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A Win FOR KEIZER

Walmart by WinCo to open by mid-2017

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Earlier this week, one piece of news on the Keizertimes Facebook page was viewed by more than 67,000 people (30,000 more people than actually live in Keizer), it was liked by 592 people and shared nearly 650 times.

Want to guess what it was?

WinCo, at least a smaller-scale version of it named Wamart, is coming to Keizer.

The employee-owned company announced Monday, Oct. 17, that it had purchased the old Albertsons/Haggen building at 5450 River Road N.

“Our research has shown for years that Keizer could support a smaller store. We’ve just been waiting on the right opportunity,” said a spokesperson for the company, WinCo defers attribution to the company as a sign of solidarity by its owner-employees. “That said, WinCo has received tremendous feedback from the Keizer residents and, without a doubt, their support influenced our decision.”

The purchase closed Friday, Oct. 14, and now the wait begins.

“We bought the property with the intent of doing an extensive remodel of the existing facility. The Wamart by WinCo concept is a smaller store so the existing size of approximately 40,000 square feet was just right for that model,” the spokesperson said.

A typical WinCo is anywhere between 72,000 and 85,000 square feet. The company is hoping for an store opening in the first half of 2017.

Walmart by WinCo is a scaled down version of WinCo, but will offer bulk food selections – from two teaspoons of a specific seasoning to a 50-pound sack of flour – as well as full produce and meat departments. Wamart will also carry a variety of organic, gluten-free and natural foods items.

The Keizer location will be only the third Wamart for the company. There is an open location in Independence and one under construction in Ontario, Ore. Prior to adopting the WinCo name, WinCo stores were known as Wamart.

It will be open daily from approximately 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and employ 75-80 people.

The spokesperson declined to comment on how many of those will be new, full-time employees.

In a post on its own Facebook page, WinCo expressed both gratitude and excitement at its future in Keizer, “To each and every one of you that spoke in favor of our store, we thank you. To state officials, the City of Keizer and its planning staff that displayed fairness and ethical dedication, to the city and its residents, we thank you. To the future employees that will go on to become owners of WinCo Foods, we cannot wait to meet you.”

Facebook comments

“Yes!! No matter where in Salem-Keizer I live, I always go to WinCo to grocery shop!”

— Jennifer D’Amico

“That’s great. I’m near the parkway and it’s a pain to drive all the way out south.”

— Jason Snider

“Welcome to our neighborhood WinCo.”

— Carlos & Patricia Cruz

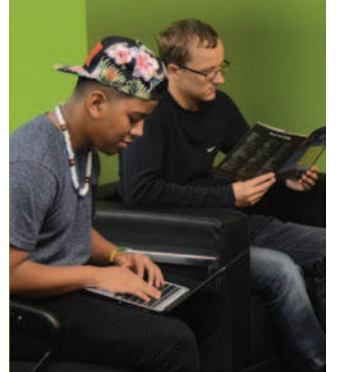
Man draws gun on KPD officer

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New MHS college and career center

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Arriving & departing at Schoolhouse Square



Christy and Oliver Coker.

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Keizer Liquor now largest in the state

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Keizer Liquor is now open at its new location in Schoolhouse Square and, if you’re human, you’re not going to be able to resist running your hand over the bar.

“They sent us out looking

for a board that was this big and this wide and we picked this one out at a Salem salvage yard. It ended up being gorgeous,” said Christy Coker, who co-owns the shop with her husband, Oliver.

The bar is centerpiece of Please see LIQUOR, Page A9

Mr Video finds new home in Keizer

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Staying in Keizer was a top priority for Terry Ricker once he learned keeping Mr. Video and Games would not be able to stay in its Schoolhouse Square location.

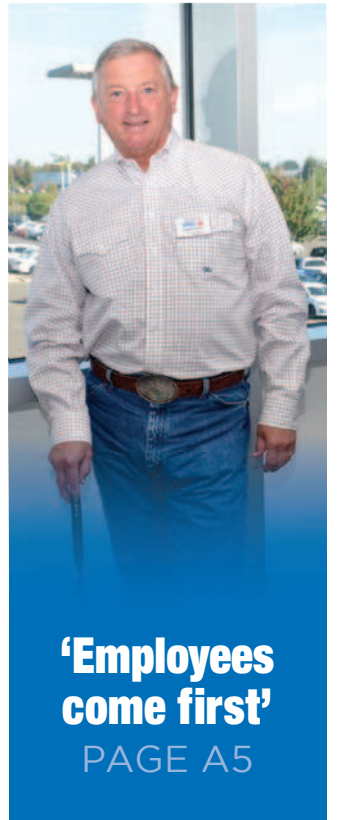
There were many reasons, but the most heartfelt one was the result of his reception when he moved the shop from north Salem into the heart of Keizer.

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Terry Ricker’s Mr. Video and Games is moving south on River Road North.

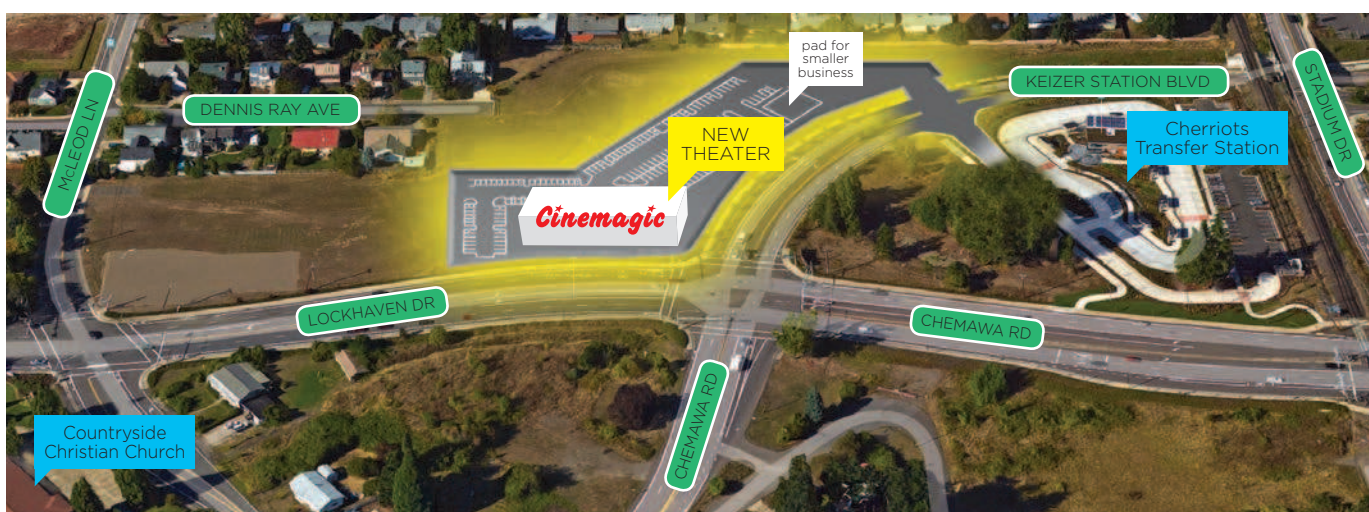


‘Employees come first’

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Oh-oh-it’s magic...

Cinemagic movie theater may be coming



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A lease on city-owned land at Keizer Station, across from the Cherriots Transfer Center, may yield a new movie theater.

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Keizer may get its first movie theater in years as the result of actions by the Keizer City Council Monday, Oct. 17.

City manager Chris Eppley stressed that the action may lead to a theater, but the acceptance of a letter of intent to site Cinemagic Keizer roughly across the street from the Cherriots Transfer Center on Keizer Station Boulevard is a landmark in more ways than one.

If everything moves ahead as planned, owner Chuck Nakvasil will construct a medium-sized, first-run theater with beer, wine, liquor and food sales.

“It would be more along the lines of a Cinebarre, fork-and-film, than a large multiplex,” Eppley said. “But there

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