

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for success of Rock the Casino

The Silverton Senior Center would like to acknowledge and publicly thank the following businesses, organizations, individuals merchants who all contributed to the success of the fourth annual Rock the Casino fundraising event for the Silverton Senior Center.

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Thanks also to the Activity Fundraising Committee Members who made Rock the Casino possible.
Dodie Brockamp,
Executive Director, Silverton Senior Center



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Highland Laboratories executive team, clockwise from bottom left: Robert Ugianskis, CEO; John Mills, Director Of Quality and Compliance; Michael Carlson, COO; Keith Gregory, CFO; Catherine Douglas, Marketing Director.

Highland Laboratories outlines plans for growth

LEE CLARKSON
STATESMAN JOURNAL

Highland Laboratories, a Mt. Angel-based contract and private label vitamin and supplement manufacturer, announced the one-year mark of CEO Robert Ugianskis' tenure and outlined growth plans in a

news release.

Ugianskis said in the release that Highland is adding shifts, expanding capacity, and appointing strong individuals in key leadership positions. He said that growth is occurring as Highland utilizes experienced leadership along with the ideas of new executive staff.

COO Michael Carlson and Director of Quality and Compliance John Mills combine to boast 36 years of experience at Highland. CFO Keith Gregory and Marketing Manager Catherine Douglas joined Highland earlier this year.

Highland has seen a 133 percent increase in

net earnings year over year, and recently added a second shift in manufacturing.

"I'm excited to continue my leadership at Highland Laboratories," Ugianskis said. "This is a great time in our company and we're looking forward to continuing today's success."

Best eclipse campsites booked in record time

ZACH URNESS
STATESMAN JOURNAL

It didn't take long for campsites with the best views of next summer's solar eclipse to get snapped up.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department opened a special period for reserving campsites within the "path of totality" — sites with a full view of the once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon — at 12:01 a.m. Nov. 17.

In less than an hour, every campsite, yurt and cabin was reserved, according to OPRD's Twit-

ter feed.

However, there are some campsites just outside the "path of totality" that remain open for reservation, the state agency said in a news release.

To make a reservation, visitors can go to oregonstateparks.org, navigate to a park, and click the "Reserve Online" button. Parks just outside the path of totality (<http://bit.ly/OregonStateParkEclipseMap>) will experience a partial eclipse.

The eclipse will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 21, 2017, OPRD said. The 60-mile wide

path of totality — when the moon completely blocks the sun — will last for about two minutes starting at 10:15 a.m. on the coast between Newport and Lincoln City. The path of totality then sweeps through Oregon, including across Salem, across the Cascades and into Central Oregon.

As of 11 a.m. Nov. 17, reservable sites in the zone of a partial eclipse are available at these parks:

COAST
 Nehalem Bay State Park, Tillamook County
 Cape Lookout State

Park, Tillamook County
 Jessie M. Honeyman Memorial State Park, Lane County

PORTLAND/GORGE
 L.L. Stub Stewart Memorial State Park, Washington County

Deschutes River State Recreation Area, Sherman County

Memaloose State Park, Wasco County

Viento State Park, Hood River County

EASTERN/CENTRAL OREGON
 Lake Owyhee State Park, Malheur County
 Wallowa Lake State Park, Wallowa County

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each come up with something they'd like to measure at 90,000 feet and design some kind of device to measure it," Bay said.

Students might choose to measure particulates in the air — or something else entirely, Perttu said. The winning school's device would then be included in the collection of instruments that goes up with the balloon next August.

Second-place and runner-up finishers may get to see their projects in action too, because the high

school team will launch a test balloon.

"It will be exciting to see what different elementary and middle school teachers feel like they could do with their schools," said Perttu, who said she and Bay are also trying to craft a unit study for teachers interesting in studying the eclipse in-depth.

Getting that test balloon into the air is the high school team's main focus now. Most other teams have launched their balloons already, as Silverton joined the project late. Oregon's only other high school team on the national project, North Medford, conducted their test

in April.

It was parent Rick Krause, who works for Oregon Institute of Technology as a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning coordinator, who brought this NASA research opportunity to Silverton High staff's attention. Six to 12 months after other teams had been selected, he helped Silverton sign up and land one of NASA's "extra" equipment kits, valued at \$8,000.

"He volunteered us, and, as soon as we heard about it, with knew, 'Yeah, this is definitely something we want to do,'" Helms said.

CRIME LOG

SILVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Received calls from Nov. 7 to 13.

Nov. 9

Motor vehicle accident, 6 a.m., Grant St. and Western Ave.

Nov. 10

Motor vehicle accident, 5:05 p.m., 4300 Silver Falls Drive NE.

Silverton brewery offering special Thanksgiving meal

GORDON FRIEDMAN
STATESMAN JOURNAL

For the fifth year in a row, Seven Brides Brewing in Silverton will open its taproom for a donations-optional Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 3:30 p.m.

The dinner is open to all, but meant to help feed the hungry and raise money for local charities, said brewery co-owner Jeff DeSantis, 48. Some are able to donate in exchange for the meal, while others have hit hard times or are unable to cook for themselves, he said. Regardless, they're welcome to come and eat.

"We'd love to have them," said DeSantis, a Silverton native. He's run the brewery with his busi-

ness partner Josiah Kelly since 2008.

He said the event draws up to 200 families and he expects a full house this year.

And although the taproom usually maintains a casual vibe, the Thanksgiving dinner will see it classed up a bit, DeSantis said.

"It's a sit down dinner," he said. "We dress up the tap room. All the tables will have linens on them."

Diners will be treated to standard Thanksgiving fare — turkey, spiral cut ham, vegetables, mashed potatoes and gravy — and may leave a donation if they are able. The proceeds are split between the After School Activities Program and Silverton Area Community Aid,

two local nonprofits.

The event will raise \$2,400 in a good year, DeSantis said.

He said the dinner would be impossible without the generosity of local vendors. Roth's Fresh Markets donates turkey and potatoes. BrucePAC Meat Products gives hams. Franz provides bread.

The taproom staff also play a crucial role. DeSantis said his crew donates their time for the event. It's only afterward that they sit down for their own Thanksgiving meals — but with a smile after having served so many, DeSantis said.

"It's become a day of service," he said. "It's very much a family affair."

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