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Creekside Chat: Artist has exhibit

JUSTIN MUCH
STAYTON MAIL

A snowy setting adorned the hillside south of Silverton on Wednesday, Dec. 7, affording a bit of snow powder on the ground and an icy glaze to vegetation just as elevations began to rise.

Descending into downtown, an iPhone altimeter app vacillated somewhere between 234 and 254 feet above sea level at Silver Creek Coffee House. But even that modest elevation close to the creek was high enough to bring icy patches and crystals in sunless spots shadowed by downtown buildings, where timely holiday music resounded over the yuletide decor.

Silverton artist **Joshua (J.W.) Kinsey** and his wife **Katie (Villa) Kinsey** stopped into the Coffee House to escape those first freezing temperatures of the year.

It was a warm, albeit brief, respite for both as they anticipated heading to Portland on Monday morning to set up Joshua's art reception, "Mesmeric Devices," at the Fernie Brae gallery in the Hawthorne District.

J.W. and Katie, who is a shipping manager at Klecker

Knives just around the corner in Silverton, will be preparing the Fernie Brae display for an opening reception scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16.

"We'd like to get some people up to see it," Joshua said. The display will run through Sunday, Jan. 22.

J.W.'s work primarily involves sculpture and flat-artist drawings, of which examples can be viewed on his website, www.JWkinseysArtifice.com.

If J.W. seems familiar, but not necessarily in a Silverton sort of way (he's lived here 6 years), it may be that you've seen him on TV. Last year he participated in the reality show "Steampunk'd," where he made a good run as a finalist.

If Katie seems familiar in a Silverton sort of way, that's probably because she's about as local as you can get — she was actually born in Silverton Hospital.

In any event, take a gander at J.W.'s work. If you like what you see, a trip to the Hawthorne District may be a pleasant outing Friday or over the ensuing month.

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ANNE MARCOM

Anne Marcom won "Best Fall" photo as part of Marion County's Gallon House Bridge 100-year anniversary contest.



LAUREN HERNANDEZ/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Hayden Latkiewicz, left, helps create a reindeer out of bark, twigs and pipe cleaners at the 39th annual Silver Falls State Park Christmas Festival on Saturday. Kids of all ages took advantage of a chance to craft holiday cheer.

Kids get crafty at Silver Falls Christmas fest

Event marks 39 years of jolly holiday cheer

LAUREN E HERNANDEZ
STATESMAN JOURNAL

Parents sipped hot cocoa while children crafted tree ornaments at the Silver Falls State Park Christmas Festival on Saturday.

The festival, in its 39th year, welcomed hundreds of families to the day-use area of the state park, where crafts kept kid's imaginations busy for hours.

"We just wanted to do a give back to the folks in the area and say 'thank you,'" said Louise Nelson, president of the Friends of Silver Falls State Park.

She said up to 3,000 visitors were expected to attend the one-day festival.

Dozens of kids squeezed into the South Falls Lodge, where they created reindeer out of cylindrical pieces of bark, twigs and pipe cleaners. Park hosts and volunteers were armed with glue guns and pasted pieces together as children

watched with wide eyes, eager to hold their creations.

"These are my masterpieces," said Payton Blackman, 11, of Salem.

Payton proudly presented his reindeer and gingerbread house with icing bursting from underneath graham crackers adorned with mini-marshmallows.

"We've come here every year for the last five years," said Jodi Blackman, Payton's mom. "We arrive in the morning to do a hike and then when it opens, we do these craft activities."

For April Dieterle of Salem, the festival gives her two boys the opportunity to get a sense of community with other families while they built birdhouses.

Dieterle's boys, Logan, 8, and Ryan, 3, picked up hammers and pounded nails into wood, each creating their own birdhouse as their mom hovered above them.

"We came out two years ago and Ryan was in a stroller at that point," April Dieterle said. "So we got to come back out this year with my par-

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Student takes seat on Mt. Angel council

CHRISTENA BROOKS
SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

It's Monday night, and Mt. Angel's monthly city council meeting is coming to a close. A few councilors' toes are tapping, including those of the newest member, Noe Jinez. Under the plastic table, his sneaker-clad feet joggle silently.

At 17, Jinez is Mt. Angel's first student councilor. He's not bored; rather, he's filled with nervous energy

as he prepares to speak to six councilors, the city manager, assistant city manager, police chief, public works director and librarian.

Every month, Jinez listens to city business and reports school news. He votes too, in an advisory capacity, right along with the rest of the council.

Tonight, he explains what's happening in Mt. Angel schools. He then asks whether the city would support

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Family remembers Salem man killed in 'senseless' crash

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STATESMAN JOURNAL

The last words Bradley Goad said to his girlfriend of almost 10 years were shouted. He yelled, "I love you!" as he left for work last Friday.

Her birthday was the next day. They were going to the coast. He already bought steaks to cook for her birthday dinner.

Brad, 45, was a certified sound and light technician. He traveled to Tennessee to work for the Country Music Awards, to Texas for the South By Southwest music festival and to Arizona for the Superbowl and an episode of the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. He met Willie Nelson and Wynonna Judd. The job combined his love of music and traveling, his family said.

Between gigs, he worked in construction. His assignment Friday brought him from his home in West Salem to Silverton. There, his routine day at work turned deadly.

Dillon Van Diviner, 22, sat in his parked car along Grant Road and watched as Brad crossed the street. Van Diviner, filled with what he later told police was an "intense overwhelming feeling" that Brad was a danger to others, drove toward him, sped up and struck him, killing him instantly. Van Diviner abandoned his car. Police captured him after he fled across a nearby field.

He later told investigators he was smoking marijuana in his car.

He was taken to Marion County, held without bail and charged with murder, DUI and hit-and-run.

Goad's family is struggling with the sudden loss of the man — a father of two — they described as a warm-hearted musician.

"We're all still in shock," said Jessica Brumbaugh, Brad's niece.

She spent Wednesday with Brad's parents, Ellen and Warren Goad. They sorted through old photos and worked out plans for their son's funeral service on Saturday. The "senseless" crime left them saddened and confused. Brad and Van Diviner didn't even know each other.

"I can't believe it," Ellen said. "It's heartbreaking to us."

Ellen walked through his old bedroom in their northeast Salem home. Instruments, boxes of records, music memorabilia and boxes of guitar picks that Brad invented filled the room.

"He could play every instrument there was," Warren said. "He played music every day, no matter what."

Born in Salem, Brad went to McKay High School and religiously attended music classes at ABC Music downtown. He loved KISS and the Scorpions. He started his first band in middle school and played bass in the band Silent Cry.

Brad ran into trouble as a young adult but became focused on turning his life around, Warren said. He became a certified sound technician and focused on what he loved: music, traveling and family. He was a fast talker and music trivia savant.

He always told his family he didn't want people crying at his funeral, Warren said. He wanted music. He wanted them to celebrate his life.

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