

All new and lit up

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In some ways, the Miracle of Christmas lights display coming to the Gubser neighborhood in December will be the same as usual.

Many houses in the neighborhood will be decorated for the season. Vehicles will slowly circle the neighborhood each evening starting on Dec. 4, occupants trying to figure out which house they like best. Plus food and cash donations will be accepted for Marion Polk Food Share.

And as usual, the Sno Cops will be lit and letting people know the route.

But take a closer look at the Sno Cops this year, since half of them are going to be a bit different. The other half will be changed next year.

Mark Caillier, president of the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association, showed off the new design at the Oct. 15 GGNA meeting and again at the Oct. 19 Keizer City Council meeting.

Caillier noted the Sno Cops used to be mounted on barricades used around the city throughout the rest of the year, meaning some are in better shape than others. Bill Lawyer, Public Works director for Keizer, provided 25 barriers in good condition and got Caillier in touch with Sgt. Trevor Wenning from the Keizer Police Department.

"Trevor Wenning asked if we could have a work session to put these on new barricades, so that we will have dedicated barricades," Wenning said. "The lights took



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Gubser resident Mark Callier shows off the new look of the Miracle of Lights Sno Cops at a Keizer City Council meeting.

two six volt batteries, so we used a lot of batteries and a lot of problems. We're trying to get LEDs."

Caillier's next step was to call Kim and Karl Thatcher at Highway Specialties, who in turn allowed Jeff Peterson — who resides in Gubser — to work with Caillier.

"It kind of snowballed from there. Jeff asked what they looked like, so I brought one by. The new process has the design, then a reflective layer, then an anti-vandalism layer so any paint wipes off," Caillier said. "It's a state-of-the-art applique. They'll do half this year, half next year. They're giving us the LED lights. The new LED lights take batteries that will last two to four years.

It will cost us less than \$200 to get 25 Sno Cops up to speed with LED lights. That's about \$2,000 we don't have to come up with."

During the rest of the year, the barricades will be stored by the city in the Charge house. The only work to be done is fastening the Sno Cops to the barricades.

Councilors were impressed with the news.

"Ladies and gentlemen, that was awesome," mayor Cathy Clark said.

Caillier brought examples of the old and new designs.

"The new one is a little slimmer," the retired Salem Police Department officer said. "He's a lot brighter, which for a cop is a good thing to say."

KHC Museum honors McNary

The Keizer Heritage Museum at the Keizer Heritage Center is featured an exhibit celebrating Charles McNary.

McNary, whose family had a home where McNary Golf Club is now located, is arguably Keizer's most famous resident. He served in the U.S. Senate from 1917 to 1944 and was the Republican candidate for vice president in 1944 on a ticket with Wendell Willkie.

His name lives on in Keizer with, among other things, McNary High School and McNary Golf Club.

The exhibit will run through November. Museum hours are 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Keizer Heritage Museum volunteer Evelyn Nelson Franz looks over a life-size cut-out of Charles McNary at the museum.



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Ronald Anthony George

August 9, 1948 - October 20, 2015

Ronald Anthony George crossed over to his eternal life on Oct. 20 at home in Keizer. He was 67 years old.

Ron was born in Portland to Stephen and Victoria (Tabshy) George on Aug. 9, 1948. He was the youngest of their four children. Ron is survived by his wife JoAnne; step-sons Casey Paxton of Austin, Texas and Ben Paxton of Portland; and three sisters: Sister Marie Bernadette of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon in Beaverton, Ann (Bill) Marentette of Portland and Patti (Leo) Krug of Happy Valley. Also dear to him were his five nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and nephews.

Ron was raised in Portland and attended Ascension Grade School and Central Catholic High School. He earned a BS degree in Education in 1972 from Oregon College of Education, Monmouth and a Master of Science degree in Home Economics and Family Studies in 1981 from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Wash. After completing a Dietetic Internship program

with University of Washington Hospitals in 1983 he became a registered dietitian, his life long career.



Ron George

Ron taught third grade at Manning Elementary School in the Banks School District and then went on to serve in the Peace Corps from 1973 to 1975, training teachers in the Philippines. The Peace Corps experience would shape his outlook on life and laid the foundation for an expanded compassion and understanding of people and a person's responsibility to the rest of the world.

In 2012 Ron retired from Salem Hospital after a 28 year career working as a Clinical Dietitian. During these years Ron was responsible for the nutritional care of patients in rehab, cardiac care, diabetes education and intensive care. As an avid cyclist he had an interest in sports nutrition and this passion provided the base for the community outreach education that he did.

Ron was an active member of his parish, St. Vincent de Paul in Salem. He served on the Oregon Licensure Board for Dietitians, was active in Beginning Experience of Oregon (a grief recovery ministry) and enjoyed being a Master Recycler ready to offer advice. Always the teacher! He was an organic gardener long before it became popular.

He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife Mary Quigley George. Ron's mother passed away only two days prior to Ron at the age of 103.

Ron will be remembered for many things by those who loved him, but simply stated he was "such a good man."

A visitation and remembrance sharing was held at Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service on Monday, Oct. 26. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Ron may be made to the Northwest Catholic Counseling Center designated for the care of children.



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Salem-Keizer Transit is recruiting for one citizen member position to represent Keizer in Subdistrict #2 on Salem-Keizer Transit's Budget Committee. The appointee would serve a three year term that ends June 30, 2018.

The Budget Committee typically meets three times in the month of May each year to review, discuss, make changes and approve the proposed budget presented by Salem-Keizer Transit staff. The approved budget is later presented to the Board of Directors who authorize its adoption. To qualify, you must be a registered voter 18 years of age or older who resides within the Subdistrict, or within the District at-large.

If you are interested in being considered for the citizen member position, more information and an application packet are available on the District's website at <http://cherriots.org/budget-committee> or at the Salem-Keizer Transit administration office, Suite 5230, 555 Court Street NE, Salem, Oregon 97301/ 503-588-2424.

Completed applications should be returned no later than Monday, November 30, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. by mail to the attention of the General Manager's Office at the address above or by email to linda.galeazzi@cherriots.org.

The citizen member appointment is scheduled to be made during the December 10, 2015 Board meeting.

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