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6 seek seats on City Council

4 write-in candidates enter race, challenge 2 Silverton incumbents

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SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL

Four write-in candidates have joined two incumbents in the race for three seats on the Silverton City Council that will be decided by voters on Nov. 8. Elected in 2012, Councilors Laurie Carter and Jason Freiling are both seeking re-election. Now four others – Matt Plummer, Stu Rasmussen, Jim Squires and Ken Tobin – are also asking voters write them in on Election Day. Of the six candidates, the three who receive the most votes will be elected to four-year terms ending in 2020.

Laurie Carter

Carter, 69, is finishing her sixth year as a councilor. Originally appointed, she ran for reelection in 2012. She's the owner of Apples to Oranges, a downtown yarn and gift shop, and a registered Democrat, although council seats are non-partisan. "I decided to run for council again because there are a lot of interesting things in the works, and we need continuity," Carter said. "With a new city manager and a new public works director, it's going to be good to have that memory." Carter said she believes in the importance and value of government. Born in



Laurie Carter



Jason Freiling



Matt Plummer



Stu Rasmussen



Jim Squires



Ken Tobin

Oregon, she spent five years growing up in Pakistan, watching her father help establish schools. There she saw many people living without roads and electricity because they had to depend on private landowners to develop these amenities as they saw fit. "If you have a very weak government, the whole country suffers," she said. Carter has a bachelor's degree in English from Portland State University and has served on a variety of boards, includ-

ing Silverton Hospital's. Along with operating her shop downtown, she's the office administrator and CFO for her husband's dental practice. In city business, Carter said her top issues include affordable housing, senior housing, an improved storm water system, historic tree preservation, street and sidewalk connectivity, and community diversity.

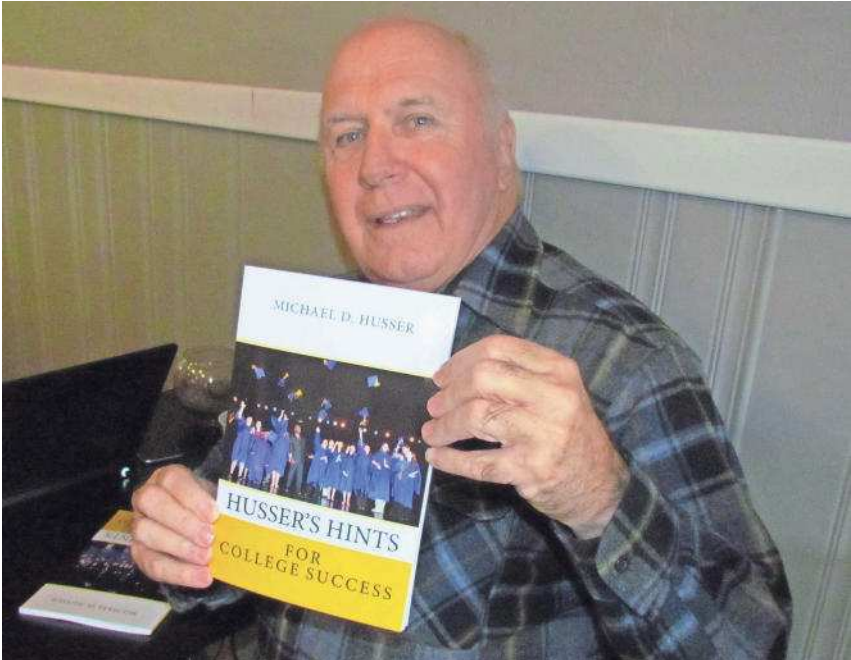
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CREEKSIDE CHAT

Folks talk up their civic passions



PHOTOS BY JUSTIN MUCH/STAYTON MAIL
"The Trunk" in Silverton's Hartman Building resides on South Water Street. Proprietor Rebecca Axman says she laments that at times it feels the area is "definitely a forgotten part of town."



The gregarious Michael Husser, bass player in the Scotts Mills- and Silverton-based AH Factor, published "Husser's Hints for College Success," a guide to help those starting college or going back to school.



Rebecca Axmaker is going into her third year as the proprietor of "The Trunk."



Matt Plummer, 37, is willing and ready to serve on the Silverton City Council if written in by voters.

JUSTIN MUCH

Rebecca Axmaker was among a handful of conversers at shop by Silver Creek Coffee House for a Creekside Chat Wednesday, Oct. 19, and discuss a current endeavor or passion. She talked about all things Silverton, including going into her third year as proprietor of The Trunk in the Hartman Building on Water St. **Harry Douglas** invites everyone to check in at his public Facebook group, "Silverton Reflections," while retired-educator, local-musician, recent-septuagenarian and outgoing conversationalist **Michael Husser** revealed a handy guide he published as a tool for college-bound or returning college students. Stability is a word Rebecca is also feeling more comfortable with these days as October marks an entrance into her third year as proprietor of "The Trunk." The boutique is her first venture in Silverton, fourth overall; she's also had shops in Marquam, Scotts Mills and Gervais. Rebecca is delighted with The Trunk's digs in the Hartman Building, which also houses Creekside Grill, Silver Creek Natural Health, Shayla Lynn: Jewelry & Gifts. "I always say we're down here by ourselves like mayonnaise on the side," she said her shop and fellow Hartman merchants. She laments that at times it feels the area is "definitely a forgotten part of town." She marvels at the eclectic neighboring mix, and would like to remind folks of that mix: a coffee shop, plant shop, jewelry store, restaurant, bar, art and music lessons and music lessons, beauticians, hypnotherapy, real estate office and two clothing stores. "Oh and a chiropractor," she interjects. A 1985 Silverton High School grad, Rebecca loves to keep tabs on what's going on around town, and she's delighted with the way the city has spruced up its appeal in recent years, specifically citing the building that houses Whimsy, Etc. Meanwhile, Michael is amazed at the daunting task returning students – or even new students – heading to college have to face, with very little preparation. He's done such himself. "I graduated from college 35 years

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Gilliam named Statesman of Year

SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

The Oregon Business Association named Oregon Representative Vic Gilliam as the 2016 Statesman of the Year on Oct. 20 at its annual dinner held at the Oregon Convention Center. The Statesman Dinner brings together business, civic and elected leaders from around the state. Rep. Gilliam has served District 18 since 2007. The following is an excerpt

from Gilliam's prepared remarks at the Statesman Dinner Thursday evening, which were read by his wife, Becky: My attraction to government and running for office started with fascination by boyhood stories of American presidents, pioneers and freedom fighters and receiving an award for reading every American History biography in my elementary school library. At Franklin High School and also at Warner Pacific College, I

ran and lost several class elections. Finally, I actually won the election for Student Body President at Warner Pacific College. One year after graduation, I was fortunate to land on the DC staff of Oregon's Greatest Statesman - Mark O. Hatfield. Senator Hatfield was the official host for the Reagan Inaugural in 1981. My staff assignment that day was to assist Gerry Frank hosting the entire in-coming Reagan

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