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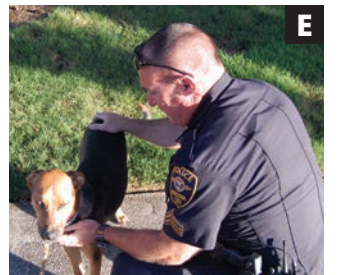
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Neighbor-to-neighbor on National Night Out

A: A large amount of food, a bounce house and neighbors aplenty were at the event on Merlot Street Tuesday.
 B: Neighbors gather in a large circle and chat on Newberg Drive.
 C: Aristeo Burrows, 6, practices shooting water from a fire hose under guidance from members of the Marion County Fire District No. 1 as other youth eagerly await their turn.
 D: A large crowd mingled at the NNO event on Kirby Avenue Tuesday evening.
 E: Officer Jeff Goodman with the Keizer Police Department meets Caesar, Beth and Brad Melendy's dog, at the NNO event on Lakefair Place. Nearly three dozen locations hosted NNO events in Keizer.



Photos by Craig Murphy



Keizer grad joins Teach for America

Teach For America announced a former McNary High School student, Nicholas Tolman, has been accepted into the organization's 2015 teaching corps.

Teach For America is a national nonprofit working to expand educational opportunity for students in low-income communities. Corps members commit to teach in high-need urban or rural public schools and become lifelong advocates for educational equity.

Tolman, a 2011 graduate of Early College High School and a 2015 graduate of Knox College, will teach in Indianapolis.

"I would never have made it to my undergrad without the help of a few influential teachers in my K-12 education," Tolman said. "Steve Sanchez, my guidance counselor at Claggett Creek, taught me the importance of listening and trying to see the best in people. John Mangan, my high school German teacher (at McNary), showed me how influential believing in your students can be. Finally, Jackie Blain of Chemeketa Community College helped me break free of the structures that limited my voice in my writings. I will never forget the lessons I learned from these amazing educators."

In low-income communities, 6 percent of students will graduate college by the time they're 25. Nicholas joins a network of 50,000 corps members and alumni working alongside parents, principals, and communities for social justice change.

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