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been successful with public utility internet service.

City Manager Chris Eppley took issue with Juran's take on the Monmouth-Independence network.

"Comcast wasn't looking at coming out there for a really long time. And it took a while for the system to begin paying for itself," Eppley said.

Mayor Cathy Clark said creating competition for private businesses was a concern.

"Businesses in our community don't expect us to compete against them," she said.

Councilor Amy Ryan countered that creating more competition was healthy for the marketplace and she knew of many customers unhappy with their current services.

Councilor Laura Reid added that a public utility internet could be a boon for Keizer students.

"There is a digital divide with some students not having access to the internet at home, and more and more assignments are internet-required," said Reid, who is a teacher at McNary High School.

# No-fee adoptions Feb. 11 and 12 at Willamette HS

The Willamette Humane Society will host its first-ever Full Hearts, Empty Kennels no-fee adoption event on Feb. 11 and 12.

The shelter is located at 4246 Turner Road S.E. in Salem, and it will be open to the public from noon to 6 p.m. during the event weekend.

Adoption fees for both cats and dogs waived. There will also be raffle prizes and giveaways, pet food and treat samples from NutriSource, and free workshops for pet owners.

The workshops for the Full Hearts, Empty Kennel event will include:

- Disaster Preparedness for Your Pets scheduled for both days from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Attendees will learn how to incorporate pets into family emergency preparedness planning and put together a pet-friendly disaster.
- Forever Home: Supporting Your Newly Adopted Pet scheduled both days from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshop will take new adoptions step-by-step through harmoniously integrating a new pet into the household and establishing a loving bond.

Additional shelter staff and volunteers will be on-site to facilitate meet-and-greets, answer questions, and guide new pet parents through the adoption process. Adopting families will be required to complete Willamette Humane Society's standard adoption application and screening. For more information about Willamette Humane Society, go to [whs4pets.org](http://whs4pets.org).

# SAFEWAY: Code change is the beginning of process

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property owner maintains that the nature of the grocery business has changed, and has committed to city staff that the purpose and intent of the Keizer Development Code can still be maintained through specific limitations and mitigations that they are willing to construct."

The willingness of Safeway to pay for additional traffic mitigation was one reason Councilor Roland Herrera voiced support for lifting the overlay zone.

Mayor Cathy Clark took issue with the out-of-date traffic counts used in the proposal and thought the new counts "would make it hard to work," but that wasn't her main objection or reason for casting the sole vote against the change.

"My biggest concern goes back to the vision of River Road Renaissance. I'm concerned that if we let go of this vision now, we won't get it back," Clark said.

The River Road Renaissance plan was

drafted in 2009 and set forth a vision of River Road that addressed everything from the look of storefronts to the paths of sidewalks.

Even before the plan was finalized, several efforts were made to bring some of the ideas to fruition in the mid-2000s, but the prevailing winds died with onset of The Great Recession.

Councilor Amy Ryan suggested the council look forward rather than backward.

"The Renaissance vision hasn't progressed. I don't see interest in that and I would hate to limit a business that is looking to expand," Ryan said.

The 5-1 vote lifted the prohibition on gas stations at the intersection, which means the issue will most likely be taken up again at a future meeting of the Keizer Planning Commission.

Once planning commissioners craft a recommendation, the council will take it under consideration and hold a public hearing on the matter for the public to voice consent or dissent.

# Cake contest at Bonaventure Feb. 12

The public is invited to attend the Bonaventure at Keizer Station cake contest on Feb. 11 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Local bakeries will be pre-

sending delicious cakes to be judged by local community members. There will also be entertainment and refreshments. Enter to win a \$100

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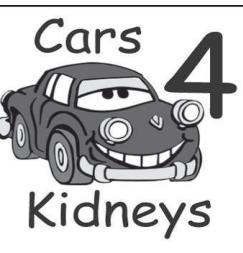
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