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day. Even after 20 years, you never know what you'll experience. It just depends on the day."

A perfect example came when the *Keizertimes* rode along with Anderson on a recent Tuesday morning. Over the course of several hours, no calls came in.

That was in vivid contrast to the day before, when Anderson was slammed with calls throughout her 12-hour shift. Others with the KPD spent that Tuesday morning cleaning up an apartment filled with drugs and stolen items Anderson had uncovered the day before.

"Nothing was easy yesterday," said Anderson, who also had to drive a prisoner to Woodburn late that afternoon. "You never know what you're

going to get. Last weekend was relatively slow, so I caught up on loose ends and paperwork. Then yesterday was crazy. Yesterday was just one call after another."

The main call was stolen items and drugs at an apartment on the 1000 block of Ring Street. A guy who had recently been released from jail visited his apartment for the first time since being released and found a number of things that shouldn't have been there.

"Kudos to him," Anderson said. "He's trying to get his life back on track. The amount of drugs in there was a substantial amount."

Anderson said it was quickly obvious things in the apartment weren't on the up and up.

"There were some nice bikes, a new pressure washer — not the things you would typically have in your apartment," she said.

While processing the scene, Anderson had a flashback to a call she responded to in January.

"I remembered taking a stolen report on one of those bikes from Keizer Station," she said. "Yesterday I called the owner of the nice green bike. He had gone into GameStop and leaned the bike against a window. He saw the guy ride off with it. It was cool to be able to call him and tell him we found his bike. He didn't believe me at first. Those are the feel good moments. They don't happen very often."

Part of the reason, Anderson points out, is people don't typically call the police department to share positive news.

"The normal human brain can't process this stuff," she said. "We see death, heart-break and destruction every day. People don't call us to tell about their day. They call because they have a problem.

You need to find a way to let it go."

Anderson, who finds her release by showing horses, exercising and working on her property, noted as a patrol officer she's often the first one at a scene.

"I'm the factfinder," she said. "I go and see what we've got. Do I need extra hands? With the apartment yesterday, it was clear I'd need extra help. I told the sergeant I needed more hands, so we discussed a plan. We're the pillars."

For Anderson, she wanted to be a pillar in her hometown. And yes, her parents have ridden with her on a shift before to see what it's like.

"When I decided I wanted to go into law enforcement, I wanted to be in Keizer," Anderson said. "I wanted to protect my people. Sometimes it's interesting policing the place you grew up. You might come across a drug situation and find it was someone you



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Officer Carrie Anderson with the Keizer Police Department drives past the home she grew up in on Chehalis Court.

went to school with. On the flip side, you get to see people you grew up with doing great

things. It's good to be able to see how the city has grown and changed."

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mowed my front yard without me asking. We have some former Keizer friends who live in Bend who opened their home to me. I spent some nights at their house, even when they weren't there. That was so great."

For about 10 years now, Carolyn and Tom Homan have been regularly eating dinners on Fridays with Maurice and Heilinger, as well as Carol and Martin Doerfler. Carolyn Homan has been among the many friends hoping for the best.

"Joanne posted the news on Facebook the next day," Homan said. "I remember saying out loud 'Oh no!' At that

point it was just a rundown of his injuries. I couldn't imagine it. It was very surprising. You know (bicycle riding) can be dangerous, but still you don't expect it."

On St. Patrick's Day, the trio of couples, minus Maurice, went out for dinner together.

Heilinger had just returned from Bend and gave her friends medical updates.

"It's always more fun with the six of us," Homan said.

Homan would love to have Maurice back in the area while he recovers.

"We can't wait to have him back," she said. "Maybe we'll take some takeout food over there."

Like Heilinger, Homan has been impressed with the support shown.

"It's been great," she said.

"The Salem Bicycle Club is a great group. They've all been asking about him. A lot of folks helped Joanne right after the accident. One friend went to Bend with her since she had to get John's bike and car. It's a really good group of people. Neighbors were standing in the street waiting for her to come home, taking care of the cats and mowing the lawn. It's nice to have people step up like that without being asked. It's pretty cool."

Maurice posted about the incident on his Facebook page the morning after being injured, before he had his initial surgery.

"I woke up in the hospital wondering why I was there," Maurice wrote on March 15. "I found out that my injuries were a little bit more extensive than originally thought..."

After talking with the doctor it looks like all of my plans for races this summer are in doubt.

"All I remember about the accident is just waking up on the road, wondering why I was there," he added later. "However, the kind policeman told me what had happened...I was found by my friends on the bike ride I was doing, who called 911."

Maurice wrote later his summer race plans didn't look too good.

"What does look good is that I expect to be able to recover completely from my injuries and will be able (to) focus on this race in the years to follow. I am in good spirits and I know that I am receiving the best care possible, which will allow me to have fun in the future," he wrote.

COWAN,

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Three fire board seats are open in May, with a total of five candidates having filed by last week's deadline. James Mulhern and Chet Patterson are competing for the Position 3 seat, while former Keizer City Councilor Jim Taylor is going against Betty Hart — the wife of former board member Mike Hart — for the Position 5 seat. Mike Bauer is running unopposed for the Position 4 seat.

"I'll have three positions open and they're all good candidates," Cowan said. "Three of them now are from the budget committee. When Mike Hart resigned (due to health concerns in December), then people noticed the seats."

Cowan gave an update on the fall election, when the KFD is expected to run a new bond levy.

"Our citizen advisory committee has talked about the bond rate and is okay

with 14 cents (per \$1,000 of assessed value)," Cowan said. "Right now the rate is \$.11, but it has been as high as \$.20. As the assessed value in Keizer goes up, the rate you pay goes down."

Cowan reminded GGNA members about preparing for disasters and how the Keizer CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is part of the KFD's emergency plan.

"CERT has 17 zones in Keizer, each with a block captain," Cowan said. "What people need to do is be prepared for seven days with no assistance. When we're talking about a disaster of that proportion, firefighters won't be available since they will be absorbed in the disaster."

Among Cowan's tips: not waiting until the last minute to refill medical prescriptions and having enough drinking water.

"Water is one of the most difficult deals," Cowan said. "Having a case of water in the garage is a really good idea. Buy a couple of cases of water, keep them in the garage and rotate them out."

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