

Festivalgoers pick pumpkins on Saturday, Oct. 1, at E.Z. Orchards Harvestfest. The festival features a corn maze, pumpkin patch, hay rides and more.

Pumpkin-patch scene thriving in east valley

ANNETTE UTZ FOR THE STAYTON MAIL

It's pumpkin palooza time in the Mid-Valley, with orbs of orange peeking out everywhere.

Throughout the region there are numerous options to enjoy a crisp fall day out in the fields, with endless diversions on hand to entertain everyone in the family.

While having fun, there are also opportunities to help others.

The harvest festival at Bauman's Farm & Garden, for example, is a veritable Disneyland of activities ranging from a little tykes zone to the "Realm of Darkness" and, in turn, the event aids students.

There's a lot to do and it's exhausting but a lot of fun," Barb Bauman said. "To help manage all that's going on, we get a lot help from local kids. In exchange, proceeds go to the Clyve Bauman College Scholarship fund for which they are all eligible to apply. We also donate apples and pumpkins to local schools.

Sweetbrier Park in Scio has a giving-back approach to seasonal entertainment as well. In addition to harvest-style diversions, Sweetbrier also operates as a canned food drive for local food banks. Admission is discounted throughout the month with a food donation.

While giving to others, visitors can enjoy all the amenities of the park. It offers a variety of delights including a train ride through the park's 19 acres of old-growth firs (complete with train bandits), tractor hay rides, panning for gold, Flintstone golf, human foosball and a family-oriented craft fair. There are even free pumpkins available to visitors.

This is the fourth year Sweetbrier has held the food drive, which began as a senior school project for owners Dustin and Keri Anderson's daughter, Whitney.

'Last year we collected over 3,000 pounds of food and donated some pumpkins," Keri said. "This year, we're expecting much more and a better turnout. We have al-ready received over 1,000 pounds of food. It's a lot of work but it is a lot of fun. The kids love it and the train robberies are a real highlight or them.'

A small, family-run site, Dustin said they manage "with the help of some really close friends and some volunteers.

"It definitely takes a lot of time and it keeps us busy," he said, "but we enjoy it and we're having such a good response that we just want to keep it going and help the communitv.

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Arrendondo, Breyanna Esmee: To Leann Loder and Juan Arredondo, Salem, 9 pounds 11 ounces, Oct. 3.

SILVERTON **HOSPITAL**

Jorgenson, Mason David Ernest: To Madeline and Ryan Jorgenson, Scotts Mills, 9 pounds, Sept. 29.

McIntire, Jenna Grace Marie: To Staci and Austin McIntire, Silverton, 6 pounds 12 ounces, Sept. 26.

Sinn, Isabella Teresa: To Michelle and Jonathan Sinn. Silverton, 7 pounds 2 ounces, Sept. 26.

CRIME LOG

Sept. 28

Motor vehicle accident,

7:38, Pine St. and Grant St. Hit and run, 2:13 p.m., 300

Sept. 27

Burglary/Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, 9 a.m.,

Motor vehicle accident, 5 p.m., Safeway.

Sept. 30

N Water St.

Motor vehicle accident, 3:24 p.m., 700 McClaine St.

MARRIAGES

Marriage license applications with **Marion County**

Maria Fader, 36, Mt. Angel

Wendell Brian Stadeli, 27, Silverton, and Kara Rivers Gydesen, 25, Salem.

David Patrick Wavra, 43, Mt. Angel, and Sarah

Measure 97 opposition, **Clinton gain in survey**

GORDON FRIEDMAN STATESMAN JOURNAL

A new poll shows Hillary Clinton's lead over Donald Trump is widening in Oregon. It also found growing opposition to Measure 97, a proposed corporate tax that will be on the Oregon ballot in November.



es with \$25 million in Oregon sales, is opposed by 47 percent of likely voters, with 41 percent supporting. Nashif said it's always easier to convince voters to vote against a measure, which may be part of why opposition is strengthening. Adver-

Clinton solidifies lead over Trump

The poll was conducted by Portland-based Hoffman Research Group. It randomly surveyed 605 likely Oregon voters by telephone between Sept. 29 and Oct. 1.

Hoffman CEO Tim Nashif is a Republican activist, though he said in an interview Tuesday that the poll is scientific and his politics didn't influence the outcome.

Results show that Clinton is supported by 45 percent of likely Oregon voters, with Trump claiming 33 percent.

"I think the poll results had to do with Clinton's performance (in the first debate)," Nashif said. "I think that after the debate that vote solidified.'

Although most Oregon voters are backing Clinton or Trump, third-party nominees are also claiming substantial support. Libertarian Party nominee Gary Johnson is supported by 8 percent, with 3

JOHN LOCHER/AP Hillary Clinton is supported by 45 percent of likely Oregon voters.

percent going to Green Party nominee Jill Stein.

Oregon has voted Democratic in the last seven presidential elections. The last time a Republican won the state was in 1984, when Ronald Reagan was re-elected.

'Tough sell' on new tax

Previous polls showed that Measure 97 faced an uphill battle to win in November. But the Hoffman poll shows opposition to the tax is growing. The measure, which would increase corporate taxes on business-

tising also has influenced support, he said.

"The 'no' side advertising has started to hit hard," Nashif said. "The commentaries, newspaper articles, social media has started to have an effect."

The business-funded opposition campaign has raised more money than the labor-backed supporting campaign, enabling them to out-spend the "yes" campaign on ads.

Nashif said some voters may also view Measure 97 as a kind of sales tax, a message promoted by the opposition campaign. The campaign has also highlighted nonpartisan research showing that the measure would increase the average per-person tax burden by \$600.

Oregonians don't like a sales tax." Nashif said. "They don't like it because if you're going to make a new tax that will cost them, they want to see what you'll do to lower income and property taxes.

All that makes for a "tough sell" come election day, he said.

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Schools address clown concerns

NATALIE PATE

STATESMAN JOURNAL

The "scary clown" phenomenon has put some local school districts, students and families on guard.

Rumors have circulated via social media about people dressing as clowns and threatening or committing violent behavior, and some students and parents are saying they may take matters into their own hands.

Local school districts have taken precautionary measures to assure the safety of their students. Many school districts are working with law enforcement officials to be more visible in schools.

The districts are encouraging families to have a discussion about safety and appropriate behaviors in schools and responsible posting on social media.

Silver Falls School District

The Silver Falls School District published a letter on Facebook and sent an email to parents last week, said Superintendent Andy Bellando.

He said they haven't seen anything in the district but had received calls from parents who were concerned and asking about the district's actions after hearing about things on social media and in the news.

He said there haven't been any credible threats or incidents in the area. The principals and other school officials have been asked to be extra attentive as they monitor the schools, especially when students are outdoors or when visitors are on campuses.

In Bellando's letter to parents and community members, he said, "Student and adult safety in our

schools is a top priority at all times. I have asked principals to reinforce this message in each of our schools and to address these rumors as needed and in an age-appropriate fashion. I have also asked that they monitor this unfortunate matter to be certain that our mission of education is not disrupted.

"I ask for your assistance in reinforcing this message with your son/ daughter including the need for acting appropriately during this time. Any effort to mimic the behavior at school or even on social media could scare other students and is considered threatening."

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