

CTEC opens doors, poised for future growth

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

John Honey was getting first-hand demonstrations of the need for the Salem-Keizer School District's new Career Technical Education Center even before the doors opened to students.

"I was talking to one of the construction guys who was hanging almost upside down trying to connect the metal awnings to the front of the building," said Honey, principal of CTEC, during a recent tour of the building.

The man was visibly and audibly frustrated and Honey asked him if he was all right.

"No, I'm not all right. I have no idea who designed this, but you can't get in here to attach the thing," the man replied.

If everything goes according to plan, one gauge of CTEC's success might be less frustration on the part of local construction workers. That's because the school seeks to give students a more holistic education when it comes to the art of building things.

"Wouldn't it be cool if the kid who had struggled with something like that was the next one designing the space or designing the tool that al-

lows them to perform the job," Honey said.

CTEC students, who spend about two-and-a-half days each week at the school on Portland Road in northeast Salem, get hands-on instruction in everything from CAD design to the actual creation of products they'll use in everyday life while in school and beyond.

About a fifth of the 165 students currently enrolled at CTEC are also McNary High School students. The CTEC campus is the result of a public-private partnership deal between Salem-Keizer School District and Mountain West Investments, a Salem-based real estate company. Anything in the facility that might be found in a traditional classroom, computers, desks, etc., is paid for by SKSD while the other equipment, which ranges from high-end industrial saws and steel-bending devices, was paid for by Mountain West. Several million dollars have already been invested in the school, and it isn't even entirely built out yet.

Currently, the school only offers manufacturing and construction curriculums. By next fall, Honey and school district plan to have a cosmetology program and some type of

medical/dental program up and running. Beyond that, plans call for programs revolving around bioscience and aquaponics, unmanned aerial devices (drones), culinary arts with its own food carts, and even a maker space that will be open to the community.

Each program is designed to feed into another one on the site and lining up all those ducks accounts, in part, for the slow roll out.

"The manufacturing students spent the past two days measuring, cutting, drilling and welding 16-inch hooks that are going to be put up in the construction side of the facility to hang gear and hoses," Honey said.

When the culinary program arrives, the hope is the construction and manufacturing students will be building and modifying the carts' interior spaces to fit menu-specific needs.

What separates CTEC from

other similar programs is that math and English instruction is taught side-by-side with the construction and manufacturing aspects. In other programs, students would go back to their home school for those classes, but they are taught on-site at CTEC.

"Our big focus is on applied learning. Instead of learning straight geometry, CTEC students will learn to describe a crown moulding using the math they learn here," Honey said.

That approach leads to some surprising moments even for Honey. The day of the tour, he walked into the math classroom to discover students disassembling desks. It turned out that they were working on precision measurement and developing a complete parts list for everything that went into making the desks in the first place.

"Our intent is to develop a kid so that they have opportunities to deeply explore career paths. We have kids with 4.0



McNary High School and CTEC student Elsa Olsen grinds down the edge on a piece of metal.

KEIZERTIMES/
Eric A. Howald

GPA's in the programs and some kids with .9. Ideally, both of those students could come out of these programs and make six-figure salaries one day," Honey said.

Five entries in holiday card contest

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

Maybe it will grow next year. That was the hope Tuesday night among members of the Keizer Public Arts Commission (KPAC) as they looked at entries for the city's first holiday card contest.

Following months of publicity, all of three people submitted potential designs, with a total of five designs turned in.

"There were very few, but I love one of them," KPAC chair Lore Christopher said.

Entries had to be submitted by Sept. 18. KPAC members

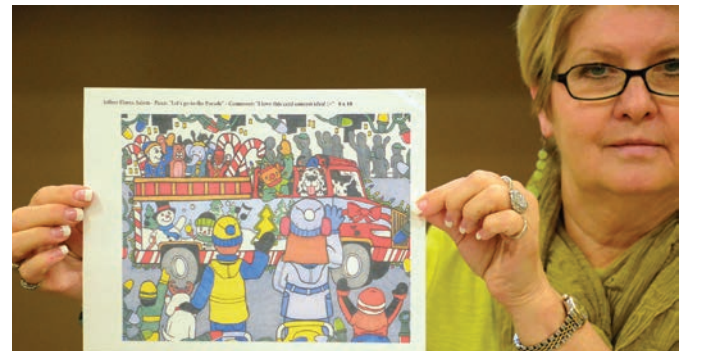
looked at the entries Sept. 22 and agreed the "Let's go to the parade" design by Salem's Jeffrey Flores was the top design.

In addition to his design being used as the city's holiday card for 2015, Flores will also be receiving a \$100 gift card to Michael's Arts and Crafts.

As KPAC members looked over the entries on Tuesday, several noticed the same thing.

"Most of these said Salem," Beth Melendy said.

Only one of the entries, by McNary High School senior Fallon Dunham, was by a Keizer person. The other two



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy

Lore Christopher shows the winning holiday card contest design, done by Jeffrey Flores of Salem.

applicants were listed as Salem residents. KPAC members realized

they had inadvertently left a loophole, as there was nothing in the rules stating a person had to be a Keizer resident to submit a design.

"Perhaps in the future we can specify preferential for Keizer residents," Rick Day suggested. "We can amend our protocol slightly since we made a mistake, or weight a proportion to Keizer residents. I'd say we go to the Salem-Keizer School District and say we had a misstep."

Christopher noted the school district doesn't distinguish between Salem and Keizer students, so artwork submitted by any student would need to be accepted. An assumption was made the three artists submitting work were all students. There was no requirement in the rules for age to be listed.

The KPAC chair liked the idea of preference for Keizerites.

"I don't think anything in the rules says it expressly rules anyone else out, but we prefer Keizer," Christopher said. "We'll amend it for next year. I like your criteria, Rick, about preference given to Keizer residents, but I don't think we should exclude anyone."

Day expanded upon his suggestion.

"We could weight that criteria, then judge accordingly," he said. "You could have criteria like artistic expression, details, what we're after and maybe 5 percent for being a Keizer resident."

Jill Hagen suggested preference for either a Keizer resident or a member of the Keizer Art Association, an idea Day agreed with.

We'll transform your kitchen or bath into what you've always dreamed of

Remodeling by **CLASSIC HOMES INC.**

503.393.2875
remodelkeizer.com
CCB#155626

silvertonhealth.org/woman

HEALTH Caring

I'M EVERY WOMAN

CROWN MEMORIAL CENTERS CREMATION & BURIAL
A New Tradition™

Salem
412 Lancaster Drive NE
Salem, OR 97301
(503) 581-6265

Low Cost Cremation & Burial Funerals & Memorials

Simple Direct Cremation \$495
Simple Direct Burial \$550
Traditional Funeral \$1,975

Discount priced Caskets, Urns and other Memorial items.

Privately owned cremation facility.
Locally owned and operated by Oregon families.
www.ANewTradition.com

Visit Our Women's Health Group

Being all you can be and doing it naturally means having a great team behind you. Introducing the Women's Health Group where Obstetrics, Gynecology, Midwifery and Women's Wellness providers are all together in one place. It makes sense doesn't it? Because you deserve to be the best you can be...*baby.* **503.779.2283**

HEALTH CHECKLIST

- ✓ Family Planning
- ✓ Pregnancy
- ✓ Well Women Exams
- ✓ Cancer Screenings
- ✓ Osteoporosis
- ✓ Blood Pressure
- ✓ Menopause

Silverton Health
Women's Health Group