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Legacy Silverton Medical Center is looking for volunteers to provide assistance in a variety of ways at the hospital and Woodburn Health Center. CareVan drivers are also needed. Drivers must be 25 years of age or older, have a valid driver's license, proof

of insurance and pass a criminal background check. CareVan provides complimentary rides to and from medical appointments at Legacy Silverton Medical Center and its affiliated clinics, providers, services and programs. Those interested in volunteering should contact Volunteer Services Manager Kay Seiler at 503-873-1786 or kseiler@silvertonhealth.org.

Cameras

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"There are a lot of questions that need to be answered, like when do we turn them on?" Baldrige said.

He said the county must weigh the privacy of the community in circumstances when police are sent into resident's homes for an investigation, and whether that data could be provided to the District Attorney in the event of an investigation.

"What is the evidentiary factor to that? Could that be provided to the DA or defense attorney?," Marion County Undersheriff Troy Clausen said. "We don't necessarily have all the answers to that yet."

Marion County deputies already have static mounted dash cams on their patrol vehicles, which record a fair amount of law enforcement encounters. Clausen said the county will review its use of dash cams to see if a similar framework could be used for body cams.

"Now I'm wearing this recording device and so these are all questions that we have to ask and that we have to make sure that we're consistent in our practice," Baldrige said. "When do we turn them on, and when do we turn them off?"

Clausen said it could take from 90 to 120 days for the county to take a look at policies adopted at neighboring law enforcement's body camera programs, such as Stayton, Aumsville, Turner and



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Senior Officer Jason Meeker models a Stayton Police Department body camera in Stayton on Thursday. The Marion County Sheriff's Office just received a grant from the Department of Justice for body cams and training.

Eugene police departments.

"We're going to ask our deputies to wear these cameras, which the overwhelming majority want to wear them and they see them as a tool just as much for themselves as they are for the public," Clausen said. "These both can help and potentially bring to light certain issues that law enforcement and the public needs to be aware of."

Clausen said although law enforcement does its best to do everything right, there are times where the "human side" can come out during a traffic stop or encounter.

"There will be times where we look at those body camera videos and ask ourselves, 'What could we have done better?'" Clausen said. Baldrige said the

heart of this program focuses on transparency of law enforcement married with public safety, a balance he said is essential in community policing.

"We build transparency by creating personal relationships with community leaders, and this is another opportunity to take transparency to a new level," Baldrige said.

Clausen said the county will issue a request for proposal to look at different body camera vendors.

Once the county receives the grant, it will meet with its community stakeholders to discuss an implementation plan.

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lems long before the effluent releases in 2014.

In fact, the greatest threat to Lower Silver Creek appears to be invasive plants choking out trees along the stream bank, according to a study done by the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District in 2013. Streamside trees are needed to stabilize the bank and keep water temperature down.

"The most noxious, acute issue is the clematis and English ivy. The vines are growing over the old cottonwood trees ... those trees will eventually die," said Anna Rankin, Pudding River Watershed Council coordinator.

The council - the local pipeline for environmental grant dollars - hasn't had any money to throw at the problem until now. It lost its funding in 2011, after its board shrunk to two members, and it hasn't done any new projects at Rock, Butte, Abiqua, Silver or Drift creeks or the Pudding River for a decade, Rankin said.

Now led by eight board members and armed with information from the 2013 survey and a 2014 fish study of the Pudding River Basin, the council is ready to coordinate a project at Lower Silver Creek. In fact, Rankin said she and an intern are writing a proposal that could use the city's \$15,520 contribution to the creek project to secure up to \$25,000 more from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, for a

total of \$40,000.

"There are all these different grants. It's like a quilt; you have to patch things together," she said.

As proposed, the Lower Silver Creek restoration project will begin at the 1/2-mile-long "reach," or piece of streamside property owned by the city at the wastewater treatment plant. Starting next summer, workers will tear out invasive species, plant native trees and do erosion control.

If the grant is secured, the watershed council can approach other property owners along the creek and extend the project west.

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," Rankin said. "That's where it comes down to vision, not just seeing how things are right now, but seeing how things will be in the future if you put the right steps

in place."

The council's vision for a healthy Silver Creek is a shaded waterway with intact banks and plenty of "meander bends" and riprap to slow water flow. The council will submit its plans and its grant request to the state by the end of October. Winners will be notified next April and work will begin next spring.

In the end, Silverton taxpayers will pay very little of city's \$15,520 contribution to the project or the \$3,880 remaining fine to the state. That's because the food processors that sent the high-strength industrial waste to the treatment plant back in 2014 have already agreed to pay \$16,818 for the problem.

"Local industries are not admitting fault, but they agreed to help offset the full impact of the civil penalty," Starner said.

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