

## HOMELESS CAMPING BAN APPROVED

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— Cathy Clark, Keizer Mayor



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The Keizer City Council voted unanimously to ban camping on sidewalks, public property and public rights-of-way with the adoption of an ordinance at its meeting Monday, Jan. 6.

The move follows similar action taken by the City of Salem in December and is

directed at the city’s homeless residents. Keizer did not experience an increase in camping since the ordinance was passed in Salem, but Keizer police officers have encountered more homeless people known to frequent Salem moving around the streets of Keizer, said Lt. Andrew Copeland, of the Keizer Police Department.

Prior to the vote, several members of the community testified in opposition to the action without implementing other supports for homeless residents, a smaller number supported it (See related story, *Public testimony* below).

“We have people with mobility issues and being able to travel by foot is essential. It’s a safety and equity issue.

This is not just for a particular segment of community, it’s for the entire community,” said Mayor Cathy Clark.

Councilor Elizabeth Smith said the action was “not an attack, this is the beginning of a conversation. I have no intention of turning away from this conversation. If you have an idea to bring to the table, bring it.”

Councilor Laura Reid asked if passing the ordinance would do more “shuffling than solving” of the homelessness problem.

“It will continue to maintain the status quo. If we don’t pass this ordinance we may very well have people laying claim to sidewalks and

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## Public testimony favored alternatives to outright ban

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By the end of the Keizer City Council meeting Monday, Jan. 6, councilors had heard from those on both sides regarding a ban on camping by homeless people – and they were unswayed by a Keizer mother who hasn’t seen her homeless veteran son in five years and a local pastor who once lived among the homeless in Keizer.

The council passed the ban

on camping on sidewalks, public property and public rights-of-way unanimously.

Sandra McCullough-Jones testified that her son, a Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran was so traumatized by the experience it led to substance abuse and, later, homelessness.

“I ask you to remember that you are elected to serve all people and that includes our homeless neighbors. I ask that you not give into fear you

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## Homelessness has hidden costs for city

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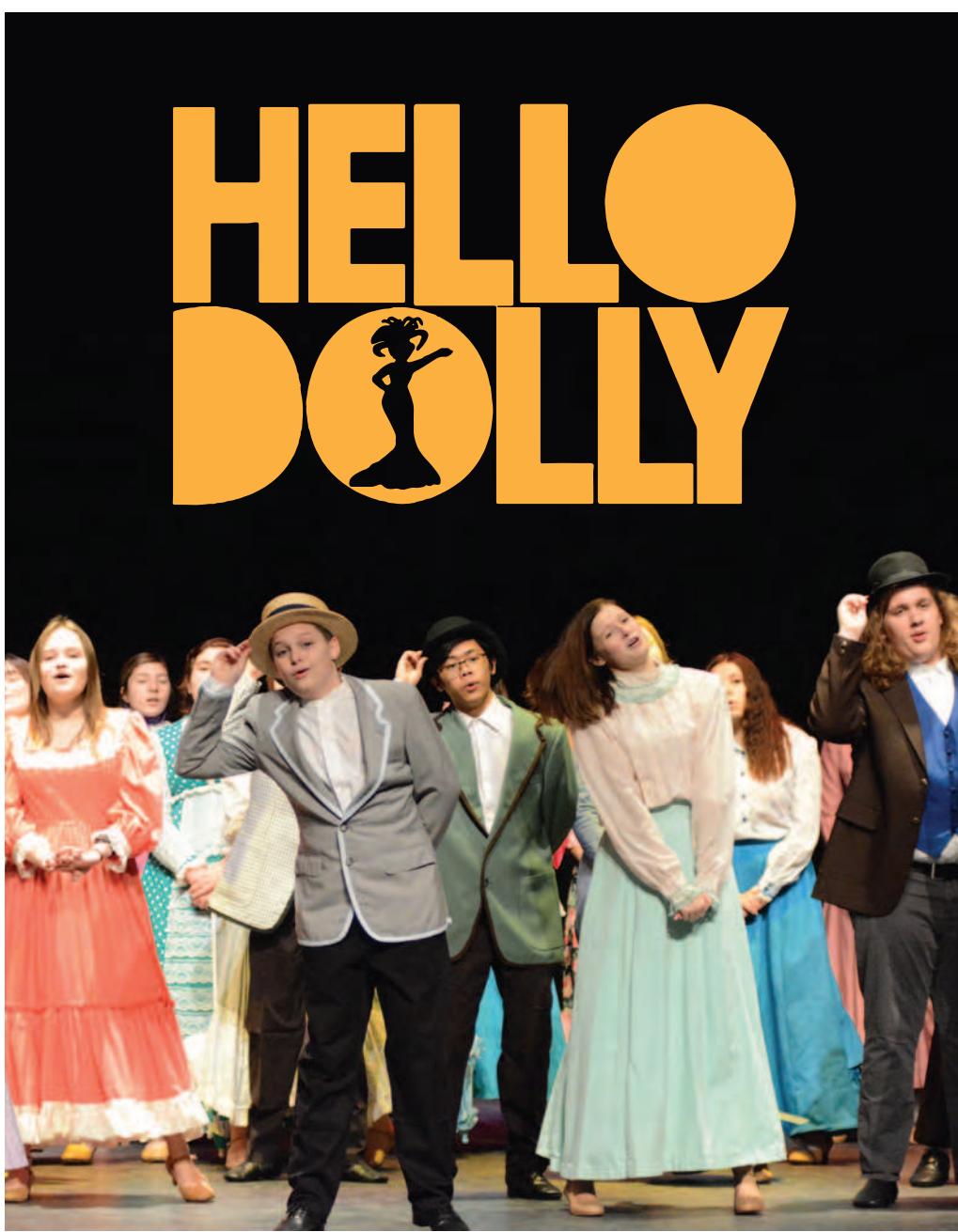
In 2018, members of the Keizer Police Department Community Response Unit launched a plan to be more proactive in connecting with the city’s homeless population.

“Members of CRU made more specific efforts to check the parks during the summer and continued to notice a large number of ‘entrenched’

transients with large and dirty camps,” wrote Officer Darsy Olafson in a recent report on the two-year effort.

When the push began, the CRU’s three officers spent about 30 hours per week attempting to locate and communicate with “camping” homeless people and encouraging them to move out of the places where they had hidden their campsites.

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Actors and singers perform a musical number in McNary’s rendition of *Hello, Dolly!*  
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## Dolly makes her way to Ken Collins Theater

By **MATT RAWLINGS**  
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Tom Cavanaugh and Josh Rist have been working to-

gether on McNary’s annual winter musical since 2016, including productions of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Grease*. But both are in agreement that their latest rendition of *Hello, Dolly!* is the best show they have collaborated on.

“This is the grandest show we have done since Josh and I have been working together. I hope people feel nostalgic about this show”, said Cavanaugh, who is the theater director at the school and the director of the show. “We want to put shows that will showcase the talent we have and get people excited about seeing. But this year, we wanted to do some-

thing that is more classical.”

*Hello, Dolly!*, which opened at Ken Collins Theater on Thursday, Jan. 9, will have

showings on Jan. 10-11 and Jan. 16-18 at 7 p.m. There will be additional 2 p.m. performances on Saturday, Jan. 11 and Saturday, Jan. 18.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$8 for students and will be available at the door or online at mcnary-theater.ticketleap.com.

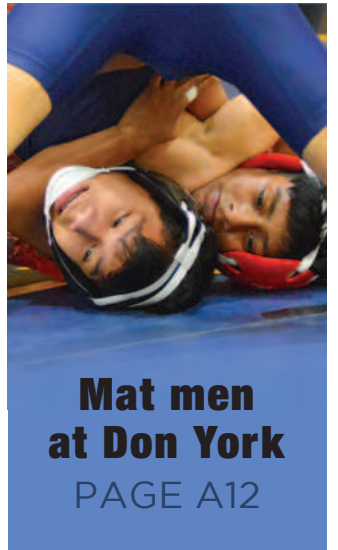
The show will feature performances by the McNary choir, band and theater departments. Rist is the vocal director of the show while Sean Williams will play the role of conductor.

The show is choreographed by Zoe Banton.

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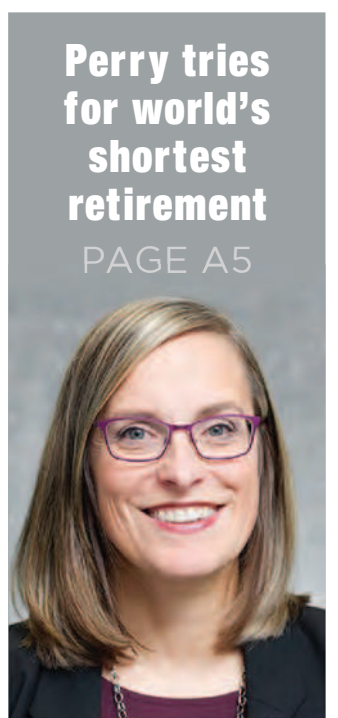
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