

Appeal Tribune

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 | SILVERTONAPPEAL.COM

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK

19-year-old Aumsville climber remembered for skill, kindness

Zach Urness

Salem Statesman Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Todd Adelman loved everything about the mountains.

The Aumsville 19-year-old, who died in a climbing accident Sunday on Three Fingered Jack, was a respected and beloved member of the Salem climbing community even at such a young age.

He'd ascended some of the Northwest's most challenging peaks, from Mount Olympus to Mount Hood to the Pickett Range in the North Cascades. A member of the Salem-based Chemeketans climbing program, he was known for his kindness, skill and a maturity beyond his years.

"You only had to meet him once to know how very special he was," said Leslie Drapiza, who climbed Mount Hood with Adelman. "He moved with ease in the mountains and was a total natural. He laughed along at the jokes we made about not being able to go to the bar after the climb because he was so young. He

had a maturity that surprised all of us."

His death, apparently caused after rock gave way high on Three Fingered Jack, sent shockwaves across the Salem outdoors community.

"He was an amazing climbing partner, but above all, he was a remarkable human," said Shonee Langford, president of the Chemeketans. "He was incredibly smart. He loved talking to people, learning and just being in the mountains. Honestly, this doesn't seem real."

"We all loved Todd," said Drapiza.

A quick study, with multiple interests

Growing up outside Aumsville, Adelman's family was active with the Chemeketans outdoors club his entire life. By his teenage years, he was an accomplished outdoorsman.

"I met Todd when he was 15 years old, and we just hit it off right away," Langford said. "He would speak to

See **CLIMBER**, Page 3A



Todd Adelman, 19, is seen here last September during a climb in the Terror Basin of North Cascades National Park. Adelman died in a climbing accident on July 19, after a fall from Three Fingered Jack. SHONEE LANGFORD/THE STATESMAN JOURNAL



Tito Vidales with ¡Salud! Services disinfects equipment at Bethel Heights Vineyard near Salem on July 7.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN HAYES/STATESMAN JOURNAL

Salud takes on COVID testing for ag workers

Organization adds coronavirus role to health care services

Emily Teel

Salem Statesman Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

At Willamette Valley wineries, the warm weeks of July represent the final moments of quiet before the grapes hanging on the vines begin ripening. Come August, the first white wine grapes will be ready, followed soon after by a parade of Pinot stretching through October.

With harvest looming, one organization is providing preventive care and COVID-19 testing, readying some of Oregon's 123,000 agricultural workers for the crush of 12-hour shifts required to make the 2020 vin-

tage.

For the past 25 years, non-profit organization ¡Salud! has provided multi-lingual, multicultural health care to the people who work in Oregon's vineyards – in wineries, tending vines, harvesting grapes, and bottling.

While winery workers are often full-time staff with access to medical benefits, contract harvest crews are largely made up of migrant "guest" workers — Oregon issued 243,000 H2-A visas in 2018 — who often lack access to those same benefits.

Through worksite clinics hosted in partnership with area wineries, Salud provides preventive care screenings, vaccinations, dental cleanings, nutrition counseling, patient advocacy and more to a workforce that might otherwise go without.

In recent months, the organization has modified its mobile health clinics for COVID-19 safety, preparing to test as many farmworkers, and address as many underlying health conditions as possible, before the bulk of harvest begins.

See **SALUD**, Page 4A

Route 99 family restaurant heading for Brooks

Emily Teel

Salem Statesman Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

The former Iggy's Bar & Grill at 9015 Portland Road NE is getting a major face lift. Soon, it will reopen as Route 99, a new family-friendly restaurant.

The new bar and grill is the project of Annette Day, known to many as the founder and longtime owner of Annette's Westgate Cafe on Edgewater Street in West Salem.

Though the restaurant still bears her first name, Day sold Annette's in 2017. She stepped on staff until last summer, when she departed to launch a new concept in her hometown.

See **ROUTE 99**, Page 2A



Annette Day of Annette's Westgate Winners of the Statesman Journal's Best of The Mid-Valley awards. THOMAS PATTERSON/STATESMAN JOURNAL

State agrees to fund removal of Scotts Mills Dam

Bill Poehler

Salem Statesman Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Two state agencies have agreed to pay for the removal of the Scotts Mills Dam. All that's needed now is approval from the Marion County Commissioners, who aren't in agreement.

A proposed project that would remove the crumbling 40-foot-wide structure blocking Butte Creek has long been eyed by state and non-profit entities for removal.

Marion County's commissioners addressed the project at a June 1 management update, but they have yet to make a decision.

The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board awarded \$49,992 for the project in June. With the \$48,613 the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has contributed, the proposed removal has received full funding.

But due to delays in funding — OWEB delayed approving it until June from April due to the COVID-19 pandemic — the proposed September removal won't take place.

If Marion County approves the project, the watershed council still needs to apply to the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of State Lands and the Department of Environmental Quality for approval, and that could take 60 days to six months.

"As far as this year, it's not happening," said Anna Rankin, Executive Director of the Pudding River Watershed Council.

The earliest the dam's removal could take place is in 2021.

The dam has been on the state's Fish Passage Barrier Priority List for years as the creek is native habitat for Endangered Species Act-listed spring Chinook and winter steelhead as well as cutthroat trout.

The 5-foot tall concrete wall was built on top of a natural waterfall in the 1850s to divert water into a 100-foot-long side channel to drive a mill; it was converted to generate electricity in the 1900s.

After Pacific General Electric stopped using it in the 1950s, the dam and 10 acres of land was donated to Marion County, and it became Scotts Mills County Park in 1961.

Over the years, segments of the dam have fallen off and its makeshift fish passage no longer functions as intended.

"There's history associated with the Scotts Mills Dam, but there's a lot of history at that site that predates the settlers," Rankin said.

Butte Creek is the political border between Marion and Clackamas counties, and the private landowner on the Clackamas County side of the creek — who also has to give approval for the removal — has put their property up for sale.

The Marion County Parks Commission voted to remove the dam in November 2019 after years of debate.

At Marion County's management June update, commissioner Colm Willis said he would like to engage community members about the dam's removal, Kevin Cameron said he is in favor and Sam Brentano said he was against it, but they all said they wanted more information about the restoration of fish passage at the site.

Bill Poehler covers Marion County for the Statesman Journal. Contact him at bpoehler@statesmanjournal.com or [Twitter.com/bpoehler](https://twitter.com/bpoehler)

Support local journalism by subscribing to the Statesman Journal.



Photo taken of the dam on Butte Creek in Scotts Mills during a survey of chinook salmon spawning habitat in 1940. PACIFIC NORTHWEST STREAM SURVEY COLLECTION, OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Online at SilvertonAppeal.com

News updates: ■ Breaking news ■ Get updates from the Silverton area

Photos: ■ Photo galleries

Vol. 139, No. 32

Serving the Silverton Area Since 1880
A Unique Edition of the Statesman Journal



0 40901 07403 8