

BOND: Large classes top concerns in poll

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said, 60 percent favored the proposal, 35 percent opposed it, and 5 percent were undecided.

Top reasons for favoring it were that education is important (24 percent), that schools need the funding (22 percent), and that those questioned always supported education (14 percent).

Those against a bond in that amount said it would cost too much (29 percent), that the district is mismanaging the money it has (21 percent), and that taxes are too high (16 percent).

Magner said voters should be more likely to pass the proposed bond than they were before such a bond in the district was approved 10 years ago. She noted that Portland Public Schools and the Albany School District recently passed more expensive measures.

Asked what they considered the most serious district problems, 129 of those polled said crowded classes. Lack of funding came in second at 68. The remaining eight were old facilities, 22; financial mismanagement, 20; budget cuts, 17; poor curriculum, 16; too much administration, 16; high dropout rate, 14; and a deficient education, 14.

Sixty percent of the respondents had voted in three or four of the last four elections, and 66 percent were 45 or older and thus less likely to have children in school.

The poll included questions about specific provisions in the proposed bond measure. The respondents' narrowest margin was to the question of willingness to pay what would be an additional \$600 a year for a \$200,000 home. Fifty-four percent said yes, 37 percent said no, and 9 percent were not sure.

Regarding priorities, 63 percent of those polled put safety and security improvements at the top of the list. Adding space at the high schools and cafeterias to nine elementary schools were tied for second place at 59 percent. At the bottom of the high-priority list was selling existing property and building office space to consolidate administrative functions, with 25 percent.

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week. Everything is made from scratch and the cakes and fondants need a couple of days to harden," she said. "Even cookies take a couple of days and then they need to set for 24 hours before they are packaged."

She recommends ordering at least a week before the items are needed and two weeks is preferable.

Capps got her start in cooking and baking at North Salem High School where she captained a group of culinary students that took second place in the state. After starting a family and a stint in nursing, the opportunity to be a stay-at-home mom was one she couldn't pass up. She took a cake class at JoAnn's and it reignited her passion.



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Tresha Capps' specialties include working fondant into just about any shape her clients could hope for and some of the most adorable cookies around.

"I made a few cakes for classes and my husband would take pictures of them and show them around to his co-workers. I started taking orders through him and he literally put me into business," Capps said.

She considers herself a "YouTube graduate" after honing her skills and picking up new tricks and ideas

through watching instructional videos on the internet. She's recently started trying her hand at sculpted cakes as a result of crowdsourced tips.

"The strangest thing I've done was a cake shaped like a toilet," she said. "Learning which shapes to bake and then decorating them so they don't fall apart is always tricky."

Fondant, she said, is Play-Doh for adults because it offers versatility and a shelf-life well beyond what frosting can offer. There are challenges, however. Recently, a number of orders have come in for *Minecraft*-themed treats and she has to charge more for those. *Minecraft* is a popular video game with a pixelated look to all the characters, items and scenery.

"Every one of those little blocks needs to be cut out and put together," she said.

She said her husband, Rob, and her mother remain her toughest critics and fiercest supporters through thick and thin.

Capps said she isn't certain where the future will take her, but she envisions a bistro or bakery, and is leaning toward the bakery.

"None of the local bakeries offer cookies and I would like to make that a focus," she said.

To place an order or find out more about available options — including full party set-ups with cookies, cupcakes, cake pops and a two-tiered cake — contact Capps through her Facebook page or call or text 503-400-8187.



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Rose Nason, Emma Snyder, Brady Ellis, Parker Kehret, Random Pendragon, India Hamn and Brooklyn Flint help dole out copies of *The Write Club's* new book.

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Google docs file, but something you can hand to a person and say "I wrote this, I published this, this is a real thing."

McNary junior Parker Kehret has found his niche in 100-word stories.

Kehret has three as well as a poem in *The Last of the Pendies*. "With 100-word stories you have to leave a lot up

to the imagination," Kehret said. "You only have so many words. You can't say everything specific."

The anthology also includes works from Write Club members Emily Dolph, Delaney Campbell, Michael Hitchcock, Emma Syder, Random Pendragon, Rose Nason and Lauren Murphy as well as winners from the club's

February writing contest: Whiteaker Middle School students Sierra Lane, Layne Ling and Adrien Weathers, Claggett Creek eighth grader Brooklyn Flint and McNary students Brady Ellis, Abigail Faith Henderson and Ivy Wasden.

Paperback copies of the book are available at the *Keizertimes* office for \$5.

Choir, drama camps at WMS

McNary High School's morning choir camp and afternoon drama camp will be from Aug. 14 to Aug. 18. There will be a performance on Aug. 18 and an optional second performance on Aug. 21 at the Total Eclipse Viewing Party. The choir and drama camps will be located at Whiteaker Middle School.

Choir camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon and drama camp will be from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Students can choose to do one or both camps. Choir and drama camps each are \$65. Siblings are half price.

Registration must be completed by June 9. For more information, contact Andy Thomas at thomas_andy@salkeiz.k12.or.us.

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By Charles Preston

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