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Volunteering keeps 100-year-old strong



Verna Scharach has been volunteering at Mission Benedict in Mt. Angel for about 35 years. She turned 100-years-old on June 24. PHOTOS BY BILL POEHLER/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Mt. Angel resident 'not going to quit' helping out Mission Benedict

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MT. ANGEL – At an age when most people have even ordinary tasks done by others, Verna Scharach is still doing for others.

A lifelong Mt. Angel resident and great-great-grandmother has been volunteering with Mission Benedict for 30 years.

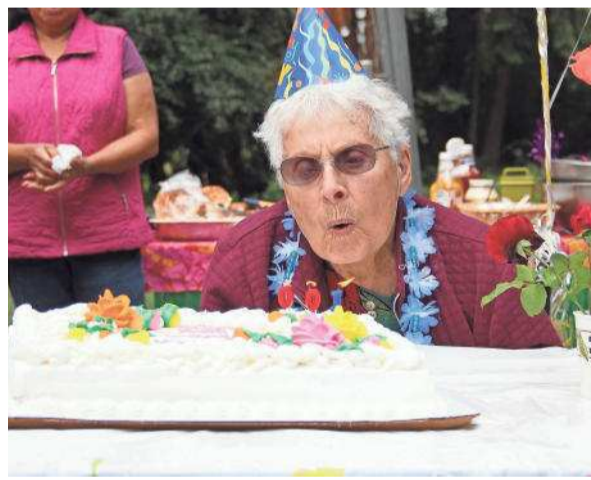
That she turns 100 years old on June 24 won't prevent her from volunteering at the food bank twice a week.

"I'm going to do this until I drop dead," Scharach said. "I'm not going to quit. My driver's license is good until I'm 102."

Mission Benedict essentially started in Scharach's garage.

The sisters from the Benedictine Sisters of Mt. An-

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Verna Scharach blows out candles celebrating her 100th birthday on June 22.

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Verna Scharach, Mission Benedict volunteer

Keizer girl drowns at Silverton camp

Incident is first drowning death of summer in Marion County

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A 14-year-old Keizer girl died from drowning at a camp near Silverton June 20, the Marion County Sheriff's Office said.

Naomi Rudolph had been working as a junior camp counselor at Canyonview Camp on Finlay Road. Off work, she was swimming in the camp's two-acre pond.

An investigation by the Marion County Sheriff's Office and fire personnel from the Silverton Fire District stated that Rudolph began to struggle while swimming and lifeguards could not reach her before she submerged and disappeared.

Shortly after, her body was located and pulled from the water.

Canyonview is a Christian camp founded in 1953 as Bible Teaching Inc. by Ernie and Fern Campbell.

It is the first drowning death in the summer season of 2018 in Marion County.

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Mt. Angel adds new farmers market day

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"Many hands make light work," goes the old adage, and it held true last Thursday at Mt. Angel's new farmers market, inside the Shanigan family's food booth.

Led by matriarch Kari Shanigan, the seven-member family had spent the previous day picking berries and baking goodies for sale. German Bienenstich (bee sting) cake, chocolate chip cookies and raspberry parfait were among the offerings.

"We love farmers markets," Shanigan said, smiling at her husband and five children inside the tent decorated with the blue-and-white Bavarian flag. "It's great to see how the kids can be a part of something that is real and fun."

Named to fit the town's Teutonic roots, Mt. Angel Wochenmarkt is brand-new and scheduled to operate every Thursday this summer, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., through the end of September. It's a stone's throw from the public library on a permanently closed stub of road at the end of Charles and Church streets.

"We didn't want to do Saturdays because we want to be available for the same vendors who do the Silverton market or others," said Mt. Angel City Manager Amber Mathiesen. "This summer our goal is to establish a base of vendors who will come back next season."

"We are hoping to get farmers who have extra produce and who want another venue for selling," said member Leah Duda. "Here we can get produce right to people, help local businesses, and cut out the mid-

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Travel delays near Silver Falls park

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Travel for summer visits to Silver Falls State Park may take a little longer during July.

Paving work is set to begin July 6 on Highway 214, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Flaggers will be directing traffic with pilot cars guiding drivers past crews working on the section of Hwy 214 between Highway 22 and Silver Falls State Park, milepost 15 to 21.

The work will add a two-inch overlay of asphalt, striping and material to the road's shoulder. It will



A section of Highway 214 between Highway 22 and Silver Falls State Park will see paving work in July.

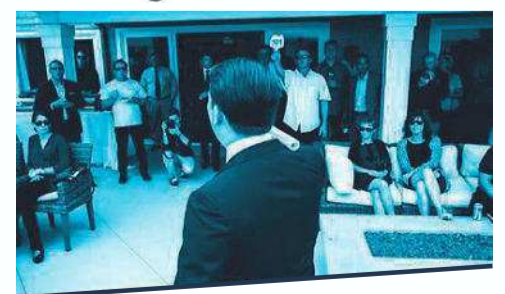
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take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday with up to 20 minute delays, according to officials.

The project is expected to be complete by July 25.

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