

Recycle that tree

Keizer Troop 121 will recycle Christmas trees for a donation in the coming weeks. The troop members and volunteers will accept delivery of used Christmas trees in the parking lot of the Keizer branch of US Bank, 5110 River Road N. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 29 and 30 and again Jan. 5 and 6. No flocked trees will be accepted. There is a suggested donation of \$5. For those unable to deliver their trees, Troop 121 will pick-up your Christmas tree for a suggested donation of \$10. To arrange pick up, call 503-877-4285.

obituaries

Katherine Fraser Jackmond

May 11, 1933 - December 17, 2018

On December 17, with family holding her hand, Katherine Fraser Jackmond, a beloved Mom and Grannie, passed away. Katherine was born and raised in Portland, Ore., by parents Bill and Peggy Miller. A graduate of Grant High School and Oregon State University, she was active in Alpha Phi and yearbook with her smiling face in a group photo on the back of the 1952 Beaver.



K. Jackmond

In 1955, she married Bryant Jackmond and lived in various cities around the state while Bryant was working his way up in Oregon Department of Transportation. They were married for 61 years and had three children, Chris (Debralee), Patti, and Sandy. She is survived by son Chris and daughter Patti, grandchildren Andrea (her first prize), Westin, Lee, Alex and Alyssa, great-grandchildren Cheyanne, Aidan, Liam, Lilly and Chloe. She is predeceased by her parents, brother Bill, and daughter Sandy.

Katherine was a recycler before there was the word and was Salem's Recycler of the

Year in 2012. A Master Gardener, devoted bridge player, and singer (Sweet Adelines and church choir) she was also a lifelong learner instilling her passion for nature (4-H Entomology leader) and literature onto her children and grandchildren. She could hear a phrase and break into song. She enjoyed reciting poetry with her animated voice. We all recall The Walrus and the Carpenter. She and Bryant attended plays at the Shakespeare Festival for more than 50 years. She was a volunteer at Salem Hospital and Bush House Auxiliary for more than 20 years and an active member of American Association of University Women.

A trusting and innocent soul with a beautiful smile and kind heart. She loved and was loved by so many nieces, nephews and great friends.

A celebration of life will be on Saturday, January 5 at 11:00 at Keizer Clear Lake United Methodist Church, 7920 Wheatland Rd., Keizer.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Church or Union Gospel Mission.

Fire district will consider additional construction fees

By MATT RAWLINGS
Of the Keizertimes

The Keizer Fire District held their monthly board meeting on Dec. 18 with the main topic of discussion being the amendment of fees for fire plan reviews.

It was announced that in November, the district received \$135,350 in ambulance payments, which ended up being under budget.

The district was also over budget when it came to overtime hours for the fire staff — in large part due to the fact that many firefighters were sent down south to help with the wildfires in California.

To try and help fix the minor budget issues, Jeff Cowan, the Keizer Fire Chief, brought a proposal before the board that would require anyone that applies for a permit for a new building to pay a six percent fire and life safety fee — the city, state and county currently charge a 12 percent fee. The script that he read from was created by the fire district's legal council.

Right now, there is only a \$90 fee for anyone that applies

for a new building permit — the six percent fee would be tacked on to that.

Part of the reason Cowan believes this will be good for the city of Keizer is that the money won't be coming from the taxpayer's wallet.

"With our current policy, fire district taxes would pay for our inspection fees. But our costs are going up and we don't want to put anymore cost on the back of the taxpayer," Cowan said about the proposal.

According to Cowan, the majority of new buildings that are going up in the city are commercial buildings where the owners don't live in Keizer.

Although the proposal was initially passed, it was later determined during the meeting that it would be in the best interest of the city to hold a public comment period.

Nate Brown, the Community Development Department director for the city of Keizer, has his reservations about the fee proposal.

"I'm really struggling to see how important (the pro-

posal) is because it's not going to raise a lot of money for them," Brown said. "It just seems like nickle and diming people for not very much (money)."

According to Brown, the Marion County finance department estimated that the city collects about \$30,000 per year in building permit fees, meaning that the six percent fee would roughly bring in just \$1,800.

There will be a public comment period addressing this issue at the next board meeting, which will take place on Jan. 15.

In other business: Keizer Fire District office manager Vickey Dosier is retiring at the end of the month. She will be replaced by Lyn Komp — who is coming from the Mount Anger Fire Department — in January.

The board unanimously passed a renewal of the Accident and Sickness program, which gives benefits to volunteer firefighters.

The board also unanimously passed a renewal of their property and liability coverage.

The district has received 95 percent of tax revenue for the year — they have until May to collect all the revenue.

Cowan addressed the fire that occurred at the Santa Breakfast on Dec. 9 at the station, which was apparently caused by a malfunction with the stove. The fire caused only minor damage, but the stove needed a \$500 repair.

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