

HERBER: New plans call for 112 apartments

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The letter from Lien suggests the property owners – Judith Ann Peters, Tyrene Ann Denlinger, Joseph Albert Herber and Mary Ellen Herber Mize – would be willing to donate a tax lot on the west side of the property for use as a park.

The revamped proposal includes a more detailed study of traffic increases that would result from the construction of apartments on the site, prepared by Associated Transportation Engineering & Planning.

The number of trips generated per day would still be significantly greater than if the site were converted to single family residences. Sixty homes are estimated to generate 571 trips per day. The proposed apartments would generate 745 trips per day, that figure includes more trips during peak commute times than single-family dwellings would generate.

After the initial application was denied last fall, the city's decision was appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals. The hearings on the matter were stayed, and eventually withdrawn, when city officials withdrew their decision to allow for reconsideration.

The city council held two hearings on the proposed construction plans at the site in 2015. Both times approximately 100 local residents herded into council chambers to voice opposition on the matter. During public testimony in September 2015, project developer Mark Grenz was the only one advocating for the project.

At that meeting, Keizer Development Director Nate Brown cautioned that changes were coming to the property regardless for the citywide affinity for its current bovine residents.

"I want to stress that the property is going to change," he said. "It is private property under private ownership. It will be developed and the cows will eventually go away."

Opponents of the development cited traffic impacts, beautification possibilities and school impacts.

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"In an effort to get kids excited about the prospects of life, and build some relevance in the student's mind, we want to bring people in from around the community and show them the reason why they (should) want to do well."

Jespersen is not only changing the scenery of McNary, but also the culture.

"It will be inviting and comfortable to all the students, with somewhat of a coffee shop feel to it," he said. "We want to not only promote college, but also careers."

In addition to the Nike innovation grant, McNary will have the ability this summer to send teachers to summer training, allowing them to learn and teach new strategies to the students.

And that's not the only academic shift that Jespersen wants to see.

Academics at McNary are on the rise, and with that, an increase in academic achievement. The strategies that

are incorporated into the program that is AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination) will now be used schoolwide. In conjunction with the Equal Opportunities School's Grant, McNary is adding 160 students to next year's AP (Advanced Placement) courses.

"We are trying to close our access gaps. We want to promote challenges for the kids that may want to take those college and career classes, but may have not had that push to do it. In order to close those gaps, we want all segments of our student body to be taking our advanced classes. We want to provide more access to all kids. Our numbers have gone up, and so far the results have been wonderful," Jespersen said.

With an increase in student achievement, there also must be support from the faculty.

Partnering with Google, Jespersen has been granted the opportunity to add 18 classroom sets of Chromebooks. Google has also aligned with the technology department at McNary to allow the high school to host their second annual Google

Summit, where teachers and faculty from around the state will have the opportunity to learn the ins-and-outs of Google Chrome and the Android operating system.

"We are adding much more technology into McNary," Jespersen said. "We want to give kids access because we know that this is the way of the future. We need to be innovative into our teaching practices because we want to be the best of the best."

Community involvement and emotional investment is a key philosophy that Jespersen wants to emphasize to his stu-

dents.

"Our expectation, which we are going to track, advertise, and publicize, is that every single kid at McNary is going to be participating in at least one club, activity, or sport every year," he said. "Whatever they are doing, we want kids to have some type of emotional connection to McNary High School. We know when that happens, students will do better academically, their attendance will be better, and their behavior will improve. Everything we do is one step closer to us becoming a world class high school."

births

• **Lisandro David Juven-tino Gutierrez** was born June 6, 2016 at Salem Health. The baby boy weighed 9 pounds 10 ounces. The parents are David Jr. and Serena Gutierrez of Salem. The grandparents are Gina Treichler and Orlando Cadile of Keizer, David Gutierrez Garcia and Yolanda Gutierrez of Keizer.

• **Waylon Gabriel Quilty** was born June 10, 2016 at Salem Health. The baby boy

weighed 4 pounds 8 ounces. The parents are Shawn and Gabrielle Quilty of Keizer. The grandparents are David and Michelle Harryman of Keizer.

• **Parker Grace Linhart** was born June 10, 2016 at Salem Health. The baby girl weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces. The parents are Andrew Linhart and Sara Magby of Keizer. The grandparents are Bev Guyton of Portland and Dean Linhart of Milwaukie.

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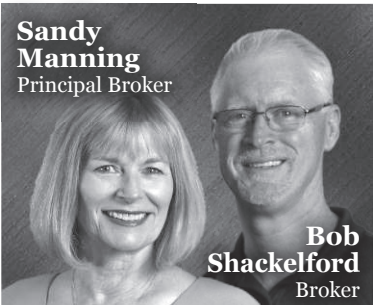
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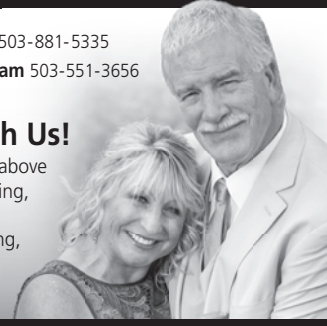
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