

# KeizerCommunity

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## Merchants quilt at city hall



This former Keizer Merchants Association quilt, which used to hang in the Keizer Chamber of Commerce office, now hangs at the Keizer Civic Center.

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## Willamette Art Center hosting Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls, the annual pottery event to support hunger relief, will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 21 and 22, at Willamette Art Center. More than 1,200 handcrafted pottery pieces are on sale to the public, and all proceeds will go to Marion-Polk Food Share.

More than 20 local artisans spend all year long preparing the event. Glassblowing demonstrations accompany the holiday shopping affair. In the last seven years, the Willamette Art Center has raised

more than \$120,000 to fight hunger in Marion and Polk counties.

Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are noon until 4 p.m. while supplies last. Willamette Art Center is located on the Oregon State Fairgrounds through the yellow gate off Silverton Road in Salem. Willamette Art Center will be accepting donations of non-perishable food during Empty Bowls and continuing through their holiday sale on Dec. 6 and 7.

## Help WMS, Dayspring feed 200 local families

Whiteaker Middle School's leadership class is holding its annual food drive at the school. Students are being asked to donate non-perishable foods to their first period classes, but the leadership students are taking it a step further by "Stuffing the Bus."

They will be trying to stuff an entire Salem-Keizer School bus full of food on Saturday,

Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Safeway parking lot on River Road.

Both of the food drive events are in partnership with Dayspring Fellowship with the goal of providing 200 Salem-Keizer families with a Thanksgiving meal.

For more information, contact Amber Sweeney at [sweeney\\_amber@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:sweeney_amber@salkeiz.k12.or.us).

## SKSB board members: revisions not enough for public input

By HERB SWETT  
For the Keizertimes

More involvement with the public is the object of a policy revision that the Salem-Keizer School Board approved Tuesday, but two board members voted against it, saying the revision should be stronger.

Chris Brantley, who has said several times that the board has not communicated adequately with individuals and groups in the community, cast one of the negative votes. The other came

from Marty Heyen, who argued that the board should invite representatives of groups in the district to board meetings.

Brantley said the wording of the original board policy calling for such communication should be restored. He contended that the more recent wording and the one approved Tuesday were not effective enough. The other board members argued that the revision would accomplish what Brantley has been seeking.

Before the board took up the matter, John Scott of Keizer and two audience members from Salem spoke from the floor in favor of the revision, stressing communication with minority groups.

In other business, the board

approved eight grants, totaling \$5,386,294, all from the Oregon Department of Education. The grants are \$2,199,800 for mentoring beginning teachers in Salem-Keizer and eight small districts with which Salem-Keizer cooperates; \$1,334,100 for improvement of staff quality; \$971,665 for assisting English language learners; \$136,590 for services for neglected and delinquent youth; \$40,098 for teacher improvement, supplemental instruction and family engagement activities in Scott Instructional Services elementary schools; \$39,085 for the same kinds of services in Four Corners; and \$2,600 to create a Career and Technical Education Leadership Institute.

The board also:

- Heard Brad Cunningham of Salem speak from the floor on class sizes. He said he had moved two years ago from a state in which public school classes were limited to 18 students. He noted that most Salem-Keizer classes were much larger and said his son, an elementary school student, appeared to be getting less out of his classes than he had before the move.
- Proclaimed Wednesday, Nov. 18, as National Education Support Professionals Day.
- Approved personnel actions that included the following in the McNary High School attendance area: hiring Donald Boles as a less than half-time sixth-grade English teacher at Whiteaker Middle School, hiring Micaela Craig as a kindergarten teacher at Keizer Elementary School, hiring Wesley Seidel as a first-year probation social studies teacher and Wendy Bennett as a first-year probation home economics teacher at McNary; and accepting the resignation of Valori Fletcher as a learning resources teacher at Whiteaker.

### obituaries

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### Luella "Lu" Marie Garren

June 29, 1927 - November 2, 2015

Luella Garren, long time resident of Keizer, was born in Greer, Idaho. She passed away in Tumwater, Wash. The youngest of seven children born to Dallas and Cora Eby, she and her family relocated to Salem when she was a baby. She is preceded in death by her husband Jack; brothers and sisters: Helen Howard, Gene Vernon, Zelma Cannoy, Ruth Damon and Gerald. She is survived by her daughter Christine Garren; son Jim and daughter-in-law Terri; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Luella retired from her position with Sears in 1979 to spend more time with Jack after his retirement from Boise Cascade. She continued her association with Sears as an active member of the Salem area Sears Retiree group. Luella also enjoyed her participation in the Keizer Kids Group, an informal gathering of graduates from Keizer School. Luella brought

her organizational talents to both of these organizations. She extended her association regarding Keizer School as a volunteer at the Keizer Heritage Museum — a relocated and re-purposed section of the original school building.

Luella also volunteered in the Keizer Emergency Response program. Those who have been fortunate to know her can attest to her unselfish willingness to assist others in so many ways.

A celebration of life is scheduled for December 5 at Keizer Quality Suites from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is appreciated that any gifts could be in the form of donations to either Willamette Valley Hospice or the Salem Juvenile Diabetes Association.



L. Garren

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## Bazaar at MHS November 14

McNary High School is hosting its annual Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 14.

The event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., is a fundraiser for the Celtic robotics team and other school clubs.

McNary is located at 595 Chemawa Road N.E.

# WorshipDirectory

These Salem-Keizer houses of worship invite you to visit.  
Call to list your church in our Worship Directory: (503) 390-1051

**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
8:30 am • 10 am • 11:30 am • 6 pm

**PEOPLESCHURCH**  
4500 LANCASTER DR NE | SALEM  
503.304.4000 • [www.peopleschurch.com](http://www.peopleschurch.com)

**SAINT EDWARD Catholic Church**  
393-5323  
5303 River Rd. N., Keizer  
Father Gary L. Zerr, Pastor  
Saturday Vigil Liturgy: 5:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
La Misa en Español: 12:30 p.m.

**John Knox Presbyterian Church**  
452 Cummings Lane North • 393-0404

Rev. Dr. John Neal, Pastor  
Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Education Hour - 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care Available  
[www.keizerjkpres.org](http://www.keizerjkpres.org)

**Faith Lutheran Church**  
4505 River Rd N • 393-4507

Sunday Schedule:  
9:00 a.m. Children's Church  
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
9:30 a.m. Children's Activities  
10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

Pastor Virginia Eggert

**dayspring fellowship**

Celebration Services  
Saturday Evening 6:00 pm  
Sunday Morning 9:00 am and 10:45 am

Children's Programs, Student and Adult Ministries  
1755 Lockhaven Dr. NE Keizer  
503-390-3900  
[www.dayspringfellowship.com](http://www.dayspringfellowship.com)

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