

# KeizerCommunity

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## Winter Storytime at Keizer Library

Winter Storytime started this week at Keizer Community Library.

Each Thursday there will be stories, songs and crafts for pre-schoolers to enjoy. All ages are welcome, but events are geared to children ages 3 to 5.

Activities start at 11 a.m. each Thursday and run about 45 minutes. The session will

explore the world and each place that is visited will get a stamp in the child's passport.

The library is downstairs in the Keizer Heritage Center, at 980 Chemawa Road NE. Adults must remain present with their children. For more information, contact the library at 503-390-2370 or kclkidsread@gmail.com.

## Night of Jazz Feb. 13

The McNary High School band is hosting its only fundraising concert of the year, *A Night of Jazz*, Saturday, Feb. 13.

The evening includes a silent auction, dancing and desserts at McNary Golf Club, 165 McNary Estates

Drive N.

In addition to performances by McNary's students, Justin Woodward and Foe Destroyer will be giving a special performance.

Tickets are \$20 and available at the door or online at mcnarysband.org.

## Green Award noms due

Salem's Straub Environmental Center is looking for nominees in its annual Mid-Valley Green Awards.

The awards honor sustainable practices by both local individuals and businesses. Nominations are due by midnight Jan. 18.

Award categories include: recycler of the year; sustainable business of the year; EarthWISE business of the year; the Green Apple, given to a local educator; green product/service of the year and sustainable winery/brewer of the year.

Full details, including eligibility requirements and nomination forms are available at [straubenvironmentalcenter.org](http://straubenvironmentalcenter.org).

## New exhibit at museum

The Keizer Heritage is hosting a new Native American display in the museum, which runs through early March, featuring handcarved ceremonial pipes, baskets and various toys.

Native American artistry and craftsmanship are shown in the decorative and practical items. All are made by hand from ivory, local clay and red pipestone from southwest Minnesota.

This display is on loan and is a personal collection of Pat and Jim LaRock who enjoyed a career with the National Park Services and was the co-owner of the Willow Lake Nursery which was located on Windsor Island Road.

Viewing hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

## WMS pioneers Google Cardboard

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*Of the Keizertimes*

With the aid of some cardboard, lenses and a cell phone, James Decker's Whiteaker Middle School social studies class took a trip from the castles of the United Kingdom to the peak of Mt. Everest to the African jungle. All in 25 minutes.

"I expected like a virtual reality thing, but this was totally unexpected. It is more realistic," said student Adrian Weathers. "Getting to go to the top of the castle was the best part. It reminded me of *Captain America: Civil War* and the places you see in the movie."

Last week, Weathers and other students at the school took part in Google Expeditions Pioneer Program, a project offered by Google allowing students to take virtual trips to far-flung places by turning a cellphone into a three-dimensional viewfinder.

Using Google Cardboard, which transforms a cellphone into a device like the old ViewMaster toys, and images supplied by technology similar to Google's Streetview cars, the goal is to create an immersive experience for students and opportunities for them to see places they might otherwise never travel to.

In Decker's class, students toured several castles that they are learning about in class. They took in views from turrets, found secret passages and discovered the hidden room where royalty would listen in to the conversations of guests. Each student in the class is teaching others about specific features of castles and the middle ages.

Student Griffen Hubbard said it helped inform his presentation on armor and weap-



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Students at Whiteaker Middle School use Google Cardboard to take a virtual trip.

ons. "Seeing the full suit of armor in the queen's room was pretty cool. It helped to get to see their actual armor and weapons on display," Hubbard said.

Matt Hurst, an instructional coach at Whiteaker, said teachers at the school were using the expeditions in a variety of ways. Throughout the two days students had access to the technology Wolverines explored castles, U.S. monuments, Madagascar, Rome, holy places in Jerusalem, the

Great Barrier Reef and careers as chefs.

"This technology is adaptable to so many content areas from sciences to social studies to math," Hurst said. "We had language arts classes using it and special education classes using it."

As with any new gadget there were some stumbling blocks, but Hurst said even those are useful when it comes to teaching.

"Once you put a device in teachers' hands and students' hands and it totally changes

the way we teach," Hurst said. "On the other hand, it's a good thing because it models what it means to be a life-long learner even if something doesn't go perfectly."

Regardless of whether it went off without a hitch every time, students at the school were getting a unique experience. Whiteaker is one of the first Oregon schools to take part in Google Expeditions.

"Coming in and having this experience is something that no one else they know will have done," said Hurst.

## Tickets on sale for Keizer library tea

Tickets are on sale for the second annual Afternoon Tea at the Library, a fund-raiser for the all-volunteer, non-profit Keizer Community Library. The event is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, upstairs at the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Road NE.

Tickets, priced at \$25

each, are available at the library on the ground floor of the Keizer Heritage Center, or by contacting event coordinator Gayle McMurria-Bachik, [Bachik@comcast.net](mailto:Bachik@comcast.net).

Tickets will not be available at the door, according to McMurria-Bachik. Only 80 tickets will be sold to the

event. Raffle tickets will be available for a variety of gift baskets, which feature goods donated by library patrons and community sponsors.

Major event sponsors include: the *Keizertimes*; Jerry Crane of That Food Guy Catering; Sam Goesch Insurance; and Rich Ford, Realtor.

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