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## Cookout for first responders

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Beth Parker wanted to show her support for Keizer's first responders, then she had to stop telling friends and neighbors about it.

"Everyone I told wanted to help. I had to stop talking about it because we could only have so many people," said Parker, owner of Tender Touch Grooming.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, Parker arranged for a good, old-fashioned cookout at the Keizer Police Station.

Parker was moved to action through a conversation with her partner, Scott Boldenow, who spoke with an officer who responded to their neighborhood.

"The thing Scott took away from the conversation was that morale was pretty low among the officers. Then I saw a YouTube video of an officer crying in her patrol car," Parker said.

The video Parker referenced was posted by a distraught officer upset over



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interactions, and possible food tampering, at a fast food restaurant.

"When I saw that, I was crying," Parker said.

Parker began organizing in earnest three weeks prior to the event. She and others chipped in to purchase hamburgers and sausages to feed the crew at the Keizer Police Department, but as she started gathering prices for what it would take to put on the shindig, she ran into more help.

"I called Oregon Valley Farms and they offered to do-



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nate 100 burgers, then I called Mt. Angel Sausage Company and they donated 40 sausages. At that point, I was crying again," Parker said.

In the end, she and her co-conspirators ended up with more than enough food to feed the police department. To help avoid leftovers, she invited crews from the Keizer Fire District and Keizer Public Works as well.

Parker's mood was joyous as the event unfolded, but doesn't think she's done yet.

**A:** Scott Boldenow serves lunch to officers Jorge Miranda and Jeremy Worledge.

**B:** Pastor Kevin Spade, of Bikers for Christ, plates a burger for Officer Martin Powell.

**C:** Det. Arsen Avetisyan garnishes his lunch.

**D:** Victor Hess and Aaron Kennan of the Keizer Fire District Collect sides and condiments.

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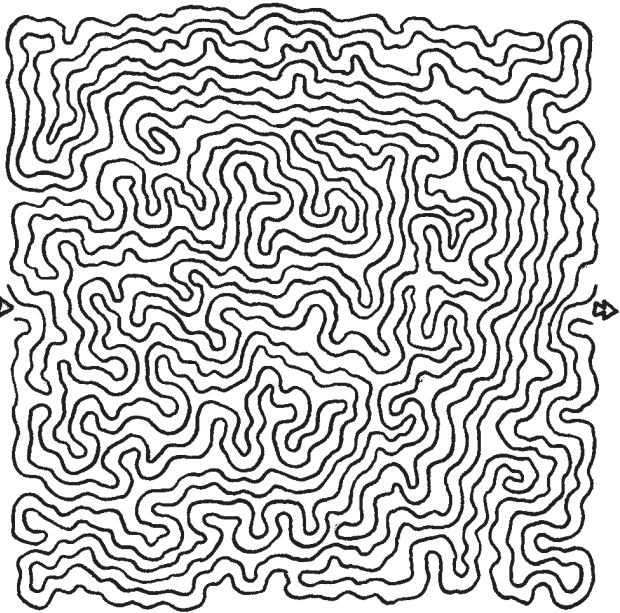
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The Keizer Community Library will hold a one-day book sale on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jeff and Sheryl's On the Turn restaurant at McNary Golf Club.

Sale items will include hardcover and paperback books, audio books, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, puzzles and games. A bag sale will be featured all day. Shoppers can fill a grocery bag for \$5 (all bags will be provided). Also, pre-filled bags of books featuring a single genre will be available for \$5.

Other prices are 50 cents for paperback books, \$1 for hardcover books, \$1 for CDs and puzzles, 50 cents for VHS tapes, plus special pricing on a few items. Payment may be made with cash, debit cards and credit cards only.

Information about donating books and other media, including no-contact "Porch Pick Up," is available on the library's website, keizerlibrary.org.

McNary Golf Club is located at 155 McNary Estates Drive N. Face coverings will be required for everyone, including children age 5 and older, and social distancing will be observed according to state requirements.

Book sale proceeds fund the library's operations.

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