

# 'I didn't come here with an agenda'

## Hare takes over as interim manager

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Since officially retiring in 2017, after nearly three decades as a city manager, Wes Hare has taken on a city administration project in Tanzania and was the interim city manager in Toledo, OR in 2019.

Now, Hare has a different part-time project that he has immersed himself into.

Earlier this month, Hare was named the interim city manager of Keizer. His contract with the city is expected to last between six and 12 months while the city searches for a permanent replacement.

"It has been good being in Keizer and working with a lot of experienced people who know what they are doing," Hare said. "It seemed like a good fit and so far it has been."

Hare, who specializes in economic and community development and financial management, is replacing former Keizer city manager Chris Eppley, who resigned in April after discharging a gun from his office one month earlier — Keizer Finance Director

Tim Wood was serving as the city manager pro temp since April.

Hare has experience in becoming a leader in the wake of an unexpected departure. Prior to accepting the interim city manager position in Toledo, the town was in the midst of enduring political turmoil as the mayor and two city council members were recalled in Sept. 2018 — the fire chief, city recorder and finance director also were fired or resigned that year.

"One of the things you have to do is to try and reassure people that we will get through this and recognize that the past is in the past and move forward," Hare said. "It was a really good experience for me. It was challenging, there were some really difficult issues that they were struggling with over there, but I really

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# Camp program stimulates creativity in students

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Creativity comes and goes all the time, but a summer camp program was able to ignite some of the imagination back into campers for weeks, one clip at a time.

The Stop Motion Film Animation class at McNary High School was one of nearly 200 other classes that was offered throughout the Salem-Keizer school district. The program focuses on allowing campers to make their own stories through animations with toys, food, Play-Doh and other items.

Cara Cain and Cheryl Barrie, the advisors of the class, jumped at the opportunity to lead the program after they heard about it from the district.

"When we heard about the opportunity of the enrichment program, we were

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Cadence Crowder begins working on his film project. Photo by **BROOKLYN FLINT** of *Keizertimes*