

# All dressed up with somewhere to go

The motto of All Dressed Up is "Every girl deserves to be a princess."

To this end, the non-profit organization recently held its sixth annual prom dress giveaway, much to the joy of young ladies throughout the state. The event provides dresses for school proms and other formal events free of charge to any girl with a valid high school ID. According to Anna Benefiel, founder of All Dressed Up, the occasion was a huge success.

"It was a great year," she said. "We had 1,156 dresses to give away, with people doing alterations on site, and we had a lot of make-up and jewelry. There were more than 200 teens that came through from all over, from Silverton, Salem, Mill City, Scio and as far as Eugene. We even had girls who had never even tried on a dress before."

The prom season may be just beginning, but work continues for the organization. Throughout the year, dresses and other accessories are collected, especially in plus sizes. All items can be dropped off at a number of area locations, includ-



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An All Dressed Up guest models her new find.

ing ACT I Hair Design, Santiam Cleaners, and Stayton Cleaners in Stayton; Santiam Treasures (Mill City); Sugar and

Spice Bakery (Lyons); and The Shabby Chic Bride consignment shop (Salem).

In addition to the dress



All Dressed Up participants shop for prom-dresses.

project, All Dressed Up also provides annual scholarships to high school students. Applications are available on the company Facebook page under Events (search "All Dressed Up Prom Dress Giveaway" on Facebook) or <http://taby02.wix.com/alldressedup>. Applications will be accepted until May 31.

For information, contact founder Anna Benefiel at 503-881-0711 or [taby02@hotmail.com](mailto:taby02@hotmail.com).

—Annette Utz

## SILVERTON BRIEFS

### Church 'releases' Christian school ministry

Silverton Friends Church voted last week to "release the first through eighth grades of Silverton Christian School as a ministry," said a spokeswoman for a committee of elders and trustees.

Classes will remain open with church support through the end of the school year, Christine Golden added. No action has been taken regarding the church's popular preschool program and kindergarten class.

For the past 36 years, the school has operated as a ministry of the church, with the two entities sharing a building at 229 Eureka Ave.

Twenty-eight students are those most affected by the church's decision to stop funding the school. In correspondence between school staff and parents, that group of students was committed to

returning to school next year.

A church committee has been examining the church-school relationship and brought it to a member vote on April 11. "In the Quaker way, we have a consensus," Golden said.

Silverton Christian School began nearly four decades ago as a ministry to the children of the church. Over the years, it evolved into a non-denominational Christian school serving the community.

Its big fundraiser – the Mayfair auction – is still set for Saturday, May 14 at the Mt. Angel Festhalle. Doors open at 5 p.m. Organizers are asking supporters to donate, attend to make it a success.

### Free smoke alarm installation April 23

American Red Cross workers aim to reduce death and injury from home fires by installing free smoke alarms in Sil-

verton homes on Saturday, April 23.

To schedule the installation of free smoke alarms into your home, call 503-528-5783 or email [SilverFallsSmokeAlarms@gmail.com](mailto:SilverFallsSmokeAlarms@gmail.com). Read more about it or register online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/SilverFallsSmokeAlarms](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SilverFallsSmokeAlarms).

Trained volunteers will go house to house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends multiple smoke alarms be installed in your home. If current alarms are 10 years or older, new alarms should be installed, even if they test okay, said the NFPA.

In a house fire, occupants may have less than 2 minutes to escape before it's too late, said the Red Cross.

This safety campaign is in partnership with the Oregon State Fire Marshal. The Red Cross is also seeking volunteers to help with installation.

### Planning commission gets new member

David Sylvia was appointed to the Mt. Angel Planning Commission by the City Council earlier this month. The partially retired businessman and Mt. Angel resident will complete the term of former commissioner Jeff Wall, which expires June 30. The council can reappoint him at that time.

A second planning commission position is expected to open July 1, and the council is holding the application of Tom Cantu Jr., in consideration for that volunteer job. Cantu is an electrician and project manager.

Planning commission members serve two-year terms; they are tasked with reviewing application for regular land use within the city. Current members are Gordon Bochsler, Ryan Kleinshmit, Greg Savage and Craig Emch.

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