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Give thanks! MST3K returns ... again

Cult show is generational hit for one Keizer family

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For anyone who knows what the acronym MST3K stands for, driving by the home of Kimberlie and Paul Alvarez on Chemawa Road Northeast will bring a smile to their face.

Look on the south side of the road – just behind the palm tree – and you'll see silhouettes of Mike, Crow T. Robot and Tom Servo painted on the couple's blinds facing the street.

"I asked her what she wanted on the blinds and that was it," said Paul.

For the uninitiated, MST3K stands for *Mystery Science Theater 3000*, a cult show in which a small crew of one human and several bots on a spaceship are tortured by their overseers using bad movies. The crew makes the best of it by riffing on the movies with one-liners and zingers for the actual viewing audience to enjoy. In the show, the ship's only crewman – either Joel, Mike or Jonah – along with Crow and Servo are seen in silhouettes as they punctuate bad dialogue and plot holes with their own commentary. That imagery is replicated imagery on the Alvarez's blinds.

MST3K returned for its second Netflix-exclusive, six-episode season on Thanksgiving.

In addition to the blinds, Kimberlie's car has a personalized license plate that reads



KEIZERTIMES/ERIC A. HOWALD Kimberlie and Calista Alvarez show off MST3K-themed blinds painted by Paul Alvarez.

Fans and newcomers alike can catch the show's revival (the cast is featured on the right) streaming on Netflix, along with episodes from the past.



"MST3K" and a model of the moon that appears in the show's opening credits hangs from her rearview mirror.

"When I had a job, a lot of people would come in and ask about the license plate and I'd

have to explain it," Kimberlie said. When people came and complimented her on the plates, she knew she'd already made a friend.

Kimberlie, like many who Please see MST3K, Page A8

Task force will be check on Keizer growth needs

By ERIC A. HOWALD
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It seems that city officials' attention to the growth of the city is hitting home for residents.

Summoning volunteers to serve on advisory committees is no small chore, but when the city put out an email seeking volunteers to serve on an advisory committee examining buildable lands and housing

needs, more than 30 residents responded to the call.

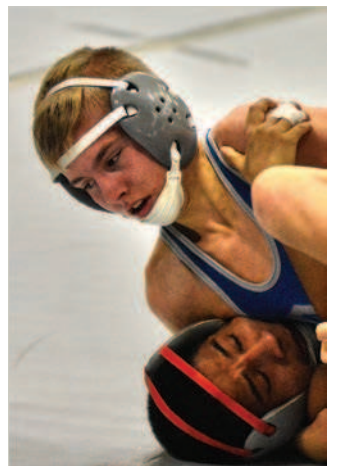
It led to the formation of an 11-person committee – up from the originally needed seven people – at the Keizer City Council meeting Monday, Nov. 19. Cities designated as rent-burdened, which Keizer is, are receiving funding to analyze projected population growth and how to accommodate it.

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Best of Show



KEIZERTIMES/LYNDON A. ZAITZ Livonia Sallee's three-dimensional piece, *Geometrics* was named best in show during the artists' reception for the annual Black, White, and Gray Show at the Keizer Art Association Nov. 10. For a full list of winners, see Page A7.



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Former Keizer man killed while breaking into Tigard home

By ERIC A. HOWALD
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A man shot and killed after breaking into a Tigard home last week had connections to Keizer.

Jose Luis Gonzalez Jr. was shot shortly after 7 a.m. when he entered the home of a man police officials said he knew. While Gonzalez was known to the homeowner, no one knew why he was attempting to enter the home.



Gonzalez

Gonzalez, 41, was a former resident of Keizer who once escaped a police and SWAT pursuit in Keizer.

In May 2017, an officer from the Keizer Police Department spotted Gonzalez and followed him on a short pursuit that ended in a residence he formerly occupied on Kinglet Way Northeast.

Other Keizer patrol officers and members of the KPD Community Response Unit responded and quickly established a perimeter around the

suspects residence.

A Keizer police K-9 team was called to the scene and officers worked to develop and implement a plan to take Gonzalez into custody believing he had fled into his residence.

After several unsuccessful attempts to establish communication with the suspect and efforts to convince him to surrender peacefully were unsuccessful, the Keizer Police Department applied for and received a search warrant to search the residence for the suspect. The Salem Police Department SWAT team was requested and responded to the scene to serve the search warrant and to apprehend the suspect. Ultimately, it was determined that Gonzalez had escaped.

At the time of his death, Gonzalez had several outstanding warrants for his arrest, at least one of them stemming from the Keizer incident.



KEIZERTIMES/DEREK WILEY A group of ladies, known as Music Box Angels, construct music boxes to be delivered free to show people that someone loves and cares about them.

Gifts in the key of HOPE

By DEREK WILEY
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Faye Kircher woke up at 2 o'clock in the morning, sat at her computer and noticed a music box she had made for her mom more than 25 years ago.

"I was thinking about what can we do to give to people to make them feel like we really love them and care about them," Kircher said.

A poem then came to her — "What can we say to brighten your day? Turn that key and let it play. It sounds like music from above. Could

it be the wings of God's own dove, playing a tune to let you know that He is with you here below?"

"It just popped out," Kircher said of the poem. "I'm not a poet at all. It was an inspirational poem that happened to come to me. I don't know why I was chosen."

Later that day, Kircher told the other six women in her craft group about the poem and on Feb. 10, 2017, they delivered their first music box.

By the following January, the seven women from Salem Evangelical and Keizer Chris-

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