

## They KNOW how to help



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy  
The Keizer Network of Women (KNOW) Gift Basket program helped out families last weekend. The annual gift wrapping party was held on Dec. 10. Clockwise from top left: Linda and Vince Castronovo; Teresa Ake; Joanna Brown and Audrey Butler.

## Keep on singin' in the dark



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The Whiteaker Middle School choirs sang during the Keizer Rotary/Chamber of Commerce holiday luncheon on Dec. 10. The group kept singing, even after the power went out.

## THREAT,

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our school mentioning Dec. 16," the message stated in part. "The police are helping us investigate to make sure our building is safe and to find whoever wrote the message. We will have extra security precautions in place and we plan to have a normal, safe school day. Please remind stu-

dents that making threats is illegal, resulting in criminal charges and school consequences."

Remy said on Wednesday morning he could recall similar rashes of threats during his 10 years at the district.

"Unfortunately it's a familiar pattern," he said. "When one gets a lot of publicity, you tend to see another one and another one. You hope it stops because of the impact on the schools."

Remy noted the investigations into all three threats are ongoing but suspects have been identified.

"We are feeling good about our chances of holding the students accountable for their actions," he said.

In general, the district is vague in what the wording of the threat is.

"One reason you don't give exact wording is you don't want to encourage copycats, because then you will see more of the wording popping up elsewhere," Remy said, adding the difficulty goes up when students take pictures of the graffiti before it's removed and then share it via social media. "Usually when the exact wording doesn't leak out, usually the next one is not the same wording or handwriting."

## Hitting the hardwood



About 400 Keizer Youth Basketball Association players have spent the past four Saturdays taking part in clinics at Whiteaker Middle School.

McNary High School alum Matt Espinoza has run the clinics each week.

Top: Juliana Marshall eyes the hoop. Above: Sarah Williams puts up a shot. Left: Ashlynn Hughes sets herself for a shot.

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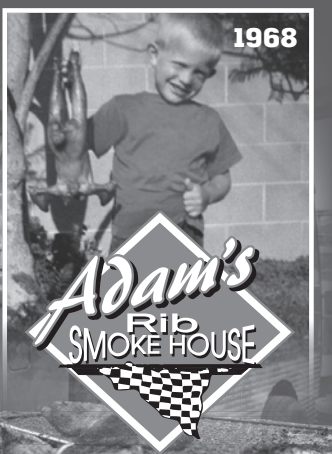
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