### Keizertines

**SECTION A** 

## Keizer man cuffed for menacing Boys claim gun was pointed at them called 9-1-1 after the incident and reported it to the Keizer



Robert Offield

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

A chance encounter at a Mill City campground led to the arrest of a Keizer man who is now charged with menacing a group of male juveniles at Clear Lake Elementary School.

The charges stem from an incident Thursday, June 16, when a group of several boys were in the parking lot of the school about 9:30 p.m. and "being loud" by their own

The boys saw a late model grav BMW enter the parking lot and the driver, who witnesses described as a man in his late 30s with a short, scruffy beard. began making comments about the boys' volume.

The boys said the man used both profanity and referred to at least one in the group as a "dirty Mexican." Some of the boys said the driver pulled out a black handgun after making the

statement and pointed it at the group briefly.

At that point, the driver said, "Next time I come, I'm going to blast you fools," according to witnesses.

The man drove close to the group and made another threat before exiting the parking lot the same way he arrived. One of the boys managed to take a video of the man and his vehicle, which was missing its plates, as it drove off. The boys

Police Department.

Two days later, on Saturday, June 18, one of the boys was camping in Mill City and spotted the same driver and vehicle at the campground. His family was able to obtain the full license plate number and reported it to police.

The 2007 BMW sedan was registered to Kyle Robert Offield of 7445 Sagebrush Street N.E., which is located Please see MENACE, Page A9



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People made Verda house

> a home PAGE A11

# A PLACE IN HISIORY?

#### Historic home may impede apartment plans

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

Discussions about rezoning the area known as "the cow pasture" in the heart of Keizer ground to a standstill at the city council meeting Monday, June 20.

While area residents opposing the proposal to allow 112 apartments on the site – between Chemawa Road Northeast and Dearborn Avenue Northeast on the west side of Verda Lane Northeast

- took up much of the meeting, it was a question regarding the potential historical significance of the home already on the property that primarily resulted in the public hearing on the matter being extended until late August.

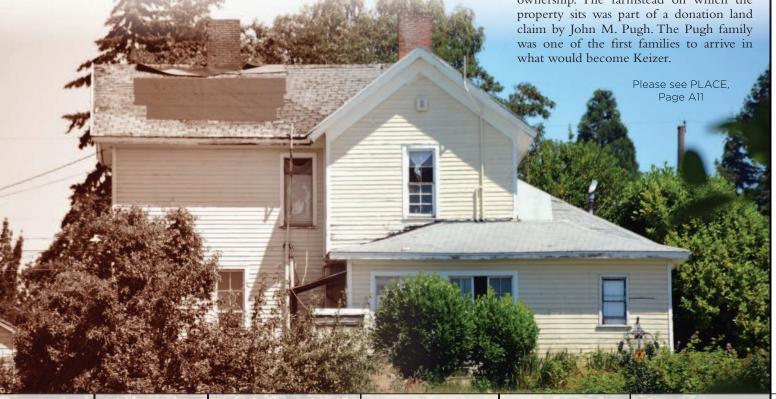
And, without the much-maligned roundabout being constructed just a few hundred yards away, there's a good chance the issue might never have arisen at all.

A HOUSE WITH HISTORY

Exactly when the house on the property was built is something of a mystery in and

Depending on the source, estimates range between 1840 and 1901. However, it is indisputably the oldest structure of its type in city limits according to a report filed by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in 2014.

What is less obscure is the history of ownership. The farmstead on which the what would become Keizer.



John Pugh and wife Sally take possession of a donation land claim that includes the property known as the "cow pasture" in modern Keizer

1850

Benjamin and Mary Hall. It is believed that the home on the site dates back to the Hall era of ownership because of some unique structural

features.

The Pughs sell

the farm to

William and Awilda Savage begin renting the property and establish the Keizer View Dairy. (They purchase it in 1914 and claim a \$1,000 value on the property in 1940 when responding to the U.S. Census.)

Rosalie Herber dies

The Savages begin renting the land to Joseph and Rosalie Herber. The Herbers sell the dairy stock and focus on vegetables and beef cattle. They take ownership of most

of the land by 1948.

after living on the Preparation for work property for more than 60 years. The house, associated buildings and acreage become the property of the Herber children.

2007

on the roundabout at Chemawa Road NE and Verda Lane NE triggers an **ODOT** investigation into the possible historic significance of the house.

MAY 2014 -

JUNE 2016 - The Herber family and a developer return to present a slightly changed apartment plan. Public hearings on the matter are extended to allow further research into the recently-discovered historical report and other issues.

SEPT 2014 - The City of Keizer holds the first public hearing to rezone the property for development as apartments. The application is denied citing the need for single-family residences, traffic impacts and livability concerns.

#### One armed robber escapes, another shot in three incidents

#### Suspect shot in armed robbery

A Keizer police officer shot a man suspected of armed robbery Sunday, June 26, at the

7-Eleven located on the corner of Lockhaven Drive North and River Road North.

At 8:18 p.m., officers from the Keizer Police Department responded to the convenience store after receiving a report that an armed robbery had just occurred at the business.

Keizer Police Officer Esteban Perez, 26, arrived on scene and confronted the suspect. During Please see SHOT, Page A9

#### Armed robber eludes police twice

Keizer Police Department responded to two armed robberies in the wee hours Sun-

day, June 26. Police officials suspect the same man in incidents at Cooper's Deli & Pub, 5408 River Road N., and Quality Suites, 5188 Wittenberg Lane N.E.

At 12:57 a.m., officers responded to the report of an armed robbery at Cooper's. The female victim, a cashier at the business, reported a single male

adult entered the business and confronted her Please see ELUDE, Page A9

### Civil War Reenactment July 2-4

By DEREK WILEY

Of the Keizertimes After 25 Willamette Mission State Park, the Northwest Civil Council's War annual Civil War reenactment moving four and half miles east to Antique Powerland.

"We're still going to have the

same battles," said Steve Robinson, who along with doing public relations for the NW-CWC, is also a civilian reenactor. 'We're still going to have the same camps and same demonstrations. It's just a different location. It's probably more Please see WAR, Page A3







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