

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**JULY 13**  
**Lunaria Gallery:** "Life Sized" featuring small scale carved wood sculptures by Deborah Unger and jewelry by Alex Chaney. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, 113 N Water St., Silverton. **Free.** 503-873-7734, Lunariagallery.com.

**THROUGH JULY 31**  
**Borland Gallery:** Artwork displayed. Gallery hours: 8 a.m. to noon Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays; noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 303 Coolidge St., Silverton. **Free.** 503-363-9310, Silvertonarts.org.

**THROUGH JULY 29**  
**White Oak Gallery:** "Eden and After" paintings and poetry of Robin Humelbaugh and Colette Tennant. Gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, 216 E Main St., Silverton. **Free.** 503-399-9193, Thewhiteoak.info.

**THURSDAY**  
**Movies in the Garden — "Snatch":** Presented by Willamette Valley Pie Company.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Movie will start at dusk. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, Oregon Garden, 879 W Main St., Silverton. \$4; \$3 ages 12 to 17; \$2 ages 5 to 11; \$2 members; free ages 4 and younger. 503-874-8100, Oregongarden.org.

**FRIDAY**  
**Silvertongues Toastmasters:** Develop speaking skills by organizing your thoughts, thinking on your feet and building confidence and leadership skills in a friendly and supportive environment. Guests invited, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Silverton Community Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1159 Oak St., Silverton. 503-873-4198.

**Art in the Garden:** Features pieces from ten artists, with four of those pieces being built specifically for The Oregon Garden. All pieces are available for sale, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Featured artists will give talks about their installations and inspiration, while guests enjoy live music and wine tasting during an opening reception between 6:30 and 8 p.m., Oregon Garden, 879 W Main St, Silverton. \$20; \$5 members in advance; \$25; \$10 members at the door. 503-874-8100, Oregongarden.org.

**SATURDAY**  
**Saturday Lunches:** Noon to 1:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 500 N Second St., Silverton. **Free.** (503) 873-2635.

**JULY 21**  
**Movies in the Garden - The Sandlot:** Outdoor screening of The Sandlot (PG), presented by Willamette Valley Pie Company. Food and beverages available for purchase. Happy hour from 7 to 8 p.m. Movie starts at dusk, 7 to 11:30 p.m., Oregon Garden, 879 W Main St, Silverton. \$4; \$3 ages 12 to 17; \$2 ages 5 to 11; \$2 members; free ages 4 and younger. 503-874-8100, www.Oregongarden.org/events/movies-in-the-garden/

**JULY 23, 24, 30 AND 31**  
**Canterbury Renaissance Faire:** 1500s era English marketplace, royal court, period demos, four stages of continual entertainment, Kids fairy land, great shopping with merchant craftsmen, tavern, food, and more, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jousting from noon and 4 p.m. each day, 6118 Mount Angel Highway NE, Silverton. \$14;\$11 ages 60 and older and 6 to 12; free ages 5 and younger. 503-873-3273, Canterburyfaire.com.

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# Silverton breathes new life into old school conversion

**CHRISTENA BROOKS**  
 SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

Breathing new life into the old high school is the Silver Falls School District's top priority this summer, as the building will re-open as a 6th-8th-grade middle school this fall.

"We are still on schedule to start school on time," said Superintendent Andy Bellando. "But I have no doubt we'll have to problem-solve once the school's open."

2KG Contractors of Portland is retrofitting the newer portions of the old high school on Schlador Street – additions from the 1950s, 60s and 70s – while sealing off the original brick building from 1939 that fails current safety standards.

The result will be Silverton Middle School,



The Silver Falls School District is busy converting the old high school into a new middle school.

home to about 450 students who, in the past, would've attended 7th-8th-grade at Mark

Twain Middle School or 6th-grade at Robert Frost School. At Silverton Middle

School, the work list calls for re-plumbing nearly everything, re-wiring and installing fire suppres-

sion sprinklers, adding HVAC systems, and bringing the facility into ADA compliance, among other things.

The budget is tight, at best. After voters rejected a \$24.9 million bond measure in 2014 advertised to fully fund the project, the school board secured financing for one-tenth that amount.

The district's \$2.5 mil-

lion loan is from Columbia Bank and will be paid back over 13 years, Bellando said. Project overages – already at 9 percent in July – will come out of the district's capital projects fund, he said.

"This is not the ideal situation," he said. "But it's the solution that allows us to address the highest

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## Construction will delay drivers on Highway 214

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A chip seal project for the 4-mile section of Highway 214 between Silverton and Mount Angel is planned for the week of July 18-22. A contractor working for the Oregon Department of Transportation will do the work.

The work is during the daytime from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day starting Monday, July 18. Variable message signs are being posted to warn travelers of the scheduled

work, including the dates and times.

Chip seals are part of ODOT's pavement preservation strategy. Chip seals can be excellent, cost effective alternatives to paving the road which is typically up to five times more expensive.

Chip seals can add many more years of life and protection to the roadway and can be repeated at several 6 to 7 year intervals before paving is required.

However, the short

term inconvenience of chip seals could be loose rock that can chip windshields, chip paint and oil sticking to vehicles.

Travelers are encouraged to use alternative routes for a while to avoid damage.

Travelers can expect up to 20 minute delays during chip seal operations.

There will be single lane closures with flaggers controlling two-way traffic. All work is weather dependent.

## High school students need access to technical education



**CANYON VIEWS BUTCH STETSON**

After decades of being an Army pilot of helicopters and fixed wing aircraft and a builder of race car engines, four years ago I became a teacher. I found a place teaching auto shop at Silverton High School.

Since becoming an educator, the thing that stands out to me is that our high schoolers need more opportunities for vocational and career technical education (CTE). At Silverton, our CTE includes agriculture, culinary arts, metals, welding, business, along with my auto classes.

Oregon has a problem because we don't have funding to provide enough CTE. Many schools have no CTE classes at all and others just don't have enough room for all the students who want to take them. For instance, we had 150 kids wanting my class last year. We only had room for about 65 but took on over 80. There's unmet

need like this all across Oregon.

This is why I'm supporting Initiative Petition 65. With stable, adequate funding, Silverton could expand and bring its CTE offerings into the 21st century, like schools in other states have done. High school students elsewhere take classes with title like "medical interventions," "disaster response," "ship navigation," "forensic psychology," and others that relate directly to good-paying jobs.

CTE teaches kids basic skills like using tools, problem-solving and how to work as part of a team. We teach them about what an employer expects and how to do a job interview. The experience awakens them to possibilities for skilled jobs that they won't necessarily learn about via a "college-only" path. We're talking about jobs that pay living wages.

The truth is, we're trying to put 100 percent of kids into college when less than half of jobs require a college degree. In fact, only about 38 percent of jobs require a college degree and that num-

ber is expected to stay constant.

For those who don't see themselves going to college right away, high school is their best chance at getting prepared for real life. Yet most Oregon students don't have access to these classes.

One student told me, "I didn't have much to look forward to. Now I see a good life laid out in front of me and the reason is I took your class." Numerous kids have said they come to school because of my class.

It's important to know that the money for IP65 is on top of what schools already get through the state school fund. It's an increase of about 3.3 percent.

I feel it's my job is to prepare these kids to survive after high school and the best way for me to do that is give them opportunities to build job skills. You can learn more about the measure at www.ip65.org.

Let's do what works: This November, vote "yes" for hands-on learning for our high schools.

Butch Stetson is an auto shop teacher (CTE) at Silverton High School.