CTEC land donation under consideration

BY HERB SWETT

For the Keizertimes

Accepting donation of the land and buildings of the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) was approved for first reading Tuesday at a work session of the Salem-Keizer School Board.

The district, which has been running CTEC since 2014, leases the buildings from CRTCEC, LLC, which they acquired from Mountain West Investment Corp. The buildings are on the 3501 Portland Ave. NE site of the former Nielsen Manufacturing facility, which is still owned by the Nielsen family.

CTEC consists of programs, not offered at the regular high schools, that prepare students for various technical careers. They are:

- · Sustainable plant science and technology.
- · Auto body repair and painting.
- Business development and leadership.
- · Cosmetology.
- · Culinary arts.
- Drone technology and robotics.
- · Law enforcement.
- · Manufacturing, welding, and engineering.

Rhonda Rhodes, CTEC principal, reviewed the programs and introduced students who told the board and remotely viewing public that CTEC was giving them opportunities they would not have had otherwise.

"The best preparation for an activity is the activity itself," Rhodes said.

She said CTEC has been strong academically but academics are only one leg of the stool.

"We're always looking for the next innovation," she added.

District staff has estimated the total value of the property at about \$20 million. The agreement, scheduled for final passage Oct. 11, covers district responsibilities including legal expenses, insurance, and compliance with environmental and other state laws.

The recently deceased Chuck Lee, who was chief executive officer of Mountain West and a school board member, was highly praised at the meeting for his leadership in starting CTEC. Mike Wolfe, district chief operating officer, called him "a master at fundraising."



Judith Clare Odle

Oct. 8, 1938 - Sept. 20, 2021

Judith Clare Odle gracefully and peacefully concluded her journey in the morning hours of Sept. 20, 2021.

She was born in Appleton, Wis. on Oct. 8, 1938, to Clarence and Marie Below. She was the middle child with two older sisters and two younger brothers.

She left Wisconsin at 18 years of age to marry a man in the military, spending time in Massachusetts, Germany, and Oregon. When that marriage ended, after four children, she married Larry Odle and added two more children to the family. She enjoyed flying for free with Delta Airlines through one of her sons, visiting Japan, Hawaii, Italy, Panama Canal, and many trips to Wisconsin to see her family.

Her childhood desire was to become a nun as she always felt so close to God; to have eight children (had seven); and to provide foster care to children who had to leave their homes for a while.

When reflecting on her foster parent experience, she proclaimed, "I did it." She hosted 462 foster children over a seven-year period. She added "I am in the hearts of all of them, though no longer in their minds."

Judith is survived by her husband of 53 years, Larry Dean Odle; Brothers, Patrick and Quentin Below; Children, Jeff (Jeannie) Odle, Dave (Debi) Odle,



JUDITH CLARE ODLE

Pam (Tom) Fox, Dean (Michele) Odle, Elizabeth (Mike) Beach, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In honor of her wishes and her gift of hospitality, an open house will be held on Friday, Oct. 8 (her 83rd birthday). 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. This celebration of life will be hosted at their home 4820 Verda Lane NE in Keizer.

Face coverings are optional by personal preference.

Most of this obituary was written by Judith in the final two weeks of her life.



Donna Rae O'Neill

March 20, 1938 - Sept. 22, 2021

Donna O'Neill of Keizer passed away at the age of 83 on September 22, 2021.

Cat of the Week





Name: SHADOW Age: 1

HISTORY: Shadow is a black, domestic short-hair.

PREFERRED HOME: This cat is curious and quiet. She does okay with other pets and kids.

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