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Making more PAWSIBLE



Members of the Whiteaker Middle School Pro Team get a tour of the Willamette Valley Humane Society after dropping off a donation Saturday, Jan. 30.

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A group of Whiteaker Middle School students turned out early at the Willamette Valley Humane Society Saturday, Jan. 30 - before the doors even opened.

The students were representing the Whiteaker Pro Team class, and had some gifts to deliver.

"The most surprising thing was the dog bed," said seventh grader Chloe Shepherd. "It's big enough that I can sleep in it."

Over the past few months, students in the class collected donations from schoolmates

and their families ranging from the dog bed to a scratching post to food, treats and toys.

"We basically had one thing from every aisle in the pet store," said teacher Jamie Peters.

The class that brought in the most donations won a doughnut party, but the winning students decided to donate the money to WVHS instead.

"The hardest part was

promoting it in the school," said sixth grader Paris Boyd. "We made a bunch of posters and made lots of visits to classes."

"We basically had one thing from every aisle in the pet store"

— Jamie Peters

In addition to the donations, students in the Pro Team Class had a hand in making some of the gifts.

The students discovered reheatable rice packs were needed for animals rehabilitating from surgery.

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Mayor, two city councilors to run again; Koho done

By CRAIG MURPHY
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Looking to run for a seat on the Keizer City Council this fall?

Odds are you'll have competition.

Mayor Cathy Clark and councilors Marlene Parsons and Kim Freeman all announced this week they are running again this fall.

On the other hand, Dennis Koho, the current council president and a former Keizer mayor, confirmed he won't be running again.

Clark will be running for a second two-year term as mayor. After eight years on council, Clark ran unopposed for mayor in 2014 to replace Lore Christopher, who served as mayor for 14 years.

Parsons emerged victorious in a three-way battle for her seat in 2012 and is running for a second term.

For Freeman, this will be her first campaign. She was appointed in the summer of 2013 to fill the vacancy created when Ken LeDuc resigned that spring. LeDuc had won his seat in 2012.

Koho returned to public office by winning an unopposed election bid in 2012, but has given hints several times since he would not be running for another term.



C. Clark



M. Parsons



K. Freeman



D. Koho

Clark released a statement Tuesday night announcing she is running for a second term.

"I ask for your continued support as I announce today that, in the November election, I plan to seek a second term as your mayor," Clark said. "I am proud of our community, where pride, spirit and volunteerism are who we are and what we do. And I will continue to work hard to serve you all in making Keizer a place to celebrate every day."

Clark listed some of the accomplishments from her first year as mayor.

"I am so proud of the great accomplishments of our community," Clark said. "From the biggest summer concert series yet to

building the Big Toy, opening new businesses and growing businesses, repairing roads and building new roads and

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Want a marijuana shop? Be first

By CRAIG MURPHY
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First come, first served. That's the gist of a ruling Keizer City Councilors made Monday night in regard to an amendment for the recreational marijuana retailer permit ordinance.

The ordinance was adopted by councilors at their previous meeting on Jan. 19. For the most part the city followed state guidelines and regulations.

There was one key difference, however.

"The ordinance requires a retailer to be located 1,000 feet from another retailer or a medical marijuana facility," city attorney Shannon Johnson said. "An issue was raised regarding the possibility that two or more persons may apply within the same general area. The question then is, which one is allowed the permit?"

Johnson said an application for the city permit cannot be submitted until the applicant has received state approval, meaning the Oregon Liquor

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The right time for Caillier



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Keizer First Citizen Mark Caillier (center) gets a hug from former First Citizen JoAnne Beilke (right) as Lore Christopher looks on Jan. 23.

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Does anybody really know what time it is? Hopefully the Cailliers do.

Mark and Kris Caillier have a large collection of clocks in their Keizer home. Let's just say it is 20-plus.

So many clocks, in fact, what do you do with one more?

Mark got a clock at the Jan. 23 Keizer First Citizen and Awards Banquet as he was bestowed with the 2015 Keizer First Citizen award. It matches the clock he received two years earlier after being named the 2013 President's Award recipient.

"It's the most important clock in the house, followed closely by the President's Award one which I was honored with a couple of years ago," Mark said. "My wife is really into clocks. If you don't have 20 or 30 clocks in your house, what the heck?"

Mark's laugh had barely subsided when he was asked where this newest clock would be displayed.

Mark Caillier (right) holds the clock award he received for winning the Keizer First Citizen Award on Jan. 23. The clock matches the one he won two years ago for the President's Award.

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"In his office," Kris answered immediately as more laughter broke out.

Mark has long been of service to his community. He retired in 2003 after 29 years with the Salem Police Department. He served on the Keizer City Council for four years, has led clean-up efforts at the Keizer Civic Center, currently serves as president of the Greater Gubser Neighborhood

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