



Santa choppers into stadium

Santa made his first of many visits to Keizer Saturday, Nov. 30, at Volcanoes Stadium. He left the reindeer behind to rest and rode in on a helicopter.

RIGHT: Japheth DeJaca poses for a photo with the man himself. KEIZERTIMES/Lauren Murphy



Keizer police plan push to prevent theft of presents

Throughout the holiday season, the Keizer Police Department's Community Response Unit (CRU) will be conducting several undercover operations aimed at preventing theft from vehicles and porches around the city. CRU officers will be conducting surveillance, utilizing "bait" packages in cars and other tactics to help ensure shopping experiences don't end with the theft of those perfect gifts. To help lessen the chances of becoming a victim of theft and to help the department reach its goal of zero thefts from vehicles and

porches, KPD is offering the following tips:

- Keep vehicles locked at all times.
- When parked, never leave keys in the car and keep all windows up.
- Never leave a car running when unattended.
- Avoid leaving valuables inside vehicles and, if you must do so, conceal the items.
- Park in a well-lit area if possible.
- When scheduling package deliveries, coordinate pick-ups with a neighbor or arrange delivery to a place of employment.

Drop off Santa letters at civic center

Keizer residents composing letters to Santa are invited to drop them off in the big red mailbox in the Keizer Civic Center lobby by Dec. 12.

Letters, wish lists and season's greetings for The Bearded One are welcome between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. All the letters will be forwarded to The North Pole as part of an annual program offered by the U.S. Postal Service.

To receive a letter back from Santa or his helpers (postmarked from The North Pole), follow the directions below:

1. Have the child write a letter to Santa and place it in an envelope addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole.
2. Write a personalized re-

sponse to the child's letter and sign it "From Santa."

3. Insert both letters into an envelope, and address it to the child.
4. Add the return address: SANTA, NORTH POLE, to the envelope.

5. Ensure a first-class stamp is affixed to the envelope.
6. Place the complete envelope into a larger envelope, with appropriate postage, and address it to: North Pole Postmark, Postmaster, 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, AK 99530-9998.

Dropping off Santa letters at the Keizer Civic Center can result in getting a personal response from the North Pole.

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