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City picks holiday card



ABOVE LEFT: The image that will adorn the city's annual holiday card. Artist Jennifer Owens painted the piece. ABOVE RIGHT: Beth Melendy announces Owens as the winner during the tree lighting ceremony earlier this month.

Keizer Community Library offering \$5 bags of books

Looking for a way to fill the hours of what will surely be one of the weirdest winters ever? The Keizer Community Library can help.

For \$5, library volunteers will deliver a bag of books to your car.

Patrons can choose bags dedicated to specific genres: fiction, non-fiction, romance,

cooking, mystery and picture book bags are all available.

To place an order call 503-390-2370 between 1 and 3 p.m. Mondays or 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays. Orders can be placed via email at info@keizerlibrary.org.

Payments can be made prior to pick-up via Paypal or with cash or credit during a

curbside appointment.

The library is still loaning books from its collection via curbside service. Place book requests at tinyurl.com/KCL-holds, and then make a pick-up appointment.

All sales support the all-volunteer Keizer Community Library.

Keizer-centric group donates toys to families in need

By LAUREN MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

The season of giving is upon us, and the effects of COVID-19 can be felt across the community. From parades to toy drives, many seasonal staples have been canceled.

For the past five years RJ Navarro has functioned as a bridge between veteran services and the Salvation Army to help with their Toys and Joy event (formerly known as Toys for Tots), but this year he has been hard pressed to get a straight answer from the organization as they tried to figure out logistics and safety guidelines for the toy drive.

"We weren't hearing back from the people that we usually work with, so we just decided to do it ourselves," Navarro said, and thus the Keizer Gift Group was born.

The group consists of Keizerites who want to give back to the community and are receiving toys from the same veteran services that Navarro has worked with in the past.

Families can sign up to receive help from the low-barrier drive at rjnavarro.org/resources, they can also be referred by a teacher, or the Keizer Police Department (KPD) who will then be responsible for delivering the

gifts.

"This is the first time we've done it as just our own community instead of working with Salem," Navarro said of the Keizer Gift Group. They are testing the waters to see if this is something that they want to continue every year.

One thing that Navarro wanted to emphasize that sets this program apart from others is their commitment to non-discrimination. No matter one's immigration status, language, gender or race, they can come receive help from the Keizer Gift Group; there is an option to change the language on the online application to make it as easy to access as possible.

Navarro said that families receiving help from other organizations, such as Toys for Joy, which is also happening this year, or the Keizer Chamber of Commerce, are welcome to come to the Keizer Gift Group as well.

"We're really not invasive when we ask questions," Navarro said. They ask for names to put on the presents and addresses to deliver them too — but, if a family is uncomfortable volunteering that information, then they can connect with a teacher to act as a case manager.

"What the case managers

will do is put 'Family F', or 'Family G' so that they know what family it goes to," Navarro said.

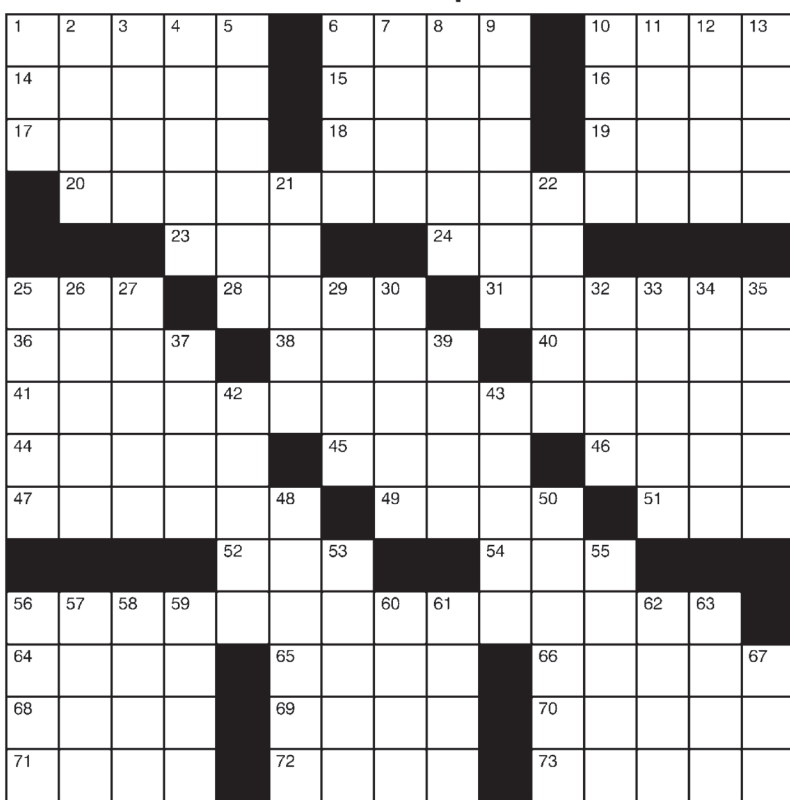
Though the group is made up of Keizerites, they are helping anyone in need whether they be from St. Paul, Salem, Brooks or other surrounding areas.

"We live in a time where there is a lot of defiance and there is a lot of hostility and we're looking past that and focusing on Christmas. We're focusing on giving, and taking care of our community," Navarro said.

At the time of the interview they had around 45 families signed up, but they are hoping for more families. The Keizer Gift Group handed gifts off to the KPD on Friday, Dec. 11.

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Warm Up



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- 1 Athletic contest
- 6 Diminutive devils
- 10 Detention place, in Derby
- 14 Trumpet sound
- 15 Trot or canter
- 16 Ratio words
- 17 Snapshot spot
- 18 Sole
- 19 Recipe direction
- 20 Start of a season
- 23 Place for roses
- 24 Certain bill
- 25 *Miserables*
- 28 Ceases to be
- 31 Scent container
- 36 Novel ending
- 38 Presidential pooch
- 40 Matisse, e.g.
- 41 Book about the Brooklyn Dodgers
- 44 Like bathrooms, frequently
- 45 Time past
- 46 Long, long periods
- 47 Having pleasing views
- 49 *The Raven*, e.g.
- 51 Map abbreviation
- 52 Launcelot du ___
- 54 Football flower
- 56 Tennessee Williams

DOWN

- 1 Graduate deg.
- 2 Shakespeare title starter
- 3 Forbidden
- 4 Cake morsel
- 5 Fixed a skirt
- 6 Borodin prince
- 7 Le ___: auto race
- 8 Plane captain
- 9 Runway features
- 10 Essence
- 11 Piedmont city
- 12 Auricular
- 13 Popular knowledge
- 21 Instruct
- 22 Confused situation
- 25 Latvians
- 26 Governing principles
- 27 Stone monument
- 29 Facile

- 30 Sailing vessel
- 32 Arrived
- 33 Laugh lines
- 34 Happening
- 35 Succinct
- 37 Level, in Berlin
- 70 Upright
- 71 Describing yesterday
- 72 Cabbage salad
- 73 Descartes, *et al.*
- 42 *Swan Lake* temptress
- 43 Appears
- 48 Holiday songs
- 50 Carnival participant
- 53 Carp
- 55 Watered silk
- 56 Flight segment
- 57 ___ Major
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- 59 Track event
- 60 Leningrad's river
- 61 One of the Barrymores
- 62 Sharp
- 63 Ending for depend or differ
- 67 Relatives of aves.

By Charles Preston

Annual MHS gradation party seeking support

The committee that plans the McNary High School senior graduation party is moving ahead for 2021. There is no date nor location set yet, but the organizers are seeing contributions to give the Class of 2021 a memorable experience.

Erin Clarke of Celtic Celebration wrote, "We don't know where it is going to be or what we will be able to do

because of COVID-19. However, we are hoping to plan an evening filled with entertainment, games, prizes, food, fun activities and a gift for very student."

To support the 2021 Celtic Celebration the committee is

soliciting — cash, prizes, gift cards or gift baskets.

Financial donations are currently being accepted and can be mailed to: McNary Graduation Party-Celtic Celebration, P.O. Box 21114, Keizer, OR 97307-1114



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