

# KeizerCommunity

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## Salem area tax aide sites open in February

Beginning in February, free tax services for local seniors and low-income residents will be available in the Salem area through AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program.

Four sites will operate in the Salem-Keizer area, plus weekend sites in Silverton and Stayton. Federal and Oregon tax returns will be done at all sites.

Walk-in services, with no appointments, will be available at Baxter Hill Community Hall, 1780 Baxter Hill Road SE; Dayspring Fellowship Church, 1755 Lockhaven Drive NE, Keizer; and on Saturdays at the Silverton Senior Center, 115 Westfield Street, Silverton and the Stayton Public Library, 515 N. First Street in Stayton.

Services by appointment

only will be available at Center 50 Plus, 2615 Portland Road NE and at the South Salem Senior Center, 6450 Fairway Avenue SE.

The 10-week schedule begins Monday, Feb. 1 and will operate through April 15.

The Keizer Dayspring Fellowship walk-in site will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Taxpayers also may walk in to Baxter Hill Community Hall, on Mondays and Tuesdays from 1 to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Scheduled appointments are available at Center 50 Plus on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the South Salem

Senior Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Appointments at Center 50 Plus may be requested by calling 503-588-6303 on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Appointments at South Salem Senior Center may be made by calling 503-588-0748.

In Silverton and Stayton, the Saturday walk-in services will begin Feb. 6. Service will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax consulting and preparation service. All volunteers in the program are certified and trained by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service and the Oregon Department of Revenue.

## 'Awesome' essays worth \$529 for local students

Students from kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to tell the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation why college is awesome. The Oregon College Savings Plan will award winning entries \$529 for college. Two awards per grade level will be announced at the 34th annual Awesome 3000 on May 7.

Guidelines are available online at [www.skeducation-foundation.org](http://www.skeducation-foundation.org). Students are encouraged to paint mental pictures with essays that are interesting and creative. All essays submitted by students must be original. Grades K-5 can be hand-written and may include a drawing. Essays by students in grades 6-12 must be typed in 12 point font and double-spaced. Essays will be judged

by grade categories. Entrants are not required to register for the Awesome 3000. The deadline for all submissions is 5 p.m. on Friday, April 1.

"Helping kids achieve their goals and become better prepared educationally is something the Oregon College Savings Plan cares deeply about," said Michael Parker, executive director of the Oregon 529 College Savings Network. "Every child deserves a chance at a college education, and supporting creativity and strong writing skills is a big step in the right direction."

## New exhibit at Keizer Heritage

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.

## 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 [mcnaryhsband.org](http://mcnaryhsband.org).



## WMS aims to be kind

Whiteaker Middle School students spent the past week trying to foster kindness around the school and in all its students.

The Great Kindness Challenge, a weeklong campaign to promote simple acts of kindness, is an opportunity to turn the messages of anti-bullying on their head.

Instead of trying to create buy-in for a negative goal, anti-bullying, the program is designed to help students experience kindness in all its forms firsthand.

Top: Kaylee Bell, Alyssa Richardson and Maya Luscomb with a "kindness chain." Right: Gabby Orcutt makes a sign for her locker. Below: Kortney Engle, Britney Cooper and Vanessa Gates show off their signs.

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**Q. Can I put plastic bags into the big blue recycle cart?**

A. Sorry, plastic bags cannot go into the blue cart because they get tangled in the sorting equipment and cause major delays.

**TRY THESE HELPFUL IDEAS INSTEAD:**

- Use them to tie-off odorous garbage before tossing into garbage cart
- Re-use them or, if possible, recycle them at the store that you got them from.
- Call the RECYCLE HOTLINE (503) 390-4000 for other possible recycling locations.
- Ask your store to bag your purchases in paper instead. Oregon law gives you the choice!

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# 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 - 9:15 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)

**Keizer Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
6945 Wheatland Rd. NE 393-6843  
Pastor Bob Arnold

3 and 4 year Old Pre-School  
Worship and Children's Church • 10:00 a.m.  
Office Hours 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

**Jason Lee UMC**  
820 Jefferson St. NE  
Salem OR 97301  
Dr. Jon F. Langenwaller, Pastor  
The Church with the purple doors  
503-364-2844  
Worship at 9:30 am • Child Care Available

**Countryside Christian Church**  
[countrysidechristianchurch.org](http://countrysidechristianchurch.org)  
Corner of Lockhaven and McLeod, KEIZER • (503) 540-1989

9:00 am & 10:30 am Sunday Worship  
Classes for all ages