

TREE LIGHTING IN SILVERTON

A Silverton Fire District engine lifts Santa to the top of the tree to turn on the lights during the Silverton Tree Lighting Ceremony at Town Square Park in Silverton on Friday, Dec. 1, 2017. See **TREE LIGHTING** for more photos, **Page 3A**



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Getting to know Silverton businesses via ‘Shop Hop’

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Carol Wallace of Silverton is one industrious shopper, and she has a passport to prove it. Wallace visited the Silverton Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 1 to submit her “Silverton Shop Hop” passport for a chance to win prizes, and it was stamped by all 29 participating businesses. The 15th annual Silverton Shop Hop began on Black Friday and continues through Dec. 12. Shoppers pick up a passport at the chamber and visit listed businesses, getting stamped in the process. To be eligible for a grand-prize drawing, shoppers must collect 24 stamps. Wallace gladly exceeded that minimum by visiting the maximum. “It was a lot of fun,” she said. “I’ve only lived in Silverton for two years, and this is my third Shop Hop.” Wallace moved to town in November of 2015, and she immediately discovered that participating in the Shop Hop provided a perfect opportunity to get to know Silverton. “I found all these new places, like the Mill Town Pub and this nice jewelry shop (Shayla Lynn Jewelry & Crafts) in the building over by Creekside,” Wallace said. “I would never have found or gone into those places otherwise, and I really enjoyed them.” Wallace, who moved to Silverton after living 30 years near downtown Portland on the east side, said an equal part of the fun is meeting business owners and other passport shoppers in the process. Shayla Lynn has operated her hand-crafted jewelry shop for six years, including a year and a half at her present Water Street location, and says the Shop Hop provides a chance to meet new people and a boost to business. “I’ve been doing it for five years, and it’s a really good deal because I always see new people come in the door,” Lynn said. She said that has especially been the case the past couple of years since she moved her shop from 1st Street to the Hartman Building on Water Street where



Shayla Lynn, proprietor of Shayla Lynn Jewelry & Crafts on Water Street, has been participating in the Silverton Shop Hop for five years. JUSTIN MUCH/STAYTON MAIL

she shares a shopping stretch along the street with several other businesses. Silverton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stacy Palmer said she has friends and family members who participate every year. “They have told me how much fun they have exploring the local businesses and shops in Silverton and how they have always found unique gifts they couldn’t find anywhere else,” Palmer said. Palmer said the range of participants enhances the event, listing Silver Falls Brewery to Mac’s Place and Apples to Oranges and The Chocolate Box to Wilco and Napa Auto Parts. “There are plenty of gift-giving options to be found in

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Silverton coffee spot brewing change

Many local businesses, shops see new owners

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Many of Silverton’s old buildings have stood, materially unchanged, for more than a century. The people and businesses inside them never stop changing, though, and in a time of national economic expansion, Silverton’s business landscape is shifting more than ever. **Silverton Coffee Station**, a popular ice cream stop for kids as well as a coffee shop for adults, is getting new owners. After nine years, Christy and Daryl Peters are selling to Courtney Fast and Heather Desmarteau-Fast, who own Stamen & Pistil next door. The gardening business and the eatery share their location, a midcentury gas station perched on the banks of Silver Creek at 206 S. Water Street. Fast will work the coffee shop this month and take over fulltime Jan.1. He also manages a sales team for Blue Dog Business Services and is a professional musician. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. **Odd Fellows Games and Electronics**, which first came to Silverton in 2011 as a Radio Shack franchise,

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A fixture since the 1970s, Clear and Practical Accounting Solutions, moved on Nov. 20 from its location on 1st Street into the building most recently occupied by Almquist Studio at 301 S. James Street.



Brush Creek Playhouse presents "Christmas at the Blizzard: A Murder Mystery" through Dec. 17. DANIELLE PETERSON/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Brush Creek preps for a little murder mystery

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In the tradition of Agatha Christie comes Michael and Emily Wood’s original stage production, “Christmas at the Blizzard: A Murder Mystery” to Brush Creek Playhouse. A group of strangers gathered together at a remote bed-and-breakfast has been cut off from the world by the weather. An unexpected visitor arrives, and a series of mysterious deaths ensue in true parlor-mystery fashion. Three days unfold on-stage, as the tension builds and the plot thickens. There are screams, gunshots, and, yes, the lights will go out. But “Christmas at the Blizzard” is also a family-friendly show with touches of light humor. It was originally written by the Woods for teenage performers six years ago. A cast of 13, many of them local to the Silverton area, will bring this production to life. They are Tavis Evans, Emily Wood, Melissa Richards, Karyl Carlson, Raenna O’Connor, Norman Gouveia, Michael Wood, Thia Evans, Ron Drake, Alaina Lesko, Tom Buchheit, Linda Zellner and Rick Rickard. Michael Wood is the director. Opening night was Friday, Dec. 1 and the remaining eight shows are at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6; Friday, Dec. 8; Saturday, Dec. 9; Friday, Dec. 15; and Saturday, Dec. 16 and at 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, children and students. Reserved seating is available. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at Books-N-Time in Silverton or at Runaway Art & Craft Studio in Salem. The playhouse is located at 11535 Silverton Rd NE, Silverton.

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