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## Wolverines dig claws into HOME pantry-painting project

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For a group of Whiteaker Middle School students, the hardest part of helping out at Salem's HOME Youth and Resource Center was the most easily overlooked: keeping clean.

"That was the biggest challenge because there were so many of us painting in the small space," said Megan Provost.

Provost and seven of her peers in the National Junior Honor Society at the school spent Saturday, Dec. 4, painting the interior of a food pantry at HOME.

"HOME is an organization for teens ages 11 to 17, and 18 if they are still in school. They serve lunch and snacks and dinner for teens that are homeless," said student Noah Gould. "We went there to paint their pantry, which is pretty much a shack in the backyard of the house that they have there."

"Teens can go to HOME to take showers and get food," added Paytonn Wirt. "I wish we could have done more."

The project was arranged by Pat Curran, a Whiteaker counselor, as part of the students' commitment to the five principles of the NJHS: character, scholarship, leadership, service and citizenship.

"There's a difference between sitting at home thinking, 'I'm in National Junior Honor Society and that's cool,' but not doing anything," said student Kacey Whitfield. "A



Bailey True and Kacey Whitfield put their painting skills to the test inside a pantry at Salem's HOME Youth and Resource Center.

lot of adults underestimate what we can do as kids."

To be considered for the NJHS, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average and then apply to be part of the program. The process includes writing a cover letter and filling out an application that is reviewed by Whiteaker teachers who make the final decision as to who gets in. There are about 40 Whiteaker students in the NJHS, but many complete independent service projects ranging from free babysitting to assisting at their churches.

"We do the projects as part of NJHS, but you don't have to be part of it to help out," said Alyssa Richardson.



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Megan Provost and Paytonn Wirt prep the area between shelves for painting.

In addition to lending their time and talent to HOME, the students learned about the types of services the organization offers to youth in need.

"They have a culinary program where they can make food for each other and it helps them build skills for finding a job," said Ashley Doerfler.

"It was interesting to find out about how other people are living," added student Grace Trammell. "Not everyone can have as much as we do and it was cool to see how other people are helping those

kids. It was nice to be able to give back to them."

As much work as it was to paint the pantry, student Bailey True said it was equal parts fun.

"We got to climb on the shelves and between them to paint the walls," she said.

Given that, it's no wonder they had trouble keeping clean.

Members of the Whiteaker NJHS are looking for new projects to tackle in the coming months. If you know of a project that needs assistance, contact the school at 503-399-3224.

## GoFundMe account set for Tommy Fountain

A GoFundMe account has been established for Keizer native Tommy Fountain, who died after falling during a climb on Mount Jefferson Nov. 29.

Tommy was climbing with wife Alison when he fell and landed in a crevasse. Alison was uninjured and rescued the next morning, but rescuers found Tommy deceased.

To make a donation in honor of Tommy Fountain go to <https://www.gofundme.com/qgd7wmjw> or donate at any US Bank in the name of Alison and Tommy Fountain.

"Tommy was in love," the GoFundMe page reads. "He loved life, he loved his wife and daughter, and he loved the mountains. He proposed to Alison on Mt. Kilimanjaro, they were married and honeymooned on Mt. Rainier and spent any free time they had tackling their latest peak. We will miss his passion and spirit

immensely, but are comforted in knowing that he died living life to the fullest. He died doing something he loved with someone he loved, and we can honestly say there's no other way he'd want to go."

The page also thanks all involved in the rescue process and for all the well wishes from family and friends. Donations will help pay for final arrangements, rescue personnel and for Tommy's daughter, Penelope.

As of Wednesday morning, nearly \$8,400 had been collected on the page.

Keizer City Councilor Roland Herrera, who coached Tommy in Keizer Little League, brought up the topic during Monday's council meeting.

"It was a tragic accident," Herrera said. "I can't imagine what the family is going through. He was a great kid to coach."

## Uptown hosting food drive for food bank

Through the end of the year a program at Uptown Music will benefit the Keizer Community Food Bank. For the ninth year Uptown Music's Give a Meal, Get a Gift will provide a free \$10 store gift card in exchange for a \$10 cash donation or non-perishable food donation to benefit the pantry.

The most needed items include soups, chili, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, cereals, pasta and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables.

Uptown Music is located at 3827 River Road N. For information contact Paul Elliott at 503-393-4437 or Curt McCormack at 503-390-6145.

## MHS performing arts packs in play, concerts

The McNary High School performing arts department has a whole slate of holiday events and concerts planned for the coming weeks.

Here's the list:

- **Friday, Dec. 11** - 7 p.m. - *A Christmas Carol: Live Radio Play*. The advanced theatre arts and directing students take the stage to perform a fourth completely different take on the classic Charles Dickens story in the style of *Prairie Home Companion* or *Thrilling Adventure Hour*. Musical accompaniment by the McNary choir. \$5 tickets available on [mcnaryhs.ticketleap.com](http://mcnaryhs.ticketleap.com)
- **Tuesday, Dec. 15** - 7

p.m. - McNary band winter concert. Help support the McNary band for a wonderful evening of winter celebration.

• **Thursday, Dec. 17** - 7 p.m. - McNary orchestra winter concert. The students of McNary's multiple orchestras will take the stage to celebrate the holidays with strings.

• **Friday, Dec. 18** - 6 p.m. - *Sing We Now of Christmas*, the McNary's choirs will present a night of song, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. and a concert at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the whole evening. Reserved seating only. Tickets available on [mcnaryhs.ticketleap.com](http://mcnaryhs.ticketleap.com).

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