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A home with stories to tell



COURTESY OF THE GOLDEN FAMILY

Frank and Christine Golden and their family stand below the new back deck of their remodeled farmhouse.

Silverton couple restores, updates a 1920s bungalow

CHRISTENA BROOKS
SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

"If only the walls could talk," slips easily off the tongues of homeowners wondering about the history of their houses, especially those stretching back decades or centuries.

A Silverton couple who just finished restoring, expanding and updating a 1920s country bungalow in the foothills overlooking the Willamette Valley was struck with that kind of curiosity. Who

lived here? What did they do? Where did they go? And would they want to know what had happened to their house?

Homeowners Frank and Christine Golden decided to find out. This summer, as they wrapped up five years of work on their Lorence Road home, they invited former residents to join them for a house blessing ceremony. More than 100 people gathered to celebrate the house's rebirth, its 90th birthday, and its connection to local history.

Going modern, staying historic

"I love the history of houses," Christine said. "I feel like it's a patina on a home when you have that history."

She and her husband knew they were buying a piece of local history when they purchased their 1,400-square-foot bungalow from Lorraine Nielsen in 2010.

A blended family, together they have six children, the youngest a teenager. They sold their large house in town and bought the farm with an eye toward their retirement years.

"We want to age in place," Christine said, sounding practical like the health care professional she is. For years, she worked as a patient care manager. Frank is a doctor at Legacy Silverton

Medical Center specializing in internal and geriatric medicine.

"We loved this house right away," Christine said. "It was smartly built. Every nook and cranny had a closet or a cubbyhole."

At first, the couple planned a simple re-do. They refinished the home's oak and fir floors, pulled up carpet, removed wallpaper and painted everything. What they could leave, they left. The front door and porch are both original.

Glass doorknobs and other hardware were intact, and when the couple learned that similar ones were selling for \$200 apiece at Hippo Hardware & Trading Company in Portland, they

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What's new, hot at this year's Oktoberfest

CARLEE WRIGHT
STATESMAN JOURNAL

Prosit (German for cheers), it's time for Mount Angel Oktoberfest.

The annual four-day fall festival that brings the community together through music, food and, of course, beer, returns Thursday through Sunday.

But with so much happening, how can you decide just what to do? Festival Marketing Director Monica Bochsler, who has been involved with the event for about 25 years, has some recommendations.

"While people come to Oktoberfest for the tradition, they also love it when we add something a bit different," Bochsler said.

"The Glockenspiel figurines are going to be out of their perch this year, and you can see them up close and personal in front of City Hall in a special tent," Bochsler said.

There also will be a few new figurines, representing the Armed Forces, on display in the Glockenspiel.

Bochsler also encourages families to



COURTESY OF MOUNT ANGEL OKTOBERFEST

Alpen Vagabunden have been performing for more than 20 years. They have played shows around the globe, including on the Great Wall of China.

visit the kindergarten, which is home to all types of activities including a stunt

jump, farm and science fun, rock climbing, bouncy houses and face painting,

plus a variety of performances. It is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays.

"It's free," Bochsler said. "There is no wristband, no ride tickets you have to purchase. It's not pay to play. It's free. The only thing you have to buy is food."

"People who are runners love the races," Bochsler said. "It's a lot of fun, and you can burn your calories before you get started for the day."

The Oktoberfest Half Marathon, 10K run and 5K run/walk take place Saturday, Sept. 17, at Humpert Park. The half marathon starts at 8 a.m., and the 5K and 10K start at 9 a.m. For full details and registration, go to racenorthwest.com/oktoberfest-road-race.

Music also is an exciting highlight for the festival.

"We have a new band from Europe, The Alpen Vagabunden," Bochsler said. "And LynnMarie with her button box accordion will be back."

The Alpen Vagabunden will perform 3:30 and 8 p.m. Thursday, 3:30 and 9:45

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Staying in touch with the land he loves

DEE MOORE
MARION SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

In the thin light of an early morning, before the sun has risen full in the sky, Robert Dyk is out planting saplings. Bucket in hand, his dog, Lucky, by his side, he takes the saplings he rooted himself and

plants them along the edges of his property located on a riparian area along Mill Creek near Aumsville. It's a half mile straight back, a bit more if you amble along.

When he's not planting trees on his morning walks, he's attacking invasive weeds, including butterfly bush, tansy and knotweed, with

hand tools

He is building up the wetlands area to prevent erosion, create a wind break and in the process creating brush piles for the local wild life.

This is Dyk's accidental ap-

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