities, inspire her peers, and embrace her growing voice as a leader.

Baatarsuren's adventure into leadership began in seventh grade when she decided to run for student council, where she was given the role of treasurer. Initially, her interest was sparked by a simple curiosity about how it all worked and a want to be more involved in her school community.

"I kind of joined student council as a fun thing to experience, you know, 'cause I before middle school, I had really no knowledge of what student council really was," Baatarsuren said. "But then I decided to run for executive role in 7th grade, and I got fourth that year, and I picked the role of treasurer."

At first, she saw the student council as just another extracurricular activity, but as she attended meetings and worked on projects, she started to see its potential as a platform for real change.

The turning point came during the OASC Spring Conference that year, a gathering of student council members from schools across the district. During one workshop, she participated in a brainstorming session about tackling community issues with her classmates, and other students at the conference.

"We put on a workshop there and it was called 'Taking a Stand for Respect,'" she said. "When I got to speak, it was just like, 'wow, I can do this; This is a really cool thing I did,' and suddenly, I found my voice." The unforgettable experience she had and the energy the conference carried, sparked Baatarsuren's love for leadership that would serve as inspiration for her future.

A big influence on her leadership journey has been Kanak Patel, the previous year's mid-level representative and former classmate from Happy Valley Middle School.

"Kanak is one of my biggest inspirations, I saw her up on stage [at the conference], and she was just so cool, like all she wants to do is make schools a better place," she said. "She is an amazing leader, and I really take pride in being one of the people she worked with."

Alongside Kanak, she also credits her teacher, Ms. Lute, who has provided valuable advice and acts as a constant motivator. She also encouraged her to apply for the Mid-Level representative role.

Baatarsuren applied for the role this last summer and when she got the news that she got it, she was thrilled. "I was elated! I ran down and told my mom and I told my friends, and I was like 'you guys, I got the position!' I was so



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Evelyn Baatarsuren.

proud of myself, and they were matching my enthusiasm," she said.

"I do realize how prestigious this role is and it's a really amazing opportunity and I'm very grateful for it." Since accepting the position, she has been able to virtually meet with the rest of the OASC board to prepare for the upcoming conference happening in April.

She is also going on a retreat with the group as well this month. "It's going to be like a big meeting and we're all going to see each other in person," she said. "And we're going to go on a field trip...it's like a mini conference just for us."

Leadership has been important for Baatarsuren, helping her develop confidence, charisma, and a strong sense of purpose. From a young age, she always



COURTESY PHOTO: SHELLEY LUTE
Student Body President, Jayden Alvarado and Evelyn Baatarsuren at the 2024 OASC Spring Conference.



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The leadership students from Happy Valley Middle School at this last year's OASC Spring Conference.

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— Evelyn Baatarsuren

had goals and dreams for her future. Now aligning with more so with her involvement in student council and leadership.

"I wanted to go this far [with student council] but I didn't know how that would come about," she said. "I signed up for student council, because I really want to make our school as best as it can be." In addition to her involvement with StuCo and leadership, Baatarsuren also participates in various extracurricular activities, including community service projects, the school orchestra, martial arts and competitive swimming.

For her, there is a special kind of fulfillment that comes with helping others and doing the things that she does. "I feel the pride in what I do, pride that you get in helping other people in doing good," she said. "That feeling of achievement I got after doing that workshop at the Spring Conference, I

didn't realize I could do that."

Looking ahead, Baatarsuren is excited for what's coming up. "I'm really looking forward to the Spring Conference! It's one of the biggest events in of the year," she said. And as far as goals, "I want to do everything in my power to make my environment as good as it can be and to explore all the possibilities," she said.

Evelyn Baatarsuren's leadership journey is just beginning, but it's already clear that she is a force for positive change in her school and beyond. As she prepares for the upcoming Spring Conference and further opportunities to collaborate with the OASC, she remains focused on her goal of creating a lasting impact and inspiring others to pursue leadership roles of their own, showing the power of young voices in leadership and the difference they can make in the world around them.

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It's a Wonderful day for Pie : Celebrate National Pie Day with Pies From Mars!

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

National Pie Day is just around the corner, and if you are looking to celebrate, look no further than Pies from Mars, a local pie business started by Happy Valley resident and passionate community member Marlene Fletcher.

What started as simple as trying a pie that her friend made for her while she lived overseas, has now grown into a thriving side business for Marlene Fletcher, who never expected to find herself in the pie business. Her journey to pie perfection began overseas and has now made its way to Happy Valley, where she's sharing her tasty creations with friends, family, and the local community. With a unique twist on classic pies and a focus on bringing joy to others, Fletcher's pies are taking the neighborhood by storm.

Celebrated annually on Jan. 23, National Pie Day is a delightful occasion dedicated to one of America's favorite desserts. For a local way to join in the celebration, "Pies from Mars" offers four distinctive flavors that are sure to satisfy your cravings, including its specialty, Banoffee Pie, which kick-started Fletcher's love and passion for the dessert. She first learned about it from when she lived in the Middle East and her friend from Malaysia made it for a party. "I'm not a huge banana fan. I took like my first bite, and I was blown away," Fletcher recalled. "It's basically this pie with these things called digestive biscuits as the crust and then you put this layer of caramel on top and then you just slice fresh bananas and put whipped



Marlene Fletcher, owner of Pies from Mars, with her famous 'Banoffee' pie.

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"The best part to me is just bringing people joy through pie."

— Marlene Fletcher

cream. It's so good."

It was from there that she realized she wanted to bring it to her home community of Happy Valley. Her journey into pie-making began as a personal passion, a hobby that brought comfort and joy during her downtime. However, after serious hand injury to her dominant hand in 2022, this sudden change in Fletcher's life transformed her pie-making hobby into something more. She found herself in a challenging period, both physically and emotionally as she was not.

"About a year later, I was laying on the couch feeling kind of sad and sorry for

myself. I'm like, you know what? I'm not going to live this way," she said. She went on to the Happy Valley Mom's Facebook group, where she got encouragement from the community. "Everyone was so supportive, and I even got a few of my first orders just from that little post," she said. "I made a few and it just like took off like crazy and everyone's like make an Instagram page and I got all these orders. So that's kind of just how it started."

As Pies from Mars grew, she realized, with help from her good friend, the power of social media in helping to spread the word. She launched an Instagram page

dedicated to her pies, sharing photos of her creations and showcasing the care and love that went into every pie. As the business gained traction, she expanded her menu to include new flavors like Banoffee pie, Peanut Butter Chocolate pie, Key Lime pie, and Pumpkin pie, offering even more delicious options for her customers. Additionally, she introduced bite-sized pie options, which quickly became a hit.

"People just started as the word got out, people started ordering more and more," she said. "My friend was, like 'you should try to do like, bite sized pies.' So I tried it and those are one of my most popular. They're probably more popular than the full-sized pies now."

For Fletcher, Pies from Mars is more than a business, it's become a way to bring joy to the community she loves and grow closer with its people. "I love meeting new people through the pies, and I love knowing that people feel the love that I put into my pies while they're eating them," she said. "A lot of people will reach back out to me and say they can just tell that this was made with love and I that to me is just really special."

One of her most cherished moments was when a customer ordered a Banoffee pie and shared how it reminded her of her grandmother's baking. "There was one lady, her grandma died, so I gave her a full-size pie and I didn't realize her grandma was from England and she'd had Banoffee pie before," she said.

"When she got this pie after her grandma died, it just she said it just meant so much to her, so it's like experiences like that."

With her business growing ever so slightly, Fletcher has big dreams for the future. "I don't know if this will ever happen, but my absolute like in an ideal world, I would have this cute little shop somewhere in Happy Valley," she said. "Because I love our community, just like a little shop storefront where people can come in, they can have a cup of coffee and a slice of pie and just hang out."

Fletcher's mission to spread joy and comfort through her pies is evident in all she does and the heartwarming way her work touches so many people is a testament to her passion. What started as a goal to bring Banoffee pie to America, became something so much more.

"I really feel this passion about it and I don't know, maybe for some people it's just a job, making pie and food, but I really love it," she said. "The best part to me is just bringing people joy through pie."

So celebrate National Pie Day with a slice of something special, and support a local business that's making a difference, one pie at a time.

Pies from Mars is located just outside the city limits in unincorporated Clackamas County. "Someday the location I hope to open my store front in will be in Happy Valley," Fletcher said.

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Return from Nationals : Clackamas High FFA Vet Science team earns national ranking

By EMMA DAVIS
Staff Reporter

In October of this year the Clackamas High School FFA Vet Science team made history by competing at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The team finishing 13th overall out of 46 teams nationwide and earning a gold-level ranking. Notably, team member Leo Rosenberg achieved a significant feat, placing fourth individually among 164 participants from 46 states.

Rosenberg also earned the highest test score in the nation, securing a cash award and bringing pride to the team and school. "Leo placing fourth was pretty amazing," said CHS teacher and team advisor Kathy Mayfield. "He had the high test score in the nation. So big kudos to Leo."

Before the competition, the team toured a cutting-edge veterinary clinic designed by the vet

himself. They spent three hours exploring the facility, engaging in clinical practices, and learning about advanced equipment they hadn't seen before. The visit was more than educational, it was a powerful confidence boost. "It reassured us that what we had been preparing for was right on track," Mayfield shared.

Weston Wingerd, a senior on the team, reflected on the

experience, saying I spent so much time focusing on winning the state contest that I lost sight of the real reason I was doing this—for my future career. The trip to nationals helped him regain perspective, reaffirming his passion for veterinary science.

The convention, which drew over 70,000 attendees, offered opportunities for students to network, learn from industry leaders, and experience inspiring keynote speeches. Although the contest itself was rigorous, the team felt prepared and confident



(From left to right) The Clackamas High School FFA Vet Science team, Leo Rosenberg, Weston Wingerd, Noah Reyes, and Bella Brown.

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due to their extensive practice. "It was a real confidence booster for them to know that what they had been preparing and studying for they felt was like really in line after going to the vet clinic," she said.

For many team members, this

was their final FFA competition, making the experience even more meaningful. They walked away not only with accolades but also with renewed motivation and appreciation for the valuable career-focused skills they've gained through FFA.

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Fresh Ingredients, Cheat Day Every Day!

Christina's Cartel serves bold, fresh flavors at Happy Valley Food Station, offering creative fried dishes and house-made sauces that keep locals coming back for more

By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For The Happy Valley News

In today's health-conscious world, it is important to remember that life is too short to always eat just kale and grilled chicken on a daily basis. Sometimes, the best meals for you are the ones that warm the soul and stick to your ribs. Why? Because not only does the food taste good but it's prepared by somebody as passionate about cooking the food as you are taking a bite.

Christina's Cartel is one of many food carts at the Happy Valley Food Station, serving fried eats that make you feel like you're at the Minnesota State Fair. A coliseum of cuisine with big, bold flavors battling each other as you likely will while attempting to decide on just one option.

Opened in 2019, Christina's Cartel is known for offering guests delicious dishes with playful flavors, and at the helm of this food cart is owner Christina Lynn Goodall, a Portland native who after years of bartending found her way unexpectedly to the Happy Valley Food Station. "I was always more like a home cook and started experimenting with weird things," says Goodall. "I found myself reading cookbooks before bed and watching all of the cliché cooking shows before ultimately signing up for culinary school."

However, while her passion for cooking kept Goodall busy in her home kitchen, other priorities forced her to remove herself from the program. Luckily for Goodall, a new opportunity to return to the kitchen beyond her home came in the form of a familiar face for many Happy Valley locals.

"A regular customer of mine while I was bartending told me he was opening a new food



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Christina's Cartel at the Happy Valley Food Station — Don't just walk, RUN to the line!

cart at the Happy Valley Food Station, called 'Lei'd Back,'" says Goodall. "He saw that I was passionate about cooking based on my social media posts and asked if I could help cook at his new place. We were there when the food carts first opened."

Lei'd Back, a once popular Hawaiian cart, has since left the Happy Valley Food Station. However, after three years of learning about food cart culture, Goodall would be presented with another opportunity to rent a vacant cart within the pavilion.

"They asked if I could do chicken wings so that's what we started before I expanded the menu," says Goodall. "I was given thirty days to open

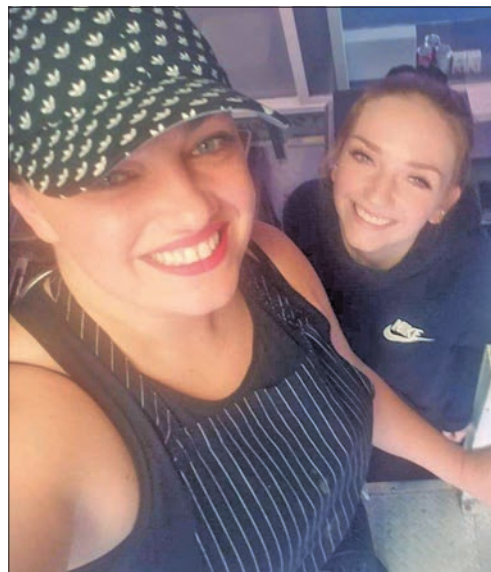
and was menu-playing like crazy, testing new recipes all day every day. It was a huge learning process."

After taking some time for tinkering, Goodall landed on flavors that can only be described as the following: fun, experimental, and comfortable. "We really push on the quality as well as the quantity," says Goodall. "We don't have a freezer. Our chicken is brined for 24 hours. Our fries are cut to order. We take our menu very seriously without being pretentious about it."

Christina's Cartel has an array of impressive poultry dishes, including a honey-buffalo sauce and blue cheese-drenched fried chicken sandwich called "The



Food to satisfy all cravings — If you're not full after a healthy portion of Goodall's bountiful fixings then you're a special kind of eating machine.



Christina Lynn Goodall — Owner and chef at Christina's Cartel

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— Christina's Cartel owner Christina Lynn Goodall

Nipsey", chicken tender tacos with garlic slaw, a scrumptious crispy chicken caesar wrap, mac and cheese, and

other options that will spark an internal debate of stopping due to fullness or to keep going due to deliciousness. And, of

course, you simply must order some of their famous shoestring fries to pair with these goliath-size meals, complemented with some of their homemade sauces!

"We make fifteen of them in-house," says Goodall. "Our cilantro garlic is a popular one. Same with our Alabama white sauce and our hot jerk sauce. One thing, though... don't ask for ketchup. We don't offer it!"

And why would you? With sauces these powerful the last thing needed is cornstarch, tomato product, and red food dye. These sauces might just be worth the effort to get to Christina's Cartel in general, specifically because you cannot find them on DoorDash, Grubhub, Uber Eats, or even takeout.

"We stay so busy that our priority has always been the customers standing in our line and waiting in person," says Goodall before cracking a small joke. "We're for sure the cheat day cart option so I'm surprised we're as busy as we are! We do grill chicken upon request, though, and also have some gluten-free options. It's not really our lane, however."

Christina's Cartel will be celebrating its sixth anniversary on February 9th, 2025, and while plans aren't solidified yet on how they plan to celebrate, Goodall promises some type of surprise that will not only celebrate fans of old but also entice potential new customers.

"We've done this before and we had a line all the way to the parking lot," says Goodall. "We offered free mac n cheese and it went like crazy! We're so family friendly and want to take care of the spirits of all ages."

Check out Christina's Cartel at the Happy Valley Food Station to experience a meal that's as delicious as it is deserved. You won't be disappointed... but you will be full.

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By JAMES KENNETH PRESLEY
For The Happy Valley News

Specialized health is a luxury in today's world of fitness and wellness, as industry leaders and professionals have found new and insightful ways to improve our minds and bodies from the micro level to the macro. However, while some people have issues that range from sore ankles to strained necks to broken bones, there's one thing we all have that can create a trickling-down effect as it pertains to our health... a skeletal system. OsteoStrong, located off 82nd Ave in Ross Center by Michaels, offers clients treatment programs to help their overall skeletal health, including bone density, muscular strength, balance, and more. It is a relatively new program that welcomes clients of all ages to improve their overall health with the guidance of industry professionals.

To learn more about OsteoStrong, we sat down and spoke with the Happy Valley franchise owner Elise Holcombe, a registered nurse with over 25 years in the health industry who's as passionate about her new business as clients are to participate.

"I've lived in Happy Valley since 2004," says Holcombe before delving into her past. "I grew up wanting to be a veterinarian. However, I didn't think I could deal with animals being sick or dying so I switched my focus to nursing which fit right in. I've always been very healthy and science-minded. My mom actually taught nutrition when I was growing up."

Once Holcombe obtained her nursing degree, she was determined to find a job outside of hospital life, eventually landing a job as a clinical research coordinator in 1994. There, she would be responsible for running and overseeing drug studies at OHSU and, in due course, began working



Elise Holcombe — Owner of OsteoStrong

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"It's so awesome and creates so many life-changing benefits for people across the board."

— Elise Holcombe, Owner of Happy Valley's OsteoStrong

for pharma, consulting with different locations for FDA inspections as well as other important work.

Equally, Holcombe has maintained an extremely healthy lifestyle of her own, starting off as a runner before passionately exploring the world of working out and bodybuilding.

"I had this great transformation that I started training people on the side," says Holcombe. "The problem is people don't like being told what to do so I pursued other options to help them, even if it was once a week with much

lower expectations. I wanted to find an opportunity that was 'excuse proof.'"

Ultimately, Holcombe stumbled upon OsteoStrong, a sign from a higher power that seemingly granted Holcombe the wish she put out into the universe.

"It was a way to help people be stronger," says Holcombe. "If you're strong skeletally then you can be strong anywhere, from ligaments to tendons to muscles. I always say there were two things I was born to do: help others with their bodies and my current job in pharmaceutical



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Teamwork! — There are other ways than drinking milk to build strong bones!

research. I'm so lucky to be able to do both."

OsteoStrong, which has been around for about 15, was Holcombe's dream come true and, after a hectic year of getting her own franchise she and her husband/business partner Delton were finally able to open in June of 2019.

"We are membership-based and we service many different peoples' needs," says Holcombe. "People with osteoporosis or people with osteoporosis in their genetics can benefit strongly from OsteoStrong, regardless of whether or not they're choosing to take medications."

Sadly, OsteoStrong is out of pocket and is not covered by insurance. That being said, they are an extremely affordable option with their basic plan being \$175 a month. Equally, OsteoStrong does offer a free trial for those interested in trying their services!

However, just what are their

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"We do it in a very slow and controlled manner," says Holcombe. "You'll always have a coach with you and we don't push you through any sort of pain."

Holcombe notes how OsteoStrong is a 15-minute commitment each week, with clients ranging from teenagers to adults in their nineties.

"A fragile elderly person with a 100% strength improvement will create a whole new lifestyle for them," says Holcombe. "It's so awesome and creates so many life-changing benefits for people across the board. It helps with recovery as well as injury prevention."

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Natalie Santilli is a four year varsity senior on the Cavalettes Dance Team. She was recognized as a Mt. Hood All-Conference dancer or 2023-24 and helped her team win two state championships. This year Natalie is a team captain and was recently named to the Oregon 6A All-State Dance Team! She is a natural leader, dedicated and someone her team can count on. She is also a Cavs Sunglow Athlete of the Week!

Congrats, Natalie! Go Cavs!

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Nathan Marcoe, Senior
Boys Basketball

The Cavaliers boys basketball team has started the 2024/25 season firing on all cylinders. A renewed culture has provided some impressive performances from multiple players on this year's team. Senior Nathan Marcoe is one of those players. He has been a big reason for the team's early success. In two games he is averaging 9.5 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, and 2 steals. He was selected a team captain and his great attitude and effort have been contagious for the whole team. He is now selected as a Cavs Sunglow Athlete of the Week!

Congrats, Nathan! Go Cavs!

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Community Wishes local seniors a Happy Valentine's Day

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the Happy Valley Parks and Recreation team, in partnership with Happy Valley Library, once again enlisted the help of the community to bring love and cheer to local seniors. Over 500 handmade cards were delivered to memory care centers and assisted living facilities throughout Happy Valley as part of a community wide effort.

Day of Happiness promotes positivity

In March, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation once again created an opportunity for residents to celebrate International Day of Happiness as a community. The team organized a fun-filled event that included games, complimentary donuts and cocoa, and a craft that called upon everyone's helping to produce a giant personalized puzzle.

Celebrating our Tree Canopy

For 20 years, the City of Happy Valley has been proud to be designated a Tree City USA. To celebrate, Friends of Trees hosted a special project at Village Green Park. Volunteers helped transport mulch to help support the growth of newly planted saplings. Adding to the festivities was a Native Tree and Plant Giveaway, hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation and State Farm. Nearly 1,000 native trees and shrubs were gifted to residents in recognition of Earth Month and our pledge to keep our local tree canopy healthy and thriving.

Veteran's Memorial Sculpture Installed at Veterans Park

In May, Mayor Tom Ellis officiated a dedication ceremony for a long-awaited sculpture at Veteran's Park. The sculpture, meant to honor those who have served our country, takes the form of a bronze eagle, standing over 10-feet-tall with a wingspan of over 12-feet-tall. The sculpture itself is made up of many recognizable features of war, from artillery to machine guns to Navy tools to helmets. There's even sand from Iwo Jima in the sculpture's base. The sculpture's artist, Travis Pond, was even able to include his grandfather's shovel from World War II.

Dirt Cups and Dump Trucks

To celebrate National Public Works week, the City of Happy Valley, in partnership with Happy Valley Parks and Recreation, held a community event that encouraged residents to meet the Public Works team and learn all about what they do. Attendees took part in activities, enjoyed refreshments, and even climbed aboard the City's big rigs, which included an excavator and dump truck.

Celebrating 4th of July

The 4th of July Family Festival was a blast for everyone who came to celebrate the holiday. Despite the heat, people enjoyed a variety of activities, such as a hike around the City, a parade, live music, and food and beverage. The event ended with a spectacular fireworks show that lit up the night sky. We are grateful to all of the sponsors and to Happy Valley Parks and Recreation for organizing this wonderful event.

Concerts in the Park

The City's popular summer series brought together families and friends every Thursday night to enjoy live music from local bands. With food and drinks available, the event offered a complete package of entertainment and fun. The musical lineup featured a variety of genres, including country, pop, blues, classic rock, 80's funk, and big band. The audience had a blast dancing and singing along to different tunes.

Additionally, the series introduced a Youth Entrepreneur Fair held weekly and featured special occasions such as a wine-tasting event and a showcase of vintage and exotic automobiles.

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▶ A 12-foot tall Eagle sculpture was unveiled at Veterans Memorial Park.



Activities brought kids and families together to celebrate International Day of Happiness.



▲ Celebrating 20 years as a Tree City USA, volunteers gather during a mulching project with Friends of Trees.



◀ A plant giveaway encouraged residents to keep our local tree canopy strong.



▲ Bringing awareness to the efforts of our Public Works team, a community event offered interactive play.



▶ The 2024 Concerts in the Park season was one to remember with great bands, incredible fun and memories made!



▲ At National Night Out, residents made positive connections with local law enforcement.



◀ National Night Out included educational safety booths and opportunities to meet first responders.

▼ Mayor Tom Ellis presented Roslyn and Xavier with a celebratory business license to honor their dedication to raising money for Alex's Lemonade Stand.



▶ Obstacle courses and tug of war brought hours of fun for kids and cadets at Police Field Day



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National Night Out

In August, residents gathered at Happy Valley Park to celebrate National Night Out, a nationwide event that serves to build relationships between neighbors and promote community partnerships with Happy Valley Police and other local first responders. The event offered an evening of summer fun that included educational and interactive safety booths, and live musical entertainment. Coordinated by Happy Valley Parks and Recreation the event brought neighbors, friends, and emergency responders together for a night to remember.



▲ 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.

Police Field Day

As part of National Night Out festivities, a Police Field Day event brought kids and families to Happy Valley Park to learn about safety services.

The experience offered obstacle courses and field games for all ages, including tug of war with local cadets.

Alex's Lemonade Stand

In August, Mayor Tom Ellis presented Roslyn and Xavier with a celebratory business license to honor their dedication to raising money for Alex's Lemonade Stand, a national nonprofit organization that aims to change the lives of children with cancer by funding research, raising awareness, supporting families, and empowering everyone to help cure childhood cancer.

City Volunteers Recognized

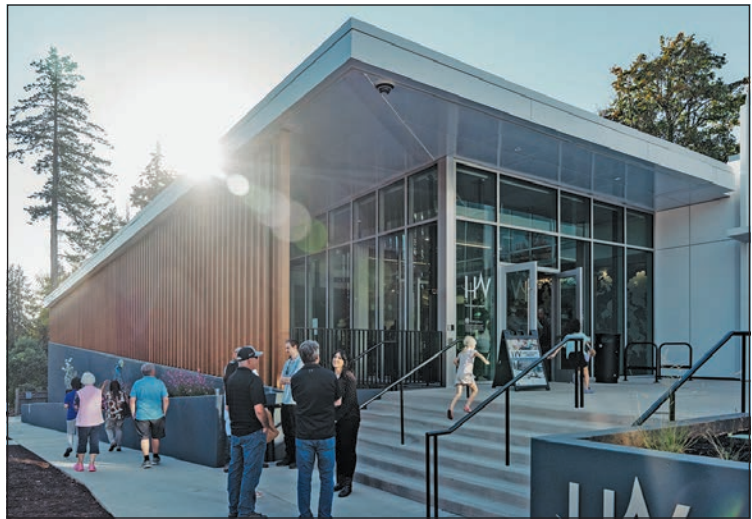
The City held a special event in August during Summer Concerts in the Park to honor and celebrate Happy Valley's volunteers. The annual appreciation night is a way of thanking and publicly showcasing the people who help make Happy Valley a great place to live, work, and play.



◀ Volunteers gather for a group photo at the annual appreciation event hosted by the City of Happy Valley.

Library Expansion Ribbon Cutting

On Oct. 1 Mayor Ellis, Councilors, Friends of the Library members 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.



▲ Mayor Ellis, City Council, City staff, community partners and residents gather to celebrate the library expansion.

◀ An exterior view of the newest addition to Happy Valley Library.

Oktoberfest

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, 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.



The ceremonial tapping of the first keg and other Oktoberfest activities



▲ Oktoberfest's pie eating champ in the kids division celebrates his win.

Coffee and Pizza with a Cop

Leading up to the renewal of the Public Safety Levy, two casual community events were offered to provide an opportunity for residents and families to engage with law enforcement. The events were a great opportunity for residents and our police deputies to connect.



◀ Kids gather for the annual Chicken Dance at Oktoberfest.

Tree Lighting

To kick off the holiday season, the community gathered to light the City tree.



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The City's annual Tree lighting Ceremony helped kick off the holiday season.

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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

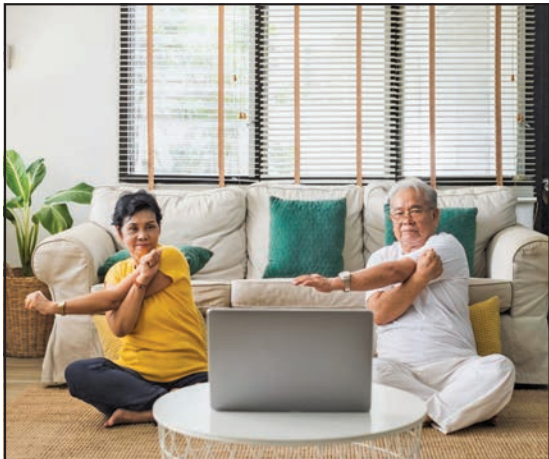
Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance

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

Health & Wellness Classes

Location: Sunnyside Grange, 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd.

DASH Into Wellness

Jan. 16 - Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Thursdays • Ages 13+ • \$30
Gain cooking skills and a better understanding of eating for health and wellness in this nutrition and food demonstration class series. DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) is an eating pattern that promotes overall health and wellness, as well as supports the management of several chronic health conditions. Participants will receive prepped ingredients to replicate the meal on their own at home each week! This course will not be allergen friendly. Wheat may be used or cross-contamination with wheat will be likely. Eggs, dairy, and nuts may be used as well.



Journey to STEAM

Location: Happy Valley Library, 13793 SE Sieben Park Way

LEGO Game Developers Spring Break Camp

Mar. 24 - Mar. 28, 9 a.m.-noon. Ages 6-11 • \$215
Become game developers, crafting games and competing in a week focused on teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. Integrate STEAM principles to develop essential skills while creating and playing your own Lego-based games. Topics include game design, basic programming, and user experience.



Engineering For Kids Classes

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

Engineers Under Construction

Jan. 16 - Feb. 20, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursdays • Ages 4-7 • \$230
Put on your hard hats engineers and join us for the Engineering of Cities! In this class, students work hard to apply their knowledge of construction to save the beach from erosion and build their very own city from the ground up. From roads and tunnels to buildings and skyscrapers, students discover that no job's too tough for an Engineering for Kids engineer!



The Y Winter Classes and Camps

See program descriptions for locations.

Stop Motion Animation

Jan. 2 - Jan. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 7-12 • \$185

Location: Happy Valley Library, 13793 SE Sieben Park Way

Step into the world of animation with our exciting two-day Stop Motion camp! This hands-on workshop is perfect for young creators eager to bring their stories to life through the art of stop motion animation.



AI Art Series

Jan. 8 - Feb. 12, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. • Wednesdays

Ages 7-12 • \$185

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

Join us for an exciting weekly AI Art Adventure where young imaginations where young imaginations run wild! In this hands-on workshop, kids will dive into the world of AI-generated images, learning to craft creative prompts and transform their digital masterpieces into unique take-home crafts, captivating stories, and vibrant collages.



PARKS AND RECREATION SPONSORED EVENTS



CITY OF HAPPY VALLEY PARKS & RECREATION



Field Trip Fridays

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

Carson Hot Springs and Backwoods Brewing

Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. • Friday • Ages 18+ \$50-Resident / \$75- Non-Resident
Carson Hot Springs 1930s bathhouse offers an authentic and traditional bathhouse experience with its clawfoot tubs and vintage stylings. The world-renowned mineral water is pumped directly into the



tubs for an all-natural, healing bath. After soaking for 25 minutes, have a swaddling wrap cocoon you in warmth to purify and energize your cells while giving you a meditative rest. When your wrap is complete, dry off in the sauna to complete your spa experience! Afterward, our group will finish the day out at Backwoods Brewing for lunch.

Guided Snowshoe and Timberline Lodge Tour

Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. • Friday Ages 18+ • \$65
Join us for an adventurous day exploring the beautiful Mt Hood Wilderness. Experienced guides from Mt Hood Outfitters will lead us on a story-filled 3-mile snowshoe tour on the Crosstown trail! Discover the rich history of the area, learn survival skills, and find animal tracks. Then cozy up in the warmth of Timberline Lodge and grab a bite to eat before being led by an interpretive ranger on a captivating walking tour of this majestic and historic lodge.



Community Activity

Location: Happy Valley Parks

Glass Snowflake Treasure Hunt

Jan. 6 - Jan. 31 • FREE • All ages
During the month of January hunt for hand-made glass snowflakes made by Sweet Lomy Art throughout parks in Happy Valley! Each Monday a picture of a glass snowflake will be hidden and a clue will be released. Get your thinking caps on and get ready to solve some riddles. If you are one of the lucky treasure hunters to find a snowflake, bring the pictured snowflake you find to City Hall, and you get to take the actual glass snowflake home with you! Be sure to follow us on Facebook to be one of the first people to see the clues! Also, stay tuned to our website for more details: hv.city/parks



First Aid/CPR/AED Training

Location: Happy Valley City Hall, 16000 SE Misty Dr. Jan. 10, 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: hvprf.org



Babysitter Training Course

Location: Happy Valley City Hall, 16000 SE Misty Dr. Jan. 31, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. • Friday • Ages 10 - 16 Resident \$50 / Non-Resident \$75

Our in-person babysitter classes give you access to the latest information on childcare, offer tips, and can answer all your questions so that you're ready to start your own babysitting business. With lectures and class activities, these courses are engaging, informative and fun. Topics 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: hvprf.org



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Teen Volunteer Party - Care Card Kit Making!

Jan. 2, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. • Thursday • FREE • Grades 6 - 12 welcome
Calling all teens; we need your help! You're invited to join us and the Happy Valley Library to put together a plethora of Valentine's Day Care Card Kits. Kits will include Valentine's Day card-making essentials from colored craft paper to doilies and sticker hearts! Kits will be available for community members to pick up in January for distribution to local senior living facilities in the Valley on Valentine's Day. This event not only spreads love and cheer but also fosters a sense of community involvement among the participating teenagers, creating a heartwarming and meaningful experience for all.

Sky Lantern Workshop

Jan. 22, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. • Wednesday FREE • Registration Required • All ages
Just in time for Lunar New Year, Happy Valley Parks and Recreation is partnering with the Happy Valley Library for a Sky Lantern Making workshop! Join us for a fun and communal activity that combines art and a sense of celebration. Get in touch with your creative side and mark the changing of the season in a meaningful way.



Valentine's Day Care Cards

Card kits are available for pick-up starting Jan. 6 from:
• Happy Valley Library: 13793 SE Sieben Park Way &
• Happy Valley City Hall: 16000 SE Misty Dr.
All ages

Show a senior you care this Valentine's Day by making a Valentine's Care Card! Pick up your supplies at the Happy Valley Library or Happy Valley City Hall and return your cards to either place. Card kits contain two blank cards, heart stickers, heart-shaped doilies, crayons, and construction paper. All cards will be delivered to local senior living facilities and homebound seniors to show them some extra love this season! Write them a kind message like "I hope you have a nice Valentine's Day!" or "I'm sending you love and happiness." All completed cards must be returned to either the Library or City Hall by Wednesday, Feb. 5.

Want to make your own card? Great! A kit is not needed to drop off a Valentine's card. Just make sure to turn it in by Feb. 5.



HAPPY VALLEY PARKS AND RECREATION

Skyhawks Sports Camps

Location: Camp Withycombe, 10101 SE Clackamas Rd.



HoopsterTots (Froggies)

Ages 2-3
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 4, 3 p.m.-3:40 p.m. • \$75
Tuesdays, Feb. 18 - Mar. 18 (No class Mar. 4), 3 p.m.-3:40 p.m. • \$69

HoopsterTots (Kangaroos)

Ages 4-5
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 4, 3:50 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • \$75
Tuesdays, Feb. 18 - Mar. 18 (No class Mar. 4), 3:50 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • \$69

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

Basketball

Ages 6-12
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 4, 4:40 p.m.-5:40 p.m. • \$75
Tuesdays, Feb. 18 - Mar. 18 (No class Mar. 4), 4:40 p.m.-5:40 p.m. • \$69

This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for the beginning to intermediate player. Using our professional 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

Location: Camp Withycombe, 10101 SE Clackamas Rd.



Soccer-Mini

Thursday, Dec. 5 - Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m., ages 2-3 • \$210

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



Soccer-Classic

Thursday, Dec. 5 - Feb. 20, 4:15 p.m.-4:50 p.m. • ages 3-4
Thursday, Dec. 5 - Feb. 20, 5:05 p.m.-5:45 p.m. • ages 4-5
\$220

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

Soccer-Premier

Thursday, Dec. 5 - Feb. 20, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m., ages 5-6 • \$230

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

Kidokinetics

See registration pages for program locations.



Sportsplay Clinic

Jan. 12 - Mar. 16, 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. (no class on 2/9)
Sunday • Ages 3-7 • \$175

A fun introduction to sports designed to help kids build confidence! Each week features a warmup, an intro or activity, free play, cool down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.

Sportsplay Fun Day Camp

Monday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m. - noon, ages 3-7 • \$50
Monday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. - noon, ages 3-7 • \$50

This no school day minicamp is a fun introduction to sports designed to help kids get moving and build confidence! Our camp will feature a warm-up, an introduction to 2-3 sports/activities such as (lacrosse, volleyball, pickleball and others!), cool down, and an age-appropriate anatomy and physiology lesson.



Jordan Kent Winter

Basketball Clinics

Location: Dalzell Community Gym, 17951 Se Hemrich Rd.



Jordan Kent Basketball Clinics

Monday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.-noon, ages 6-12 • \$45

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.



Tippi Toes Dance Classes

See program descriptions for locations.



Baby Ballet

Mondays, Jan. 6 - Feb. 24, 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex, 12915 SE King Rd.
Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Location: Sunnyside Grange, 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd
Ages 2-4yrs • \$160

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.

Hip Hop/Jazz Combo

Mondays, Jan. 6 - Feb. 24, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m.
Location: Happy Valley Parks and Recreation Annex, 12915 SE King Rd.

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



Ballet, Tap & Jazz

Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 25, 5 p.m.-5:45 p.m.
• Ages 3-5yrs

Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 25, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Ages 6-8yrs
Thursdays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 27, 6 p.m.-6:45 p.m. • Ages 3-5yrs
\$160

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

Thursdays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 27, 5 p.m.- 5:45 p.m.

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

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.



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Please note, the library will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 20. 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.

Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, Jan. 25, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Community Rooms A&B

Let's welcome in the year of the snake! Our celebration kicks off with a special lion dance from White Lotus to bring us good luck and joy. Stay for crafts, games, and treats!

Chess Meet Up

Saturday, Jan. 18, 10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Meeting Room

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

Let's Build

Friday, Jan. 31, 10:30 a.m.-noon
Community Room A

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

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.

Citizenship Classes

Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Meeting Room

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

Chinese Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room

Those who enjoy playing Chinese Mah Jongg are invited to join our fun and friendly group! Contact the library if you would like to learn to play.

American Mah Jongg

Fridays, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Meeting Room

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

Vibrational Sound Bath

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
Community Rooms A&B

Experience the soothing and restorative nature of sound with Graciela Teofield. This therapeutic experience will offer a time to slow down and connect. For those wanting to lie down, please bring a yoga mat/blanket and pillows. A blanket or shawl is also recommended. Registration required.

Genealogy Club

Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Meeting Room

Searching for family roots? All are welcome to come and share questions, strategies, and organizing tips. Insights are discovered and pathways revealed as we attempt to solve the mysteries of our ancestors' elusive stories!

Quiet Book Club

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.
Community Room A

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.

E-Bikes 101

Thursday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Community Room A

It's everything you need to know about using your e-bike for transportation. From laws to skills and gear, route planning to basic maintenance, you'll get what you need to take your e-bike on the road!

HomeFit with AARP

Saturday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Community Room A

AARP surveys consistently find that older adults want to remain in their current homes and communities for as long as possible. Yet barely one percent of the nation's housing supply contains any "universal design" elements--such as single story living or a sink that can be reached from a wheelchair. That's where AARP HomeFit comes in. Based on the free AARP HomeFit Guide, this presentation can help individuals and families make their current or future residence--or that of a loved one--their "lifelong home." RSVP available.

Spanish Conversation Group

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Community Room A

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

Japanese Beginnings in Oregon

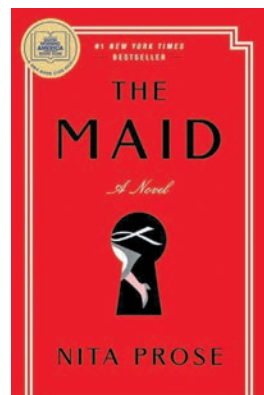
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Community Room A

Join Japanese American Museum of Oregon speaker Amy Peterson as she digs into history with photographs and stories. Through it all runs a message of understanding our past to take action for a different future. RSVP available.

Happy Valley Book Group

Thursday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.
Community Room A

Read *The Maid* by Nita Prose and discuss it with other readers. Did you like it or not? Did something surprise you or make you think twice? Come share your thoughts!



Youth Programs

Storytimes

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

Playtime

Tuesdays, Jan. 7 & Jan. 14
Wednesdays, Jan. 8 & Jan. 15
10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
Community Room A

For 0-5-year-olds and their caregivers. We'll bring out Duplo and toys for lots of indoor playtime fun.

Stretch, Dance, Play

Thursday, Jan. 9, 10:15 a.m.
Community Room A

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

Sign & Sing

Friday, Jan. 10, 10:15 a.m.
Community Room A

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

Cuentos, música y manualidades / Spanish Storytime

Saturday, Jan. 11, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Community Room A

¡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!

Chinese Storytime / 中文故事时间

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2 p.m.-3 p.m.
Community Room A

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层的故事、歌曲和活动

Join us for a special Chinese Storytime presented in Mandarin with stories, songs and activities for ages 0-10.

Giờ Kể Chuyện/Vietnamese Storytime

Saturday, Jan. 11, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Community Room B

Hãy đến thư viện vui với hát, kể chuyện, làm quen với vần 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.

On the Move!

Thursday, Jan. 16, 10:15 a.m.
Community Room A

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

Tweens & Teens

For teens in grades 6-12.

Manga and Anime Club

Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Community Room A

Hang out with fellow manga and anime fans. December we'll enjoy hot cocoa! Chat about favorites, browse new number ones, eat snacks, and watch anime. For teens in grades 6 - 12.

Teen Library Group: Coping With Stress

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room

Our friends from YouthLine are visiting to talk about ways to cope with stress. Hang out with new friends, share ideas, and make some playdough. A safe space for all to be themselves.

Study Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 27, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Community Room A

- Looking for a quiet place to study for Finals?
- Silence devices
- Use quiet voices
- Use headphones
- No meetings
- No food (food okay in lobby)

Cozy Kandi Creations

Friday, Jan. 31, 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Community Room A

Ages 10+. Use beads and elastic to create amazing accessories. Snacks provided. RSVP available.



Celebrate the year of the snake with this popular annual tradition at the Happy Valley Library.



Start your new year tuning in with a restorative and relaxing sound bath.



Explore the past with the Japanese American Museum of Oregon with photographs and stories.



Little ones and their caregivers can drop in for some indoor play.



Teacher Denys leads an interactive storytime with songs and more!

Favorite Books of 2024

City of Happy Valley

The Happy Valley Library staff have made their list and checked it twice to share their favorite reads of 2024. With everything from picture books about thingamajigs and whozeewhatsits to an award-winning reimagined classic, there are amazing picks for every reader.

As the year comes to a close, we love to look back at all the new books that were published and highlight our favorites. These books made us laugh, cry, think, question, learn, and feel all the feels.

To see our full list, please visit the Favorite Books of 2024 page on our website at go.lincc.org/hvbestbooks or scan the QR code.



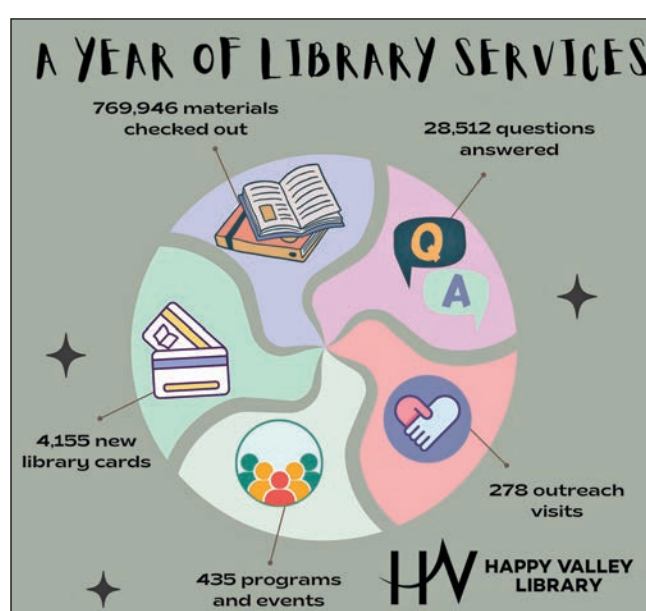
Find the full list of staff favorites for all ages on the Library website.

Year in Numbers

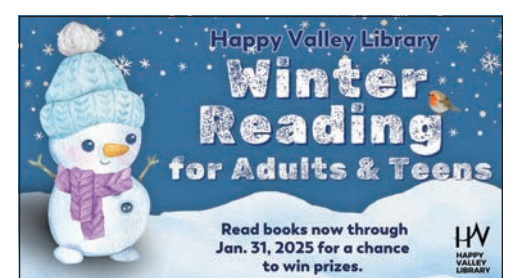
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How many people does it take to run the Library? A lot! Our team keeps the library open seven days a week, providing programs and services for the community.

Even with the expansion construction, this team was as busy as ever this last year. That's 769,946 books, ebooks, and more materials checked out; 28,512 questions answered; 435 programs for kids, teens and adults, including storytimes, crafts, and lectures; 278 outreach events, bringing library services to area preschools, senior centers, and schools; and 4,155 new library cards!



Beyond books, the Happy Valley Library provides programs and services to connect with the community.



Teens and adults can cozy up and read for a chance to win prizes during the Winter Reading program.

Winter Reading

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Wintertime is here once again. Fortunately, cold, dark evenings are perfect for spending time with a good book!

The Happy Valley Library is having a Winter Reading program to encourage adults and teens to keep reading this winter. There will even be prizes for some lucky participants!

Submit an entry for every book you finish reading between now and Jan. 31. Enter at least once a month to get that month's special button.

Prize drawings will be held at the end of each month, with final drawings on Jan. 31. Area residents ages 13 and up are eligible to participate.

Visit go.lincc.org/hvwr to submit your entries.