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## Parks tour to get new stops

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Of the Keizertimes

There wasn't much question Keizer Rapids Park would once again be part of the tour.

The question for members of the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on Tuesday evening was which other parks should make up the annual Parks Tour.

The Parks Tour, in which Parks Board members show several parks to members of the Keizer City Council, will take place on Monday, Sept. 14 starting at 5:45 p.m. The Parks Tour will be preceded by a brief Parks Board meeting, which will take place of the regularly scheduled meeting on Sept. 8.

After much discussion Keizer Little League Park, a mainstay on the tour for years, was taken off the list. Parks Board members added Meadows, Bob Newton and Northview Parks to the list.

Having KRP on the tour was an automatic.

"There's so much going on around Keizer Rapid Park. There's the amphitheater and stuff around the volleyball courts. There's a lot to see around there," said Clint Holland.

J.T. Hager, the newest member of the Parks Board, asked what the stated purpose of the tour is.

"For me, we'd want to show council what we've done that is good and also areas where they need to cough up more bucks," Hager said. "When the council's there, make it count. We can say look at what we did, then let's hit a couple of problematic ones."

Richard Walsh agreed with the idea.

"J.T. is right, let's take coun-



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Members of the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well Keizer City Councilors listen to updates at Keizer Little League Park last year during the annual Park Tour. KLL Park has been a mainstay on the tour, but it will not be one of the stops this year.

cil to places we want to ask for money," Walsh said.

Holland made an initial motion for the tour to include KRP, KLL, Northridge and Palma Ciega Parks.

Robert Johnson, the Keizer Parks supervisor now attending the meetings in place of Bill Lawyer, suggested removing Northridge Park from the list.

"Meadows Park could use a new play structure soon," Johnson said. "Keizer Rapids is always a good one to visit. There are a million things to look at in terms of future development and development done this year."

Johnson also noted the tennis courts at Bob Newton Park need to be resurfaced "sooner rather than later" and suggested the basketball courts at Northview Park could use some repairs.

William Criteser suggested

removing Palma Ciega Park from the list, which no one protested.

Holland wanted to keep KLL Park on the list so councilors could see how the fields look this year compared to last year, when councilors expressed dismay at the condition of the park. Hager suggested having a fact sheet prepared about the park, but not including it on the tour.

"I don't want to waste our time unless we can show the council something and then ask for something," Hager said. "Clint, it would be wise to have something on Keizer Little League but not taking the time to visit. Councilors are smart; they know the problems that are there."

City staff will decide on the order of the parks. It was not determined if a van will be rented or if carpooling will be done.

## Nice patio...



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After a little bit of a delay, Jerry Nuttbrock and crews from Salem Concrete Service and Salem Mobile Mix poured the concrete for the amphitheater patio project at Keizer Rapids Park on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Nuttbrock got some help from the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's matching grant program. Northwest Rock Inc. also contributed to the project.

## This will connect to that



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Work has been progressing this week on the extension of McLeod Avenue by Chemawa Road in Area C of Keizer Station, where new apartments and a senior retirement facility will soon be built. Before the buildings can be constructed, McLeod Avenue has to be extended. The road currently ends at Chemawa Road, with the new section of the road continuing to the east. This is a picture of the construction area, looking east from the current end of McLeod.

## Member spotlight

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Robert Miller

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Well known in Keizer, a long-time family business owner, Rob Miller is a dedicated community volunteer and Keizer supporter. Rob is a family man, married to Kathy, they have four sons, four stepsons, and seven grandchildren.

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