



Somebody's somebody

ARCHES redoubles effort to help unsheltered survive

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These are some of the people Robert Marshall meets as he makes his way along the west bank of the Willamette River across from the ARCHES homeless services center in downtown Salem (ages are estimates because living outside ages a person more quickly):

- A couple in their late thirties.
- A man in his early forties.
- A woman about thirty.
- A woman in her late fifties.
- A couple who *may* be in their early twenties, but could well be high school seniors.

These are some of the needs

Robert Marshall, volunteer and day center coordinator for ARCHES, speaks with a homeless man in camp along the banks of the Willamette River.

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1 day as a Volcano, 3 Golden Gloves

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'Cow park' playground redo delayed til spring

Keeping track of precisely how many ways COVID-19 has impacted normal operations?

Here's another one for the list: Claggett Creek Park's new playground structure is on hold due to a lack of tents available.

"(The contractor) attempted to complete the surfacing at the playground but have been unsuccessful finding a tent to cover the area, they are all being used by restaurants and others," wrote Keizer Public Works Director Bill Lawyer in a weekly update.

An adequate tent is needed to retain the heat that will cure a pour-in-place surface that will protect against falls. Temporary fencing will be placed around the area until spring. Swings will be open and usable because the special surfacing is already in place.

It's the second delay for the playground redux, the contractor had to move the start date because the canyon wildfires delayed other projects.

10 cents at a time, Keizer woman supports seniors



Staff members at The Village at Keizer Ridge accept gifts on behalf of resident. Keizerite Michelle Paslay launched an effort to provide joy for local seniors and succeeded beyond her wildest dreams.

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1,000 gifts in 9 days

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The reason for the season



Submitted by Mary Jo Emmett

COVID-19 may have closed the John Knox Presbyterian Church, but members wanted the community to know they are still present. As a tribute to their faith, members decorated the windows of the church with ornate paper cut-outs.

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When the recent freeze was instituted by the Gov. Kate Brown, Michelle Paslay found her heart breaking for seniors who would be unable to see their families this month. And she decided it was up to her to try to make the holiday brighter.

"They're not able to leave and they're not able to see family. You have to look at them through the glass windows. This is sad," Paslay said.

She began buying Christmas gifts for the memory care

unit at The Village at Keizer
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Composting developer eyes city property

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An in-container composting business may take up residence near Volcanoes Stadium, but any sort of deal is still a way off.

"They are interested in developing organic compost mixtures and working with wineries that are eyeing organic wines. It seemed like a good tie in and that piqued my interest," said City Manager Chris Eppley. However, Eppley warned against getting overly excited, "We've had so many deals get very close and then evaporate."

The developer is interested

in city-owned land near the stadium for a composting facility that would be the first of its kind in Oregon and one of fewer than 10 in the nation. Containerized composting takes place in batches with "airtight" vessels attached to a building with a biofilter to remove odors, according to Green Mountain Technologies, a Washington-based manufacturer of the containers. A single aeration system can accommodate up to 50 containers.

As it stands, the facility falls outside the designated zoning for the city staff are

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