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Pastor gets 10-year sentence

Accused of sexually abusing teen girl for 3 years

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STATESMAN JOURNAL

A former Silverton youth pastor was sentenced to 10 years in prison for sexually abusing a teen girl over the span of three years.

Andrew Stutzman, 38, pleaded guilty to 10 counts of second-degree sex abuse and was sentenced Monday in Marion County Circuit Court.

Stutzman started a youth group with his wife and had frequent contact with teens, according to police. He also co-

owned a local coffee shop before his arrest.

Police began investigating Stutzman in June when the victim came forward.

During the weeks-long investigation, Silverton police Detective Josh Boatner interviewed the victim, who said Stutzman began the abuse when she was 16.

Stutzman was a 34-year-old married father and church youth group leader when he met the teen. According to court documents, he engaged in a sexual relationship more than 150 times with the victim.

The victim told investigators the sexual contact was mutual — but for her age — until she tried to end the relationship in 2015 when she was 18.

“...by then she had gone to college, grown up and realized how wrong the relationship was,” stated a memorandum filed in Marion County.

Stutzman came over to her home and tried to have sex with her after she broke up with him.

She said she told him “no” several times and began crying, but he still had sex with her. Afterward, he apologized



Andrew Stutzman

and left.

Shortly before he began having sexual contact with the teen, Stutzman was arrested on a public indecency charge in Clackamas County. KATU News reported that someone witnessed Stutzman “committing a lewd act” in a car outside a coffee shop. Stutzman told police he had spilled coffee on his lap, but no coffee was found in his car.

A jury convicted him of indecency in 2013, and he was sentenced to 15 days in

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CREEKSIDE CHAT

Father-daughter events help spur familial bonds



JUSTIN MUCH/APPEAL TRIBUNE

Silverton-raised Brent Satern, a representative with the local Country Financial office, is helping to organize the second “Daddy-Daughter Dance,” scheduled for the evening of Saturday, March 11, at Silverton High School.



JUSTIN MUCH

If the trajectory of Silverton’s budding ball for fathers and daughters takes flight like others of its ilk, sponsors may be seeking a new venue in the

coming years.

But for now the 2nd Annual Silverton Rotary Daddy-Daughter Dance will be returning to Silverton High School, 6 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, March 11.

For Silverton native Brent Satern the venue and the event make sense. A Country Financial representative, Brent stopped into Silver Creek Coffee House for a Creekside Chat on Wednesday, Feb. 14, to alert us to the festivity that he and some other Ro-

Next chat

What: Creekside Chat

Where: Silver Creek Coffee House, 111 Water St., Silverton

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 (First and third Wednesdays)

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tary members helped launch last year.

With a 3-year-old daughter and an observation, the idea took hold of Brent quickly.

“We saw a lot of other communities smaller than Silverton doing this,

and we thought ‘why not us?’”

Among those is Stayton, where the 4-year-old Santiam Canyon Father Daughter Ball has twice outgrown its venue in that span, moving from Foothills Church to the Stayton Community Center and finally to Stayton High School where some 350 attended last year — the growing pains of popularity.

Brent said Silverton’s first Daddy-Daughter outing drew 240, and planners are prepared for potential burgeoning popularity should it sprout.

“That’s not a bad problem to have,” the father said with a welcoming smile. “We’ve talked to Stayton; we’ve talked to Redmond, and others (who have planned similar events), and we’ve stole the stuff that works

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CHRISTENA BROOKS/SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE
SCAN-TV multimedia assistant Abby Bennett, hired in September, signals junior Aidan Cook to start recording.

Silverton students gain real-world TV experience

CHRISTENA BROOKS
SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

Silverton High School’s gymnasium is pulsating with a hundred overlapping sounds as the Lady Foxes warm up for a winter basketball game.

Sneakers squeaking and basketballs thundering on the polished wooden floor. The pep band playing its jazzy encouragement from the bleachers. The humming of conversation from ever corner. Everyone’s taut with anticipation, ready for the matchup between Silverton and Independence.

Sophomore Aidan Cook is prepping too, but so noiselessly that he and his equipment melt into the hubbub. Sitting in the narrow alley between the door and bleachers, he adjusts a video camera and checks the feeds coming in from three additional cameras stationed around the gym.

In the bleachers, junior Gabe Thompson, wearing headphones, flashes a smile while operating Camera 1. Farther up in the bleachers stands another “static,” or unmanned, camera. A fourth static camera is trained on the announcer’s desk.

Tonight it’s Cook’s job to decide how TV audiences will see the game. Using a TriCaster, a hefty black appliance bristling with screens and buttons, he’ll spend the next one-and-a-half watching all camera feeds and picking the right one to broadcast at the right moment. He’s also managing sound and graphics, putting together the experience for

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Pot paraphernalia restrictions urged

JONATHAN BACH
STATESMAN JOURNAL

A Republican lawmaker wants to make it more difficult for minors to get their hands on marijuana.

Rep. Jodi Hack introduced a bill that would curb the sale of bongs and pipes people can use to smoke the crop at places other than official dispensaries. Hack, a Republican, represents District 19, which includes Turner.

But the law would likely hurt so-called “head shops,” which can deal in the glass without necessarily selling the grass.

Hack, the House Republican whip, said in a statement she was inspired to introduce House Bill 2556 after one of her constituents said his underage son was smoking marijuana.

The bill would alter the law so only medical and recreational marijuana dispensaries — as well as physicians, grow and processing

sites — could sell items defined as pot paraphernalia.

“Kids will often purchase the paraphernalia under the premise of using it to smoke tobacco. Marijuana paraphernalia should not be accessible to our children,” Hack said.

Her bill would change the law so only people 21 and older can buy these items, and it would introduce fines of up to \$2,000 for illegal

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