

NEWS BRIEFS

Dec. 15 puts the 'ho ho' in holiday

Families looking for Santa Claus and his helpers have two options this Saturday, Dec. 15.

First, Silverton Elks Lodge, at 300 High St., is hosting breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11 a.m.

The meal is free for children 12-and-under and \$6 for everyone else.

Kids can meet Santa and have their

picture taken, participate in a cakewalk and more.

Call 503-873-4567 for more information.

The annual Celebrate Families holiday festival opens Silverton Community Center to families for crafting fun from 1 to 4 p.m. It's a Santa workshop, where children make gifts including wreaths, cards and ornaments help from volunteer elves.

Sponsored by Silverton Chamber of Commerce and Silverton Together.

Call 503-873-5615 or 503-873-0405 for more information.

First Citizen nominations

The Silverton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the 48th Annual First Citizen Banquet will be Feb. 16, 2019, at the Mt. Angel Fes-

thalle.

The banquet is a time to recognize citizens and businesses for their efforts in improving our community in 2018.

Nomination forms must be completed and returned to the chamber office no later than Friday, Dec. 28.

Nomination forms can be found on the front page of the Chamber website, www.silvertonchamber.org, along with a list of previous winners.

Borderlands Games in Salem closes after 23 years

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Borderlands Games in Salem closed after 23 years in November. It sold board games, trading card games and comic books.

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Borderlands Games, a staple for Salem gamers for 23 years, closed last month after its owners faced medical and financial issues.

They owed \$30,000 for the building's lease, which was poised to default, and approximately \$5,000 for employee payroll, according to a November post on the company's official page.

The business, at 546 High St. NE, sold board games, trading card games and comic books.

In October, a Borderlands employee filed a complaint with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, claiming they hadn't been paid from Sept. 3 to Oct. 5. A second worker also filed a wage complaint.

"We have been working closely with our employees to resolve this," Camille Jones, one of the owners, told the Statesman Journal.

One of the complainants, former employee Rafael Valdez, said he worked for the business on and off for 14 years and

has yet to be contacted by owners about the payroll.

"Due to the health issues that our family is dealing with personally and with other close family members, finances became a major issue, and is the key reason we had to close," Jones said. "We never intended to cause hardships for anyone."

BOLI spokeswoman Christine Lewis

said that both complaints for compensation remain under investigation.

In social media posts and a GoFundMe campaign, owners Camille and Nate Jones documented the months preceding the shop's closure.

The Joneses opened the business a month after they married in 1995. They celebrated 20 years in 2015.

In April, however, medical issues and the loss of a key supplier prompted the family to seek \$120,000 on GoFundMe to save the business.

"Over the years, we have watched you grow up with us, start families, and become a thriving gaming community," the GoFundMe campaign stated. "So many of you are now not simply patrons, but friends and family that we cherish and have deeply touched our lives."

The campaign asked contributors for a lifeline. "We have so many things that we still want to share with you," it stated.

The campaign, however, raised only \$3,745.

On Nov. 22, Nate posted on Facebook that liquidations would begin the fol-

lowing day.

He wrote: "Building Borderlands and our gaming community has been an incredible journey we're grateful to have had."

"It is sad to end it here, this way, but hey what can you do," he wrote. "Please keep on gaming, have fond memories of us and hopefully things get better for Camille and I soon so we can play with everyone again."

Camille later wrote on the company's Facebook page that Nov. 23, would be the store's last day.

Camille told the Statesman Journal she and her husband want the shop "remembered as a place of community; a place where people could come and play games with friends, and make new ones; a place where they bring their kids and play old favorites and find new games."

"We saw many kids grow up in our store and then bring in their new families," she said.

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Obituaries

Sharon Louise (Bishop) Ellingson

SILVERTON - Sharon Louise Bishop Ellingson of Silverton, Oregon died on November 30, 2018, at the age of 79. She was born on February 21, 1939, in San Bernardino, California to Harvey A. Bishop and Arlena E. Cappleman Bishop. In her lifetime she lived in San Bernardino, California and Oregon, in Keizer, Lincoln City, and Silverton.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Some of her main hobbies were oil painting, cake decorating, sewing, and reading. Sharon was very talented and could do most anything she put her mind to.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Jesse Roland Ellingson; sons, Mark Ellingson (Linda), James Ellingson (Dawn), Douglas Ellingson, daughters, Cheryl Nelson (Brent), Dayna Nyberg and Erin Ellingson; 27 grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 745 W. Main Street, Silverton, Oregon on Sunday, December 8, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you make a contribution to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinsons. The website address is: www.michaeljfox.org. Arrangements by Unger Funeral Chapel in Silverton.

Charles (Chuck) Lane Bradshaw

STAYTON - February 2, 1945 – November 20, 2018



Charles Lane Bradshaw passed away at the age of 73 on November 20th 2018 at his home in Stayton, OR. Chuck was born on February 2, 1945 in Silverton, OR to the late Ruth Lenore Rabens and Charles William Bradshaw. He grew up in the Silverton Hills until the age of 15 when he moved to Stayton (Coon Hollow), OR and graduated from Stayton Union High School in 1964.

Chuck enlisted in the United States Navy in 1965 and served two duties during the Vietnam War aboard the USS Forrestal and the USS Kitty Hawk, RVAH-11, Reconnaissance Attack Squadron (Heavy), Checkertails.

He married Rebecca Alexander in Walhalla South Carolina on December 17th 1968. Chuck worked as an Aviation Structural Mechanic for the Department of Defense the majority of his life, and also logging. He was a great outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, arts, and was an expert wine maker.

Chuck is preceded in death by his wife Becky, son Michael Bradshaw and his parents Ruth and Willard Rabens and C.W. Bradshaw. He is survived by his son Christopher Bradshaw, and granddaughter Justina Bradshaw, and siblings: John Pownall of Seattle, WA, Susan Brown of Salem, OR, Pat Lackner of Lyons, OR, Joe O'Neal of Aberdeen, WA and Caroline King of Salem, OR.

A celebration of life will be held at Johnson Funeral Home, Salem, OR, Saturday, December 15th, 2018 at 2:00pm. A full military honors Burial will be Monday, December 17th, 2018, at 12:30pm at Willamette National Cemetary, Portland, OR.

Football

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JACOB LUNA
Position: Defensive lineman
School: Sprague
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Mountain Valley Conference selection. He had 18 tackles, three tackles for a loss and one sack.

BEN WILLIS
Position: Defensive lineman
School: Silverton
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Mid-Willamette Conference selection. He had 96 tack-



Benny Eversole

SILVERTON - Benny Eversole, 63, passed away Tuesday, December 4. Benny was born in Surprise Arizona, and moved to Silverton with his family in 1963. He worked as a heavy equipment operator, roofer and handyman, and was most recently pit master and handyman at the Wooden Nickel Pub and Eateries.

He was predeceased by his father, Boyd Eversole, step father George Holman, mother, Mattie Holman, brothers Jack Eversole and Bentley Holman, and sister Violet Bartolome. He is survived by his partner Cindy, sisters Phyllis, Pat, Mary and Pam, and several nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends in the Silverton area.

A celebration of life will be held for Benny on Sunday, December 16 at 1:00 PM at the Wooden Nickel Pub and Eatery in Silverton.

les, 20 tackles for a loss, 10 sacks and two punt blocks.

ALEX HURLBURT
Position: Linebacker
School: West Salem
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: Mountain Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He had 117 tackles, 21.5 tackles for a loss, three sacks, eight quarterback contacts, one pass broken up, six pass deflections and five fumbles caused.

LANDON DAVIS
Position: Linebacker
School: Sprague
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Mountain Valley Conference selection. He had 57 tackles, 12 tackles for a loss, four sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery.

JOSH RAYNAK
Position: Linebacker
School: South Salem
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Mountain Valley Conference selection. He had 120 tackles, eight tackles for a loss, three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

EMOREJ LYNK
Position: Linebacker
School: Kennedy
Year: Junior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Tri-River Conference selection. Helped lead the Trojans to the OSAA Class 2A

state championship. He had 97 tackles, four interceptions, three sacks and a touchdown.

STANLEY GREEN
Position: Defensive back
School: West Salem
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Mountain Valley Conference selection. He had 39 tackles, one tackle for a loss, one sack, six passes broken up, two fumbles caused and one fumble recovery.

NIGEL HARRIS
Position: Defensive back
School: McNary
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Mountain Valley Conference selection. He had 29 tackles, three tackles for a loss, one sack, eight pass breakups and two interceptions.

JACOB JACKSON
Position: Defensive back
School: McNary
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Mountain Valley Conference selection. He had 64 tackles, four tackles for a loss, four pass breakups, five interceptions, one fumble caused and one defensive touchdown.

HUNTER RUNION
Position: Defensive back
School: Silverton

Year: Senior
Accomplishments: First-team all-Mid-Willamette Conference selection. He had 70 tackles, four interceptions, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

All-Mid-Valley football — special teams

KYLA GORDON
Position: Kicker
School: West Salem
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: Second-team all-Mountain Valley Conference selection. She made five of seven field goal attempts, with a long of 30 yards. She also made 39 of 40 extra point attempts.

GANNON BENDIX
Position: Punter
School: West Salem
Year: Senior
Accomplishments: Second-team all-Mountain Valley Conference. He had 46 punts, with an average of 34.46 yards per punt, and a long of 68 yards.

All-Mid-Valley football — coach

JOE PANUKE
School: Kennedy
Accomplishments: Coached Kennedy's football team to the OSAA Class 2A state championship.

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