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School board delays bond decision

By HERB SWETT
For the Keizertimes

No decision on a proposed \$766 million general obligation bond measure was reached Tuesday, May 30, at a special meeting of the Salem-Keizer School Board.

Of greatest concern to board members is the timing of an election, whether to have it on the November ballot or the May 2018 ballot. Another concern is the reaction of voters to such a measure soon after approval of a bond for new Salem police facilities.

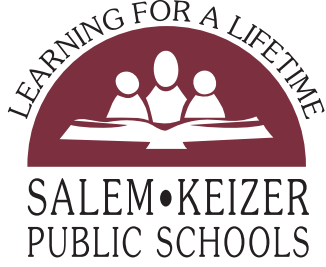
The proposed bond measure would add space at 22 elementary schools, 10

Phone survey showed healthy support

middle schools, and six high schools. It would build a new Auburn Elementary School, improve science laboratories at the middle and high schools, improve vocational and technical programs at high schools, upgrade technology, make seismic improvements, and make safety and security improvements districtwide.

District staffers do not consider the present Auburn property large enough for current or expected future student enrollment.

At the estimated \$766



million, it would increase existing property tax rates by an average of \$3 per \$1,000 assessed value per year over the life of the bond. This would mean \$600 per year for

the owner of a home assessed at \$200,000.

Most school directors have been inclined to favor a May vote to allow more time to consider possible reductions in the bond proposal. Michael Wolfe, chief operating officer of the district, reported at a board work session May 24 the recommendations of a task force that he said could reduce the bond proposal to \$656 million.

Director Jim Green, however, said Tuesday that because of uncertainties about

property assessments in May, he thought a November vote would be preferable.

Melissa Martin, representing The Nelson Report, and Jeanne Magner, representing C&M Communications, had reported at the May 24 work session that the results of a telephone survey of 342 district voters from April 10 through April 18 showed a good chance that a \$766 million bond measure would pass.

Of those contacted, they Please see BOND, Page A9



Lady Celts fall in 4th round
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Sugar high

Keizer cake-maker bakes up sweet smiles

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

Given enough fondant and a few days of toil, Tresha Capps can turn your next party cake into just about anything you want.

She knows fondant isn't everyone's cup-o-tea, but she's hoping to make converts out of her Pink Princess Cakes clients.

"Store-bought fondant can be a little weird, but I made everything from scratch. The fondant I use is made of marshmallows and powdered sugar so it tastes a lot better," Capps said.

Capps, who lives with her family in south Keizer, started her home-based business eight years ago, but it's growing by leaps and bounds lately.

"I'm almost completely

Tresha Capps has been making specialty cakes, cookies and other treats out of her home for the past eight years and is setting her sights higher now.

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booked through the summer. It just really seemed to take off at the beginning of the year," she said.

Capps specializes in cakes and cookies with healthy dose of imagination. A quick scroll through her Facebook page (www.facebook.com/PinkPrincessCakes) reveal

items like geode cakes, edible graduation leis, *Minecraft* cookies, *Star Wars* themed cakes and cookies, and just about anything else clients have tossed out as inspiration. Most of them are

outright stunning. "I really like working with clients to make a plan," Capps said. "I sat down with one client a few days ago and we came up with ideas for a Moana cake." Moana is the latest in Disney's line of animated princesses.

Prices vary depending on the type of treat and the amount of work it will take to produce. Capps also needs time once an order is placed.

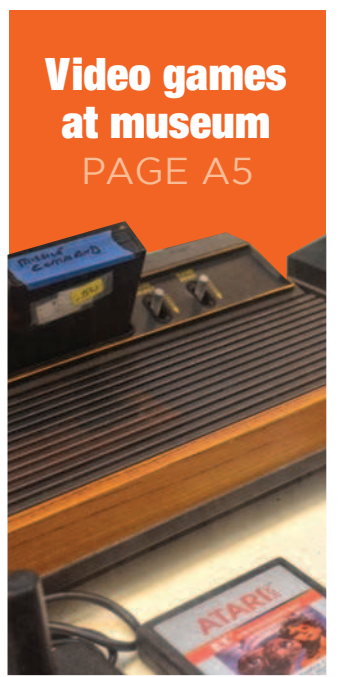
"I usually need at least a Please see CAKE, Page A9

"Learning which shapes to bake and then decorating them so they don't fall apart is always tricky."

— Tresha Capps



New fence at Rickman garden
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Video games at museum
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The first rule of Write Club:

Stick with it and you will get published



ABOVE: Lauren Murphy and Anne Farris look for their work in the latest volume of work by the McNary High School Write Club. TOP RIGHT: The cover to The Write Club's newest book, *The Last of the Pendies* by Hanna Lawson.



By DEREK WILEY
Of the Keizertimes

McNary freshman Anne Farris began writing poetry in the third grade but it wasn't until she picked up a copy of *The Last of the Pendies* and began flipping through its pages that she could see and feel her published work.

"It's really cool to have something in a published work," Farris said. "I've been hoping to have something like this but I was never able to get this opportunity until now."

Farris is one of 18 authors

in *The Last of the Pendies*—the McNary Write Club's sixth book, released on Thursday, May 25.

Farris has three poems in the anthology. Her favorite is *Mirrors of Time*, which follows a person through the different stages of life as they look at their reflection in a mirror.

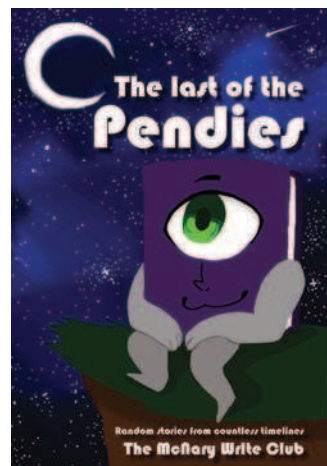
Farris likes the freedom of poetry.

"You can do it however way you want it," Farris said. "The lines sort of flow. You can find a rhythm or you can just create it to fit your personality to fit your character. You definitely have a lot more expression in poems. It's sort of an outlet."

McNary sophomore Hanna Lawson designed the cover of the anthology, which features a purple book-shaped creature with a green eye sitting on a cliff.

Lawson worked on the cover on and off over three days.

"I was really excited to see how it would look on the book. It came out way better than I thought it was," Lawson said.



"It's really satisfying to hear everyone say 'it's really cute' or 'it's really good.'"

Lawson also wrote a short story titled *Morals*, about a former scientist turned assassin, who is dealing with the morality of his new job.

Lawson said she is currently working on nine other stories.

"Ever since I was in the fifth grade I knew I really wanted to write books," Lawson said. "I love writing stories and having actual published work is really, really satisfying. The satisfaction of having a physical copy, not a

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