



KEIZERTIMES/ERIC A. HOWALD  
Judy Craig assists Bev Ikeda with settings on a sewing machine.

## BEARS, continued from Page A1

Craig is hoping to turn out a sloth – the name for a group of bears – of 35 bears by the end of June. After just two sessions, she's already got four on-hand.

The workshops take place in a single, five-hour day with a break for lunch and cost \$10, but the fabric is pre-cut and provided free to participants who get to take home the pattern.

Craig's two students on Monday, March 24, were Betsy DiNitto and Bev Ikeda, neither of whom had experience with the type of sewing required for the project.

"It's the first time I've tried a project like this. I'm used to clothing," said DiNitto.

Nevertheless, she found some elements familiar. While stitching together her bear's face, she said it was "like setting a sleeve."

Ikeda said she was looking

forward to putting what she learned to use on other projects that have been lying around her sewing room for years.

"I have a bunch of patterns for stuffed animals like these, but I never quite knew how to start them," Ikeda said.

For those with experience making patchwork items, it might not take the full five hours.

"I think it really depends on what they've done before," Craig said.

RARE Bear workshops at Bernina are scheduled on the following dates from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: April 19 and 21, May 1 and 13, and June 13. Space is limited to five-per-class. Call 503-393-0132 to register.

The program is a partnership of RARE Science, which focuses on accelerating identification of more immediate therapeutic solutions for kids with rare diseases and lowering the barriers to rare disease medical research, and Switzerland-based Bernina.

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For the first time, parks board members suggested that the city could proceed with a weighted average amount for the fee.

"The council wouldn't have to go with the amounts listed in the survey," said Jim Taylor, a former city councilor and member of the parks board.

A weighted average would incorporate the level of support for each fee level into the calculation of the final dollar amount. Lawyer said the weighted average of the respondents at that time was, "Five dollars and some change."

While there is no timetable

for how soon the council might act on the survey results, there is a desire to get the discussion underway in advance of the budget-planning meetings that begin in early May.

"We want (the fee) to be part of budget discussions," Lawyer said.

The council will hold a public hearing on the matter, but would need to provide public notice. The soonest available date would be the April 17 meeting.

To this point, the most talked about method of collecting the fee would be attaching it to water bills issued by the city. The council could choose to set it up as a separate bill, but that would incur additional costs.

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faces of people who are important to someone else. We're all coming together to try to end blood cancer so it's really awesome to see all these faces in the stairwell that we're trying to make a difference for them."

In 2016, the event featured over 1,900 firefighters from over 330 different departments and five different countries, bringing in a record \$2.3 million for blood-cancer research and patient services.

While the climb is competitive, Butler noted she's a fundraiser first and a competitive climber second. That became even more true this year as Shultz, a physician in the Salem area and Butler's mentor, began to go down hill around Thanksgiving, when she would typically begin getting in shape for the climb.

"Last year, when Ted was healthier and I knew time was kind of winding down, I thought this has got to be my best year ever, I've got to make him proud so I raised \$11,081 and set a personal best for my time (31:55) and I was really proud and honored to be able to do that and then he got really sick," Butler said. "That (best time) wasn't my priority anymore. My priority was

raising awareness and raising money so I worked even harder this year to raise money. This year I didn't set a personal best (time) but it still means just as much to me to be able to climb across that finish line and call Ted's family and say 'I did it.' To know him for 14 years and just learn so much from him, about being a great nurse and being a great human, he was extremely important in my life."

Butler didn't stop there, competing in the New York City Memorial Stair Climb just a week later with fellow Keizer volunteer firefighter Jim Simpson.

They climbed the 72 stories of the 4 World Trade Center in memory of two of the 343 firefighters killed on Sept. 11—John Williamson and Edward D'Atri.

Butler said the New York climb was physically and emo-



Submitted  
Amber Butler checking in at the New York City climb.

tionally more draining.

"Every building is ginormous to a girl that was born and raised in Keizer, Oregon," she said. "It was just different and you get in the stairwell and then you realize it's 72 floors up for thousands of employees so no wonder the stairwell is twice as wide, the landing is four times as large and it's just

a bigger beast than the Seattle tower. It's 69 flights in Seattle and 72 in New York City but man those flights are different. It was grueling."

Butler, who completed the climb in 43:21, has been a volunteer at KFD for 20 years and participated in 15 total stair climbs in Seattle, New York and Portland.

## Host families, exchange student sought

The Rotary Club of Keizer is recruiting students and host families for its Youth Exchange program.

There will be an informational meeting for interested students and potential host families on Tuesday, April 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the McNary High School library.

Three host families are needed each year. You need not

have children of high school age or even children at home to host. All host families are interviewed and everyone 18 and older must pass a background check. These are volunteer positions, though a stipend to cover an exchange student's cell phone, lunch and inci-

dental expenses is provided by Keizer Rotary.

Keizer Rotary is recruiting a Keizer freshman student to travel abroad in 2018-19 to live and attend school. Outbound Keizer exchange students apply in their freshman year to travel abroad in their junior year of

high school. Students attend three Rotary training events over their sophomore year to prepare them for the 10 months away from home. Expenses for an outbound student's family range from \$2,500 to \$4,000 which covers training, health insurance and airfare.

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