

# Kids Stuff

## Mini golf course delights all



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Delaney Stock, 11, (left) tries to convince her white golf ball to continue rolling to the hole as Waylen Smith, 10, (center) and his grandfather Desmond Smith watch. The two Dutch Hill Elementary School students from Snohomish were enjoying the last day of summer vacation with the afternoon outing at the Snohomish Valley Golf Center's 18-hole mini golf course.

By **MELANIE RUSSELL**

The mini-golf course at the Snohomish Valley Golf Center is attracting visitors of all ages, especially kids.

The center's putt-putt golf course has 18 holes, like a full-sized course does, only the "mini" aspect is true to its name in that the green, where the ball is played for each hole, is a small area with some challenging bumps or slopes. Even the golf clubs are miniature. The mini course has tiny-scale creeks, fountains, rocks and the green is made of synthetic turf.

Families came out to the mini-golf course on Labor Day just before school began last week. Kids came with their relatives. They gripped the mini clubs, aiming for the hole.

Against the backdrop of the Snohomish valley and a full-sized driving range next door,

there is plenty to see and do for folks of all ages, according to golf center co-owner Stubby Stocker.

The Stockers opened the mini-golf course to the public in April next to the golf center's practice green and driving range.

"We built it because we wanted to give something for the whole family to enjoy," Stocker said. "Before, with golfing, it was usually mom-and-dad trying to sneak away to hit a few balls and couldn't enjoy themselves, but now the kids can come along and play

and maybe even get interested in the game. We see a lot of whole families come play."

Stocker said the course is open from 8 a.m. to sunset, seven days a week.

Kids, parents, grandparents and all (except family pets) are welcome.

The golf center is at 8511 Marsh Road, near the intersection of Highway 9 and Marsh Road. For more information, call 360-568-2493 or see it on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SnohomishValleyGolfCenter](http://www.facebook.com/SnohomishValleyGolfCenter)

## Fun things to do

### **Monster Mash**

Dress up in costume for this Mother-Son Dance party packed with fun activities, dancing and refreshments. This fun event will be Friday, Sept. 29 in Floral Hall at Forest Park, 802 E. Mukilteo Blvd. in Everett. Register under the mother's name, \$29 per adult-child pair, \$6 for each additional child. 425-257-8300 ext. 2.

### **Night Sky Viewing**

See the moon, planets and other outer-space objects through powerful eyes Friday, Sept. 29 and Saturday, Sept. 30 from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Everett Astronomical Society members invite you to be amazed by what's visible through their many types of telescopes ranging from 3 to 16 inches in diameter. Ask on-site experts for advice on telescope shopping, using your home telescope or binoculars, understanding star charts or locating objects in the night sky.

The time of your visit affects what you might see. Before sunset: sunspots and solar prominences. After dusk: detailed views of planets and lunar features. Later: selected star clusters, galaxies and some bright nebulae.

Dress for the weather; evenings on the bluff often get cool.

This event at Harborview Park, 1621 Mukilteo Blvd., is free for everyone of all ages.

For more details visit [www.everettastro.org](http://www.everettastro.org)

### **Musical Kids classes**

Tim Noah Thumbnail Theater is taking registration now for the Fall session of Thumb's Musical Kids for youth ages 6-12. Classes will be held every Friday starting Sept. 8 through Nov. 10. Two class times are being offered: 2-3:30 p.m. or 3:45-5:15 p.m. Cost is \$175 for the 10 week session.

Kids will have fun and make new friends while learning to perform songs! Students will learn voice health, basic theory, performance techniques and

ear training. This is a class that will teach music with movement/choreography, theater terms, performance techniques and the art of communicating songs as a group with your whole self (whole body, facial expression and vocal inflection).

On the last day of class, there will be a performance on stage for family and friends at 6 p.m.

For further information or registration, contact Thumbnail Theater at 360-568-9412 or send email to [info@thumbnailtheater.org](mailto:info@thumbnailtheater.org).

The Thumbnail Theatre is located at 1211 4th St. in Snohomish.