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those watching cable channel 15, SCAN-TV.

Real-world experience is the promise and practical outcome for dozens of Silverton High students who work for Silverton's community access channel. In a small town with no commercial TV news stations of its own, SCAN-TV gives teenagers the jobs reserved for adults in many other communities.

Of the nine community media centers in the Willamette Valley – CCTV in Salem perhaps being the most well known – SCAN-TV boasts a unique level of integration with a high school. It employs a cadre of teenagers who cover games, concerts, plays, city council meeting, traveling onsite to make recordings, editing in the lab and broadcast live.

“Our kids are getting some of the experiences that they would get in a professional environment,” said Drew Hinds, new technology director for Silver Falls School District. “We try to bring a student along on every project.”

“We try to get to know every student, and once we know what they want to do, we try to help them do it,” said Abby Bennett, SCAN-TV’s multimedia assistant and a Silverton alumna.

You can’t dig very far into SCAN-TV’s history without running into Gary Marshall, who retired as the district’s technology director last summer. An educator, entrepreneur and father of 11, Marshall was hired away from Woodburn 20 years ago to coordinate technology for the newly unified Silver Falls School District.

“I started with a folding table and a laptop computer,” Marshall said. “They were looking for someone who could get the networks and emails set up.”

Marshall immediately started bringing high school students on board to repair computers and learn tech work, just as he’d done in Woodburn. His efforts grew to become what’s now known as the TAP, or Technology Assistant Program, where high school students earn class credit while fixing computers and network issues in the district’s 13 schools. His son, Daniel, now graduated, manages the program’s help desk, pairing students with ticket items they’re qualified to fix.

“I have always enjoyed kids, so it’s natural for me to want to bring kids on board,” Marshall said.

In 2005, Marshall had another idea for hands-on technology training: Silverton’s local TV station. Nationwide, public access TV was created almost 40 years ago in FCC rulemaking. Since then, the laws have changed; now each city decides whether to use some of the franchise fees it collects for public access programming or for general expenses.

Silverton opted for public access programming. For years, Silverton Together operated SCAN-TV out of the community center. It covered city council meetings with one static camera and often broadcast a bulletin slideshow. Marshall couldn’t help but wonder how a handful of trained, committed teenagers could breath new life into the programming.

“I told the City of Silverton, ‘What I’ve done with students with computers, I can do with video,’” Marshall said.

City leaders finally agreed; they made a \$20,000 contribution for new equipment and allowed SCAN-TV to be moved from the community center to the high school. From there, Marshall developed a training program and staff where



Junior Aidan Cook and Abby Bennett prepare to broadcast the Foxes’ home game against Central High School.

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Junior Gabe Thompson works for SCAN-TV in the stands.

students could work for the station, earning class credit or, if the work occurred after school hours, minimum wage.

Funding comes from the city, high school, technology funds and income from selling DVDs of a variety of events. Eight adults and two part-time employees who are high schoolers – Jessica Lundquist and Matthew McWhorter – keep the technology department and the

TV station running, and train the students taking TAP or SCAN-TV as a class or doing their work for pay.

“We work shoulder-to-shoulder with them,” Bennett said. And it’s true. The 23-year-old can often be found after hours, teaching high school staff to run cameras and equipment wherever they’re working. In her first six months on the job, she’s managed to train stu-

dents like Aidan Cook to set up all for a game – one of the most complex recording jobs – on their own.

“It’s an inductive learning environment ... we are dealing with problem-solving scenarios every day,” Hinds said.

The whole technology wing of the high school building was designed around this kind of collaborative learning. Marshall made specific requests about the space’s layout, including clear views from his – now Hinds’ – office into the student computer lab and TV studio and common area. Mixing students with the tech department’s daily work was never far from his mind.

“The jobs they are doing are very real. This kind of work is everywhere. You need someone to video, and you need someone to edit ... I’ve had a number of students go get good jobs after working here.”

Bennett, 23, is one of the success stories. After serving as SCAN-TV program manager, the job now held by Lundquist, she graduated and eventually took a job doing marketing for an investment firm in Salem, working there until Marshall recruited her back to oversee all the students who do the station’s day-to-day work.

“She’s naturally gifted at organization kids,” Marshall said. “I knew she’d be perfect for the job.”

SCAN-TV offers small-group learning to students who decide to take the class, which is offered every period of every day. Often Bennett can be found working one-on-one with a student, figuring out how to do something in Premier, video editing software, or any of the other programs in Adobe Creative Cloud’s lineup. Students have access to four digital video cameras, the TriCaster and a full recording studio, depending on their interest and skill level.

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Notice of Preliminary Determination for Water Right Transfer T-12232

T-12232 filed by Kara Hartson Pilcher Revocable Living Trust or Gregory Eugene Pilcher Revocable Living Trust, PO Box 1680, Silverton, OR 97381, proposes a change in character of use under Certificate 31501 and a change in point of diversion, place of use and character of use under Certificate 31503. Certificate 31501 allows the storage of 38.7 acre feet from an unnamed stream in Sec. 23, T7S, R1W, WM for storage for fish culture in Sects. 23 and 24. The applicant proposes to change the character of use to multi-purpose storage. Certificate 31503 allows the use of 38.7 acre feet from the reservoir in Sects. 23 and 24, T7S, R1W, WM for fish culture in Sects. 23 and 24. The applicant proposes to move the point of diversion within Sects. 23 and 24, T7S, R1W, WM, to change the place of use within Sects. 23 and 24, T7S, R1W, WM, and to change the character of use to irrigation. The Water Resources Department proposes to approve the transfer, based on the requirements of ORS Chapter 540 and OAR 690-380-5000.

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jail and three years of probation, the conditions of which included orders to have no contact with minors, undergo sex offender treatments and stay away from areas frequented by children.

He was undergoing sex offender treatment the same time he was sexually abusing the teen, according to court records.

“As a youth pastor, he was in a position of authority, which he leveraged to manipulate this victim into the inappropriate relationship,” Deputy District Attorney Brendan Murphy wrote in a sentencing memorandum.

He also pointed to allegations of non-consensual sex and the extended time period of the abuse.

“Despite having over two years to reflect on the fact he was married, a father and leader within his church, (Stutzman) continued to engage in repeated escapades with a minor girl,” he wrote.

The website for the Silverton-based A.C.T.S. Ministry listed Stutzman as one of the church’s leaders. The ministry’s Facebook page promoted teen-oriented events such as hikes at Silver Falls, concerts and outreach in downtown Portland.

His proximity to teens concerned some local parents, who recalled evening trips to Portland and late-night excursions their teens had attended with Stutzman.

Following his arrest, Stutzman was taken to Marion County jail and held on \$100,000 bail. He was released on bail July 5.

In a notice filed in Marion County, Murphy stated Stutzman had shown a disregard for laws, violated public trust and his incarceration was necessary for public safety.

Stutzman pleaded guilty to all 10 counts on Friday. In addition to his prison term, Stutzman was sentenced to three years of post-prison supervision and ordered to register as a sex offender.

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