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Man crashes twice in minutes

By CRAIG MURPHY
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A Salem man was quite the crasher in Keizer on Monday night.

Joseph Rickey Cradduck, 35, was arrested after fleeing from two crash scenes he caused. The first crash caused injuries to a 64-year-old Keizer woman, while the second damaged a fence, trees and a crosswalk pole.



Cradduck

According to a Keizer Police Department news release from Sgt. Jeffrey Goodman, shortly before 9:30 p.m. Feb. 9, officers with the Keizer Police Department responded to a reported single vehicle crash at the intersection of Delight Street North and Chemawa Road North, by the entrance to McNary High School.

Initial reports indicated a vehicle had hit a building or a tree, with additional 9-1-1 calls noting the traffic lights at the intersection were flashing red in all directions. By the time the first officers arrived on scene, the driver of the 2007 Toyota Camry — later identified as Cradduck — had already fled.

Officers found the Camry had been traveling north on Delight at high speed, crossed Chemawa and smashed through one of the new metal

electrical crosswalk poles on the northwest corner of the intersection. The Camry then crashed into a fence, bushes and trees, causing thousands of dollars in damage. The car appeared to be totaled in the crash.

While officers were investigating that crash, they learned the same vehicle had been involved in a hit-and-run accident minutes earlier.

According to Goodman, the Camry was found to have crashed into another vehicle at River Road North and Evans Drive North. The driver of the Camry left the scene without exchanging information, while the driver of the other vehicle sustained injuries to her back and knee.

“The suspect vehicle pulled out of a parking lot on the east side of River Road near the intersection of Evans Avenue North,” said Jeff Kuhns, deputy chief with the KPD. “He pulled out of the parking lot in front of a vehicle that was traveling northbound on River Road. When he pulled out in front of the other vehicle, the victim vehicle crashed into the driver side door of the suspect vehicle. Instead of stopping and remaining at the scene of the crash, the suspect fled from the scene of the crash, continuing across River



Joseph Cradduck of Salem was involved in two accidents within minutes on Monday. He ended up slamming into trees, a crosswalk pole and more at Delight Street and Chemawa Road. Cradduck fled the scene but was found and arrested.

Road onto Evans Avenue North where he continued going westbound.”

Because the driver of the other vehicle was injured, Kuhns said it was considered felony hit-and-run.

A driver who witnessed the first incident began following Cradduck as he traveled west on Evans and then north on Delight.

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Courtesy Keizer Police Department

Money gap won't deter the Big Toy

By CRAIG MURPHY
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Four months can seem like a long time.

Not when there is still plenty left to get done in four months, however.

Such is the case with the Big Toy community build play structure project, set to be constructed June 10 to 14 at Keizer Rapids Park.

The Community Build Task Force met once again Feb. 3 for its monthly meeting.

While the need for a renewed emphasis on public relations (as mentioned in last week's Keizertimes) was a hot topic, another topic was progress of the funding and the project overall.

For example, at one point Evan Christopher, who will be heading up the revamped PR effort, noted he would like to add supporting the fundraising committee.

Richard Walsh, co-chair of the fundraising committee, acknowledged there have been



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Richard Walsh has defended the job of the Big Toy fundraising committee in light of questions. The Big Toy is scheduled to be built June 10 to 14.

concerns about fundraising.

“We need to raise a couple hundred thousand more (dollars),” Walsh said.

Mark Caillier, project general coordinator, believes it can get done.

“I'm confident we'll be okay, but we need to get going now,” Caillier said.

Later in the meeting, Walsh wondered what would happen if the full \$416,509.80 wasn't raised by the day community volunteers start putting the play structure together. More than \$210,000 still needs to be raised.

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Roundabout coming in July

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Another road project involving Chemawa Road and the state has been pushed back.

In this case, however, the delay is relatively minor.

While delays pushed back the Oregon Department of Transportation's Chemawa Road reconstruction project a couple of years — it was finally completed late last year — a new roundabout at Chemawa and Verda Lane is still on track

to be done this year.

Bill Lawyer, Public Works director for Keizer, said Monday bids for the estimated \$2 million project will be opened on May 21, with construction starting a few weeks later.

“The opening day for the bids will be May 21, with the first of July for the start of construction,” Lawyer said. “They are looking at September or early October for the project to be complete.”

The project timeline had

called for bids to be opened in January 2014, with the project being done last summer. In the fall of 2013, the dates got moved back to November 2014 for bid opening, with construction this spring.

Last fall, a revised timeline called for bids to be opened in March, with a June start time for the construction.

The project received renewed attention in light of

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Salem Fire Department Chief Mike Niblock with Keizer Fire District volunteer paramedic Samantha Howell, who was honored last week for her quick action to revive a Pioneer Trust Bank customer.

A volunteer paramedic with Keizer Fire District was honored for her life-saving efforts in Salem last week.

On Jan. 2, Samantha Howell, an employee of Pioneer Trust Bank in Salem and a KFD volunteer, was working when a 78-year-old man collapsed and stopped breathing.

Howell immediately started CPR and directed staff members at the bank to use the automatic external defibrillator (AED) that was in place at the bank while emergency responders from the Salem Fire Department and Rural Metro Ambulance were en route.

With the help of bank co-workers Mary Ann Vansend, Kellie Alexander, John Willburn, Lisa Edmiston, Marianne Alexander and Pilar Olivera, Howell was able to perform CPR and successfully defibrillate the victim, restoring his pulse and breathing within three minutes.

Emergency responders arrived and continued patient care while transporting the man to Salem Hospital where he underwent cardiac surgery and was later released.

SFD Chief Mike Niblock met with the bank employees and presented letters of com-

mendation and Salem Fire challenge coins, acknowledging their life-saving actions and teamwork. Niblock highlighted the bank employees' actions as a part of the chain of survival in a cardiac emergency. He also recognized Pioneer Trust Bank for their demonstrated commitment to community safety by maintaining an AED and training their employees in CPR.

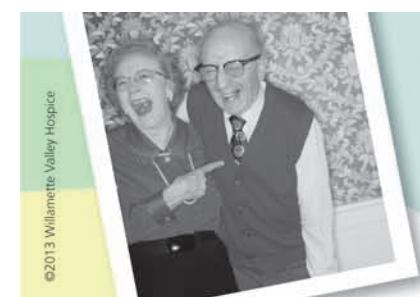
“Immediate recognition of the emergency, coupled with quick 9-1-1 notification, early CPR, and early defibrillation, are foundational in the survival of cardiac arrest,” he said.

A favorite watering hole?



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Heavy rain recently led to the usual flooding at Claggett Creek Park. Hundreds of geese took advantage of the soggy park on Tuesday.



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