

# KFD units cited for heroism in annual awards

On Aug. 3, 2020, a grandfather taking his grandkids waterskiing on the Willamette River, collapsed in the boat.

In response to a call for help, firefighters Bill Herring and Simeon Wakefield waded out into the water where the boat had beached itself about 20 feet from the shore. Herring began manual CPR while Wakefield placed the patient on a ventilator.

Capt. Christina Wilson and firefighter Andrew Etzel worked their way into the water and assisted with care while steadying the boat. While still treating the patient in the water, the crew helped the man regain a pulse and made their way to shore where Chief Ryan Russell, Lt. Andrew Alderson and engineers Mike Jensen and Jason Perkins provided additional assistance. The patient made a full recovery a few

days later.

The entire unit was one of three cited when the Keizer Fire District celebrated its employees earlier this year.

Two other units, consisting of engineers Sean Cummings and CJ Thorne and Capt. Aaron Pittis and Herring, were cited for tireless efforts battling the destructive and disruptive wildfires along the Cascade Mountains last year.

Cummings and Thorne assisted on the scene of the Beachie Creek Fire with one stint lasting from early evening until the next morning.

Pittis and Herring battled the blaze near Eagle Creek for 31 consecutive hours as part of a seven-day deployment.

KFD administrators also handed out awards for excellent individual performance.



Lt. Andrew Alderson, firefighter Simeon Wakefield, engineer Jason Perkins, Division Chief Ryan Russell, engineer Mike Jensen, firefighter Andrew Etzel, Capt. Christina Wilson were among the Keizer Fire District employees recognized for heroic efforts in an annual awards ceremony. Not Pictured: engineer Bill Herring. Submitted photo

Herring was named Employee of the Year, Cummings earned Firefighter of the Year honors, Amber Ashlock was

the 2020 EMT of the year, Layne Gillette was named Rookie of the Year and Jack Evans was Volunteer of the Year.

## Keizer woman voted Miss Congeniality

Sofia Boru of Keizer won the Miss Congeniality Award at the Miss Oregon USA 2021 pageant held March 20 in Wilsonville.

Boru is a special education instructional assistant at McNary High School. She advocates for people who suffer from domestic violence and created the campaign, #get-upglowup as part of her initiative.

A \$300 cash scholarship came with the Miss Congeniality title, which is voted by all the pageant contestants.

Boru is the daughter of Paula and Randy Moseley of Keizer.

The Miss Oregon USA pageant is a preliminary for the Miss USA pageant.

Sophia Boru earned a \$300 scholarship in addition to the title of Miss Congeniality. Submitted photo



### Cat of the Week

Name: **SALINA**, Age: **2**

**HISTORY:**

Domestic short hair Calico with past medical issues, but has been treated.

**PREFERRED HOME:**

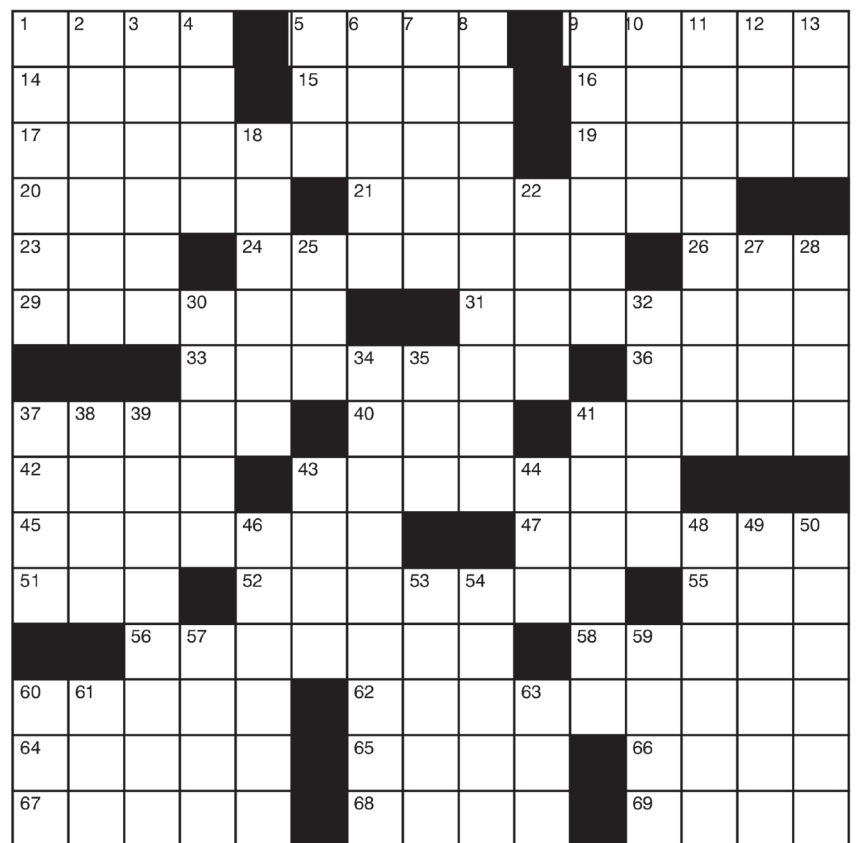
No children or other pets around. Salina doesn't like being left alone.



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### Poll-Watcher



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**ACROSS**

- 1 God of war
- 5 Circulate
- 9 Muse of love poetry
- 14 Escape
- 15 Alpine goat
- 16 Sunshade
- 17 Poll-watcher
- 19 Vacuous
- 20 Expiate
- 21 Rhine siren
- 23 Spread to dry
- 24 Legal allowance
- 26 Director Howard
- 29 Ancient Mideast city
- 31 Crop year
- 33 Revised
- 36 One more time
- 37 With verve
- 40 Crosswd. cop-out
- 41 Solemn acts
- 42 Race starter?
- 43 Flask
- 45 Special vocabulary
- 47 Experts
- 51 Comm. system?
- 52 Needle-shaped
- 55 Investment, for short
- 56 Suspended liquid
- 58 Bargain fur

**DOWN**

- 60 Austrian composer
- 62 Poll-watcher
- 64 Dunne or Castle
- 65 Barely manages, with out
- 66 Aware of
- 67 French Revolutionary leader
- 68 Unit of force
- 69 A long time
- 1 Navigate by air
- 2 Occupied
- 3 Cryptologize
- 4 Astound
- 5 Tease
- 6 Manuscript marks
- 7 Malice
- 8 Personality type
- 9 Waugh, for one
- 10 Hoarfrost
- 11 Poll-watcher
- 12 Junior citizen
- 13 After hist or consist
- 18 Skimpy
- 22 OK city
- 25 Geog. reference
- 27 Arch or molding
- 28 Intelligence
- 30 Actor Albert \_\_\_

- 32 French historian
- 34 Disappeared
- 35 Was a candidate
- 37 Hero of 1776
- 38 Lyric poems
- 39 Poll-watcher
- 41 Shade tree
- 43 Late actor James \_\_\_
- 44 Corrode
- 46 Border-crossing certificate
- 48 Seam trimming
- 49 Sibelius' Valse \_\_\_
- 50 Brazilian seaport
- 53 New boy: var.
- 54 Funt or Ludden
- 57 Poet Millay
- 59 Wild ox of Indonesia
- 60 Pronoun
- 61 Coach Parseghian
- 63 Purpose

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