



Construction crews began removing sections of the parking lot at Schoolhouse Square this week, setting the stage for a new coffee house and sandwich shop. KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald

## Construction begins at Schoolhouse Square

Construction crews started paving the way for new coffee and sandwich shops at Keizer's Schoolhouse Square this week. Removal of a section of the

parking lot began Monday, Aug. 22. Owner Darren Bloch said construction of a new building that will be home to The Human Bean and Jersey Mike's is expected to take about five months with a goal of completion by January.

The new tenants are expected to open around March 2017. The current building that is

home to Mr. Video and Starbucks will be razed. Starbucks is moving just down the street on River Road North. Mr. Video owner Terry Ricker is still searching for a new storefront.

Bloch is hoping to announce a new tenant for the old Roth's location in the near future.

# Oregon State Fair returns

The Oregon State Fair returns to Salem beginning Friday Aug. 26, bringing rides, exhibits, concerts and more elephant ears than are found in the African savanna.

The fair runs daily through Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. most days. It will stay open to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids and \$1 for seniors. Veterans get in free on Monday, Sept. 5.

Discounted admission tickets are available at Safeway locations and unlimited carnival ride wristbands are available at Walgreens locations. Parking is \$5.

In addition to full access to the fair grounds, 6,000 concert seats are available to fair attendees on a first-come, first-served basis. The line-up of acts includes Foreigner (7 p.m., Aug. 26); Tommy James & The Shondells (7 p.m., Aug. 27); Luis Coronel (4 p.m., Aug. 28); Hunter Hayes (7 p.m., Aug. 29); Me-

lissa Etheridge (7 p.m., Aug. 30); Jeremy Camp & Mercy Me (6:30 p.m., Aug. 31); Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo (7 p.m., Sept. 1); Montgomery Gentry (7 p.m., Sept. 2); Theory of a Deadman (7 p.m., Sept. 3); and Creedence

Clearwater Revisited (4 p.m., Sept. 5).

VIP tickets are available to each of the concerts for \$35 and include admission to the fair, reserved seats, preferred access to concessions and a chance to win a meet-and-greet with the band.

Ongoing events include a laser light show at 9:45 p.m. each night; Machine Mania, a motorsports series, featuring monster and tuff trucks as well as races; and STREAM, a series of exhibits and demonstrations focusing on the intersections of science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math.

The fair also features a stacked slate of competitions for those looking to put their best foot, or even facial hair,

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forward. Numerous animal, food and art competitions will be held throughout the week, the 4-H Dog Show will be held August 20 and 21; The Art of Not Shaving Contest is slated at 6 p.m. Aug. 29; Oregon authors and poets will take the stage to talk about their craft and make themselves available for book signings on Authors Day, August 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and celebrity chef Simon Majumdar, frequently seen on Food Network's *Cutthroat Kitchen*, will judge the Oregon Salmon BBQ Contest on Sept. 3 at 5 p.m.

For the full schedule of fun and entertainment, visit oregonstatefair.org.

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## Volcanoes plan EclipseFest

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes are planning their own shindig to commemorate the 2017 total solar eclipse.

The lunar event, in which the moon passes between the sun and earth, coincides with a homestand for the baseball team. The Volcanoes will play a morning game after an official eclipse delay.

The EclipseFest will feature a wide variety of local beer,



wine, cider and spirits as well as a commemorative tasting glass. There will be local food vendors providing eats and an EclipseFest Kidzone will be

available throughout the weekend.

Spectators attending the marquee eclipse baseball game will receive commemorative eclipse safety glasses to wear during the delay of the baseball game.

More plans are still in the works, visit www.Volcanoes-Baseball.com/Eclipse to stay up-to-date.

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