

Damages top \$100K after blaze at duplex

The Keizer Fire District responded to a report of a house fire shortly before 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 1.

Upon arriving at the duplex, firefighters observed heavy smoke and flames coming from one of the garages.

The caller, who lived in the garage, reported the house fire in the 7000 block of Pierce Drive North at 7:53 a.m. while he was evacuating the home with his dog.

The caller stated he awoke to his mattress on fire. The home did have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the traditional living spaces.

Firefighters battled the fire from the large garage door which had failed before they arrived on scene. They also cut holes in the roof to extinguish the fire that had made its way into the attic space.

Most of the blaze was contained to a single side of the duplex in the garage and

attic space. The second side of the duplex only suffered minor smoke damage. No one was home in the second side of the duplex at the time of the fire.

Extensive damage to the residence was estimated at \$100,000 and damage to the contents of the home was estimated at \$15,000. No injuries were reported in the incident. The precise cause of the fire was under investigation at press time.

The Red Cross provided assistance to address basic immediate needs, information about recovery services and health and emotional resources. The fire affected one adult, three children and six pets.

Fire district officials remind residents that every sleeping space in the home needs to have a working smoke alarm. If you are sleeping in a non-traditional area such as the garage, a smoke alarm should be installed there.

Standing still



KEIZERTIMES/ERIC A. HOWALD
Christa Karschnia as Sarah and Hannah Patterson as Mandy share a scene in dress rehearsals for KHT's *Time Stands Still*.

Keizer Homegrown Theatre's production of *Time Stands Still* continues this week and next.

The play is being staged at Chemeketa Community College's Auditorium, 4000 Lancaster Drive, Building 6. Evening performances are March 4 and 5 and 10-12 at 7 p.m. A matinee is slated for 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door or can be reserved by e-mailing keizerhomegrown@gmail.com. The troupe is encouraging new patrons to come and check out the show, mention it's your first time at a KHT production and you'll get two-for-one tickets.

Heritage Foundation, Making Keizer Better offer scholarships

Applications are now available for the 2016 Keizer Heritage Foundation scholarships.

The Foundation will award the \$1,000 Pearl Langeland Memorial Scholarship, which honors the longtime Keizer teacher and Keizer Heritage board member. Another scholarship of \$1,000, or two of \$500 each, will also be awarded.

The scholarships are available to current year high school graduates who have lived in Keizer for the past five years or more and who plan to attend a four-year or two-year college or vocational school within one calendar year of award selection.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic performance, school and community activities, monetary need, and an accurate and complete application form.

The Keizer Heritage Foundation owns and operates the Keizer Heritage Center.

Applications may be obtained at local high schools, requested by e-mail at heritage@wvi.com or downloaded at www.keizerheritage.org/scholarships.html. Applications must be submitted to the Keizer Heritage office at 980 Chemawa Road N.E. by 5 p.m. on April 1, 2016. They

can also be mailed to Keizer Heritage, P.O. 20845, Keizer, OR 97307. For more information contact the Keizer Heritage Center, at 503-393-9660 or heritage@wvi.com.

Applications are also available for three vocational/trade scholarships from Making Keizer Better Foundation.

Each scholarship awards \$1,000 for continuing education in a trade or vocation.

The Making Keizer Better and the Jan Cline Memorial Scholarships are for students who plan to continue education in electrical, plumbing or one of the recognized trades which can include cosmetology.

The Jerry Bigler Memorial Scholarship is for a student who will continue education in the automotive field.

The scholarships are unlimited and require transcripts, letters of recommendation and several essay questions. A high grade point average is not necessary; financial need will be considered. Applications are available at McNary High School and Making Keizer Better Foundation. The deadline to apply is April 1.

Call the foundation at 503-390-6840 to have information and an application e-mailed.

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Chowder sales support grad party

Organizers of the annual McNary High School graduation party are seeking donors and volunteers to assist in the the planning of this year's party.

The McNary All-Night Grad party is a drug-free, safe alternative for graduates to celebrate with their friends after making the big walk. Last year, more than 200 grads attended the event.

Organizers are currently selling Mo's Clam Chowder for \$10 per bag. E-mail celticcelebrate@gmail.com or call 541-619-3274 and place an order.

Later this month, they

will be selling geraniums and flower baskets just in time for Mother's Day.

Donations can be made online at the Grad Party GoFundMe page, www.gofundme.com/mcnarygradparty. Checks made payable to McNary Graduation Party can be sent to PO Box 21114, Keizer, OR 97303.

Organizers are also looking for prizes in the form of clothing, electronics, food, music, movies, or anything a high school graduate might use. Gift cards or gift certificates in any amount are also gladly accepted.



Learn how to help your community in times of emergency



2016 Training Sessions begin on Thursday, March 10th, 6:30 pm

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