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Mt. Angel sees 125 years

Historical Society president shares stories of city's early years at event

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MT. ANGEL – Religious institutions like Mount Angel Abbey and the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. Angel (then known as the Queen of Angels Monastery) existed before the city was founded in 1893.

But it was the saloons that gave the city the money to operate in Mt. Angel's early years.

As a few hundred Mt. Angel residents from all areas of the community came together April 3 at the Mt. Angel Community Festhalle to celebrate the city's 125th birthday, and those people received a lesson about the history of their town.

Bill Predeek, the president of the Mt. Angel Historical Society, gave a half-hour presentation about the city's early years as part of the birthday party.

The first land claim of the property that would be-

come the town was in 1850, but it wasn't until the Benedictine monks and German Catholic families settled in the town in 1881 that it got its identity.

"The abbey came because of the enthusiasm of the people," Predeek said.

"But the people then came because of the abbey and the convent, not because the priests and the nuns were here but because of the Christian education opportunities they provided."

And monks were brewing beer in Mt. Angel before it was a city.

Father Martin Grassel of Mount Angel Abbey said the abbey started its first brewery in 1882, though those operations ceased during prohibition in the 1920s.

In his presentation, Predeek showed how the first

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Struggle to stay off the streets



AJ Campos plays his guitar at the St. Joseph Shelter in Mt. Angel, where he and his family currently reside. The Campos family had been homeless for over a month, but they'd been able to keep the children from sleeping outside until July of last year. To see more on this story, turn to page 3A. MOLLY J. SMITH/STATESMAN JOURNAL

WWII Marine killed in 1943 is back home



Marie Galloway, 87, sits with the flag-draped casket of her brother Marine Pfc. Lyle E. Charpilloz on April 5 in Salem. PHOTOS BY MOLLY J. SMITH/STATESMAN JOURNAL

75 years later, soldier's only living sibling finally receives closure

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A case file, about an inch-thick with a black cover, sits on a table in Marie Galloway's living room, a grim reminder of her 17-year-old brother's death during World War II.

Inside are medical examiner, forensic and DNA reports, along with historical accounts of how he died, what happened to his remains, and how they were identified nearly 75 years later.

The family now has answers, but only Marie is alive to get closure. She is the last surviving sibling of Marine Pfc. Lyle E. Charpilloz, whose remains are finally home.

Marie never thought it would happen.

Her brother was killed Nov. 20, 1943, during the infamous Battle of Tarawa. He was buried on that tiny Pacific island, along with 1,000 or so other Marines and sailors who died during the three-day bloodbath. As a result of "bad record keeping, massive reconstruction on the island and poor memories," nearly half the casualties were never found.

It's all in the copy of the case file on Marie's table.

To be honest, she grew up believing her brother was blown up and there wasn't anything left to find. Now the forensic reports tell her he died of gunshot wounds and that there's even a metal fragment still lodged in his left collarbone.

Advances in forensic science and scientific technology have made it possible for a team of anthropologists, dental experts and technicians from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to connect once unidentifiable remains to missing service members like Lyle Charpilloz, bringing long-awaited closure to families.

Some of Lyle's remains had been buried for decades with other Tarawa unknowns at the cemetery nicknamed the Punchbowl in Honolulu. Some were



Marie Galloway, 87, is the younger sister and last remaining direct relative of Marine Pfc. Lyle E. Charpilloz.

"Lyle would go to school and then come back to protect my mom. You looked at him as being a lot older than he was."

Marie Galloway, regarding her brother Marine Pfc. Lyle E. Charpilloz

recovered on Tarawa in 2014 by a nonprofit called History Flight, Inc., which has recovered more than 13,000 bones and fragments worldwide and helped identify more than 100 service members.

Lyle's flag-draped casket arrived at 2:16 p.m. April 5 at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service in Salem, which is handling arrangements for the family.

"What a long journey for him," said Kevin Cartwright, one of four Patriot Guard Riders standing sen-

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Swings for disabled kids added at local park

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Sometimes the means to a good deed is just waiting for a good idea.

The idea came to local elementary school student Karis Coleman, who thought to tell the mayor, and the deed was done by Silverton's Rotary Club and Public Works Department.

As of last Saturday, March 31, the city's most popular park now has swings designed for kids who use wheelchairs. Next to the toddler swings and ADA bathrooms are two new "adaptive" swings.

Made by Landscape Structures, they feature harness systems that keep kids – who must be lifted from their wheelchairs to swing – from falling out or slipping down. One is sized for kids aged 2 to 5, the other for kids 5-12.

Originally, Karis wished to see a wheelchair swing

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Rotary members and volunteers pose for a photo at the installation of "adaptive" swings at Coolidge McClain Park in Silverton.

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2 rescued after getting trapped on road by snow

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Marion County Jeep Patrol rescued two women stranded on snow-covered roads April 2, officials said.

Two women from Washington were traveling Breitenbush Road 46 on April 1 in search of good places to snowboard when their car got stuck in the deep snow, Marion County Sheriff's Office spokesman Chris Baldrige said.

They were pulled out, but then suffered vehicle trouble and were trapped overnight on the road, Baldrige said.

Members of the patrol were dispatched and brought the two down to safety.

"There's still a lot of snow up there, and conditions are very wet and slippery," Baldrige said. "If you're going up there, make sure you have the equipment to get yourself un-stuck."

In a Facebook post, the patrol added:

"It may be warm and sunny down in the valley but it is still winter in many parts of Marion County and will be for some time yet. Twenty miles from Detroit it is still the middle of winter!"

"It is hard to believe that in April there are areas in Marion County where snowplows and tow-trucks cannot access! If you plan to travel through the higher elevation parts of the county go prepared. The snow condition this time of year is challenging to drive in."

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