

Keizer cook-off



Fourth and fifth grade students from around the Salem-Keizer School District duked it out in the kitchen at McNary High School Friday, March 8.

More than 50 students submitted recipes to the competition. Sixteen were selected and 15 competed in the competition assisted by McNary High School students in the school's culinary program.

Winners were: Grand prize – Sierra Hill, Keizer Elementary School; Originality – Gavin Harris – Salem Heights Elementary School; Easy preparation – Eaton Cortes Solis, Washington Elementary School; Healthy Attributes – Luis Perales III, Kennedy Elementary School.; Kid Friendly – Lilli Neria, Lee Elementary School; Taste – Josie Wampler, Forest Ridge Elementary School; Plate Presentation – Asa Scott, Myers Elementary School.

A: Brennea Atchley sautes onions.
 B: Eaton Cortes Solis chops cauliflower.
 C: Colleen Skelton browns meat.
 D: Aaron Ramos reaches for more ingredients as Josie Wampler checks her recipe.
 E: Grand prize winner Sierra Hill hollows out zucchini.
 F: Lilly Libke-Wadkins assists Lillian Neria in preparation.
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Salem area employment holds steady

The Salem metropolitan statistical area's (MSA) unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in January, essentially unchanged from its revised December rate of 4.5 percent. Oregon's statewide unemployment rate was 4.3 percent in January, matching its revised rate in December of 4.3 percent.

Salem's January employment declines were smaller than normal. Salem shed an estimated 2,800 jobs in January when a decrease of roughly 3,000 would be expected, meaning seasonally adjusted non-farm employment increased by 200. Salem's employment was 15,500, or 10.1 percent, above its pre-recession employment peak, which occurred in April 2008.

Employment in the Salem MSA grew 1,300 over the past year, a 0.8 percent increase. Salem's growth was outpaced by the state and the nation. Oregon's employment grew 1.5 percent over the past year. Nationally, employment was up 1.9 percent over the past 12 months.

Salem's private sector added 1,200 jobs over the past year, growing 1.0 percent. The public sector added 600 jobs, growing 1.5 percent.

The fastest-growing major private-sector industries over the past year included: construction (+800 jobs, or 7.8 percent) and information (+100 jobs, or 8.3 percent).

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