

volunteers worked behind the scenes to lay the groundwork for the festivities.

Cadel Terlecki, 7, of Silverton, jumps onto one of the rides. Before the kids could enjoy the fun,

A closer look at the mosaic design in the remodeled fountain. Silverton residents spruced up the town in a show of civic sprit for Homer Davenport Days.

Legion

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Jennifer said volunteering is a key component to a community such as Silverton; the catalyst differentiating a vibrant town from lackluster one. "What makes Silverton

great is community involvement," Jennifer said. "We want to keep this community great. We want to encourage people to pitch in and help out, inspire and create enthusiasm for the next genera-

The ASAP organizers also expressed signs of civic promise evinced by area youth: Natalie Mulla Silverton High School senior has provided stellar aid within the program, and Scotts Mills seventh grader Sophia Borgstahl, who earned statewide recognition for the Oregon Mayors Association for her recent civic-minded essay.

Learn more about ASAP by contacting **Josh** Burgeson, joshburgeson@gmail.com or call (503) 580-1794. You can also visit "After School Activities Program" on Facebook, or ask about it at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 303 N. Church St., Silverton, 97381

Comic City, USA



SPECIAL TO THE STAYTON MAIL

Country singer Ben Rue will be performing for a home crowd Thursday night, Aug. 18, at Vanderbeck Valley Farms, helping Silverton's After School Activities Program.

Another active Silverton resident looking beyond the immediate Homer weekend horizon was **Gus Frederick**.

between Scurrying tasks to touch up details with the weekend festival, Gus stopped by to relay information about the next, related, feature on the slate: Comic City, USA

This Oregon Historical Society exploration delves into the rich comic history within the state's borders, of which Homer Davenport is no small

What: Creekside Chat

Where: Silver Creek Coffee House, 111 Water St., Silverton

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 (First and third Wednesdays)

Questions and information: Contact Justin Much, jmuch@StatesmanJournal.com; 503-769-6338, cell 503-508-8157

OHS describes the ex-

hibit:

"Oregon is known globally for its impact on the comics industry, with

many artists, writers, and designers living, working, and discovering their inspiration here. From Oregon's earliest cartoon artists to people working in



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Gus Frederick promotes Comic City, USA, in downtown Silverton. Its opening celebration takes place Aug. 14.

the industry today, this exhibition highlights thirteen Oregon comic artists, writers, and cartoonists including: Homer Davenport, Jack Ohman, Carl Barks, Basil Wolverton, Mike Richardson, Jan Eliot, John Callahan, Bill Plympton, Joe Sacco, Colleen Coover, Anina Bennett, Paul Guinan, and

Alex Schomburg.

Comic City's opening celebration is scheduled from 12 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, at OHS, 1200 SW Park Ave., Portland, while the ongoing exhibit runs from Aug. 12 through Jan. 31, 2017. Visit ohs.org or contact 503-222-1741, orhist@ohs.org.

School

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McKeown said. "It's not just a rental. We want to server the school. We know they've been in exisfor decades. They're starting over, and they need to get on their feet."

In fact, Silverton Foursquare hasn't charged the school any rent yet, as the school's founding families rapidly clean and upgrade the building to house students this fall. Its desks, library books, and many supplies came from Silverton Christian School's shuttered K-8 classrooms.

Friends Silverton Church promised to give 80 percent of last spring's "Mayfair" auction proceeds Silver Falls Christian School this month, which will help begin the year, Runion said. Up to this point, start-up expenses have come from \$700 donated via Go-FundMe, Runion's family, and those of the other board members: Josie Cardwell, Keith Baldwin and Jolene Ferschweiler.

No less sacrificial is Penny Girrard, who taught at Silverton Christian School for 18 years and has agreed to teach at



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(From left) Jamie Runion, board chair, Penny Garrard, teacher, and Jolene Ferschweiler, board member, tour a classroom while Dusty Ferschweiler hangs a white board at the new school.

the new school with the help of aide Dean Baker. Together the longtime friends have spent the summer organizing the new school, and buying supplies, without pay so

"We are blessed to have a licensed teacher who has the calling to teach at our school - she's the first person I asked to teach here," said Runion. "Penny makes sure she know what each child needs, and she makes sure they know what their potential is.'

Tuition at Silver Falls Christian School is unchanged from last year's rates at Silverton Christian School: \$1,875 for kindergarten and \$3,600 for grades 1-8. More detailed information is online at www.silverfallschristianschool.com or by phone at Silverton Foursquare at

503-873-3991. The new school's board members and staff will host an open house on Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. They have done scant advertising so far: "We don't want to overwhelm our resources," Runion said.

As the lone certified teacher, Garrard is finding creative ways to instruct kindergartners to

middle-schoolers. She's taught all grades and subiects over the years, so she's already planning the "one room schoolhouse talk" she'll have with her students.

She's lined out her curricula - private school standbys such as A Beka Book, Accelerated Christian Education and Saxon Math - and is excited to have each student to work as his or her own pace on Chromebook computers

"There's a reason small classrooms work better," she said. "And I get to teach from a godly perspective.'



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Tax

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tion and sales the statewide measure allows. Mt. Angel's council voted in December to put the question to the community in the next election.
"This type of a decision

belongs with the voters as it is definitely a topic and activity that impacts the entire community," said Mayor Andy Otte "I do not think marijuana sales is something that fits into the fabric and traditional values of Mt. Angel."

Even Mt. Angel voters who plan to vote "no" on marijuana businesses in town may want to vote

"yes" on the tax in case the ban doesn't pass, said interim City Manager Mike Healy.

"If the voters do not approve the ban on marijuana sales and there is not a measure on the ballot this November for approving a tax, the city will be unable to collect any revenue or have the opportunity to refer such a tax until

In discussion August 1, councilors worried that voters will be confused by the presence of two seemingly conflicting measure

on the ballot. However, if

the ban passes, the 3 per-

cent tax won't go into ef-

fect, Healy said.

November of 2018," he

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