Hart resigns from Keizer Fire Board

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

Citing declining health, a longtime member of the Keizer Fire Board stepped down last month.

Mike Hart, a former city councilor who was elected to the Keizer Fire District fire board in 2003, turned in his resignation in December.

"My health has continued to decline and it has gotten harder to participate in the fire board so I believe it is time for me to step down," said Hart in an interview via e-mail.

Former Keizer Fire Chief Greg Frank asked Hart more than a decade ago to serve as part of KFD long-range planning committee and he enjoyed the experience so much, he opted to run for a seat on the fire board and held onto it, despite one vigorous challenge, for 11 years.

Hart said helping select a successor for Frank, Jeff Cowan, the current KFD chief was one of his proudest accomplishments as a member of the fire board.

"The process was in depth. I believe we made a great choice. I have great respect for Chief Cowan and the work he has done for the district," Hart said.

Hart had something of an edge in the process, having previously taken part in hiring a new city manager as part of his role on the Keizer City Council.

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Mike Hart

"There are very few places where we get to hire the chief executive officer of an organization, so I was glad to have had that experience when we hired the new fire chief," Hart said.

Experience with city budgetary processes, policymaking and gaining an understanding of the role of an elected official with respect to the staff and the community were also invaluable, Hart said.

Having spent a number of years with KFD, Hart had one final message for his fellow public servants.

"The board is made up of dedicated public servants. We made thoughtful decisions on behalf of the district. The staff and volunteers have shown time and again what great professionals they are,"

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- · Ryker James Morris was born Dec. 20, 2014 at Silverton Hospital. The baby boy was 6 pounds, 10 ounces and 20 inches long. Parents are Breanna Sanders and Christopher Morris of
- · Raiden Caith Stepp was born Dec. 29, 2014 at Salem Hospital. The baby boy was 5 pounds, 5 ounces. The parents are Kayla Turley and Christopher Stepp of Salem. Maternal grandparents are Theresa and Kerry McMahill
- · Roberta Del Johnson was born Dec. 31, 2014 at Silverton Hospital. The baby girl was 6 pounds, 11 ounces and 19 inches long. The mother is Lela Johnson of
- Micah David Malcolm was born Dec. 31, 2014 at Salem Hospital. The parents are Charity and David Malcolm of Keizer. Maternal grandparents are Dan and Glenda Berger of Redding, Calif. Paternal grandparents are Terry and Carol Malcolm of Talent, Ore.
- Kinley Harper Melton was born Jan. 1, 2015 at Salem Hospital. The baby girl was 6 pounds, 13 ounces. The parents are Jennifer and Dustin Melton of Keizer. Maternal grandmother is JoAnn Rater of Vancouver, Wash. Paternal grandparents are Ladonna Woodworth of Chandler, Ariz. and Bill Melton of North Bend.

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Salem Library camp-in for week without screens

In return for pledging to go a week without screens of any type, kids and teens will get the chance to camp out at Salem-Public Library Friday, Jan. 30.

Pledges will be accepted at the Youth Services desk until the beginning of "No Screens" week, Jan. 24 to 30.

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- Seattle for Romantics, Feb. 11-13: Trip includes the Northwest Flower and Garden Show, the Seattle Symphony, Tacoma Art Museum, the Pompeii exhibit at the Pacific Science Center. Sign-up deadline is Jan. 9.
- Palm Springs and Death Valley, March 15-20: Explore the heart of Death Valley National Park, tour Scotty's Castle, Devil's Golf Course, Palm Springs, Joshua Tree National Monument tramway. Sign-up deadline is Jan. 15.
- Georgia: Savannah, Charleston and Jekyll Island, April 12-19: Includes round trip air fair, three nights in Savannah, two nights in Charleston two nights on Jekyll Island with guided tours. Sign-up deadline is Feb. 9.
- California Coastal Splendor, April 23-28: Explore the California coast with visits to Monterey Bay, Hearst Castle, San Luis Obispo and San Francisco. Sign-up deadline is

Games at Keizer Grange

The Keizer Grange, 441 Chemawa Road N., is now hosting a game night each Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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