

I love a parade (mural)



TOP: Nancy Erickson-Ward, of Springfield, and Lynnette Martino, of Salem working on elements depicting 'Volcanoes' entry in the Iris Festival parade. ABOVE: The parade rodeo queens begin to take shape.

Clear skies made for a great day of painting at the mural at Town and Country Lanes Tuesday, June 21.

Kathy Haney will conduct a free portrait painting class on Saturday, July 16, at Town and Country Lanes. The class is limited to 20. The attendees who also paint a portrait on the mural will receive a \$25 stipend.

Registration is available at the Keizer Art Association in the Keizer Heritage Center or online at keizerarts.com.

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Skate park repairs falter

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Of the Keizertimes

A group once interested in refurbishing the surfaces of Keizer's Carlton Skate Park has pulled out of the project.

Keizerite Joe Bazan and owners of Lincoln City-based Dreamland Skateparks presented a proposal to the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board in November 2014 and requested \$12,000 in matching funds to cover the costs of resurfacing the park and enhancing its offerings.

Bazan returned in February 2015 with a revised proposal asking for \$5,000, which was unanimously approved by the board.

At a meeting of the parks board Tuesday, June 14, Robert Johnson, Keizer parks manager, informed the members of the parks board that plans had fallen through.

"The individual interested in resurfacing Carlson Skate Park is no longer interested. It puts \$5,000 back in the matching grant pot for someone else to take the lead, or for other projects that surface in the coming year," Johnson said.

Carlson Skate Park opened in July 1999, but has since fallen into disrepair. Cracks and worn surfaces have meant that regular skateboarders and BMX bikers gather at the park and then spend a good deal of their riding time in the parking lot rather than on the ramps and bowls of the skate park.

At the time of the 2015 proposal, Bazan hoped to revamp much of the park at



Isaiah Kraemer flies above a rim at Carlson Skate Park Monday, June 20.

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a total cost of approximately \$32,000, with grants and sponsorships covering costs not incurred by the city.

"The majority of the park has no real transition, a lot of obstacles weren't positioned correctly and they added pointless things (at the time it was built)," Bazan said in 2015.

With the return of the money to the parks matching-grant program, members of the board made no motion to earmark it for

Carlson Skate Park. "Are we interested in pursuing it?" asked Dylan Juran, a member of the board "I think it is worthwhile."

Board member Jim Taylor noted that the longer repairs are delayed the more expensive the project is likely to get.

"At some point, it's going to become a liability," said Bill Lawyer, director of Keizer Public Works.



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Register now to run for mayor, council

The Keizer mayor's chair and three seats on the city council will be up for grabs in November, and interested candidates can register now through Aug. 30.

Mayor Cathy Clark's first two-year term is expiring, as are the four-year terms of councilors Dennis Koho, Kim Freeman and Marlene Parsons.

Koho is resigning his seat on July 1 due to health considerations and an interim replacement will be appointed by the city council. The city cannot begin soliciting applications to replace Koho until after he vacates the seat.

To run for the mayor or city council, candidates must be a qualified elector under the state constitution and a registered voter within city limits who has resided in Keizer for the 12 months prior to the date of the election, Nov. 8.

For additional information, or to request an election information packet, contact Keizer City Recorder Tracy Davis at 503-856-3412 at davist@keizer.org.

Applications are due Friday, Aug. 30, by 5 p.m.



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