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ments are, in fact, one of the drawing points that helps maintain Silverton as a magnet for many visitors annually.

Meanwhile, a number of Silvertonians, such as Vince, **Norm English**, and **Jim Squires** make it their intention to ensure those artistic gems remain vivid and intact.

Vince and Norm both sat in during a Creekside Chat at Silver Creek Coffee House on Wednesday, July 19, to discuss the murals and efforts overseeing their upkeep.

A couple hundred yards west on Water Street, **Tonya Smithburg** and **Kali Dirks** were busy working on one of Silverton's oldest murals, Mammoth, which along with The Oregon Trail on the west side of Bethany Market is among the oldest murals within the society's keep – 1992.

"Tonya has been touching up murals for five or six years now; she's quite a talented artist," Norm said on a walk down to the site. "Kali has been helping her for about a year and is learning quite a bit from her."

Vince added: "She's (Tonya) very exacting about what she does; a perfectionist – We're blessed to have her."

"Kali started off last year working with her and has gotten better as we go along," he added.

Nuances in the touch-up are many, Vince explained, right down to the stroke



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Vince Till, left, and Norm English from the Silverton Mural Society visit the Creekside Chat on Wednesday, July 19, at Silver Creek Coffee House.

of the original artist who painted the mural: if the artist was left handed, for example, the touch-up stroke has to be executed left-handedly as well.

What makes Silverton's murals stand out — and why like Chemainus they have become points of interest and a draw by themselves — is the maintenance.

"Silverton's murals have a maintenance plan; that's why they look so good," Vince said, juxtaposing them to other murals that may after a half decade or so "look like something the cat drug in."

He noted that maintenance begins the day after the artist puts down the brush, and involves inspections, cleaning, and touching up. Norm stressed the latter requires a tight window during summer weather days, and within that window the days cannot be too warm.

Upkeep costs the society between

\$10k and \$12k annually.

There are also a number of volunteer tasks involved; Vince cited as an example Robert Case, who puts flags up on the Four Freedoms, the 9/11 and the Veterans murals and assists with washing and scaffolding tasks.

Some value delivered from mural-upkeep efforts is obvious at sight. Other value, such as how that appeal is inviting to visitors or how it enriches city surroundings, may actually become more vivid via juxtaposition; drive around Silverton a bit, then take a cruise down Lancaster Drive in Salem — you'll get the picture.

The society always welcomes help in the line of volunteers or finances. Anyone wishing to chip in should contact: Vince at 503-873-6572; Silverton Mural Society, P.O. Box 880, Silverton 97381; Norm, 503-874-8101, (cell) 503-930-7074 or normengl@msn.com.

Tidbits

Silverton Senior Center

Dodie Brockamp highlighted a number of August events at the Silverton Senior Center, including a Tuesday, Aug. 1, day trip to the Oregon Zoo and an Aug. 19 trip to Spirit Mountain Casino.

The balance of the month features an active senior center slate with quilting, gardening, pancake breakfasts, raffles, grief support, Alzheimer's support, blood pressure checks and the Aug. 25 Celebrate Families Community Picnic in the city park.

For information and details, visit <http://silvertonseniorcenter.org> or call 503-873-3093

ASAP

Next chat

What: Creekside Chat

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

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2 (First and third Wednesdays)

Questions and information: Contact Justin Much, jmuch@StatesmanJournal.com; cell 503-508-8157; or follow at twitter.com/justinmuch

Sue Roessler announced that Ben Rue will be returning again for a fundraising concert supporting Silverton's After School Activities Program.

The concert is 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Vanderbeck Valley Farm, 37791 Highway 213, Mt. Angel, or about 5 miles out of Silverton (If you reach Butte Creek School you have gone too far).

The bluegrass and pop local group Timothy James Band, will open for Ben. Tickets are \$50 for general seating and \$75 for reserved seats. There are also sponsorship opportunities available.

Also on hand will be food vendors, El Caporal and the Spud Bus; local beer and wine vendors, along with other refreshments; proceeds benefit ASAP middle school students.

Information or tickets are available online at benrueasapbenefitconcert.eventbrite.com or via mail at ASAP c/o Immanuel Lutheran Church at 303 N Church Street, Silverton, OR 97381 or check out ASAP on Facebook.



MT. ANGEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The fire truck arrives at the Mt. Angel National Night Out.

Night

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the officers who work in their town.

"Getting to know your neighbors is very important in respect to safety awareness. Neighbors are a great resource and have a vital interest in keeping their neighborhoods safe. Getting to know the officers who work in their town is essential as it eliminates any fear children may have in regards to officers and it allows people to see officers as both their neighbors and the people who protect and serve."

For residents of Scotts Mills and the surrounding area, National Night Out takes on a special meaning.

"This is an important night for us," Scotts Mills Neighborhood Watch & Citizen Patrol President Raleen Hockenberry said. "We've had an active neighborhood watch and patrol for over 50 years and our relationship with the Marion County Sheriff's Office goes back to 1984. Our program extends into the rural areas as far as 10 miles; it's not just a block or two in town. According to the Sheriff's Office, we have the most active watch in the valley."

"I try to instill in our

volunteers that Neighborhood Watch is a lifestyle and we're all involved."

"All involved" points to adults and children alike and National Night Out includes both groups.

"Kids are always the most fun and enjoyable. They just have that great outlook on life that all is good and exciting. You never get tired of that," Carriger said.

Wetzel added that the police department hands out sticker badges and are always talking with the children who come out.

"This once again creates a sense of comfort and familiarity if they meet us in their day-to-day lives," she said. "Plus, the fire department comes out with their big trucks, which is very exciting for the children. That and McGruff the crime dog."

Events

Silverton: St. Edward's Episcopal Church will host Silverton's NNO from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 211 W. Center St. Free hotdogs, chips and beverages are included, along with children's activities and games. Information will be presented on a number of different community organizations, such as Silverton Together (bringing free books), the Marion County Health Department's Prevention Program, Silverton Senior Center, the Apple Tree crew (donations of school supplies being accepted). Contact: Joy Flowers, joyflowersiam@gmail.com.

Mt. Angel: Residents can gather from 6 to 8 p.m. downtown between N. Garfield and E. Charles streets, near the Glockenspiel. The Sausage Co. will provide hand-made

hotdogs for a barbecue. Salads and beverages will also be offered. The evening includes music, a sidewalk chalk contest and face painting. Bring a commercially prepared side dish. Picnic tables and benches will be available. Contact: Nann Fleck, 503-845-9249, nfleck@ci.mt-angel.or.us.

Scotts Mills: Residents from throughout the area are invited for hotdogs and beverages from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Scotts Mills County Park, Crooked Finger Road. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Representatives from the Marion County Sheriff's Office will be present. Consider making a small donation to help offset the cost to the volunteers for food and other products provided. Contact: Raleen Hockenberry, 503-873-5563, website: smnwcp.org.

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Saving

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McDade was one of four visitors at the recreation area who helped rescue the boy after he was swept down river from the upper pool, submerged through the rapids and into the lower pool. He slipped in while standing with his father and siblings near the water's edge, according to Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Kelda Klukis, of Salem, had just set up chairs for her boyfriend and three children when she saw McDade emerge from the water with the boy in his arms.

"There was no movement or reflexes from him, even when Jason was running over rocky terrain with him," Klukis said. "He was lifeless."

Klukis, a certified nursing assistant for 17 years, said the boy had "the look" of death.

Despite the signs, Klukis ran toward the boy while still holding her 8-month-old baby. Maryela Lozano, a registered nurse, had already started CPR. Klukis handed her baby to someone in the growing crowd.

The boy wasn't breathing. He had no pulse.

His mother screamed in the background and family members cried as Klukis did chest compressions and Lozano delivered mouth-to-mouth for five minutes until the boy finally took a breath.

"When everybody else

is in a state of shock, it's my time to focus," Klukis said. "For him not to survive was not an option."

Color returned to his face as he coughed water onto the gravel and cried.

Klukis pulled the boy's mother close, so she could see and feel her son's breathing. "As a mother, I understand, so I wanted her to see that her son was going to be okay," she said.

Klukis' children were watching the rescue take place, which was the first time her kids watched her use CPR to save a life.

"It's one thing for me to come home from work and say 'I used CPR.' but it's another thing to see a four-year-old who lost his life and us be able to get it back for him," Klukis said.

Paramedics arrived shortly after and transported him to Santiam Hospital in Stayton. He is expected to make a full recovery.

The boy has not been identified by the Marion County Sheriff's Office and his family declined to speak publicly about the incident.

Klukis said she hopes people learn about the importance of safety in the outdoors, especially in water recreation areas. The boy was not wearing a life vest at the time of the incident.

"It was an amazing feeling to see him breathe again," Klukis said, "but it's important for people to realize how important life jackets are because keeping family safe is the number one priority."



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Stayton Police K9 intern Dallas was a popular National Night Out feature at Westown Park.

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