Keizer Community

KFD honors employees, volunteers at banquet

honored volunteers and employees old and new at its annual Firefighter Reception on Monday, Jan. 11.

Honorees were: Jared Caruth, Volunteer Firefighter of the Year and Top Responder; Kelby Frazier, Employee of the Year; Danny South, EMT of the Year; and Victor Hess, Rookie of the Year.

Length of Service Awards 25 years; Brian Butler, 20 the event.

The Keizer Fire District years; Jim Simpson, 10 years; and Hector Blanco and Samantha Howell, five years.

Service Awards were presented to Commissioner Don Flesch (1991-2015), Mike Kurtz (board of directors 1998-2015), and Greg Ego (board of directors 2001-

New employees CJ Thorne, Bill Herring, Matt Dryden, Jason Perkins and Sean Cumwere presented to: Bob Busch, mings were also introduced at

Tix on sale for Night of Jazz

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

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

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

Library hosting tea funder Sunday, Feb. 7

second annual Afternoon Tea at the Library, a fundraiser for the all-volunteer, nonprofit 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.

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

Tickets are on sale for the 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.

The library is open 36 hours per week on the following schedule: Monday through Thursday, 1 to 7 p.m.; Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. The all-volunteer library is seeking additional community volunteers. For information, contact the library, 503-390-2370, or visit the library's website, www.keizerlibrary.org.

For tickets contact Mary Sasaki, 541-270-5926, or Gayle McMurria-Bachik, 503-363-

Tornado blows trouble into small town in McNary's Anatomy of Gray



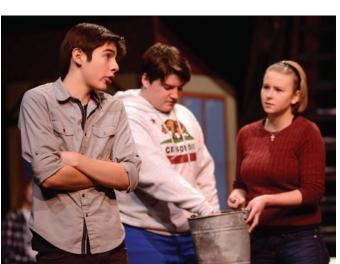
By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

For Jaida Watson, June Muldoon is one of the most relatable characters she's ever

"She's really sarcastic and not afraid to express herself and I relate to that in a lot of ways," said Watson, who plays June in the upcoming Mc-Nary High School production of Anatomy of Gray. "She's the girl who sticks out from the others in the town because she thinks it is the most boring place in the world and she just wants to leave."

Performances are slated Jan. 27-30. Curtain time is 7 p.m. each night and tickets are \$5.

In the play, June's father dies early on and sets the stage for much of what then unfolds. Not long after his passing, a doctor, Galen P. Gray played by Osvaldo Torres, blows into town on the winds of a tor-



Osvaldo Torres shares a scene with Jesse White and Morgan

Hoag during dress rehearsals.

nado. Gray is welcomed as a healer, but soon the town is struck by a mysterious illness that even he is helpless to treat.

The play features a smallish cast on a mostly bare stage, but the script is lively and chockfull of believable character moments.

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Senior Dorothy Woolford is enjoying playing June's mother, Rebekah Muldoon. "Of all the characters, she's

the most well-rounded because you see her grief, her love, and her fear. The play starts out at a fairly dark time in her life and she's just trying to maintain everything for the sake of June," Woolford said.

Morgan Hoag and Jesse White play the town's elders, Belva and Crutch Collins.

Hoag said the townspeople if I was not a part of this."

Left: Members of the Anatomy of Gray cast react to a vicious storm that blows a doctor into town

provide lots of potential connection points for the audi-

"They all have their own stories. You might discover you know more about the Crutch than you do June, and they all click into place without the audience even realizing what is happening," she said.

White said he anticipates the show's finale most.

"I want people to be amazed when they finally figure out how all the pieces fit together," he said.

Torres, who plays the titular Gray, said he was hesitant at first when deciding if he wanted a role in the play at all.

"I was feeling kind of burned out at the time, but I've been blessed enough to be trusted to undertake something like this and I've fallen in love with the character more each day. He's a human being in ways both good and bad,"Torres said.

Both Woolford and Torres found themselves touched by the origin of the script, written by Jim Leonard, Jr.

"It was written in response to the AIDS epidemic and the prejudice that people went through while suffering from that disease," said Woolford. "Even though it's not as prevalent in what the story became, I want people to be able to look back on the experience of seeing it and find those messages there."

The beauty of the writing itself was what led Torres to seeing past his early misgivings about taking on a role.

"I feel like this play came out of a beautiful place. Not as a commentary, but as an author's need to express and write," Torres said. "It's not meant to shame anybody and that gives it a beautiful shape. I know I would be disappointed







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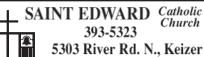
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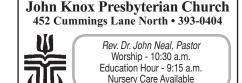




Father Gary L. Zerr, Pastor Saturday Vigil Liturgy: 5:30 p.m. Sundays: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. La Misa en Español: 12:30 p.m.

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