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Woman files wrongful death lawsuit

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A year ago, Cindy and Tim Burns were supposed to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Cindy had bought her husband scuba diving lessons so he'd be ready for their trip to Hawaii.

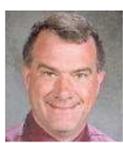
Tim Burns, a 51-year-old Stayton dentist, died during a practice dive. His family is suing the doctor who cleared him for diving and the local scuba

company that led his dive in a \$9 million wrongful death suit.

Here's what led to Burns' death, according to the complaint filed in Marion County Circuit Court:

On March 3, 2015, Salem Scuba Company asked Burns to fill out a medical questionnaire.

On the form, Burns said he was taking prescription medication for high blood pressure, had asthma and had previously undergone sinus surgery. Because of his answers, Salem



Tim Burns

Scuba required Burns to have his doctor sign a medical statement saying Burns had no conditions that were incompatible with diving.

The next day, Dr. Paul Neumann, who worked at Santiam Medical Associates, signed the statement. That same day, Neumann prescribed Burns with a rescue inhaler for symptomatic

asthma.

On March 4, 2015, Neumann noted Burns' asthma symptoms were fluctuating, he had an upper respiratory infection and had high blood pressure. Burns was diagnosed with asthma as early as 2007.

Guidelines from the Professional Association of Diving Instructors indicate an asthmatic diver should show no symptoms and should be able to breathe normally before and after an exercise test. The statement

Neumann was given to sign indicated guidelines were available, but Neumann didn't review them.

Neumann did not conduct an exercise test.

On March 20, Neumann began his open water certification in Washington with Mike Laharty, of Salem Scuba, as his instructor. They completed two uneventful dives that day.

The next day, Burns suffered

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DISH ON DOWNTOWN



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Nicholas Coffey helps a customer at Astonishing Adventures & Collectibles, 101 S. First Street in Silverton.

Checking in with both new and not-so-new local businesses

APPEAL TRIBUNE

"You're back!" often pops out of the mouths of surprised collectors when they see comic book guru Nicholas Coffey in his new store in downtown Silverton. Like the characters he collects, Coffey, 53, appeared in town last month after vanishing from the retail scene in Salem four years ago.

Astonishing Adventures & Collectibles at 101 S. First Street is Coffey's first brick-and-mortar store since he closed Danger Zone Comics in Salem in 2012. His retirement from retail after 30 years of store ownership in Springfield, Stayton and Salem followed the Great Recession and was intended to be a permanent move to online sales.

"Then, one day, on my way to Mt. Angel to do some consignment work, I saw this building," Coffey said. "I fell in love with it – and now I've fallen in love with the town."

He signed a lease, and now's he's back to serving customers face-to-face, while he continues to sell online via Comic Collector Live, eBay and Amazon. Along

with his store's pop culture collectibles – comics, toys, cards, Hot Wheels, movies, records and more – he's got 100,000 items for sale online, he said.

Astonishing Adventures' inventory is about 10 percent new. The other 90 percent is vintage – and, while Coffey does buy, sell and trade – he only takes items in excellent condition, he said. He's a seasoned "grader," an expert who scores comic books' condition on the industry's 10-point scale.

One mystery remains: Coffey said he'll host an event for collectors soon, but no details are available yet. This summer, the store is open Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Nearby is another brand-new business, **Rustic Roots Organic Salon**, at 119 N. Water Street. Owner Carlyn Reid has been styling and cutting hair for nearly five years and wanted to open her own business. She and her husband, Christopher, remodeled the space, most recently used by a title company, into a salon she hopes conveys "simple country elegance."

"We designed it to be down-to-earth

enough that farmers can come and feel comfortable but fancy enough for customers who like 'Nordstrom class,'" she said.

Between Reid and her three independent contractors – Irina Reutov, Shelby Phillips and Lacy Fredrickson – clients can book appointments for hair design, waxing, facials and spray tanning.

Next-door, **NW Oregon Realty Group**, owned by Howard and Connie Hinsdale, has announced its affiliation with Harcourts USA. The Hinsdales still own the business, but now all NW Oregon Realty Group Realtors are part of the new team, Connie Hinsdale wrote in a news release.

Harcourts has more than 800 offices in 10 countries worldwide. The company will provide ongoing training and a host of technological tools. In fact, Apple named Harcourts the No. 1 real estate organization based on its suite of apps, she wrote.

To the north, two businesses have moved to the corner of Jersey Street into a building most recently occupied by Nu-Method Cleaners.

Photo Restoration Unlimited is local photographer Sheldon Traver's new shop specializing in retouching old photographs, restoring photos damaged by fire or water and archiving and digitizing

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Camping fees could increase in Oregon

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Campers will pay a little more to spend the night in Oregon's great outdoors if a proposal from the U.S. Forest Service moves forward.

Siuslaw and Willamette national forests, which together manage 2.3 million acres in the Oregon Coast, Coast Range and Cascade Mountains, are proposing fee increases that range from \$2 to \$25 per night at campgrounds, day-use areas and cabins.

The fee increases would go into effect in 2017, the agency said in a press release. The federal agency is seeking comment from the public about the proposal.

"We recognize how important these sites are to our local communities and those who visit them," said Tracy Beck, Willamette National Forest Supervisor. "These new fees and fee increases will help us maintain the sites to the level and quality people expect."

There hasn't been an increase in fees in either national forest for eight to 10 years.

The proposed increases depend on the sites. Most campgrounds, for example, would see an increase of around \$2 to \$6.

Hebo Lake Campground, for example, a popular fishing hole and recreation center northwest of Salem, would see its camping fee jump to \$18 per night, up from \$12 now. Elk Lake Campground, north of Detroit, would only increase \$2, to \$12 per night from \$10 now.

The biggest increase would be seen at cabins and lookout towers. Gold Butte Lookout, a mountaintop cabin north of Detroit, would jump to \$80 per night from \$65 now.

For a full list of locations with fee increases, see fs.usda.gov/detailfull/willamette/recreation/?cid=FSEPRD506592.

Written comments for Siuslaw National Forest should be emailed to SiuslawRecFee@fs.fed.us or mailed to Siuslaw National Forest, ATTN: Recreation Fees, 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331, by Sept. 15. Written

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Summer reading gets a musical boost

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Several community libraries in the mid-Willamette Valley will get musical boost to their respective Summer Reading programs next month.

Children's musician Rich Glauber has July gigs scheduled in Mt. Angel, Lyons and Jefferson,

a feature provided through the Oregon College Savings Plan (OCSP). The shows, dubbed "Music in Action!" are described as high-energy, interactive mixes of songs, movement and comedy for all ages, using guitar, accordion, percussion and voice, along with a variety of props.

Organizers said Glau-

ber's performance focuses on building community spirit and fun through music. The musician feels that's a reasonable assessment.

"My shows are mostly about fun, about finding the joy of moving to music, singing out, playing instruments and celebrating life," Glauber said. "Kids don't get enough of

that these days, and I like to give them the opportunity when I come to town."

OCSP facilitated the incorporation of this element into the prolific Summer Reading Programs, which are implemented at numerous community libraries

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