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KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald Above: Kelly Hafer instructs a pair of Wolverine wrestlers. Right: Sydney Snapp puts the finishing touches on a portrait in the art club

Enrichment Academy packs them in at WMS

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

At Whiteaker Middle School, 128 students are taking part in enrichment activities after school several days each week.

Options run the gamut from sports like wrestling, volleyball and fencing to art and hot meal and an activity bus knitting clubs.

"We now have 10 girls who have learned how to knit," said Michele Husseman, enrichment program coordinator.

In addition to exposing students to new activities and hobbies, Husseman said she strives to reach students who otherwise might go home to an empty house. Providing a has also boosted participation.

"Wrestling is the best choice I've ever made because

Keizerite to sing at Faith Baptist

Keizer, and a member of Women's Chamber Choir of The Master's College of Santa Clarita, Calif., will perform with the 15-mem-

Elizabeth Anderson of ber ensemble at Faith Baptist Church at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 9.

Elizabeth is the daughter of Lois and Bruce Anderson of Keizer.

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it helps me lose weight, gain

strength and it builds my con-

fidence," said Coleman Young,

by WMS teacher Kelly Hafer,

got an extra boost this season

when an anonymous donor

gifted the program with 30

pairs of nearly new wrestling

shoes. Fifteen students are al-

ready making use of the do-

incentive in the classroom.

The programs also provides

'Wrestling is a really good

sport. I keep my grades up so

I can do it," said Josue Reyes.

richment Academy pay off in

improved as kids are more

engaged in school and the

community. The Enrichment

Academy classes are also a

great way for staff to interact

numerous ways.

Husseman has seen the En-

"Students' attendance has

nation.

Wrestling, which is offered

a Wolverine seventh grader.

mal manner," she said. She is always looking for new volunteers to share their talents and hobbies.

"I would love have to someone help with a program called Lemonade Day. Another program I would like to offer is called ScienceGirls," she said.

Lemonade Day is a program for young entrepreneurs. Interested volunteers can contact Husseman at husseman michele@salkeiz.k12.or.us.

(Editor's Note: Kelly Hafer assisted in the reporting of this story by collecting quotes from students.)

births

Mirsha Malakai Ortez was born on Feb. 14, 2015 at Silverton Hospital. The baby boy was 8 pounds and 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. The parents are Emma Castillo and Mirsha Ortez of Keizer.

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Homegrown Theatre cements 2015 productions

Keizer Homegrown Theatre recently announced is slate of productions for 2015.

In May, the troupe will premiere Always Patsy Cline written by Ted Swindley. The play, based on actual

events. follows the country singer's unlikely friendship with a fan that continued for many years through letter writing.

The show will open Iris Festival weekend, May 14-16, and continue the following weekend, May 21-23. The location has not been set.

The company's fourth annual Shakespeare in the Park production this summer will be A Midsummer Night's Dream. The play is the Bard's take on romantic comedy as characters fall in and out of love during the course of a weekend. Auditions are set for May 23 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Keizer Civic Center Gazebo.

MHT's final **KEIZER** show of the year will be Doubt, homegrown A Parable by THEÄTRE John Patrick Shanley.

drama, which tells the story of a priest suspected of illicit behavior, is less about scandal than the pitfalls of moral certainty. Shanley won the Pulitzer Prize for his script in 2005. The show went on to win a Tony Award.

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For more information, or to volunteer, go to www. keizerhomegrowntheatre.org

Spare a pair for church's Haiti trip?

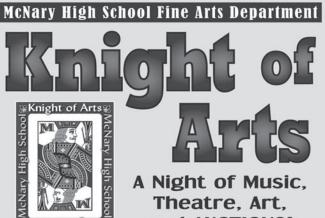
Countryside Christian Church in Keizer is conducting a shoe collection drive on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Keizer Albertsons on 5450 River Road North to raise funds for their July 2015 mission trip to Haiti.

The group Funds2Orgs will purchase new or gently worn shoes and the church will use the funds to finance the trip. Funds2Orgs will redistribute shoes to their network of microenterprise partners in developing nations. Funds2Orgs helps impoverished people start, maintain and grow businesses in countries such as Haiti, Honduras and other nations in Central America and Africa.

Proceeds from the shoe sales are used to feed, clothe and house their families. One budding entrepreneur in Haiti even earned enough to send to her son to law school.

"We are excited about our shoe drive," said Monica Girod, event coordinator and mission trip participant. "We know that most people have extra shoes in their closets they would like to donate to us and help those less fortunate become self-sufficient. It's a win-win for everyone."

Shoes will continue to be collected at the church, located at 5775 McLeod Lane NE in Keizer, through April 1. For more information contact Monica Girod at Countryside Christian Church, at 503-540-1989 or email: info@ countrysidechristianchurch. org.





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