WATER: Cummings the only school without results

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measured 20 ppb. Whiteaker Middle had no results above action levels.

Clear Lake Elementary had two faucets that contained exactly 15 ppb of lead, while a drinking fountain at Forest Ridge measured in at 19 ppb. Two sink faucets at Keizer Elementary came in at 17 and 15.

Kennedy and Weddle had no results above action levels.

As of Wednesday, Cummings samples weren't back yet.

A second sample will be taken at any fixtures in the action plan to discover rather the problem is the fixture itself, piping or something else.

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> Salem-Keizer School District

The second samples at Keizer Elementary came back much lower, three and two ppb, but the fixtures will remain out of service until they can be fixed.

"What comes back in the B sample won't impact rather we fix it or not," Mary Paulson, chief of staff for the school district said. "We're still going to fix it because it already tested high once. We're going to get to the root of what that issue is regardless of what Test B says. We want to make sure it's taken very seriously."

Test results are being posted within 24 hours they are received on the school district's website at http://www.salem-keizer.org/parents/water-testing-information.

"There's not any question about wether or not these things will get fixed," Paulson said. "It will just be a matter of allocating funding that most likely was going to be used for something else because there was no budget for this. We'll just have to look at priorities and shift things around. But this is a priority project for us."

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"Those are conversations that have obviously been tough to have, but the principle is important and they've shown that by attempting to get real feedback rather than projecting their own views on the city," Reid said.

The look and feel of new development, in public spaces and commercial ones, is one of her personal priorities. She would aim to strike a balance of Keizer's small-town feel with an eye toward what future needs are likely to be.

When one local resident expressed concerns about deforestation during her canvassing, Reid said it made her think hard about how a global issue might relate to the job of a Keizer city councilor.

"I think it spoke to the larger issue of managed growth, we want to grow in a thoughtful and considerate way. We're at a unique juncture where we're finally coming out of the recession and able to move forward," Reid said. "I'm excited about listening to the opinions of different people and learning how to make that growth happen."

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The Keizer City Council is currently exploring options related to adding fees to utility bills and creating dedicated funds for those services, but Barker would like to see a more interactive process.

"I would like to have a system where we can reach out to registered voters online asking for feedback on the major issues of the day like funding for parks or public safety, then the city council can direct policy in accordance with the voting," Barker said.

He sees engaging in conversations with all stakeholders as the primary vehicle for the smart development he's talking about. He cited the lack of grocery options in Keizer as one example.

"We need to be talking with people in the planning departments of the food distributors to find out if Keizer is a viable market and, if there is something missing, how we can get involved to change it," Barker said. "If we find out that we're lacking something that we need to be in a marketable position, then we need to attack those needs hard."

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be wearing the same clothing Schwindt was wearing earlier in the day when he fled arrest.

A second perimeter was set by Keizer officers and the K-9 team from the Salem Police Department responded a second time to search for the suspect, but once again officers were unsuccessful in locating the suspect.

Investigating officers determined Schwindt had a relative living in the 6800 block of River Road North and one officer remained in the vicinity of that address on surveillance.

At about 2:40 p.m., officers saw a relative of the suspect return to her residence and made contact with her. A search of the residence revealed several items within the residence had been disturbed and there were indications someone had accessed the attic crawl space from inside the residence. Additional officers and tools were brought in to search the attic.

A short time before 3 p.m., officers confirmed Schwindt was hiding in the attic area of his relatives' residence. Because his relative resides in a multi-dwelling housing complex, he had access to other residences. After establishing contact with the subject, he was taken into custody without any further incident.

Schwindt was transported to the Marion County Correctional Facility where he was lodged for the warrant alleging 18 counts of identity theft. The bail for that warrant is $200,000. In addition to the warrant, Michael Schwindt was arrested for one count of burglary, one count of escape and for one count of trespass. His bail for the latter charges was set at $50,000.

Anyone having additional information about this incident is asked to contact Officer Jeremy Worledge at 503-390-3713, ext. 3493.

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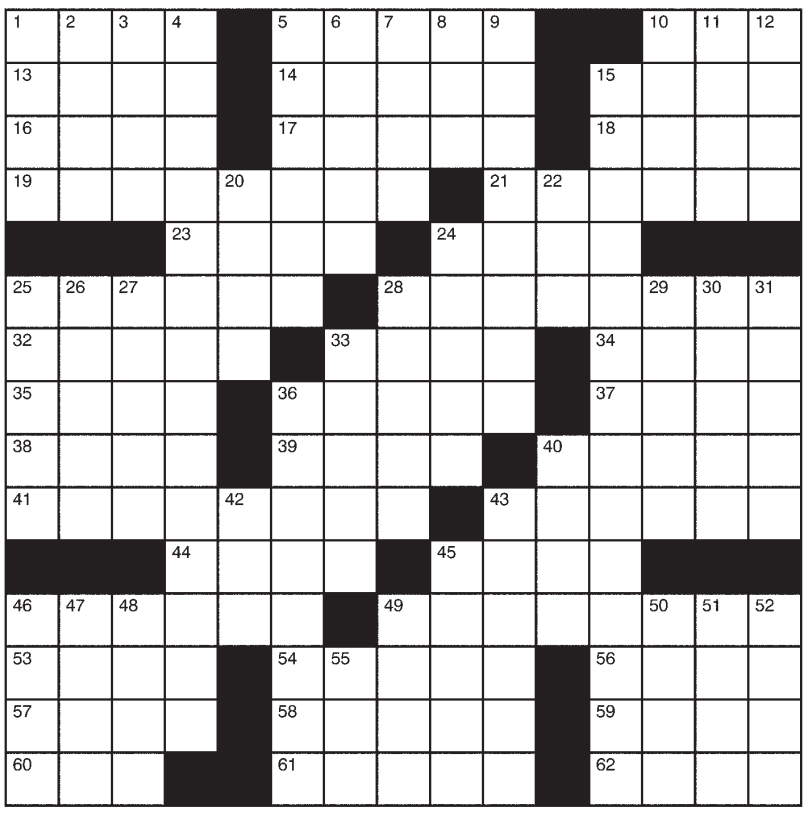

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