



Snow cloaks Keizer in time for New Year

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Work, school districts and flights were canceled across the state early this week as an Oregonian's worst nightmare was forecast: between one and three inches of snow.

Keizerites woke up Sunday morning to a post-Christmas surprise as snow

blanketed the city. Temperatures rose just above freezing on Dec. 26 before dropping once again during the night for a dangerous combination of slush turning to ice going into the work week.

The icy roads Monday morning led to cancellations for the Salem-Keizer School District, Chemeketa Community College, and services such as Republic Services trash pick up and Meals on Wheels. Many places, including state offices, were delayed Monday morning until streets became safer later in the day.

"With these very cold temperatures,

frostbite and hypothermia will occur much faster. If outdoors, remember to dress in layers and cover exposed skin," the National Weather Service said early in the week.

Light snow continued throughout Monday and into the night with temperatures dropping as low as 29 degrees.

A McNary boys basketball game against Parkrose on Dec. 28 was canceled and a rescheduled date is still being determined.

Most workplaces and district offices returned to normal hours Wednesday

even as the area hit some of the coldest temperatures of the week. The National Weather Service predicted that temperatures would drop to as low as 19 degrees Wednesday night with a chance of half an inch of snow accumulating.

While the forecast predicted a chance of snow both Thursday and Friday evening, temperatures are expected to slowly increase beginning on New Year's Day. A high of 41 degrees on Saturday and 44 degrees on Sunday should be enough to melt away the last of the 2021 ice and snow.

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A Salem man is being charged with manslaughter, reckless driving and abuse of a corpse following a hit and run incident that occurred in the early hours of Christmas morning.

The victim has been identified as a 16-year-old juvenile according to a Marion County Sheriff's Office press release Tuesday night.

Around 2:00 a.m. on Dec. 25, a 911 caller reported that a pedestrian had been struck by a red Honda Civic on Lancaster Drive near Chemeketa Community

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