

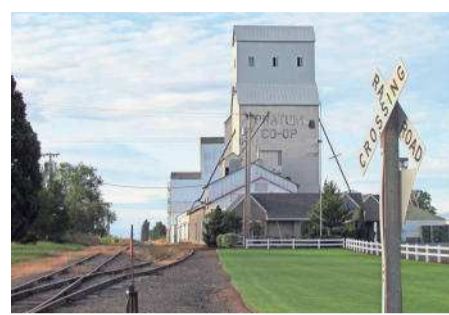
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Area could see restored rail service



JUSTIN MUCH / STAYTON MAIL

Pratum Co-op is among the businesses that have been without Willamette Valley Railway service since early 2012, even though the co-op and its spur are on sturdy tracks well north of where inclement weather compromised the rail.

JUSTIN MUCH
STAYTON MAIL

The railway infrastructure that connects much of the eastern region of the Mid-Willamette Valley is getting some attention, and that could potentially lead to an additional economic feature for places like Stayton and Silverton.

Oregon Shipping Group representatives Kevin Mannix and Connor Harrington addressed Stayton City Council on Monday, June 5, and followed up the next day meeting with Silverton Mayor Kyle Palmer, City Manager Christy Wurster and Public Works Director Christian Saxe to impart the group's earnest interest seeing the rail return to full working capacity.

Palmer called the meeting "intriguing" with all the possibilities that could emerge with a full working rail service.

The rail line has seen limited use south of Mt. Angel over the past half decade. Inclement weather compromised the tracks south of Macleay in early 2012, and in the years prior to that rail shipping tapered off in the Aumsville and Stayton area due an economic downturn. That, in turn, diminished the feasibility of sending an engine south.

In 2014, a variety of interested parties met in Silverton to discuss the rail and its future, including Stayton City Manager Keith Campbell who noted that the city regards the line as an economic asset.

Oregon Shipping Group concurs. Harrington, the group's deputy direc-

tor, described Oregon Shipping Group as a coalition of about 40 Oregon businesses engaged in importing and/or exporting.

"As part of its advocacy efforts, the Oregon Shipping Group supports better utilization of Oregon railroads, including short lines such as the Willamette Valley Railway, to move freight safely, efficiently, predictably, reliably and cost-effectively," Harrington said.

Oregon Shipping Group's website lists a number of trade-enhancing objectives, such as legislative lobbying to establishing stronger port shipping capabilities in the Columbia River and Coos Bay and evaluating container shipping prospects in Newport.

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SILVERTON HIGH SCHOOL



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Kadin Brodahl and Caitlin Keating embrace during the commencement ceremony on Thursday at Silverton High School.

CLASS OF 2017



Graduates Colin Walker and Catyana Montiel hold hands before the commencement ceremony on Thursday at Silverton High School.

Celebrating graduates

For a complete list of Silverton High School graduates, see page 3A.



Graduates make their entrance during the commencement ceremony.

Oregon Garden Brewfest returns

BROOKE JACKSON-GLIDDEN
STATESMAN JOURNAL

Starting Friday, Silverton's floral wonderland will yet again become a literal beer garden.

The Oregon Garden Brewfest is back, with 60 breweries, an artisan market and a fun run.

"It's our first year doing anything like (a fun run) in the garden," said Sara Hammond, regional marketing director for The Oregon Garden. "What more beautiful a location than to run inside the garden?"

The Sunday event lineup is designed to be family friendly: The fun run, kids games and crafts, live music and more make for a fun Father's Day. Those looking for a bit of a party should visit Friday and Saturday evening for 21-and-older fun.

What's new this year?

Get physical: The 5K fun run remains completely within The Oregon Garden, where runners will jog past some of the garden's 60,000 flowers planted each year. Once guests pass the finish line, everyone wins a free glass of beer or soda, as well as a T-shirt. The race begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Registration costs \$25 for adults 21 and older, \$20 for ages 12 to 20 and \$10 for ages 5 to 11.

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The Oregon Garden Brewfest takes place 3 to 11 p.m. Friday, noon to 11 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

CREEKSIDE CHAT

Check out 'The House That Beer Built'



JUSTIN MUCH

Anyone who enjoys a pint of beer and equally enjoys trying new dining establish-

ments – and I'm guessing there are more than a few of you out there -- you might want to look into "The House That Beer Built."

Follow me on this, because it's a good cause that helps North Willamette Valley Habitat for

Humanity and, frankly, a pretty nice deal: It costs \$25, involves 25 locations and provides for 25 pints of beer, one at each location.

NWV Habitat is selling \$25 passports, each establishment is on the card. At each one, passport hold-

ers get one pint of beer, provided by the establishment. Fifteen of those are located in Silverton and Mt. Angel, but there are also stops in Aurora, Colton, Canby, Molalla, Oregon

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