

# Fire District invites Santa for breakfast

## Don't grieve alone this holiday



The Keizer Fire District served up hundreds of breakfast plates on Sunday, Dec. 10, as part of the annual Santa breakfast.

The Man-in-Red returns this Saturday, Dec. 16 to hand out candy canes while riding along with district crews on ambulances and fire trucks. A: KFD volunteers and staff cook up breakfast. B: Dane Gage tries his hand as a driver. C: Matthew, Jackson and Katie mug for the camera. D: Ezra Goode gets a photo with Santa.

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# School board get first look at final bond

By HERB SWETT  
Of the Keizertimes

First reading of a \$619.7 million general obligation bond proposal, scheduled for the May 2018 election, was approved by the Salem-Keizer School Board on Tuesday.

The bond would pay for easing crowding in classrooms and infrastructure, prioritizing health and safety projects, special education classrooms in the comprehensive high schools, seismic assessment, land acquisition, and other program considerations.

Michael Wolfe, district chief operating officer, reviewed the history of the proposal. A district task force, he said, started work on a bond proposal in November 2016 and finished it in March of this year with rec-

ommendations totaling \$766 million.

After meetings with staff at 28 schools and board sessions with the community, the board held several work sessions and directed staff to prepare a recommendation for a bond not to exceed \$620 million. After considering several program addition and reduction proposals, staff arrived at a total of \$627.7 million that would be partly matched by an \$8 million grant from the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching program award.

Safety measures in the proposal include addition of a sidewalk on the east side of Cummings Elementary School and redesigning of the main entrance to McNary High School.

In other business, the

board approved an Oregon School Boards Association resolution to reorganize OSBA as a nonprofit corporation and adopt a new set of bylaws. It also voted for one of its members, Jesse Lippold, to be the Marion region's member of the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee.

The board accepted four grants, including \$1,014,172 from the Oregon Department of Education to develop language skills for English learners. Another ODE grant provides \$133,110 for educational programs for migrant school children. The remaining grants are \$886,264 from the state Department of Human Services for operation of the Youth Transition Program and \$1,900 from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for In-

dian Education's Graduation Celebration Ceremony.

Personnel actions approved by the board included the following in the McNary attendance area:

Temporary full-time contracts for Joseph Berends at McNary and Linda Wilson at Kennedy Elementary School.

Retirement of Kathleen

Roberson, McNary.

Resignation of Matthew Williams, Claggett Creek Middle School.

The Spotlight on Success portion of the meeting honored Addison Symington, fourth-grader at Clear Lake Elementary School, as the City of Keizer 2017 Holiday Card Art Contest winner.

Grief and depression can hit hard during the holidays, especially if you've lost a loved one — whether it was recently or years ago.

The Salem Health Foundation will host its second annual *Longest Night of the Year, A Candlelight Vigil of Remembrance* on Dec. 21 (Winter Solstice) from 7 to 8 p.m. in the courtyard between Buildings A and C on the Salem Hospital campus.

The free outdoor event features readings, music and a candle-lighting ceremony. All are welcome and should dress for cold weather.

"While everyone experiences grief differently, healing happens best in community," said Salem Health Spiritual Care Supervisor Ken Morse. "This event will bring us together in healing and remembrance."

The Community Health Education Center (CHEC) library has many resources to help with holiday depression and grief. Call 503-814-2325 (CHEC) for more information.

**Christmas Weekend Services**  
Saturday, December 23 at 6:00 pm  
Sunday, December 24 at 10:45 am

**Christmas Eve Services**  
Sunday, December 24 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm

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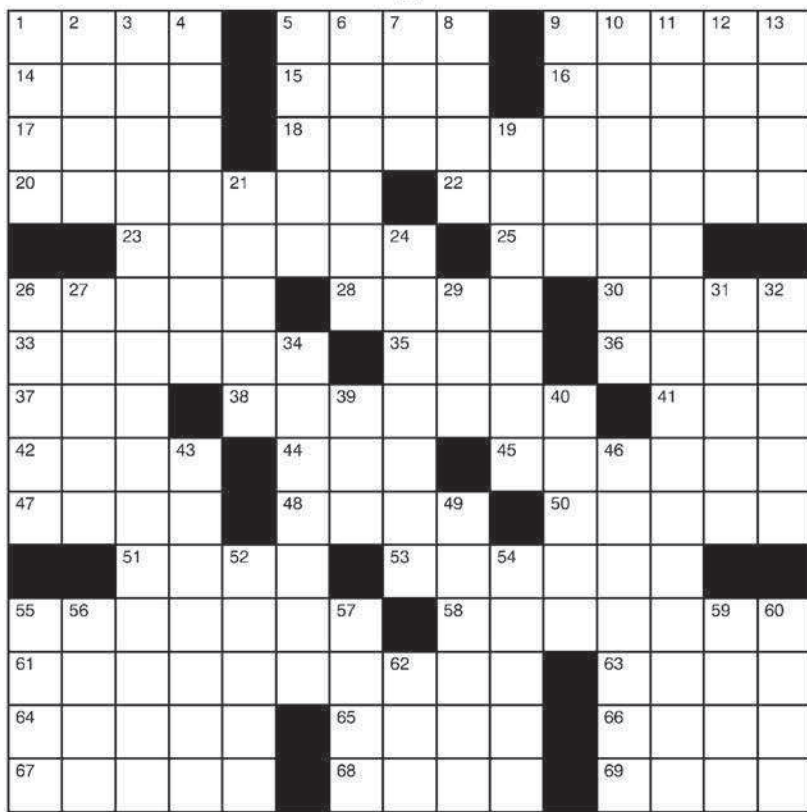
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### Taking Time



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By Charles Preston

#### ACROSS

- 1 Swabs
- 5 Eastern church title
- 9 Kind of number
- 14 Monster
- 15 Time of day
- 16 Ancient region of Asia Minor
- 17 Narrow opening
- 18 Sets side by side
- 20 Distinct part
- 22 Basic material
- 23 Lessen
- 25 Emerald Isle
- 26 Tangle
- 28 Always
- 30 Isaac's son
- 33 Made a derisive sound
- 35 Height: abbr.
- 36 Cleft
- 37 Baseball Hall of Fame member, elected 1951
- 38 Prepared
- 41 "Tat" reply
- 42 Dry
- 44 Above: prefix
- 45 Want
- 47 Nickname for

#### DOWN

- 1 Antoinette
- 2 Stare
- 3 Delaying
- 4 Certain dogs
- 5 Variety of pear
- 6 Bound
- 7 Container
- 8 Poker stake
- 9 Pepper-picker Peter
- 10 More spacious
- 11 Deficiency in feeling
- 12 Aspect
- 13 Direction
- 19 Warned
- 21 Loafer
- 24 Dodging
- 26 Young sty dweller
- 27 Part of TNT
- 29 Biblical high priest
- 31 Blazing
- 32 Absolute
- 34 Kind of fishing
- 39 Monkey
- 40 Vales
- 43 Kind of computer
- 46 Coal-mining area of Poland
- 49 Journey
- 52 Come up
- 54 River in France
- 55 Ifni, NW African port
- 56 Soon
- 57 Cease
- 59 See 49 Down
- 60 Impudence
- 62 Hedera helix

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