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Parade hits River Road Saturday

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The Keizer Holiday Lights Parade sponsored by Salem Electric arrives on River Road North Saturday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m.

After two years of organizing the annual Keizer Holiday Lights Parade, Danielle Bethell, executive director of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce, feels as though the Chamber members and volunteers are finally getting a handle on the process.

This time around, it started with a theme.

"Each year, people ask us what the theme is going to be the next time. That helped us realize how important it is and it got us thinking about it earlier," Bethell said.

The theme for this year's parade is Christmas in

Candyland and the response has been enthusiastic to say the least.

"We had board members get excited about what it would look like, so I knew we had a winner. When we tell people, it seems to generate a spark of creativity quickly," she said.

River Road closes at 6 p.m. until the end of the parade

Salem Electric has opted to become a legacy sponsor of the parade into the future, but there is no set time for their engagement to expire.

Parade awards will be given

for most festive, best use of lights, best choreography and best theme. Last year's parade ended up with about 70 entries and Bethell expected it to be about the same this time around.

One thing is certain, there's Please see PARADE, Page A10



A truck owned by BC Towing makes its way down River Road in the 2017 Festival of Lights Parade. File

A Very McNary Holiday, features potpourri of disciplines



(From right to left): Riky Galvin, Jacob Fritts, Noah Schnell, Abey Reid, Madelyn Hurst and Dylan Lopez rehearse a scene from one of the four plays that will featured in McNary's holiday program, which will take place December 13-15 in the theatre room at the school. KEIZERTIMES/Matt Rawlings

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McNary High School theatre teacher Tom Cavanaugh is used to organizing shows around the holidays. But he's never done one like this before.

For the first time ever, McNary is bringing together all of the performing arts — band, choir, orchestra, theatre and jazz band — for a show called *A Very McNary Holiday*.

There will be three shows from December 13th to December 15th with each performance starting at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at McNary. Tickers will cost \$5 apiece.

Cavanaugh, who is the point person for putting this show together, is excited to show people how diverse and talented these kids are.

"Our hope is to give the audience a little bit of a taste of

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Garbage rates going up 20%

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The Keizer City Council approved a rate increase for garbage haulers at its meeting Monday, Dec. 3.

The new rates, which will take effect in February 2019, increase costs for a residential customer by about 20 percent overall.

Councilors had three options to choose from and selected the one that includes a base increase of \$2.02 for all customers using recycled blue



bins coupled with an 11.5 increase for residential and multifamily customers. It means the monthly bill for a residential family using a 35-gallon gray, solid waste container as well as a blue mixed recyclables, green yard debris and red glass bin will increase from \$22.52 to

\$27.13. Commercial services will increase by 7.5 percent. Garbage services are billed on a bi-monthly cycle.

Keizer haulers Loren's Sanitation Services and Valley Recycling and Disposal presented the request for an increase in November, but the council asked for more time to digest the options and seek additional input.

Three Keizer residents turned out to speak on the issue during the meeting.

Jim Parr said it was time for the industry to take a giant step backward in its efforts to reset consumers' recycling expectations.

"Let's focus on clean cardboard in the blue bins and get that right. Then we can start adding more products one at

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Deter 'porch pirates' this season with easy changes

It's the busiest time of the year for the U.S. Postal Service, and package delivery services throughout the country. The Keizer Police Department is urging residents to plan carefully when placing orders that will be delivered to their door.

It's not uncommon for packages and envelopes to pile up on doorsteps making for easy theft, but minimizing exposure to so-called "porch pirates" is not as hard as it might seem.

KPD suggests:

- Having packages

delivered to where you are, not where you aren't. Consider having packages delivered to your place of employment.

• If you can't have packages delivered to your place of employment, schedule deliveries for times you will be home.

• Teaming up with a trusted neighbor who can retrieve and secure packages from your porch soon after they are delivered.

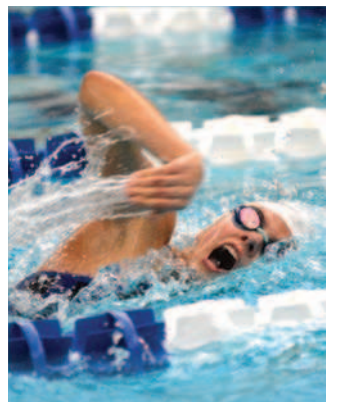
• Sign up to receive text messages or email notifications/alerts advising when packages are delivered to your residence. After receiving the notification, work with other family members, friends or neighbors to identify an individual who can retrieve and secure the packages quickly. This keeps packages from sitting on your porch unattended and vulnerable for theft for long periods of time.

• Require a signature when packages are delivered. This ensures packages will not be delivered unless someone is at your residence who can sign for them.

• Consider investing in technology or security devices. A variety of lockboxes, Please see PORCH, Page A9



As packages pile up on doorsteps in the run-up to Christmas and other holidays, they make easy targets for theft. KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald



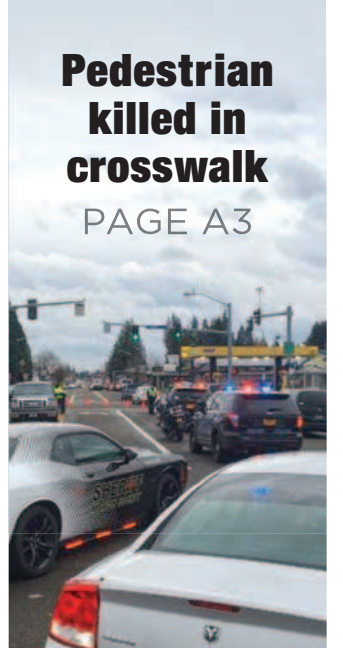
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