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cal cartoonist, in Historic Silverton. And such a celebration would be naked without a political cartoon contest."

## Farmers Market acts

Closer at hand are a couple of popular entertainment gigs scheduled for the Silverton Farmers Market, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 14 at Town Hall Park.

Market Manager **Alysa Burgé** announced that Al Stark and the Other Guys will perform on July 8, while Tracey Reynolds will be performing July 22.

"Both bands are local but have notability in the valley and beyond, so we're excited to have them," Alyssa said.

For market information, visit [www.silvertonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.silvertonfarmersmarket.org).

## Thespian activity at the library

**Dena Chaffin** conveyed that the Silver Falls



Gus Frederick is pleased to reveal that the Homer Davenport International Cartoon Contest is back, and bigger than ever.

Public Library offers a free Wednesday afternoon activity geared to the actor within and tailored for summertime activity.

Youth Improv is billed by the library as a "fun and easy way for interested or experienced young actors...to develop or enhance their skills."

"It's happening the first Wednesdays of the

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month from 5 to 6 p.m.," Dena said, stipulating that ages "11 and up are welcome to come."

The next one is July 5. Contact Dena, 503-873-7633, [dena.chaffin@ccrls.org](mailto:dena.chaffin@ccrls.org), for information.

Stay tuned to the library for another amusement the following day, 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 6, when top-tier juggler

Henrik Bothe visits.

Beyond his adroit juggling skills, Henrik is also known to deliver some great laughs. Get a glimpse of fun in store by watching his YouTube video:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8CvTy5sGnk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8CvTy5sGnk).

Learn more about happenings at Silverton's library at <http://silverfallslibrary.org>.

## Announcements and updates

A couple of recent events saw enough participation and enjoyment to warrant encores.

Last month **Jan Holowati** of Silverton Together gave us advanced details about Free Fish Day and the Silverton Garden Tours.

"We were very pleased with both our Free Fish Day and Silverton Garden Tour," Jan said Wednesday. "They went very well, and we are looking forward to doing them again next year."

Silverton Together is now working with the Silverton Senior Center and Kiwanis, formulating plans for the 25th Annual Community Picnic that takes place on Aug. 25 at Coolidge-McClaine Park

and Silverton Swimming Pool. We will hear more about as the summer unfolds.

**North Willamette Valley Habitat for Humanity's** fundraising passport for pints is going well, and Volunteer Coordinator **Cayla Catino** notes there are still passports available at <http://www.nwvhabitat.org/the-house-that-beer>

-built. A reminder, the campaign provides 25 pints at 25 locations in the east Mid-Willamette Valley for \$25.

Additionally, Cayla reminds all that GeerCrest is fixing for a special July event Hoedown & Silent Auction, 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 15, scheduled in conjunction with the farm's monthly dinner. Attend the event and enjoy musicians, farm-fresh food ranging from smoked meats to fresh veggies, games and crafts.

"It's a fun day on the farm," Cayla said.

Learn more at [www.GeerCrest.org](http://www.GeerCrest.org) or 503-873-3406.

**The next first First Friday** is July 7; head downtown from 7 to 9 p.m. for festivities.

## Supplies Drive

Jan also alerted us to the upcoming Apple Tree School Supplies Drive. More information on this will be shared next month, but in a nutshell this drive strives to ensure that roughly 1,000 Silver Falls School District students that find it difficult to afford the school supplies they need will get a little boost from the community.

Look for the "apple trees" appearing at area businesses, churches, organizations and the like in late July and early August to see how you can help.

Any questions Silverton Together activities can be answered at 503-873-0405 or <http://silvertontogether.org>.

## Next chat

**What:** Creekside Chat

**Where:** Silver Creek Coffee House, 111 Water St., Silverton

**When:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 5 (First and third Wednesdays)

**Questions and information:** Contact Justin Much, [jmuch@statesmanjournal.com](mailto:jmuch@statesmanjournal.com); cell 503-508-8157; or follow at [twitter.com/justinmuch](https://twitter.com/justinmuch)

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The body of a 13-year-old swimmer who drowned in the Little North Santiam River was recovered by responders June 18.

Kendall Alexander, of Tigard, went underwater and did not resurface at Elkhorn Valley Recreation Site northeast of Mehama, officials said.

Kendall, an eighth-grade student at Fowler Middle School, was swimming with friends when he was swept down river.

"I believe they were trying to cross to the opposite bank when he got caught," said Marion County Sheriff's Office spokesman Lt. Chris Baldrige.

Adults swimming with Kendall attempted to reach him but were unsuccessful, officials said.

The death marks the

# Police ID teen who drowned in Little North Santiam River



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"Waterfall Pool" is a swimming hole just off the Little North Santiam Trail. Water levels are higher and colder than normal for this time of year.

second drowning this spring in the Little North and the ninth at the river's swimming holes since 1999. Water levels are higher and colder than normal for this time of

year, following a wet and snowy winter and spring.

"The Sheriff's Office recommends that any person recreating in open water should be wearing a life vest," the Marion

County Sheriff's office said in a news release.

Officials were called to the campground around 4:15 p.m. June 18. Dive teams recovered the body later in the evening.

# River

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gerous than an average year."

On June 18 — the day Alexander drowned — the Little North was flowing at 580 cubic feet per second at the river gauge near Mehama. That's more than double the flow of the river a year ago and the highest on that date since 2008.

On the day Shing Yau drowned, May 22, the river was at 992 cfs, well above the average flow of 687 cfs on that date.

The Little North's high

flows have been fueled by recent rain and still-large mountain snowpack that's melting and sending cold water downstream.

River levels across the state remain high. The North Santiam's 2,890 cfs is well above the median (2,130 cfs) and the Willamette's 15,200 cfs in Salem is also higher than normal (11,200 cfs).

High water, of course, isn't the only peril. Baldrige emphasized that both might have been saved by wearing a life jacket.

"Sadly, both deaths were most likely preventable," he said. "Had they been wearing a life preserver, most likely they

would not have drowned."

**Note:** Visitors can check river levels on the U.S. Geological Survey website: <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/or/nwis/current?type=flow>. Look at the discharge (cfs) and compare it to the mean or median for a sense of whether the river is running high or not.

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## Little N. Santiam River flows near Mehama

**Cubic feet per second on June 18 at noon**

2017: 580

2016: 235

2015: 65.9

2014: 370

2013: 183

2012: 468

2011: 443

2010: 515

2009: 155

2008: 913

Source: U.S. Geological Survey

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