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Briggs said that wasn't the case at all of the schools he visits.

"I get out a lot and I see at a lot of schools, and what you're doing for kids doesn't happen (everywhere). You assume that all schools are doing what you are doing. That's not the case. There are a lot of schools out there where they don't believe in children. They don't even like children. They are just teaching but there's no learning going on. Here, there's learning going on because you have a culture of belief that students will graduate from high school career and college ready."

Briggs was also impressed with Claggett's systems and shared leadership.

"One thing I say to a lot of schools is that they had such a great AVID program and then she left," Briggs said. "That happens often. I love that you have systems in place that it doesn't depend on one dynamic person to ensure that all kids are college and career ready."

Briggs said he loved the innovation he saw in tutorials and noted a quote that stood out to him from the morning session—"Instruction is the

most important intervention we have."

"That is so refreshing to hear," he said.

Briggs gave CCMS recommendations—continue high expectations; close the gap between AVID and non AVID students; refine Cornell notes, planners, journals and interactive notebooks; and improve gender and racial equity (AVID classes are currently about 60 percent female).

Principal Rob Schoepfer congratulated Claggett Creek staff on the accomplishment.

"When we started this process a few years ago guys, we never lost sight that instruction is what truly matters and as we built this system, I have appreciated the reflective practice and the focus on improvement with regards to how we are teaching our kids," Schoepfer said. "I want to challenge us as a school community, this has been a fun process and this is nice, but let's not forget what really matters and that is continuing to come together as a team, focusing on our kids so that we can provide them the best education and opportunity possible here at Claggett Creek. As principal, I want to thank you guys for the work you've done. We need to enjoy ourselves."

CCMS began AVID in 2009 with one eighth grade elective class. It expanded to seventh grade the following school year and then into sixth grade in 2011-12.

After three years of declining reading scores, Claggett looked at its AVID classes and saw better GPAs and attendance and decided in 2013-14 to take AVID strategies school-wide and built a plan to double the amount of kids in the AVID electives.

Coordinated by Kelly Greer, CCMS has seven elective teachers Jon Shrout (language arts), Brad Dixon (social studies), Trista Lewis (Spanish), Donna Wyatt (health), Ben Dalgas (English language development), Stephanie Rabago (math) and Jenna Becker (math) for seven classes that reach 22 percent of students.

As a demo school, CCMS becomes a learning lab where schools all over the country can visit to see AVID at work. A showcase is scheduled for the fall.

"We believe that it's going to be a real celebration point, especially for the Claggett community, our parents and the community have been behind this school for a lot of years and to be national demo school is going to be a real feather in everybody's cap," Schoepfer said.

obituaries

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Carma Sue Miletta

August 30, 1934 - March 3, 2017

Carma Sue Miletta passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on March 3, 2017. "Sue," as she was known, was born August 30, 1934 in Des Moines, Iowa to Winnett and Beulah Conrad. After graduating from North Salem High School, Sue met the love of her life, Roy Miletta. They were married on December 8, 1952 and had four children: David, Lisa (Martinmaas), Larry, and Lora. The family moved to Keizer in 1959. After raising her family, Sue worked in food service for Salem-Keizer School District at McNary High School and Kennedy Elementary. After retiring from the school district, she worked for the Oregon State Fair (Poultry Building), eventually becoming superintendent. Sue was a long-time volunteer for the Keizer Heritage Foundation. She loved to read, travel, paint with watercolors, and cheer on the Keizer Volcanoes—she was a season ticket holder for many years. Sue's positivity, humor, and smile will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.



S. Miletta

Sue leaves behind her children, seven grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She is also survived by her brother, Jay Conrad. Sue was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, and son Larry Miletta. Sue was a member of First United Methodist Church of Salem (600 State Street) and services for Sue will be held there on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please honor Sue with donations to United Methodist Church - MICAH Center (600 State St, Salem, OR 97301) and/or St. Brigid Home (c/o Catholic Community Services, PO Box 20400, Salem, OR 97307-0400).

Larry James Smith

February 10, 1947 - March 19, 2017

Larry James Smith, 70, of Keizer, Oregon, passed away March 19, 2017 after a three-year courageous battle with cancer.



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He was born February 10, 1947 in Ontario, Oregon, to Gail and Charleen (Dentinger) Smith. He graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay, Oregon. He went on to obtain his bachelor's degree from Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) where he excelled on the football field and was a proud member of the TKB. He spoke fondly of his time at OCE and the positive impact it had on his life.

He married Diane Robertson on March 17, 1973. They have three daughters Tana (Kevin) Thomson, Amy (Jeff) Campbell and Haley (Mark) Cooper and six grandchildren Parker, Kellen, Rylee, Cayde, Eaelyn and Brayson. He was a very proud dad and papa and always made his family his top priority. Larry cherished his family and extended family and always looked forward to spending time with them and his visits to Eastern Oregon.

Larry is the ultimate example of service to others.

He dedicated his life to children and the community he lived in. He coached youth football, softball and baseball. Larry worked behind the scenes by contributing his time and money to ensure our youth had the best facilities. He recently received the Keizer Service to Education award for the impact he had on Keizer youth.

Larry spent his entire career in the lumber industry and worked up until his death. He was passionate about his career and never viewed his job as work. He formed many strong relationships with his colleagues whom he considered second family. He spent the last twenty-one years working and growing Billboard Lumber and was very proud of the company Billboard Lumber is today.

His love for learning and personal growth was contagious. Larry was a mentor to many and had an amazing ability to motivate and inspire confidence in others. He focused on positivity and was there to encourage others in their time of need.

Our life will never be the same but his spirit will continue to live on through the many lives he touched.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 24 at Zenith Vineyard in Salem, Oregon.

Kevin Compton

November 5, 1949 - March 12, 2017

Kevin Compton, 67, was born on November 5, 1949 to Osia and Victor Compton and passed away March 12, 2017 in his Keizer home from ALS. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, (Marlene), favorite daughter (Nichole Black), adored and cherished grandchildren (Isabella and Tyler Black), brother and sister-in-law (Barry and



K. Compton

Emma Compton), many treasured nieces and nephews and Honey Boy Blue (Little One). Kevin's Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 1pm at the Grace Community Church, 4105 Lancaster Dr NE, Salem, OR 97305. In lieu of flowers, Kevin would be delighted to have donations made to The Oregon and Southwest Washington Chapter of The ALS Association. Arrangements are by Keizer Funeral Chapel.

Museum seeks volunteers

The Keizer Heritage Museum is seeking volunteer hosts for two- and four-hour shifts. Two hours shifts are available on Tuesdays and Thursday; four-hour shifts are available on Saturdays.

serves Keizer's history dating back to the mid-19th century, hopes to extend museum hours, especially during summer months.

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