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Volunteers pitch in to wrap gifts for local families in 2017. The KNOW Giving Baskets are expected to assist about 250 local families in need this season.

It's all hands on deck for the Keizer Network of Women (KNOW) Giving Basket program Dec. 5 and 6.

The program is expected to impact about 250 children and their families this year. The KNOW members are sorting through the requests and figuring out who gets what gifts. For a family with multiple children, care is taken to make sure each child gets an equal number of gifts. In addition to gifts, boxes of fresh food are also put together for

Sorting and boxing of food is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5. A big gift wrapping party takes place at 6 p.m.on Thursday, Dec. 6, with the goal being to have the process completed that evening. Participants in the wrapping party should bring along scissors, tape and gift

Delivery will begin on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 9 a.m. Enchanted Child Care & Preschool Gymnasium, 530 Dietz Avenue (behind Arby's), is serving as the headquarters



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Keizer tree lights up

Two lucky children will be by Sunstone Design Stuchosen to assist Santa Claus as he flips the switch that lights up Keizer's Christmas tree on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

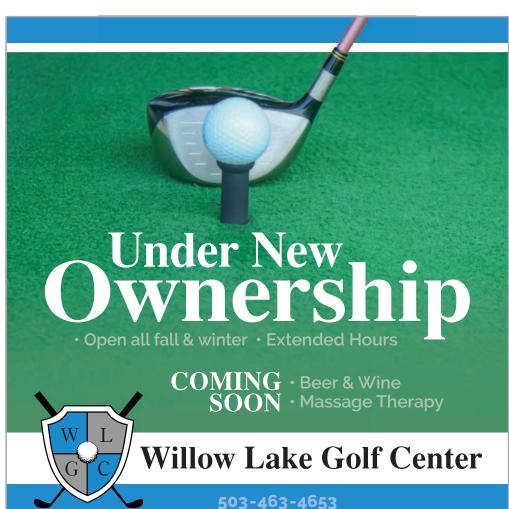
The annual lighting ceremony is at Walery Plaza, located where River Road and Cherry Avenue meet.

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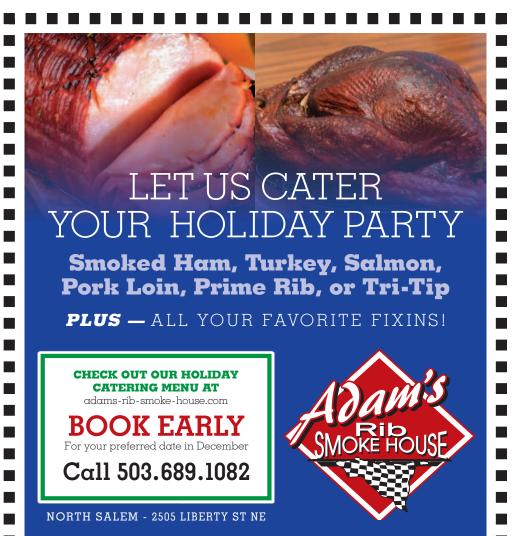
dios and Willamette Valley Appliance and presented by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce. Live music by The Grand Jazz Band will fill the air.

Children are selected for the honor by a drawing and signups will start about 6 p.m. There is a sign-up table at the event; children simply need to put their name and age on the form.

Santa is expected to arrive in Keizer around 7 p.m., hitching a ride to Walery Plaza in a fire truck courtesy of his friends at the Keizer Fire District. The actual flipping of the switch of the tree lights is expected to happen shortly after that.



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Santa at the stadium

Santa is returning to Volcanoes Stadium Saturday,

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