

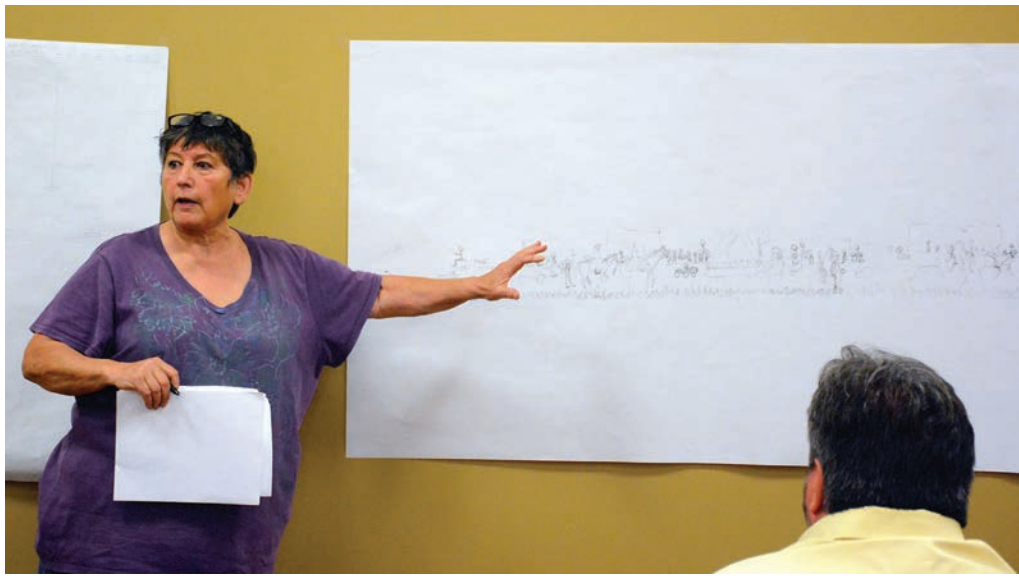
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## Mural pushed back to 2016



Jill Hagen goes over her conceptual drawing for the upcoming public mural at Town & Country Lanes during Tuesday's Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting at Keizer Civic Center. The city's second public mural was originally going to be done next month, but has now been delayed until next summer.

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Of the Keizertimes

Keizer's next public mural will not be done next month.

Former Mayor Lore Christopher, chair of the Keizer Public Arts Commission, has long been pushing for the mural, going up on the long north wall at Town & Country Lanes, to be done this fall.

However, realities pushed the timeline back. A signed contract between the city and Don Lebold, owner of the bowling alley, needed to be in place before any work was done on the building. Nate Brown, director of Community Development for Keizer, said at Tuesday's KPAC meeting that contract wasn't sent to Lebold until this week.

"When the contract is in

place, we can move forward with the prepping," Brown said. "That is the key or the gate."

Christopher said once the wall is prepped with primer and any necessary repairs are made, a teaser will be put up about the upcoming project.

"It's for the mural that's coming next summer," she said.

Commissioners discussed what the exact wording of the teaser should be.

"We talked about something that would make people inquisitive," Rick Day said, referring to previous meetings. "Considering recent events (at Town & Country), maybe keep it simple, like mural is coming."

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## Council waits on marijuana action

By CRAIG MURPHY  
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Wait and see.

That's the position of the Keizer City Councilors in regard to possible new rules regarding marijuana in the city.

City Attorney Shannon Johnson presented action taken by state legislators this year regarding Measure 91, passed by Oregon voters last year. The measure legalizes the sale of recreational marijuana in the state, with restrictions. Cities and counties around the state have been trying to figure out for more than a year what kind of rules to pass.

Keizer has been no exception, with the latest discussion taking place at last week's council meeting.

By and large, councilors over the past year have taken the stance of waiting to see what other jurisdictions do, from the state level down to other cities around the state.

Such was the case once again last week.

Johnson brought up four topics: the allowance of "early

sales" in Senate Bill 460 of recreational marijuana in medical marijuana facilities; regulation of recreational marijuana; taxation of both medical and recreational marijuana and the allowance/ban/regulation of other marijuana facilities.

"Only one of these is with serious time constraints," Johnson said. "The question is whether council wanted to look at a ban of early sales and if you wanted to look at a permanent ban."

Since regular recreational marijuana shops will not be opening until the latter part of 2016, SB 460 allows cities the ability to prohibit early sales of limited amounts of recreational marijuana — up to .25 ounces per person, per day for anyone 21 years of age or older — at medical marijuana facilities. A permanent ban would require an ordinance to be passed by the council and the matter would have to be sent to voters in November 2016.

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## Farm bureau upset over 25 fields claims

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It turns out the agricultural community isn't totally on board with plans by 25 fields for Oregon.

More than once, Carrie Cool, executive director of 25 fields for Oregon, has indicated support from the agricultural community for her plans to build soccer fields in the Keizer area for Oregon youth. In a recent article in the Keizertimes, Cool emphasized the support her group has from the agricultural community.

"We were looking for agricultural stakeholders ties, but we didn't realize to what extent we could really partner with them," Cool said at the time. "We didn't grasp what the agricultural community needed. This is big and really cool. We haven't met a stakeholder yet that is negative on it. We have a positive impact on everyone we've met with."

Not so fast, according to the Marion County Farm Bureau.

Jessica Carpenter from the MCFB said Cool's comments misrepresent support from her bureau.

"Our board has met with 25 fields, on more than one occasion, and suggested that alternate plans should be considered in an attempt to lessen the impact on the agricultural



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Not everyone is happy with the 25 fields for Oregon proposal to use farm land for 25 soccer fields in the Keizer area.

community," Carpenter said. "The idea that Marion County Farm Bureau has been overwhelmingly supportive of the plans that 25 fields is proposing is inaccurate."

MCFB board member Greg Bennett has land bordering the proposed area for the fields.

"Carrie is a very aggressive lady, going at it pretty hard," Bennett said. "She's been hired by a group to push this through. The people I associate with, the farmers in the area, they're not against what needs to be done but they're not thinking it's a good location. I think we all agree it's a great idea for kids, but they need to place it where it won't have a negative impact on agriculture."

Bennett noted the land in

question could be used for hazelnut trees.

This isn't a new stance for the MCFB to be taking. Last July, John Zielinski, president of the MCFB board, submitted a letter of opposition to the 25 fields project to Marion County Commissioners. Zielinski referenced a 25 fields flyer indicating MCFB was one of more than 30 stakeholders giving "overwhelming support" to the project.

"By association, the flyer's message implies that MCFB supports 25 fields' proposed use for the referenced property," Zielinski wrote. "The flyer is inaccurate and an unfortunate misrepresentation of MCFB's position as stated in our letter to you of last April."

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## Two fires in Keizer



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Heavy damage was done to a house on Marino Drive North Aug. 21 due to a fire.

The Keizer Fire District responded to the report of a house fire on Cade Street NE shortly before 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Smoke and flames were coming from the home when firefighters arrived on the site. When they entered the home they found fire had done extensive damage to the second floor. The rest of the home suffered from smoke and water damage.

Firefighters determined a cigarette that was improperly disposed of ignited the wooden porch at the front of the home. Damage to the residence was estimated at \$10,000 and damage to the contents of the home was estimated at \$2,000. No injuries were reported in the incident.

Fire officials remind resi-

dents to always completely extinguish smoking material before discarding and always put the remains in appropriate ash trays.

Smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths and the third leading cause of home fire injuries.

Four engines, two medic units and two duty officers with 14 firefighters responded to the incident. Salem Fire Engine 2 and a Marion County Fire District Medic Unit assisted with the fire.

There was more damage to a Keizer residence four days earlier when KFD personnel responded to the report of a house fire on Marino Drive North shortly after 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21.

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## Ready for a Big Party...



The Big Toy at Keizer Rapids Park will have a grand opening Saturday, Aug. 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. The play structure is located at Keizer Rapids Park. Recent changes have included new grass (above) and a weather vane made of scrap material (left).

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