

## School dress code undergoes makeover

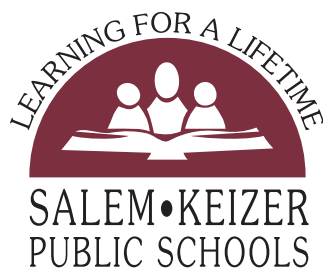
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Last month, officials with the Salem-Keizer School District (SKSD) released a brand new dress code, which will be applied for the 2019-20 school year.

The basic principle for the new code is that certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times, meaning that “clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, breasts and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric.”

While the District still has specific standards for what's appropriate and what's not, the new dress code does allow students to dress more comfortably.

One of the biggest



changes to the code is the list of items students are now allowed to wear to school, which includes: hats, pajamas, tank tops (including spaghetti straps), halter tops and athletic attire. Students will also be allowed to have visible waistbands on undergarments or visible straps on undergarments worn under other clothing — as long as they don't violate the

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basic principle.

McNary High junior Brooklyn Flint is particularly pleased with the new code, which will allow her to dress more freely on warm days.

“I love the new dress code. There's nothing against showing your belly button or wearing straps. For girls, a lot of the issue is heat, especially in the spring and summer time.

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“I have had a lot of friends in the past that would be really concerned when they came to school and they would try and avoid teachers because they don't want to be caught wearing spaghetti straps. That's ridiculous.”

Fellow McNary junior Wendy Martinez echoed her classmate's sentiments.

“I thought it was cool that the school district decided that it was ok to wear things like tank tops and shorts. We

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## City official: Human toll on creek cumulative but restorable

By LAUREN MURPHY  
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Keizer has seen substantial development come its way over the last two decades.

Unfortunately, the growth of the city has taken a toll on the local environment.

“Keizer does not have a riparian protection ordinance and so development, removal of stream-side trees and shrubs, landscaping practices that involve the use of pesticides and fertilizers, grazing, and waterway modification all impact Claggett Creek,” said Elizabeth Sagmiller, the Environmental and Technical Division Manager for the city of Keizer.

Riparian is the land next to a watercourse. When it is mismanaged, rivers or stream, such as Claggett Creek, become unhealthy and unable

to support life.

Though she doesn't think that these things should be banned, Sagmiller does believe that management of these activities needs to happen in order to balance development and a healthy environment.

“I believe that it's a common perception that a single activity will not impact the waterway, but we have to remember that those allowed activities are cumulative, and what seems like a harmless act may result in big consequences within that reach of the stream,” she said.

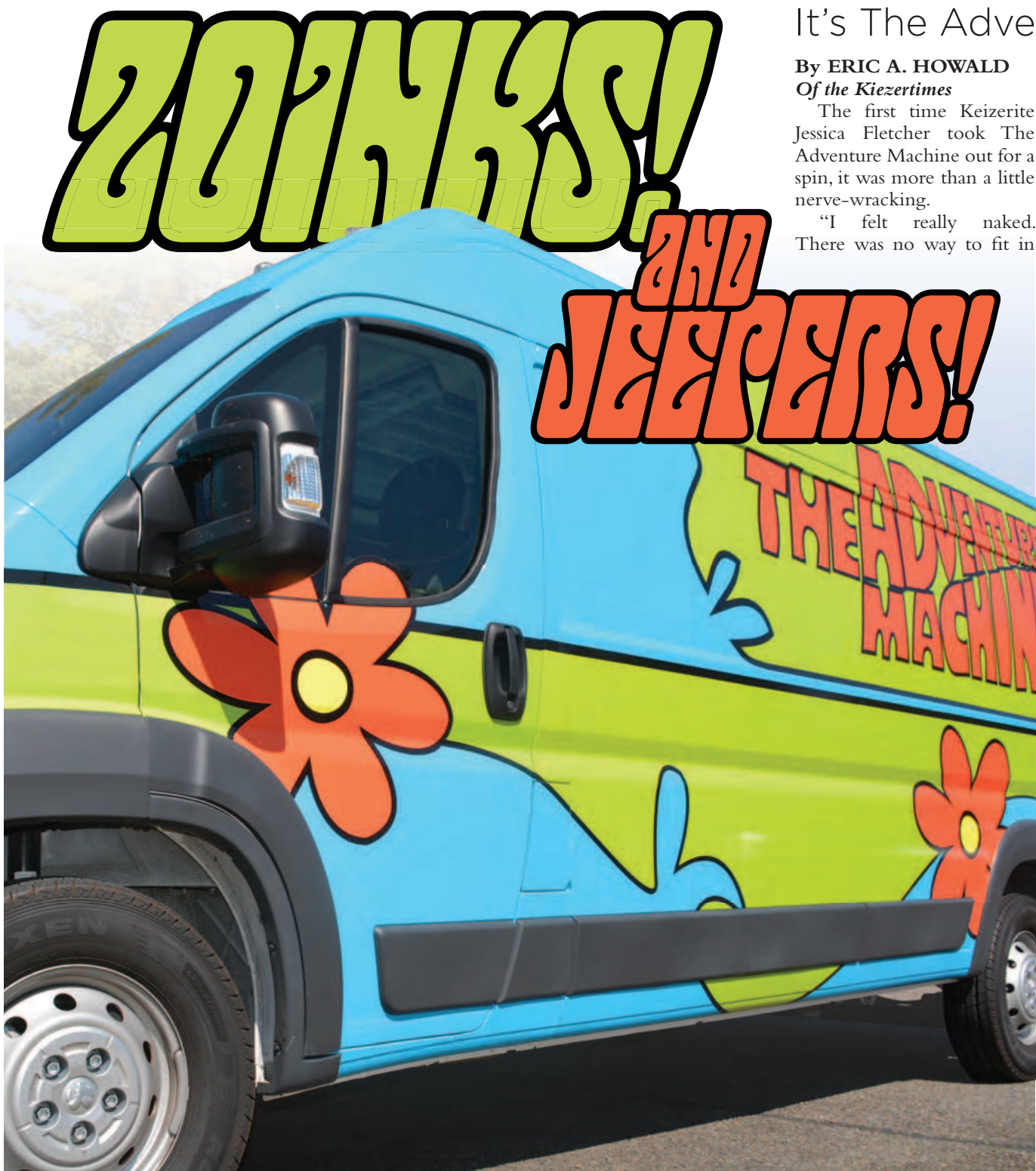
One of those consequences is the inability to support life.

According to Sagmiller, Claggett Creek does not meet the biological criteria to support aquatic species.

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Numerous issues with Claggett Creek make it unable for the once healthy waterway to support aquatic species. KEIZERTIMES/Lauren Murphy



## It's The Adventure Machine

By ERIC A. HOWALD  
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The first time Keizerite Jessica Fletcher took The Adventure Machine out for a spin, it was more than a little nerve-wracking.

“I felt really naked. There was no way to fit in

anywhere, but then I realized I never really wanted to fit in anyway,” Fletcher said.

The Adventure Machine takes its name and design from The Mystery Machine made famous on innumerable Scooby-Doo adventures. It's adorned in bright blue and lime green with large orange-petaled flowers and lettering.

The van is a 2018 Dodge Ram ProMaster with extended cab and extended roof. The décor is a wrap created especially for Fletcher at Salem's Gorilla Graphix. It looks as authentic as anyone could hope for, and it's turned every one of Fletcher's trips in it into something else.

“Everyday errands are not simple trips anymore, they are events,” she said.

While The Adventure Machine attracts a fair number of oohs and aahs from not-so-meddling kids, it's the adults who tend to have the most over-the-top reactions.

“Adults go screaming crazy. I was at the coast a few weeks ago and there was a guy who just screamed out, ‘Yeah, Scooby-Doo,’” Fletcher said. “It was so awesome, it made me smile. It's so unserious and who doesn't love Scooby Doo?”

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