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Fire sparks GoFundMe

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Linda Thomas, secretary of the McNary Band Booster Club, was feeling grateful Monday as she rung up a customer at the program's firework stand.

The band's tent, located in the parking lot of Countryside Christian Church, had caught fire late Friday evening. All four sides had to be replaced with new panels at a cost of roughly \$1,500 as well as plastic tables and other equipment. The fireworks were safely locked away in a semi-truck.

Thomas created a GoFundMe page and set a goal of \$3,000 to pay for the damage as well as added security to man the hours when the stand isn't open. The band matched its goal in less than 24 hours and had raised \$5,420 as of Tuesday afternoon.



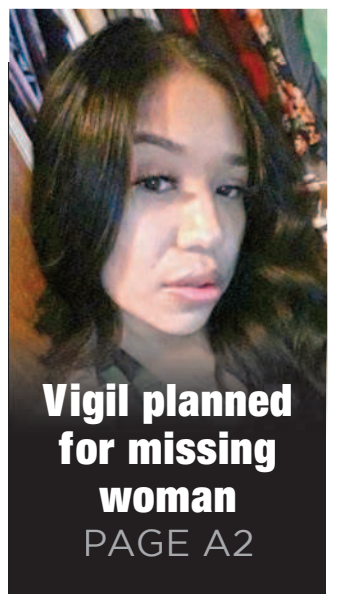
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Flames eat away at the side panels of a fireworks stand run by the McNary High School band as a fundraiser.



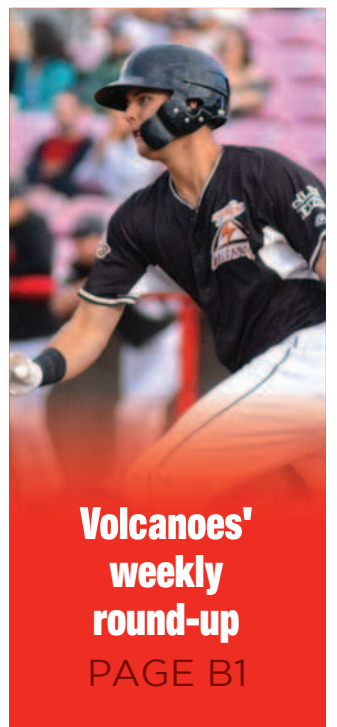
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As essential as water & roads?

One Idaho town said 'yes' when it comes to internet connectivity

By ERIC A. HOWALD
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More than 2,300 years before the common era, the people of the Indus Valley Civilization (now modern-day eastern portion of Pakistan) constructed the first public water, sewer and road systems.

Later civilizations perfected techniques, but the residents and leaders of that area had to answer a fundamental question: what is essential to modern civilization?

"None of us were here

when the sewer system was put in, when electric lines were installed. At some point, someone had to decide that it was essential infrastructure,"



Keizertimes Managing Editor Eric Howald will be interviewing some of the local advocates for public utility internet service on KMUZ Community Radio live on-air beginning about 8:10 a.m. on Friday, July 13. Tune in to hear the discussion.

said Jeff Christensen, president of EntryPoint Networks and a consultant to the city of Ammon, Idaho, where a grassroots effort has paved the way for the city taking on internet connectivity as an infrastructure project.

Christensen visited Keizer two weeks ago to sit down with a handful of residents

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Cinema plans unspool over construction costs

By ERIC A. HOWALD
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A planned movie theater for Keizer Station isn't happening.

On Wednesday, June 27, Chuck Nakvasil, the owner of Keizer Cinema LLC, terminated a ground lease for property near the intersection of Chemawa Road Northeast and Keizer Station Boulevard effectively ending the bid to put a theater in on city-owned property.

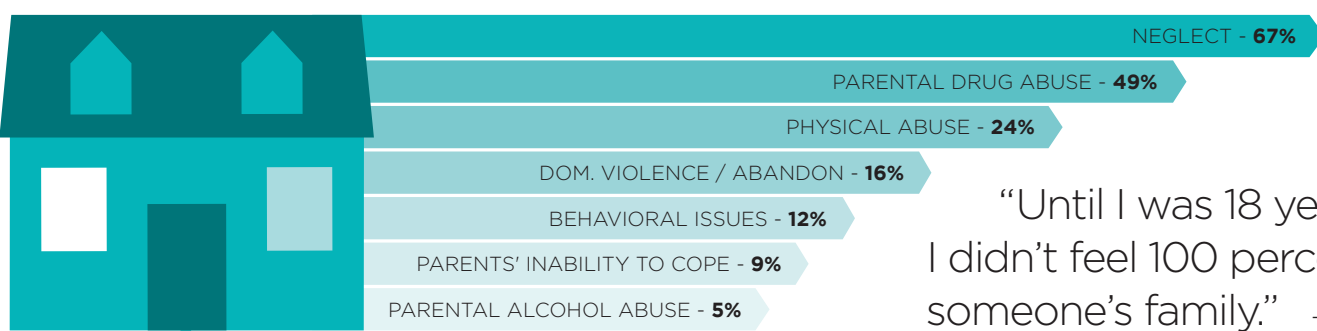
Nakvasil cited "substantially higher" bids for construction of the nine-screen complex as the reason for pulling out of the lease. The termination is permitted under the terms of a lease agreement with the city that was contingent on successful financing of the project. Nakvasil had to have a signed lease to apply for financing and confirmed bids to finalize the financing of the project.

"We appreciated the opportunity to work

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Former foster kids seek change after struggles

REASONS CHILDREN ARE REMOVED FROM HOME



"Until I was 18 years old I didn't feel 100 percent part of someone's family." — Royce Markley

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Lupe Rankin was 17 years old when she was placed into foster care. In her first week of care, Rankin moved foster homes eight times.

"I wasn't in a home long enough to unpack my stuff," she said.

Rankin was in an unstable place in her life and she knew the homes she was placed in wouldn't help—people with kids of their own and other, younger foster kids didn't have time to give her the care she needed. Her condition spiraled. She threatened to kill herself.

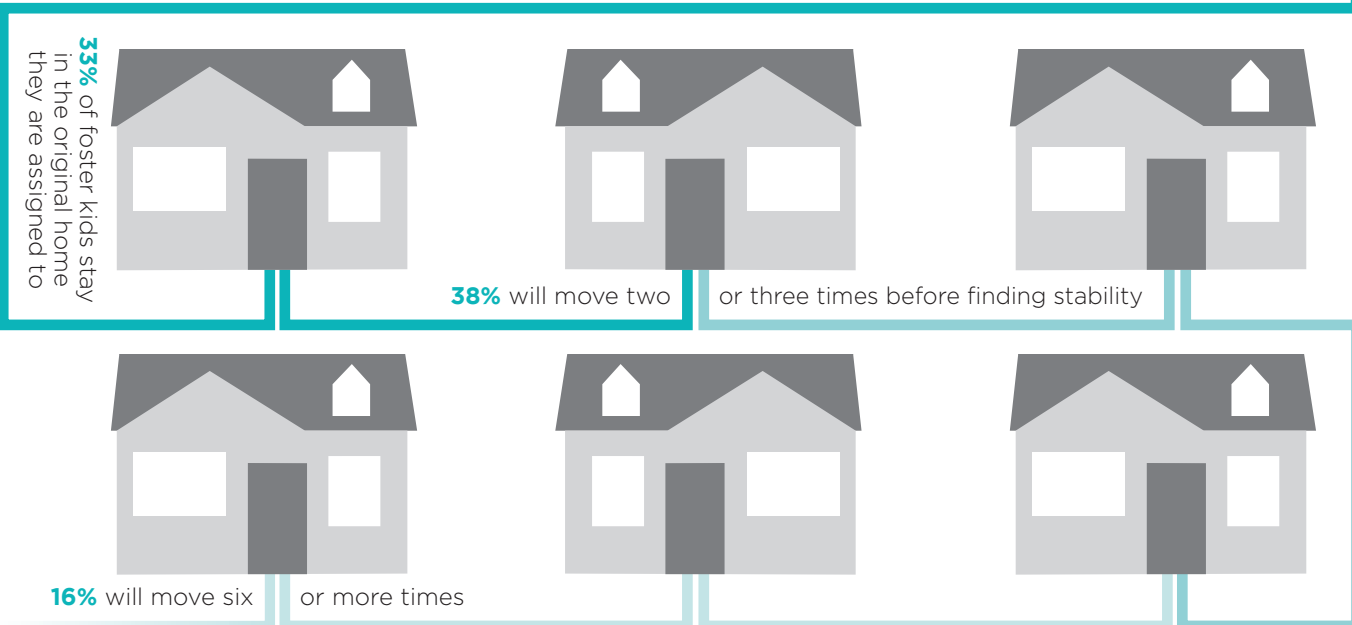
"It was really hard for me to grasp the concept that my mother was unwilling and unable to have custody of me anymore," she said.

Then, she was moved to a residential mental health care center, where she received treatment and learned healthier ways to cope with her feelings and circumstances.

After two months in treatment, Rankin's caseworker, working with Catholic Community Services, found a therapeutic foster home with the Rankins. The

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Movement within Marion County foster care placements



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