

**OBITUARY**

**Trienka Meyer**

March 27, 1940 — Nov. 17, 2016

Trienka was born and raised in Siegerswoude, The Netherlands. She was the oldest daughter of four children born to Hendrik and Cornelia Hoekstra. She received her college degree in education, working with mentally challenged children.

Trienka and her husband Will were married in 1961, and immigrated with their children to Lakewood, California, in 1966, before moving to Silverton in 1978. For over 30 years, Trienka and Will opened their home to care for foster children.

She later received her real estate license and spent several years helping others find their perfect home. Trienka enjoyed many outdoor activities and traveling to Arizona with Will during the winter months. She also enjoyed painting, sewing, gardening and reading. The last few years, Trienka kept herself busy remodeling her home and becoming a master gardener. She loved spending time with her family and attending her grandchildren's activities. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and she will be dearly missed.

She is survived by children Corry Meyer-Hollingsworth of Bend, Willy and Dori Meyer of Silverton, and Hank and Caroline Meyer of Silverton; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and siblings Ieka Hoekstra, Sonja Boonstra and Jolanda Hoekstra of The Netherlands. She was preceded in death by her husband, Will, and her parents.

Trienka's beloved dog, Parker, had been her constant companion since losing Will; the two of them were inseparable.

A private burial was held on Nov. 22 with a Celebration of Life service at the Silverton Assembly of God Church.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - Memorial Donation, 700 SW Hampton Street, Suite 101, Portland OR 97223.



MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/SPECIAL TO THE STATESMAN JOURNAL

Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Barber gave motorists pies instead of tickets.

# Deputy gives pies instead of tickets

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Some drivers recently pulled over in the vicinity of Sublimity were in for a sweet treat from a Pratum area farm-stand treat instead of a ticket.

During the course of an hour, Marion County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Barber pulled over 10 drivers for minor traffic violations and started his typical conversation with drivers by saying, "Good afternoon, I'm Deputy Barber."

Barber explained to each driver why they were pulled over and said their fine would be a "nice round figure."

He returned from his patrol car, with the driver's license and insurance information in hand, and a fresh Willamette Valley Fruit Company pie underneath his arm instead of a citation.

"I had one driver break into tears. I couldn't believe it," Barber said in a statement released by the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

An anonymous donor approached

Barber personally, asking that the 10 pies be donated to drivers stopped for traffic violations.

"What a creative way to impact our residents and perhaps change a behavior that makes our roads a safer place to travel for our residents and visitors," Barber said.

Barber is a deputy assigned to the city of Sublimity, which contracts law enforcement services with Marion County Sheriff's Office. He has been a police officer for more than 19 years.

# Third straight year that more students becoming homeless

NATALIE PATE  
STATESMAN JOURNAL

For the third year in a row, Oregon's population of homeless students is up from the previous year, reaching a level now exceeding that seen during the recession.

New data collected by the Oregon Department of Education shows 21,340 students, or 3.7 percent of the public school's population, "lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence."

That 3.7 percent refers to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Another 1,929 children in pre-K programs also fall under this definition.

Salem specifically saw high numbers of students experiencing homelessness, with 1,120 students in Salem-Keizer Public Schools experiencing homelessness for part of the 2015-16 school year, according to the data.

In the Salem-Keizer School District, about 61 percent of the nearly 42,000 students in the district are considered to be living in poverty as of October 2016. This percentage is up from 58 percent the same time last year.

While some of the largest school districts in the state, including Salem-Keizer, had the highest numbers of homeless students, the impact is also felt in rural areas.

A number of factors influence rural school students differently, including higher unemployment rates, lack of family-wage jobs and not enough affordable housing in rural areas.

"We know that students dealing with

## Homeless student count

District, Number, Percentage of Enrollment

- » Central, 81 students, 2.49 percent
- » Dallas, 60 students, 1.82 percent
- » Falls City, 35 students, 19.66 percent
- » Gervais, 71 students, 6.65 percent
- » Jefferson, 59 students, 6.61 percent
- » North Marion, 21 students, 1.06 percent
- » North Santiam, 69 students, 3.01 percent
- » Salem-Keizer, 1,120 students, 2.73 percent
- » Silver Falls, 93 students, 2.42 percent
- » Woodburn, 210 students, 3.67 percent

difficult life circumstances have a much harder time in the classroom," Deputy Superintendent Salam Noor said in a statement.

"Our goal is to make the school environment as stable as possible for homeless students through the hard work of school district homeless liaisons and their partners, who provide direct services to homeless families and youths in communities throughout the state," he said.

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## CRIME LOG

### SILVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Received calls from Nov. 14 to 20.

### Nov. 16

Motor vehicle accident, 7:22 a.m., W

Main St. and South St.

Motor vehicle accident, 1:32 p.m., Church St. and Oak St.

Motor vehicle accident, 3:16 p.m., 600 McClaine St.

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## Getting a daily dose of independence

How our nurses are helping kids in school

Gavin Wernette, 10, is an active boy with Type 1 diabetes, testing his blood sugars and injecting himself several times a day.

"It's not easy," Gavin says. However, he receives daily help from a Legacy Silverton Medical Center nurse who works at local schools. "She makes me feel happy and has helped me become more independent," Gavin says.

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