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funding to hire an additional parks staff person and to maintain a budget to facilitate proper health for Keizer's parks.

"What we're moving forward with is a proposal to start with community engagement like we did with designing Keizer Rapids Park," Lawyer said. "We want to engage youth about their neighborhood parks and get to them before the end of the school year to see what they are seeing or want to see in their parks. I admit it's a very aggressive timeline. This is just the first step."

Lawyer also said there would be a request for city staff to provide information about how different buckets of money work for parks and what they are used for.

"We want to make sure everyone is able to talk intelligently and also understand these items," he said.

By the fall, Lawyer wants to be reaching out to local sports organizations to see what their needs in parks are. That information would be brought to the Keizer City Council, to see if council feels the idea is still worth pursuing.

If so, the next step would be to go door-to-door with a one-page document listing the top 10 things youth want in Keizer parks and to rally voters behind the idea of supporting parks.

If \$1.50 was added to the water bill to pay for park maintenance, Lawyer noted that would mean about \$14,000 a month or roughly \$170,000 a year.

"That would allow the city to bring in a full-time parks person, it reduces the need for seasonal workers and means better maintenance," Lawyer said.

Richard Walsh noted not just youth should be asked for input.

"It's been focused on kids, but parks are for everybody," Walsh said. "There are a lot of needs out there for senior citizens. At every age there are distinct needs. This is fantastic for reaching youth, but we need a similar effort for the entire public."

Lawyer agreed and noted that's why reaching community-based organizations is key.

"I agree 100 percent with what you said," Lawyer told Walsh. "Every person has to have a voice."

Walsh warned it might not be realistic to get into schools by the end of this school year.

"If you want to do it right, go to the schools and say when can we go to a school and sit down?" Walsh said. "We only have a few weeks of school left."

Lawyer noted and acknowledged his timeline was "super aggressive."

Walsh suggested a survey be used to find out how important park maintenance is for voters.

"We need to get a good idea of what people want," he said.

Dylan Juran said he was initially confused if the idea was about adding new amenities to parks or maintaining current amenities.

"Taking care of things we have now and asking about that is important," Juran said.

Scott Klug cautioned money could be spent for equipment that doesn't get used, referencing his visits to two parks and seeing one child using play equipment.

"Why spend money putting things in if they are not being used?" Klug asked. "Why spend \$1.50 a month on equipment that doesn't get used?"

JT Hager agreed, but said the maintenance issue is bigger.

"What we're really talking about is we're not at a level to maintain what we have now," Hager said. "The problem is we don't have money to do basic things."

Walsh noted a large amount of parks money is being used to help maintain neighborhood parks, since that was the direction chosen years ago.

"We need to get information," Walsh said. "Do people want to play in their park, or should we put a greater emphasis in regional parks?"

Council liaison Roland Herrera said councilors understand parks are underfunded.

"Once you improve the parks, they will bring people out," Herrera said. "Parks say a lot about the community. I'm not a fan of big levies, but we need something. We have to act. You have to bring something to us. We need something tangible so we can ask people what they want. The need is there, we just have to find the right way to sell it to people. Keizer deserves better parks."

Parks Board members unanimously approved a motion to move forward with a park plan presentation, with the goal ultimately to have a parks fee.

## obituaries

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### Betty Jean Sines

June 6, 1928 - May 22, 2016

Betty Jean Sines, of Keizer, passed away on May 22, 2016 in Keizer at the age of 87.

She was born June 6, 1928 in Sherman, Texas to Francis Marion and Abbie Lucius Turner. She married Gordon Sines on May 4, 1946 and together they celebrated 53 years of marriage until his passing in 1999. Betty was a member of the Keizer Clear Lake United Methodist

Church.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry (Gail) Sines and Thomas Sines; one daughter Pamela (Charlie) Sines; one step-daughter Karen Farmer; grandchildren: great-grandchildren; two sisters, Goldie Lee and Janie Tamplin; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, her step-daughter Linda, and nine

brothers and sisters.

A funeral service was held Thursday, May 26, at Keizer Funeral Chapel. Burial followed at Belle Passi Cemetery in Woodburn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice. Keizer Funeral Chapel is handling arrangements. Memories and condolences at keizerchapel.com.

### Scott Cross

December 18, 1960 - February 23, 2016

Scott Douglas Cross, of Olympia, Wash., passed away on February 23, 2016, at the age of 55 after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

He is survived by his wife of almost 31 years, Brenda (Major) Cross; his children, Alicia Wright and her husband, Travis, of Forest Grove, Michael Cross, currently serving in the Navy overseas, and Daniel Cross and his wife, Kaylee, of Forest Grove; his grandchildren, Kherington and Kenley Wright, age 6, Brook-

lynn Cross, age 3, and Brayden Cross, 3 weeks old.

Scott is also survived by his mother, Sharon Cross of Keizer; sisters, Lori Kapfer of Keizer and Jodie Olsen of Sherwood; and brothers, Ron Cross and Mark Cross of Keizer; and many other family and friends. Scott is preceded in death by his father, Stephen Cross.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday May 21, in Forest Grove.

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Walker had a list of more than 250 graduating seniors who met the 2.5 GPA requirement. She met with large groups of students, and then hounded all the ones that didn't attend the group meetings.

"I would send them call slip after call slip until finally I started writing on them that I would stop if they just came to see me," Walker said. "Both of these programs are worth about \$8,000 over two years for 10 minutes of paperwork."

For the academic high flyers, doubling up on paperwork has an additional perk. If a student ends up attending Chemeketa through the Scholars program, they can receive an addition \$1,000 for books through Oregon Promise.

When Tejada first started meeting with students, one of the hurdles she encountered were students' perceptions of attending community college. Over time, however, the stigma associated with the two-year institutions has waned, especially as more and more graduates are choosing the cheaper option in a time of soaring tuition costs at four-year colleges and universities.

Walker has seen first-hand the difference programs like Scholars and Oregon Promise can make. Her husband lost his job at a lumber mill when it shuttered and attended Chemeketa under the Trade Act, which offers federal assistance to workers who lose their jobs. He's since transferred to Portland State University and has been

accepted to George Fox University where he will begin work on a master's degree.

"My husband was like some of our students in high school. He just kind of fell through the cracks, but college has made a huge difference and it's become an important thing in our family," Walker said. "Being able to tell students how outstanding Chemeketa was for my family has helped change some of their minds. This has been the most fulfilling work I've ever done."

With free tuition on the table, it might seem difficult to

understand why any student would walk away from such a deal, but Tejada said it usually isn't a matter of apathy.

"For most of our students, they just don't know what's available," she said. "If we can put them in the chair with an application that's been highlighted showing them what they need to fill out, they suddenly don't feel like it's as much pressure."

For more information on the Chemeketa Scholars program, visit scholars.chemeketa.edu. For more information on Oregon Promise, visit www.oregonstudentaid.gov.

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