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 ABOVE: Lee Bishop-Wallace places a ring on the finger of his bride, Lacie. TOP RIGHT: Lee and Lacie Bishop-Wallace with Tony Nye, the owner of Tony's Kingdom of Comics on River Road N.



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that surrounds them. Lacie is a fan of Captain America and Captain Marvel in particular. Lee prefers Hellboy and other indie comics.

While comic shops are a little offbeat as far as wedding venues go, both Lee and Lacie had a blast making the announcement to the 30 or so friends and family who attended.

"Most of them thought it made complete sense and the others thought it was amazing," Lacie said. "A lot of them helped us pull this off and the shop was already decorated."

Lee and Lacie made a

donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children, a regular beneficiary of the shop's charity events, in exchange for use of the space.

As for Tony, the ceremony was a bright spot in what's proven to be a difficult couple of weeks.

"It fills my heart. It's not about the shop. I know these things help, but that's not the point. It's what you do for friends," Tony said. "My dad was my lifelong best friend, he got me into the Freemasons and was always proud of the charity work we did through the shop. He didn't always understand the comic culture, but this would have made him smile."

REID: New councilor takes office in January

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 office in January. She replaces Councilor Mark Callier, who was appointed to Position 1 on the city council earlier this year after Councilor Dennis Koho resigned due to health considerations.

In preparation for the job, and even when she was still just a candidate, Reid began attending the council's regular meetings and discovered that the meetings were just the "tip of the iceberg."

"There's a lot of work done behind-the-scenes that goes into every council decision," she said.

One of the more eye-opening discussions revolved around the rezoning of the "cow pasture" property along Verda Lane North. She was surprised to see councilors approve the rezoning despite being unhappy with the decision.

"They were respecting their quasi-judicial role, which I didn't understand before," Reid said. "They did what was right, even though it wasn't necessarily what they wanted. That was really enlightening as far as the process."

A recent discussion about a proposed bridge across the Willamette River was also eye-popping. Councilors were given a 500-page briefing on all the work that led up to expanding the urban growth boundary.

"Matt Lawyer gave me a crash course in land use actions and everything that goes into them," Reid said. "A lot went into that discussion, and it's one of the reasons the

discussions have gone on for 40 years."

As she prepares to take on a role in city government, Reid said the parks and police funding are the two topics at the forefront of her mind. As a candidate, Reid said she might give preference to parks over police, but she's learned more during her process of discovery.

"I learned just how much the police department is doing and with how little. I see the need more clearly now," Reid said.

Currently, Keizer's general fund, which pays for parks and police, is strapped and the city council is discussing the options for attaching a fee to utility bills to maintain and enhance services. The city cannot increase property taxes due to ballot measures passed in the mid-1990s.

She said those measures, which sounded good at the time, have a heavy impact on what the city can do now.

"We didn't understand the long-term ramifications when we voted for that," Reid said. "It makes the public education piece for getting a fee approved that much more important."

Given her role in educating the future voters of Keizer, Reid is also getting a new perspective on her old job's importance.

"It starts here at the school, and students understanding the difference they can make," she said. "There's a big push at McNary to get every student involved with a club or activity and we can turn those efforts toward the community itself."

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exchange for five additional counts of encouraging sex abuse being dropped.

In addition to 72 months in prison, Highsmith will be subject to two years of parole and probation supervision after he is released, if Burton accepts the recommended sentence.

Deputy District Attorney Brendan Murphy commended the KPD for their efforts in investigating the case. Lt. Chris Nelson was the lead investigator.

"Lt. Nelson, who oversees our Criminal Investigations Unit (detectives), follows the most serious of cases closely and does an excellent job keeping me and Chief John Teague informed," said KPD Deputy Chief Jeff Kuhns.

Elks essays due Dec. 16

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is encouraging students in grades 5 through 8 to participate in the Grand Lodge Americanism Essay contest.

The theme for this year's contest is "Why is it important to vote?" To be eligible, participants must be students enrolled in grades five through eight at the time of the contest. Essays can not exceed 300 words and it must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, the essay must be submitted as written or typed by the entrant.

The essay should be turned in to the Keizer Elks Lodge, 4250 Cherry Avenue N.E., on or before Dec. 16. The essays will be judged on originality, development of the theme, and mechanics and neatness.

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