Halloween fun at Keizer Heritage Center





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A: John Rossi, 11, had a grand time Oct. 15. B: Spiderman, in this case Mason Camper,

C: Logan Simpson, 1, was a monkey going on a ride with dad. D: Maria Gonzalez, 10 (front), works on a pumpkin as brother Agustin, 3, watches in the background and Tazendra Duncan, 7, gets her hands messy in pumpkin seeds.

The big push, however, is for the next step.

"Phase 2 addresses voids in the system," Krebs said. "Salem-Keizer has no weekend service, so we're proposing to operate the system on Saturday, a little less frequent service. Then the Sunday schedule would be a skeleton schedule. There will also be more weeknight service. Currently the last bus leaves downtown at 9 p.m. We want to extend that to 11 p.m. so that if a business closes at 9, workers can still get home. This will open up peoples' lifestyles."

The transit district used to get state funding for student bus passes.

"We lost 900,000 annual rides when that funding went away," Krebs said. "There are a lot of afterschool activities for students. This proposal would give a bus pass to all students in middle school and high school, as well as home schooled students."

If the ballot measure passes, taxes would be collected starting in January 2017. Reserves



Colleen Busch and Robert Krebs speak at the Oct. 15 GGNA meeting.

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would be used to get Saturday service started next summer, with extended weeknight and Sunday service starting in the summer of 2017. Student bus passes would start next fall with the start of the new school year.

Krebs said the transit district serves an area of about 390,000 people.

"When we reach 400,000 people in the district, then cities and counties would have to pay," Krebs said of the somewhat complicated state funding model for transit districts. "Keizer, Salem, Marion County and Polk County don't have to pay right now."

Krebs said there are several checks in place for raising the tax in the future.

"It is tied to cost of living adjustment increases," he said. "We have to also show what we're using the increase for and we also have to have public hearings. We'd be limited to a .02 percent increase a year. We wouldn't be able to raise it until 2018. But we don't see it being raised for four to five years."

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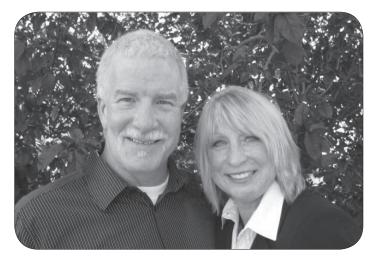
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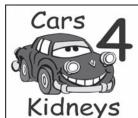
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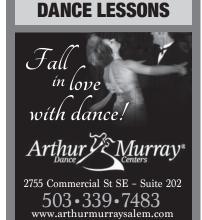
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