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City council selects seventh member

Rhett Martin, 25, says he looks forward to providing a young, fresh perspective

CHRISTENA BROOKS
SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

A 25-year-old Silverton native is now the seventh member of the City Council, appointed by the other six councilors at a special meeting last month.

William "Rhett" Martin was selected from among three finalists interviewed by the council on April 17 to fill the seat vacated in a series of surprise appointments earlier this year. The shakeup began with the departure of former Mayor Rick Lewis to the Oregon State Legislature and followed with the appointment of former Councilor Kyle Palmer as new mayor.

This left Palmer's seat empty, and the council immediately advertised it to applicants from the community. Eight ap-

plied, three remained after the first round of interviews, and Martin was selected after the second round. Martin received the highest total ranking by one point.

Martin attended school in Silverton and graduated from Silverton High School. He went on to attend Chemeketa Community College and now works for Columbia Helicopters in Aurora.

"I am truly honored and excited to have received this opportunity," Martin said. "My biggest motivation for applying was the fact that the younger population in our community has been entirely unrepresented at the city council level. With that, I'm looking forward to learning as much as possible and offering that fresh and young perspective on our community's most important matters."



COURTESY OF CITY OF SILVERTON

Silverton City Council members Jim Sears, from left, Matt Plummer, Dana Smith, Kyle Palmer, Laurie Carter, Jason Freiling and Rhett Martin.

CREEKSIDE CHAT



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Donna Bates, left, and Dodie Brockamp visited the Creekside Chat on May 3 to share updates on Silverton Seniors news.

Bright happenings

SSC expanding; cartoon contest returns



JUSTIN MUCH

When Wednesday morning, May 3, arrived, more than 200 days had passed since Mid-Willamette Valley temperatures had reached into the 70s.

Kathie Dello, an associate director with Oregon Climate Service through Oregon State University confirmed that airport data showed 206 consecutive days since a maximum temperature equaled or exceeded 70 degrees.

But with the promise of that string being broken – shattered really, as the thermometers reached up into

low 80s that day -- a lively midday atmosphere resonated from Silver Creek Coffee House clientele as folks filtered through to sip, mingle and muse over the prospects of fairer weather in the works.

Several of those optimists also stopped by the Creekside Chat to discuss other bright happenings in the area that are not necessarily contingent on weather conditions.

Dodie Brockamp brought updates on Silverton Senior Center developments, while her associate **Donna Bates** discussed related tidbits on the center's Thrift Shop.

Gus Frederick also stopped in and beamed about the newly formatted Homer Davenport International Car-

toon Contest, which had been on hiatus for a couple of years while contest organizers polished it up for a "reboot" this year.

The big news from the Senior Center, delivered via the SSC Board and members, is that membership eligibility is now broader, extending to anyone age 50 and older. By the numbers, Dodie provided a statistic from city hall: there are 1,263 Silvertonians who are between the age of 50 and 60. That stat lends an idea of the potential scope of the enhanced demographics for which the center is now geared to serve.

With the broadened membership

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Vermont folk duo to play in valley

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STATESMAN JOURNAL

Internationally acclaimed Hungrytown stops in the valley for two all-ages free shows.

The Vermont acoustic duo features lyricist Rebecca Hall and her husband, producer and multi-instrumentalist Ken Anderson.

The duo got its start in folk music after a close friend who died passed down a collection of 1960s folk albums and a guitar. Hall, inspired by these tunes that expressed grit and true-to-life experience, began writing down her own thoughts, which eventually became two solo albums. Since then, Hall and Anderson have released three albums together, "Hungrytown" in 2008, "Any Forgotten Thing" in 2011 and "Further West" in 2015, and toured extensively throughout North America, Europe and New Zealand. The duo's songs and music also have appeared on a number of shows including "Portlandia," Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" and Netflix's "Lady Dynamite," as well as at sporting events ranging from NASCAR to Hockey Night in Canada.

The duo will perform 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Silver Falls Library, 410 South Water St., in Silverton, and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in Loucks Auditorium at Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE in Salem.

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COURTESY OF HUNGRYTOWN

Vermont acoustic duo Hungrytown stops in the valley for two free shows.

Silverton Health to host 34th Fun Run

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The 34th annual Silverton Health Fun Run is set for Saturday, May 13 at Silverton Hospital, 342 Fairview St.

The event begins with a one-mile run for kids 10

and under starting at 8 a.m.

A 5K run/walk that tours the city of Silverton will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Pre- or post-run snacks will be available from 7:30 to 10 a.m. and post-race activities will be highlighted by sponsor booths

and the presentation of individual awards for the fastest times in each age group.

Both the one-mile kids course and 5K course will start and finish in front of the Silverton Hospital main entrance.

The race costs \$20 with

a shirt prior to race day, or \$15 without a shirt. The cost increases \$5 on race day.

More information about the event can be found at silvertonhealth.org/funrun or by calling 503-873-1786.

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