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Fondness for Sweet Pea

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

Keizer's Jim Woody has fixed up a car with high sentimental value.

Again. Two years ago Woody and son Eddy restored a 1967 Pontiac GTO – nicknamed Screamer – that had been in the family since new. The GTO won an award at the Portland Roadster Show and was then in the Keizer Iris Festival Parade presented by Valley Credit Service.

Now, history is being repeated.

This time, however, the process wasn't quite as easy.

The end result is the same: Woody will be in Saturday's parade, which starts at 10:30 a.m. at River Road North and Lockhaven Drive NE, proceeding south along River.

Whereas Screamer was purchased new by Woody's dad and remained in the family the whole time, the 1975 Wescott – a 1931 Ford Model A roadster replica – was only in the family a few years.

But Sweet Pea made quite the impression. So much so that Woody tracked her down in Albany last year and did most of the restoration work himself.



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Jim Woody (right) tracked down Sweet Pea after 30 years last year and bought it from Jim Morgan (left) in Albany. The 1975 Wescott, a Model A replica, will be in Saturday's Iris Festival Parade as well as Sunday's Rev-Up Car Show.

In 1974, Woody had the desire to own a Model A roadster. However, he wanted one that could be more easily fixed with more modern parts.

"I read about a guy building these cars in Damascus, Dee Wescott," Woody said. "The

first one he built was in 1974.

He sent me some pictures and said he could make it any color. I went to his factory in late 1974 with a \$2,500 deposit check and ordered one, much to the chagrin of my wife. The car cost \$7,500 brand new, which was a lot of

money back then."

Woody took delivery of the lime green car he named Sweet Pea on April 29, 1975.

"My wife and my family loved the car," Woody said. "We took it on many, many trips."

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Jim Taylor talks of KFD issues

In last week's edition of the Keizertimes, answers from Keizer Fire District Board candidate Jim Taylor were missing.

Taylor is running against Betty Hart for Position 5 on the board. Taylor recently stepped away from his role on the Keizer City Council. Hart is the wife of former Keizer Fire Board director Mike Hart. We submitted the same questions to Taylor as we did the other candidates seeking positions on the board.

How would you like to see KFD adapt to the increased services required for the ever-increasing number of retirement and care facilities within Keizer?

JT: We need to respond to all health, safety and medical emergencies, however we need to work with our senior care providers and partners to find a way forward for non-medical services that will meet their needs and not break our budget.

Your thoughts on the bond measure KFD expects to put on the the fall ballot?

JT: Our equipment is aging, certainly a bond is one way to ask our customers if they are willing to purchase newer equipment. The decision lies with the taxpayer.

Given the choice between continuing to offer ambulance services through the district or contracting them out, which would you prefer?

JT: Certainly local control is preferred, we know these well trained and skilled employees and they know us. I don't know how long we can sustain these dedicated professionals, but that's one reason I am running, to work with a board committed to sustain this service.

How would you help improve relationships between MCFD1 and KFD?

JT: This situation took place while I was a city councilor and I was a champion for KFD. That issue was resolved and our customers and city demand that we provide the best service possible. I believe we must find ways to work together for the benefit of our KFD residents but also those Keizer residents who are served by MCFD1 to provide the best service possible.



Taylor

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Chamber request gets no vote

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

Both ends of the May 7 Keizer Budget Committee meeting were entertaining.

Committee members responded coldly to a request early in the meeting for more funds from Christine Dieker, executive director of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce. No motion was made to approve Dieker's request for \$28,000 in the 2015-16 Fiscal Year budget.

Later in the meeting there was extended discussion about whether or not the city should keep the limited duration Event Center Coordinator position.

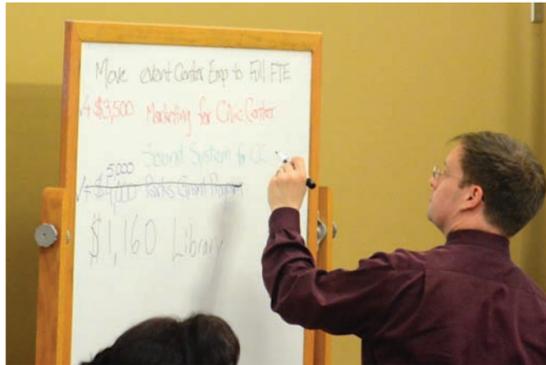
The meeting ended with a vote to move additional funding to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's matching grant program. The vote, narrowly approved by a 7-6 margin (committee member Brandon Smith missed this year's budget meetings), called for \$5,000 to be added to the \$10,000 already in the budget for the program.

When the chamber discussion took place, Dieker handed out an addendum requesting \$13,000 for economic development, \$5,000 for Keizer tourism strategy and \$10,000 for tourism strategy with increased Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), making the total request \$28,000. A separate sheet, however, showed the chamber asking for \$16,500.

Ron Bersin took issue with a business inventory being listed as a \$13,000 expense for 520 hours of work.

"That's a lot of talk about inventory," Bersin told Dan Clem, who originally answered questions since Dieker and Chamber president Audrey Butler were running late from a ribbon cutting in Salem. "How does that cost money to do it? Where are we spending the money? Talking doesn't cost me money."

After Clem noted the amount of time it takes to put together an inventory, Bersin went again.



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Tim Wood, assistant controller for Keizer, keeps track of budget requests on May 12. For a story on Tuesday's budget meeting, please see page A6.

"We're not here to justify your fees to the chamber," Bersin said. "It would make sense to say this is your consulting fee to the chamber."

Clem nodded in agreement. "Yes, that's exactly what it is," Clem said.

Butler noted how busy chamber staff is and thus needs the city's help in marketing.

"We don't have the manpower to take it one more level," Butler said. "We have kernels of information just sitting there unless someone takes the initiative. We need someone to make it happen. It will be beneficial to Keizer and businesses downtown."

Budget Committee chair Joseph Gillis was among those trying to figure out what was actually being asked for.

"In reading the supplement as compared to the request, it

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Two win the show at DYWK



Fatima Falcon (left) and Cambria Rushton were named co-winners of the Distinguished Young Women of Keizer title last Saturday, May 10. The two were chosen from a field of 21 contestants.

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Eric A. Howald

By ERIC A. HOWALD
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Fatima Falcon and Cambria Rushton were selected to represent Keizer as the city's Distinguished Young Women during the scholarship program Saturday, May 9.

"Actually, I wasn't nervous until I hit the stage today. Up to today it was like, 'I got this,' but today was nerve-racking," said Falcon.

Participants in the program compete in everything from grades to talent in hope of receiving college scholarships. With 21 contestants this time

around, standing out was no easy task.

Rushton, whose sister won the then-Junior Miss title nine years ago, said there were still surprises despite months of preparation.

"Even though we've gotten to know each other, I didn't know about all the talents each of these girls have. They can do all these amazing things and it's an honor to be able to represent the whole group," she said.

Falcon felt any one of the contestants would have represented the city well.

Other awards were also given out during the evening. Melody Smith was named first alternate. Morgan Hoag won for scholastic achievement. Madi Egli was selected as winner for the fitness portion of the program. Hannah Read won for self-expression, in which contestants answer a question on stage. Falcon also won the Spirit of Distinguished Young Women Award, which was voted on by the other contestants in the program.

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Mad Hatter Tea



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Rick Johnston of the Oregon Defense Force Pipe Band talks about the kilts band members wear during a Keizer Art Association Mad Hatter Tea event May 9.

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