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CREEKSIDE CHAT

Charter school, church, park updates

JUSTIN MUCH

Serving an average of about 15 students per grade, Bethany Charter School provides an appealing option to scores of families with students in the Silver Falls School District.

Central to the school's vitality is its annual auction.

Bethany boosters **Ashley West** and **Angela Rose** stopped by Silver Creek Coffee House on Wednesday, April 5, for a Creekside Chat and discussion about that upcoming auction.

The school receives 80 percent of its funding through the sponsoring SFSD, but the balance comes through funding efforts of school advocates. Ashley and Angela noted that outside support is critical for meeting goals focused on natural sciences and technology, enriched

with art, physical education and music delivered holistically in a small-school atmosphere.

Much of that crucial funding comes through the auction, which will be held 5 p.m. Saturday, April 22, at Gallon House Farms, a rustic venue setting on the Silverton side of the area's scenic covered bridge.

That setting is new to the auction, and a gem, as Angela reflected on its "water view out the door with an island."

The auction cost is \$10 and includes a catered prime-rib, chicken or veggie dinner, an alcoholic beverage and, of course, the opportunity to bid on some choice items, including Disneyland hopper tickets, wine tasting outings and various contributions provided by school supporters.

"We'll take donations up until the day before the event, as long as we can get

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THE OREGON GARDEN



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There's plenty to see and do in the Children's Garden at The Oregon Garden.

WILD ABOUT EARTH DAY

Garden to host celebration of environment

ANNETTE UTZ

SPECIAL TO THE STAYTON MAIL

After witnessing the devastation of a massive 1969 oil spill in Santa Barbara, California, Sen. Gaylord Nelson promoted the idea of a "national teach-in on the environment." The chosen date was April 22, 1970, which became known as Earth Day.

To commemorate the 47th anniversary of this occasion and in tribute to all the benefits of caring for the planet, The Oregon Garden will hold an Earth Day Celebration presented by Marion County from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 22. This year's theme is "Wild About Earth Day."

The mission of The Oregon Garden is to "welcome and inspire all visitors with an appreciation for the extraordinary ecology of the Pacific Northwest, and to provide a meaningful educational experience for gardeners of all skill levels and ages."

With this in mind, there will be a variety of opportunities to keep guests informed and entertained. To



Hands-on activities make learning fun at The Oregon Garden.

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Silverton council to select 7th member

CHRISTENA BROOKS

SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

Silverton's six city councilors will choose a seventh member from a trio of finalists after interviews this month.

William Martin, Jaime Fuhrman and Brandi Leos are the council's top picks so far to fill the empty seat. Former Councilor Kyle Palmer left the position in March to accept a mayoral appointment in the wake of Rick Lewis' departure for the Oregon State Legislature.

After receiving the most votes from councilors of the eight applicants considered on April 3, Martin, Fuhrman and Leos will answer councilors' questions in a public meeting April 17.

The final selection is scheduled for that same meeting. The new councilor will serve the remainder of the term — through December of 2018.

Martin, 25, has lived in Silverton since he was 5 and is a graduate of Silverton High School and Chemeketa Community College's associate's degree program. He works for Columbia Helicopters in Aurora and received leadership training through the Ford Family Foundation's community leadership development program.

Fuhrman, a 10-year resident, is the lead administrator for the Facebook group Silverton Connections, a volunteer on the city park mosaic project and a founder of Silverton's warming shelter. Originally from Montana and Idaho, her professional background is in public information and risk communication. She has a master's degree in public administration from Boise State University.

Leos, a 3-year Silverton resident, works in Tigard as a human resources professional assigned to police and public works. She's worked in human resources for a decade, for Tigard and Marion and Clackamas counties. She has a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix.

The remaining five applicants for the council position, who won't advance in the process, are Norm English, Jacob Clotfelter, Christopher Cooper, Andrew Martin and Stu Rasmussen.

"I applaud everybody who has shown interest in this position," Palmer said. "This speaks loudly and strongly to the commitment our town has to the city council and this process."

Councilors Laurie Carter, Jason Freilinger and Jim Sears followed his comments by encouraging applicants to consider serving on one of Silverton's committees. Currently, there are openings on the Environmental Management and on the Historic Preservation committees. City Manager Christy Wurster said Silverton will soon reconvene its pool task force and may need additional committee members for it.

Man arrested on 5 sex abuse charges

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A Scotts Mills man was arrested April 4 on suspicion of sexually abusing a girl under the age of 12.

Nathan Allen Lake, 34, was held on charges of first-degree sexual abuse, two counts of first-degree

sodomy and two counts of first-degree unlawful sexual penetration. According to an information statement filed in Marion County, Lake allegedly subjected the girl to deviate sexual intercourse and sexually abused her multiple times between 2013 and 2015. Lake was previously convicted in

2015 of contempt of court for violating a restraining order. First-degree sexual abuse, first-degree sodomy and first-degree unlawful sexual penetration are Measure 11 offenses requiring mandatory minimum sentences. Sodomy and unlawful sexual penetration carry a minimum sentence of eight

years and four months in prison. First-degree sexual abuse requires a sentence of six years and three months.

Following his arrest, Lake was taken to Marion County jail and held without bail. He was scheduled to appear April 4 at 3 p.m. for arraignment.

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