

HERE WE GO AGAIN

KeizerFEST is this weekend

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The Valley Credit Service KeizerFEST Parade hits the street Saturday, May 18.

The parade, one of the perennial highlights of the long-running festival, starts at 10:30 a.m. at River Road North and Lockhaven Drive North, then rolls south two miles along River Road through Keizer before ending at Glynbrook Drive.

There will be about 70 entries this time around and last about two hours, said Danielle Bethell, executive director of the Keizer

Chamber of Commerce, the organization behind all things KeizerFEST. Attendees might also see more school-themed entries this year. Chamber leaders offered free entries to every school in the Salem-Keizer School District this time around.

"This is the one and only spring parade that happens and we don't want money to be a barrier to student participation," Bethell said.

An estimated 25,000 people turn out to watch the parade each year.

Los Dos Hermanos owner Teresa Munoz is grand marshaling the 2019 parade.

Munoz has lived in Keizer for almost 40 years and owned the restaurant for 21 of them.

"When the committee sat down to consider who in Keizer would honor the theme and what it embodies, Theresa's name came to mind instantly," said Bethell. "Her vibrant and positive attitude is infectious. She fully embraces Keizer and its residents as family."

Munoz is equally excited to have the honor bestowed upon her.

"It feels great to be honored for the first time in 20 years," Munoz said. "I was very excited when I found out

parade until it reaches its end.

Lockhaven Drive North will be closed to all traffic at 6 a.m. between River Road North and McClure Street North to establish the parade staging area.

River Road North will be closed to all north and south-bound traffic starting at 9 a.m. between Lockhaven Drive North to Plymouth Drive Northeast. Prior to the parade and other events beginning, traffic will be allowed to periodically cross River Road at Chemawa Road.

Portions of Cherry Avenue Northeast around the Keizer Lions Club and Keizer Elks Club will be closed from Thursday night to Sunday night to accommodate the main campus of the festival.

Bethell said the chamber is seeking to make KeizerFEST as a whole more inclusive this

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and I'm so happy that I get a chance to do this."

The festival will have major impacts on traffic throughout the weekend and especially during the staging of the

Second in the state: McNary band soars

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When you walk into the McNary band room, it's easy to see the numerous trophies and awards placed prominently on the top shelf in the far side of the room.

After their performance on Saturday, band director Chris Nelson will be adding to that collection.

The McNary band (wind ensemble) took second place with a final score of 321 at the OSAA State Band Competition on Saturday, May 11 at the LaSells Stewart Center at Oregon State University.

This event features 20 of the best bands that the state has to offer, so just getting into the top five is a huge honor.

"I can't emphasize how hard it is to place at this event," Nelson said. "To be recognized with a second place finish is fantastic and we celebrate it. It means that we had a high-quality performance. There is no one that is placing that isn't absolutely stellar."

The Celtics band received state qualifying scores at every festival they have played

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Distinguished Young Women named

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Eight of Keizer's smartest and most talented young women battled it out at the 45th annual Distinguished Young Women of Keizer event last weekend. But only two would stand out among the rest.

McNary High juniors Maya Luscomb and Grace Trammell were each recognized as the 2019 Distinguished Young Women of Keizer at Dayspring Fellowship Church program on Saturday, May 11.

Last year's Distinguished Young

Women's winners Chloe Campbell and Elizabeth Burleson were there to give Luscomb and Trammell their awards.

"I'm so honored and amazed that I got to be a part of this experience," Trammell said. "These people are all so fantastic and so talented and I'm so grateful that I got to work with all of them."

"Winning was a surprise to me because of how wonderful everyone else was."

The eight participants spent six weeks practicing their talent and worked on a multitude of choreographed dances.

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Grace Trammell and Maya Luscomb were named the 2019 Distinguished Young Women of Keizer on May 11.

"The last six weeks have been crazy. It's very fast and frantic, but these girls are a joy to be around," said Danielle Dial, who was the chairperson for this year's event. "Watching them grow throughout this has been fun to watch."

Both Luscomb and Trammell received \$2,000 in scholarship money to go towards their plans to pursue higher

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On growth: Long, possibly expensive road lies ahead

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During the past year and a half, the city of Keizer embarked on several studies aimed at providing comprehensive information to inform a decision on how and where Keizer should grow.

With many of the reports in final stages and others wrapping up, city staff briefed the Keizer City Council on where things stand at a work session Monday, May 13.

The biggest takeaway was that whatever Keizer decides,

change will take time and — depending on the solution — may be costly.

"The city should be prepared to make investments and change the way we do business. It may require public investment in lifestyle changes," said Nate Brown, Keizer community development director.

Keizer is expected to grow by about 10,000 new residents in the next 20 years, but it's also out of room to expand outward. That leaves

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Guess who's coming to breakfast

Members of the Zaitz, Grenz, Frazier and Brost clans got together for the annual Keizer Fire District Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday, May 12. For more photos of the event, see Page A4.

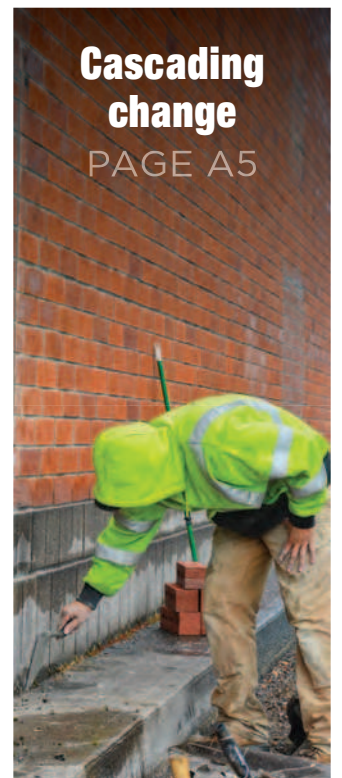
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