

Emerald Pointe bean bag toss



Submitted
Patsy McCoy (left) and Julia Shrout (right) were among the residents from Keizer's Emerald Pointe participating in the Bean Bag Baseball Tournament at the Marion County Fair last week.

SK School Board agrees to a seven-year lease on new career technical institute

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Of the Keizertimes

A seven-year lease and operational agreement among the Salem-Keizer School District, Mountain West Career Technical Institute and the Salem-Keizer Education Association was approved by the School Board on Tuesday.

The leased premises cover about 20,000 square feet in the Career Technical Institute Building at 3501 Portland Road NE, Salem. The district will use the building for technological programs.

Paul Kylo was the only board member to vote against the agreement, saying it allowed some wages that he considered too low. Another director, Chuck Lee, recused himself, citing a conflict of interest; he is the chief executive officer of Mountain West.

The board re-elected Rick Kimball as its chair and elected Kylo vice chair for the 2015-16 academic year. Chris Brantley voted against Kimball and said he would vote against any director who did not meet his standards for board governance. He explained that he did not find any of his colleagues to meet board policy standards of concern for the records of district graduates.

Directors Jim Green and Lee, recently re-elected to the board, were sworn in for their new terms, as was Marty Heyen, a first-term director. The Salem law firm of Garrett, Hemann, Robertson was re-appointed as district legal counsel; Paul Dakopolos will continue to represent his firm in that capacity.

In other business, the

board approved three grants: \$557,228 from the Oregon Department of Education for educational services for court-adjudicated students who have academic and behavioral deficiencies; \$460,319 from the Oregon Department of Human Services for the Youth Transition Program, which prepares students who have disabilities for employment or career-related post-secondary training; and \$35,708 from ODE to support the Indian education summer school.

The meeting was the first regular one for John Beight, who fills some of the duties Ken Parshall held as assistant superintendent. Beight's position title is executive director of human resources; he held a similar position with the Tigar-Tualatin School District.

Superintendent Christy Perry announced the hirings of Jenny Williams as assistant principal of Claggett Creek Middle School, Craig Swanson as principal of Sprague High School, Terra Yates as assistant principal of West Salem High School, and Annie Morton as part-time temporary principal of Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School.

The board approved various personnel actions, including the following in the McNary High School attendance area:

- Employment as temporary full-time teachers of Heather Fledderjohann, first and second grades, English for speakers of other languages, Forest Ridge Elementary School; and Rebecca Hatfield, kindergarten ESOL, Keizer Elementary School.

- Employment as a first-year probation part-time teacher of Adrienne Archer, physical education, Cummings Elementary School.

- Employment as first-year probation full-time teachers of Dylan Bartholomew, biology and physical science, McNary; Jennifer Johnston, kindergarten ESOL, Cummings; David Yeakle, third-grade ESOL, Cummings; Debra Hernanz, fourth-grade ESOL, Keizer; Amy Torrence, third-grade ESOL, Cummings; Jason Arthur, fourth-grade ESOL, Weddle Elementary School, Lisa Abele, local school council, Clear Lake Elementary School; and Stephanie Montgomery, first grade, Cummings.

- Resignation of Rick Johnson as fourth-grade ESOL teacher at Clear Lake.

Three members of the same Keizer family spoke from the audience to urge reinstatement of a full year of science in the middle schools. Natalie Altermatt, whose son Michael will be a sixth-grader at Claggett Creek this fall, noted that the reduction in science classes was made in 2008 because of a budget shortfall. She said that her son was Talented and Gifted and that the doubled language arts classes should be reduced to make room for more science. Michael spoke briefly, saying he aspired to a science career. His older sister, Heather Altermatt, a recent Oregon State University graduate, said restoration of a year of science was necessary for students to become competitive in the 21st century.

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The Kingsmen, the band that had such smash hits as *Louie, Louie* and *Money*, will make an appearance at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheatre in concert on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Original band members Mike Mitchell and Dick Peterson will be joined by Steve Peterson, Todd McPherson and Dennis Mitchell. The band was formed in Portland in 1959. Their biggest song, *Louie, Louie*, held the num-

ber two spot on the Billboard charts for six weeks in 1963. They are also known for *Money/That's What I Want*.

The show starts at 6:30 p.m. with an opening act followed by The Kingsmen.

Tickets for the show are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 14 and under. They are available at Uptown Music, 3827 River Road N., 503-393-4437.

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