

# Victor Point Chili Feed & Raffle to honor alumni

**Christena Brooks**  
Special to the Appeal Tribune

Victor Point School's 48th annual Chili Feed & Raffle highlights alumni this year with a "Remem-

bering the Past, Investing in the Future" theme. The event runs 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 7.

The Vikings' Parent Teacher Community Club (PTCC) is offering the

meal and dessert, as well as raffling off 100 items. All proceeds support the school, a K-8 in the Silver Falls School District. A cakewalk and historic photo display will also be

featured. Dinner tickets are \$5 (\$3 for children and seniors), and raffle tickets are \$1.

New this year is a jumbo raffle - featuring Dis-

neyland tickets, a hot air balloon ride, wine tasting event and beach vacation - with \$5 tickets.

Winners need not be present to claim their prizes.

The Chili Feed & Raffle will be held at the school, located at 1175 Victor Point Road SE, just outside Silverton. For more information, call 503-873-4987.



Davenport Place resident Albert Kassel donated the uniform he wore during WWII to a new veterans tribute wall at the retirement community.

## Veterans

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form. It also has the uniform worn by Davenport Place resident Albert Kassel when he met then general Dwight D. Eisenhower, as recorded in one of the war's most popular photographs the day before D-Day.

"The response to this has been great," Marone said. "Veterans that haven't shared their story in 40 or 50 years, even to their family, are doing that now."

Silverton resident Harry Douglas came to the tribute's unveiling to support fellow veterans.

"I'm a veteran and member of the American Legion and wanted to see what they were doing," he said. "I think it's a good thing they are doing."



Rodney and Phebe Bennett pose for a photograph in front of the newly installed veterans tribute wall at Davenport Place in Silverton.

Aaron Cressey has served in three different branches of the military and also wanted to see the tribute wall.

"I think it's great and

brought back some memories for me," he said. "It makes me feel good that they are not only remembered, but it's also a way to pay our respect."

The public is invited to visit the veterans tribute wall weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Davenport Place is located at 930 Oak St. in Silverton.

## Businesses

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businesses." Megan Bergstrom said she wants more shopping options.

"We need a more affordable place to purchase toiletries and paper products and diapers," she said. "I can't afford to shop Silverton first."

During the past two years, the city's planning office has seen a larger than normal flow of applications from businesses and for apartment construction. Each has gone through the planning office and Jason Gottgetreu, the city's community development director.

"We look at each one and see what the proposed use is," he said. "We look at the business license plan, the intensity of business and traffic thresholds among other

things." A business intensity refers to the amount of traffic a business generates in a given location. The former Rite-Aid location had approximately 300 trips per day to the location so it was considered a "fairly intense use" Gottgetreu said.

Because the former Rite-Aid location is considered a retail location, any new retail businesses wanting to use that space as such wouldn't be subject to the same level of planning that a new building or new use would. In 2015 O'Reilly Auto Parts submitted a plan to build a retail parts location with frontage on N. Water, C and Front streets. Its proposed plan was denied because the Planning Commission declared it didn't meet designed standards based on the city's code.

"They received a subjective review because

they wanted to deviate from code standards," Gottgetreu said. "Our code standards require windows on all street frontages and it didn't meet that standard."

The decision was appealed, albeit with design modifications that included landscaping in lieu of windows, and was again denied. However, in late 2015 a new design was submitted and approved and construction will begin this year.

There are objective standards within the city code and if a developer meets those standards, the city cannot deny building permits, however it can send the application to the Silverton Planning Commission. This was done with both the 93-unit Silver Place Apartments and the 20-unit farmworker housing projects last year.

"They both could have

been approved at a staff level, but I decided to send these to the planning commission because of the intensity of the use."

Even if a business application is approved, the service development charges the city requires can be substantial. The SDCs are based on the amount of traffic a business generates and are part of an engineering formula, not subjective. The former Rite-Aid location was approved for 300 visits per day. If a new retail business moves in and has similar traffic, the SDC charges will be lower than a business that comes in and will generate 400 trips per day.

"If they decide not to do it, a lot of it has to do with the costs of the project," Gottgetreu said. "They may have decided it wasn't worth the cost, but it wasn't a denial on the city's part."

## Beverly Cleary to be celebrated at local libraries

**Annette Utz**  
For the Stayton Mail

Beloved Oregon children's author Beverly Cleary will be turning 100 on Tuesday, April 12, and in celebration both the Stayton and Silver Falls libraries will hold events to honor the occasion.

Cleary was born on this date in 1916 in McMinnville and lived on a farm outside of Yamhill until the family moved to Portland, where she attended school. She grew up to eventually introduce the public to characters such as Ramona and Beezus Quimby, Ralph S. Mouse, and Henry Huggins and his dog Ribsy.

Cleary's books have earned many awards, including the 2003 National Medal of Art from the National Endowment of the Arts and the 1984 John Newbery Medal for "Dear Mr. Henshaw." "Ramona and Her Father" and "Ramona Quimby, Age 8" were named 1978 and 1982 Newbery Honor Books, respectively.

Among Mrs. Cleary's other awards are the American Library Association's 1975 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the Catholic Library Association's 1980 Regina Medal, and the University of Southern Mississippi's 1982 Silver Medallion, all presented in recognition of her lasting contribution to children's literature. In addition, Cleary was the 1984 United States author nominee for the international Hans Christian Andersen Award and was named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress.

To recognize Cleary's accomplishments and her centennial, the Stayton Library will hold a



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birthday party with snacks, activities and story reading. It will also host an Adopt-a-Pet day in conjunction with the Willamette Valley Humane Society during Tuesday's celebration.

"We decided to do this because the Henry Huggins story about him finding a stray dog seemed such a good fit with the Humane Society's efforts," said Casle Portner, of the library youth services. "We're looking forward to this being a good time for everybody."

The event will run from noon to 5:30 p.m. and adoptable dogs will be brought in to meet their hopeful forever families.

The Silver Falls Library in Silverton will also commemorate the day from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Children ages five to 11 and parents or guardians are invited in for food and drinks, various craft activities and a read-aloud.

"We'll have a number of stations where kids can do some artwork," MacKenzie Ross, youth services, said. "We're really excited about this. This is going to be a lot of fun."

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Once police are notified, they will come to the place of death and assess things. They will also contact EMT to come and certify the time and that a death has occurred. Afterward, the police may phone the nearest funeral home to assist in transportation of the individual. In certain cases, the medical examiner's deputy may also be requested at the scene to determine if an autopsy may be required. In other cases, an autopsy may not be necessary. If family wishes to pursue an autopsy, they should notify the funeral director.

*Is embalming required?*

No. Only in certain circumstances. Embalming is required in cases of communicable disease or prolonged public viewing (6 hours or longer). Most often times the funeral home will utilize mortuary refrigeration, as required after the first 24 hours of death.

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