

Volunteers from SafeHaven Humane Society, Oregon Humane Society and Newberg Animal Shelter unload animals, flown in from high kill shelters in Oklahoma, at Salem Air Center in Salem on Saturday. PHOTOS BY BRIAN HAYES/STATESMAN JOURNAL



Jerry Morris and Chris Hoffman unload a carrier of puppies as part of the operation.

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More than 200 dogs and cats flown to Oregon for second chance

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Fetch-Fido-A-Flight, a non-profit dedicated to saving shelter animals, flew 222 animals Saturday to Salem from high-

kill shelters in Oklahoma. Arrangements already have been made for most of the animals to be fostered before that are available for adoption. The organization, which is funded solely by donations and volunteers, said

it has saved more than 2,000 animals. The group was assisted Saturday by the help of Oregon Humane Society, Newberg Animal Shelter and Safe-Haven Humane Society.

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Woodburn track coach charged with sex abuse

A Salem resident who has been a track coach at French Prairie Middle School in Woodburn was arrested Tuesday on charges related to a sexually explicit video posted on social media that allegedly showed him with a 16-year-old, Woodburn

Police said.

Jubentino Guzman, 26, "admitted the relationship had been on-going for several months," according to a statement from the police department.

Guzman was a coach at the school from 2013 through 2020 and "the victim was a former student at the middle school when Guzman was employed there," the statement said.

Guzman was booked into the Marion County jail on charges of sex abuse, encouraging child sexual abuse and possession of child pornography.

The investigation is on-going and anyone with information about the case is asked to contact Woodburn decttective Linda Hedricks at 503-982-2345.

Affidavit Fee - \$10.00 per Affidavit requested

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Review Body: Planning Commission Hearing Date & Time: July 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Hearing Location: Teleconference meeting via Zoom with a telephone call in number. Due to Executive Order 20-16, the Planning Commis-sion shall hold public hearings by telephone, video, or through some other electronic or virtual means, whenever possible. The instructions to listen to or virtually attend the meeting will be included in the Planning Commission meeting agenda which will be posted on the City's website and outside of City Hall, 306 S Water Street, on July 7, 2020. This will include a hyperlink to the meeting and a call in number to participate by telephone.

Agenda Item #1: File Number VR-20-03. Variance application to allow a 6' tall fence along a street frontage on a corner lot without the required 5' setback at 601 Ross Avenue. Located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Ross Avenue and Hazel Street; Marion County Assessor's Map 061W34DD Tax Lot 05200. The application will be reviewed following the criteria found in Silverton Development Code section 5.1.700.

Agenda Item #2: File Number CP-20-02 & DC-20-01. Comprehensive Plan amendment to adopt the 2020 Silverton TSP and Circulation Plan as a support document to the Comprehensive Plan and amend the Development Code to implement the updated TSP and ensure compliance with the Oregon Transportation Planning The application will be reviewed follow Rule. ing the criteria found in Silverton Development Code section 4.12.400 & 4.7.200.

Agenda Item #3: File Number CP-20-01. Comprehensive Plan amendment to adopt the 2020 Housing Needs Analysis and Housing Strategy as a support document to the Silverton Comprehensive Plan. The application will be reviewed following the criteria found in Silverton Development Code section 4.12.400.

Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide enough detail to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond precludes appeal to LUBA based on that issue. Additional information and/or review of this application, including all documents and evidence submitted, may be obtained at Silverton City Hall, 306 South Water Street by telephoning Jason Gottgetreu at (503) 874-2212. Copies of the staff report will be available seven (7) days prior to the public hearing and are available for review at no cost at City Hall by appointment, a copy can be provided on request at a reasonable cost.

Audit

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Hiring special ed staff difficult

Several districts and administrators told auditors that it's difficult to hire and and retain enough special education personnel. Oregon special education teachers have a turnover rate of about 20% per year.

And generally, school districts' need for services for students with disabilities is greater than existing money available for that type of support. Caseloads are rising and school systems face "inadequate and unpredictable" funding for special education.

It's even harder for rural kids with disabilities to obtain services, auditors said.

Districts in rural areas face challenges in hiring

special education staff and are contending with "a shortage of professionals" — namely, primary care providers and child care providers — who can help them identify kids who need those services.

But access to these services is critical for Oregon kids to succeed, auditors said.

"Access to services is necessary if the state intends for all students, including students experiencing disabilities, to

meet academic proficiency and high school graduation goals," auditors wrote. "Services also support the social and psychological well-being of students experiencing disabilities."

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Budget

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people over 80 square miles, faces steep cuts after its 99 cent per \$1,000 of assessed value levy failed by a significant 55% to 44% margin.

It will eliminate three positions, two firefighters and a battalion chief, by the end of the year, staffing levels will be reduced through cuts in the overtime budget, the remaining staff will not receive cost of living increases in the next fiscal year, will have furlough days and cuts in health care benefits.

In addition, its stations in Macleay (east of Salem) and Lake Labish (northeast of Salem) will temporarily close and move all emergency apparatus to higher traffic stations. The station in Clearlake (north of Keizer) will lose a daytime engine company due to reduced staffing levels.

Marion County Fire District 1 estimates call times could be increased by five minutes in parts of the district.

The district will tap its reserve account to make up the rest of the budget shortfall of \$1.4 million.

'We cannot go back to the well here. There's nothing left," Chief Kyle McMann said. "If we can't pass our local option levy in a future election, we will have to permanently close stations and lay off more firefighters."

Stayton was asking residents to pay a small increase in taxes, but when the election took place, the library and pool were closed, as was the playground equipment at the city's parks.

If a similar levy isn't passed in a year, there will be large cuts in Stayton, too, but it's unclear if

those facilities will be able to open by the election in May 2021.

'My honest answer is the pool would most likely need to be closed," Campbell said. "The library would have to be cut. Hours would have to be cut down. Cutting hours and maybe some programs would probably be on the table.

The Stayton Rural Fire District, which covers 107 square miles between Marion and Linn Counties, was asking for a minute increase over its expiring bond.

Carriger pointed out that among voters in Linn County — which had entered phase 1 reopening prior to the election – the levy received 248 yes votes vs. 210 no votes. But in the larger Marion County portion of the district - which hadn't entered phase 1-it received 1,725 no votes vs. 1,363 ves votes.

"Normally we don't do super well in Linn Coun-Carriger said. "We ty," might pass (overall) and we might not pass in the Linn County part of our district. Linn County was open, and it passed pretty easily there.

"I think it was just timing. I think it was a big thing of Marion County had not opened up and people had a lot of questions in their mind.'

Of the operating levies in Marion County, only Hubbard Fire District's passed.

Now fire districts like Marion County and Stayton are going to have to continue to rely on volunteers for large portions of service.

"We're going to still be here," Carriger said. "We're going to do the best we can to serve the district."

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