

# KeizerCommunity

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## Celtics buy Christmas gifts for Keizer family

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Of the Keizertimes

Three Keizer kids looked out their window and declared, "They're here. They're here."

It wasn't Santa and his elves. But on this Christmas these visitors brought just as much excitement as McNary's boys basketball team arrived carrying gifts for a local family in need.

Ryan Kirch started the adopt a family program six years ago when he became the head coach at McNary as a way for his players to develop leadership and character.

"Our kids are real fortunate where they come from," Kirch said. "I think it's really good for them just to appreciate things a little bit and the impact they can have on other people's lives by just doing something as simple as giving a gift to a kid who doesn't have anything. It's really meaningful to them and I think gives them perspective."

Kirch gets the name of a family and their wish list every year from Dayspring Fellowship Pastor Larry Grine, whose son played for the Celtics.

"It's nice to do something

for someone else," McNary senior Cade Goff said. "We've had some emotional parents, which opens up your eyes to what some other people are experiencing during the holidays."

With a \$250 budget, the team did most of the shopping on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Keizer Station.

They bought each kid—a 13-year-old boy and nine and 11-year-old girls—a jacket and gloves. Their other purchases included an iPod shuffle, drone, stuffed teddy bear, coloring backpack, Shopkins, boxes of macaroni and cheese and cans of soup.

The players then wrapped the gifts themselves and delivered the presents on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

"I think they were surprised with how many gifts we brought because a lot of other families contributed, too," Goff said. "We added in things, a Subway gift card, gas card and a (Nintendo) DS on top of what we bought. We hope to get in contact with them after Christmas and see how it went."



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Easton Neitzel, from left, Cade Goff, Alex Martin, Matthew Ismay, Kevin Martin, Adam Harvey and Jordan Harvey hold Christmas gifts purchased for a Keizer family in need.

## Scouts recycling Christmas trees through Sunday, Jan. 8

Keizer Boy Scout Troop 121 will be offering Christmas tree recycling Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1, 7, 8.

Trees can be dropped off at Keizer U.S. Bank, 5110

River Road N. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pick-up in Keizer and North Salem can also be arranged on Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 7, 8 by calling or texting 503-

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#### Fran Lindquist

July 12, 1941 - Dec. 18, 2016

Fran Lindquist, age 75 of Salem, Oregon passed away on Dec. 18, 2016. Fran, daughter of Jesse Carter and Mildred (McGoldrick) Carter, loving wife of Robert Lindquist, succumbed to Parkinson's at her home. She is survived by Robert her loving husband of 55 years, son Daniel, sister Lois, and pre-deceased by her brother Jerry.

Fran was born on July 12, 1941 on a family farm in Schuyler County, Missouri. The family later moved to Glenwood, Missouri and then to the Salem, Oregon area in 1946. She graduated from South Salem High School in 1959, and married Robert Lindquist in 1961. Fran also graduated from Merritt Davis School of Business in 1966, with a degree as a medi-

cal secretary. Among her employment activities, Fran had worked for a travel agency, the office for Salem Elks Lodge, and later retiring in 2003 from Goodwill Industries.

Fran enjoyed socializing and entertaining others with activities through the Keizer Elks lodge and was a prior president of the Ladies of Keizer Elks. She was also active with the Red Hat Society and Keizer QTs. Fran will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by family and friends. A celebration of life will be held at Keizer Elks lodge on Sunday, February 12, 2017 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her honor to Willamette Valley Hospice.



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