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Gallon House Bridge celebrates 100 years



Marion County Commissioner Kevin Cameron rides across the Gallon House Bridge as part of a re-dedication ceremony.

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cheerv gathering showed up for more than an ornate fixture on the valley landscape or a small span of the Marion County transportation net-

The event was a celebration of a somewhat storied piece of history over Abiqua Creek, tucked into farmland off the beaten path between Silverton and Mt. Angel.

Expectedly, tales surfaced of the bootleg gallons once carted from the north, non-abstaining side of the creek as part of the Gallon House Bridge's rededication ceremony Tuesday.

Appropriately, so did impromptu tales of the broader

general area reaching back a couple of generations told by Silverton Historical Society President Norm English, who recalled his father's stories about negotiating through several nearby pastures as a lad, each pasture patrolled by vigilant, fleet-footed bull. History was part of each as-

pect of the event, highlighted with vintage vehicles and illustrated by juxtaposing price tags from 100 years ago when the bridge went into service, May

"This bridge cost us \$1,300 back in 1916," Marion County Public Works Director Alan Haley mused. "I don't think I could get some paint on it for \$1,300 to-

The county had four covered

bridges at one time; Gallon House is the only one remaining, and it's billed as the oldest Oregon covered bridge in continuous operation. Haley saluted the span, along with the two operating ferries over the Willamette, as among the unique treasures inherent Marion County's transportation sys-

Along with the requisite ribbon cutting and unveiling of a handsome informational kiosk, the county commissioners initiated the ceremonials with rides across the bridge in vintage autos, included among them a 1906 Maxwell.

The drivers of the antique cars at the ceremony, Arnie An-

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Creekside Chat

Snapshots on Water Street

JUSTIN MUCH AND MICHAEL DAVIS APPEAL TRIBUNE

It was just six years ago that Carlyn Reid was working the window at a Dutch Bros. caffeine cabin in Woodburn.

Today, she's the owner-operator of an impressive, welcoming, window-lit Water Street hair salon.

But we are getting ahead of ourselves.

Back in 2010 when she was a java wage slave, she caught the eye of a young fishing guide who would roll up for service towing his boat. He made a point of coming back, chatting up Carlyn and, presumably, getting his Dutch Mafia lovalty card punched.

That fish fancier and construction pro, Chris Reid, one day asked the lithe blonde graduate of Silverton High for a

Not long after, they went fishing together. Talk about allure.

In 2012 they were married, and now they have a 3-year-old daughter, Julia.

"A lot can happen over coffee," she now says.

In March, Carlyn turned the key on Rustic Roots Salon, an airy, modern oasis that features way-tall mirrors, wood plank floors and sleek, black uphol-

With the exception of the plumbing, the renovation of the first-floor space at 119 N. Water St. was completed by Chris and two compadres.

Caryln asked for "earthy, cozy and comfortable" and that's what Chris de-

The owner-stylist popped into Silver Creek Coffee House on Wednesday and invited us over for a look. That's when we met stylists Shelby Phillips and Iri-

Rustic Roots will soon add an aesthetician and offer spray tans, body waxing and yes, fellas, manscaping.

The salon is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays

For further information, call 503-779-7623.

Passionate kisses

Silverton's wonderful Wizard of Odd, Stu Rasmussen, gave us an update on his new-ish venture, the coin-operated relationship analyzer.

It purports to provide guidance on where things stand between couples -"based on the intensity and duration of a kiss," Stu says.

Users drop in 50 cents, place their hands on "sense plates" on either side of the machine and smooth. The answers range from "Is this on?" to "True love."

If you haven't seen one in action, drop by the Silver Creek Coffee House The proprietor has attached an analyzer to a wall in the aft area of the café.

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MICHAEL DAVIS/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Owner-stylist Carlyn Reid's Rustic Roots Salon on North Water Street was designed to be earthy, cozy and comfortable.

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This dog was among several pets rescued from an RV at Silver Falls State

Pets rescued from RV at park

CAROL MCALICE CURRIE STATESMAN JOURNAL

The Oregon Humane Society, responding to a request from Marion County Dog Services, is now caring for 14 pets rescued from a recreational vehicle at Silver Falls State Park.

BJ Andersen, executive director of the Willamette Humane Society, said it's likely the county sought the services of the OHS Humane Special Agent, who is a cruelty investigator. Marion County does not have a special agent.

The cruelty investigator ar-

rived at the park June 1 and found six dogs, six cats and two reptiles living in unsanitary conditions inside the motor home. All of the dogs and cats were significantly underweight and infested with fleas.

The fourteen pets were transported to the OHS Holman Medical Center and examined by a veterinarian. The pets, which were turned over to OHS by their owners, will require significant care before they can be made available for adoption.

"Oregon has some of the strongest laws in the nation when it comes to protecting animals," said OHS Executive Di rector Sharon Harmon. "The public should be aware that when pets don't receive basic care, the law in Oregon is being

broken." OHS is not currently releasing the names of the individuals involved, and no citations have been issued as of this report. The animals are not available for viewing by the public at this

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Silverton students sent home after ingesting acid

GORDON FRIEDMAN STATESMAN JOURNAL

Two Silverton High School students were sent home May 27 after taking hallucinogenic drugs while at school, according to Sgt. Jerry Blaylock of the Silverton Police Department.

The pair apparently became alarmed when law enforcement arrived at the school with drugsniffing dogs for a random drug sweep.

The sweeps are in accordance with school policy, Blaylock said. Police from Silverton, Stayton, Keizer, Woodburn and sheriff's deputies assisted to speed up the sweep, he said.

The dogs investigated backpacks and lockers and found nothing, Blaylock said, but the two students panicked and "apparently took the acid they had in their back-

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