

# Keizertimes

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## Voters say 'Yes' to school bond

By **DEREK WILEY**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

Let construction begin. Keizer and Salem voters approved a \$619.7 million bond measure by the Salem-Keizer Public Schools (SKPS).

The bond will address overcrowding, add space for career-technical education and vocational programs, add science classrooms, improve safety and security, improve seismic safety and expand access to technology.

All schools in the district will see improvements under the 2018 bond program.

McNary High School, along with Gubser Elementary, is one of the first five

schools scheduled to begin construction in 2019.

"It's a good day. It's going to be great for our kids and for our schools and our community," McNary principal Erik Jespersen said. "It's an opportunity to plan for the future. As the population of Keizer continues to grow, we're going to have enough classroom space for our kids."

Construction on the first five projects is expected to be finished by fall of 2020. Renovations at Claggett Creek Middle School and Cummings Elementary are scheduled to begin in 2020 and at Keizer Elementary in 2022. Construction of all projects in the 2018 bond program

are planned to be finished in about five years.

With 22,746 total votes cast, the bond measure passed 52.78 to 47.22 percent.

"I am very pleased that the citizens of Salem and Keizer continue to support the schools and trust the district to use the money wisely and as promised," School Board Chair Paul Kylo said.

Property owners will see an estimated increase of \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or about \$248 per year on a home valued at \$200,000.

"We're extremely grateful to our community for their support of our schools and the

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Elizabeth Burleson and Chloe Campbell will both represent Keizer in the state's Distinguished Young Women program.

## Pair share DYWK crown

By **DEREK WILEY**  
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Elisabeth Burleson was in shock at the conclusion of the 2019 Distinguished Young Women of Keizer scholarship program, not just because she heard her name but because she heard two names.

Seconds before announcing the winner, Natalie Grenz Janney, mistress of ceremonies, told the contestants that

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## KeizerFEST rolls back into town



The Keizer Fire District and its employees and volunteers are the grand marshals for the parade this year. KFD is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

By **KEIZERTIMES STAFF**

KeizerFEST, formerly the Iris Festival, returns to the city this weekend with a jam-packed 72-hour schedule.

The fun kicked off Thursday, May 17, and live music scheduled throughout the day and night Friday, May 18. Saturday, May 19, is when most of the activity really gets rolling.

River Road North will close at 9 a.m. to make way for 3K, 5K, 10K and half-marathon runs sponsored by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce. The Valley Credit Service Iris Festival Parade takes off at 10:30 a.m. and travels south two miles along River Road through Keizer before ending at Glynbrook Drive.

This year, one Keizer business is building a float spectators can win.

Remodeling by Classic Homes will be pulling a 9-by-8-foot playhouse/shed to advertise its services, but the structure will be raffled off after the parade.

"I've wanted to build a float for a while, but I could never figure

### ROAD CLOSURES

**DEARBORN AVENUE N.E.**  
Closed for construction all summer.

**RIVER ROAD NORTH**  
Closed beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, until the end of the parade.

**CHERRY AVENUE NORTHEAST**  
Closed north of Manbrin Avenue and south of Manbrin to Alder Street Northeast until 9 p.m. Sunday, May 20.

out what I would do with it after," said Kyle Juran, owner of Remodeling by Classic Homes.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and will be sold at the KeizerFEST information booth near the entrance to the Lion's Club property

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## Latino scholars earn more than spotlight

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

Eighteen McNary High School seniors walked away from a banquet last week with an investment in their future.

All the honorees earned \$100 scholarships from the Latino Action Committee (LAC), a group founded by City Councilor Roland Herrera, Rev. Jose Dominguez and other Keizer Latino leaders.

While \$100 might seem like a small drop in the outsized bucket that is tuition cost for higher education, Dominguez pointed out that it was what the contribution represented that mattered as much as the dollar amount. When Dominguez graduated high school in the 1970s, he was presented a \$75 scholarship.

"What was important was someone telling me that I can and I will succeed," he said.

The group of honorees represented a diverse array of interests and pursuits, from becoming a stylist to biomedical engineering. Some will

attend college in far-flung places like Indiana while others are heading just down the road to Chemeketa Community College, but Dominguez beamed with pride in every one of the students.

"We were so encouraged by your applications and we were so proud of you. We want you to be change agents in your family, your community and your world," he said.

As they move into the next phases of their lives, he tasked the soon-to-be graduates with being role models, developing a spirit of community, not forgetting their roots and loving God and their neighbors.

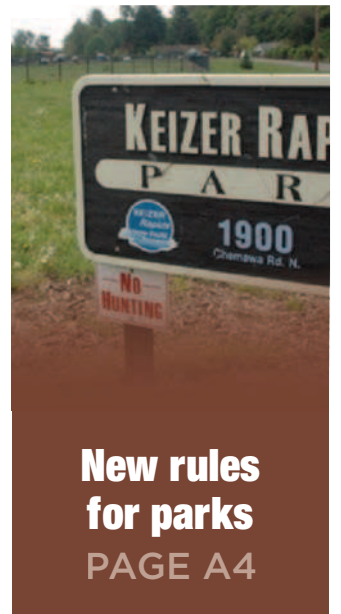
Aurora Cedillo, a board member of the Salem/Keizer Coalition for Equality, put special attention on small keys each of the honorees were given when they entered the room and lauded what they had already accomplished.

"A key can be hidden or lost, or you can take it and try it in a lot of doors. It will open many," Cedillo

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Anjelica Alvarez, Erasmo Arellano Leon, Anthony Julian Chavez, Bianca Lylea Sierra, Ernesto Lua Diaz, Crystal Llanos, Mersate Aguilera Lopez, Jorge Luis Lopez, Maria Isabel Limon Rangel, Jose Pablo Barrera, Luis Acosta Vega, Julia Solis, Ramiro Garcia, Sissy Zendejas, Natalie Ito and Gloria Celestino Aguilera were among the first recipients of Latino Action Committee scholarships.



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