

Keizertimes

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The Bard returns to Keizer Rapids

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Come to Keizer Homegrown Theatre's production of *Twelfth Night* ready to laugh. "This show is a ridiculous romp," Director Linda Baker said. "[William] Shakespeare didn't take it very seriously, I think, so we're not either."

Baker said the comedy comes from her cast.

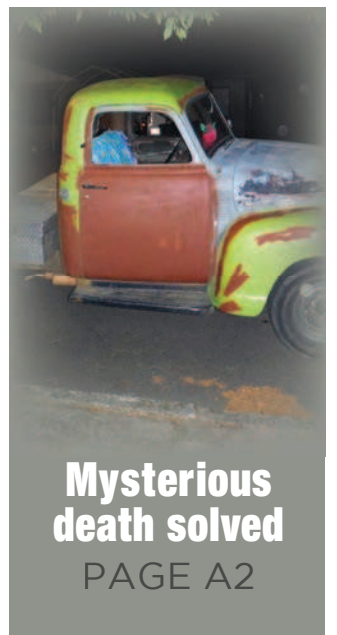
"Really what I have here is 23 people who are really nice people, really good

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Jeff Minden, front, center, Peter Bale, Anthony O'Neal, Edward Stiner, Julianna Gibbons and Tyler Friedrichson act out a scene from *Twelfth Night*, to be performed by Keizer Homegrown Theater July 20-23.

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Mysterious death solved
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'We need to have a grown-up conversation'

Mayor ready to tackle general fund increase



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Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark is interested in setting the stage for a larger conversation about increasing the city's budget.

While the specter of increased taxes or, in Keizer's case, fees rankles those steadfastly opposed to the notion, the reality is that if the city residents want anything more than status quo services, they're going to have to pay for it.

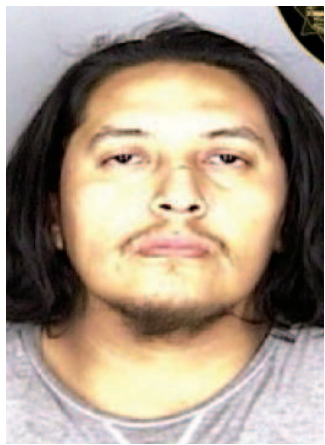
"We have to have a grown-up conversation about money. Police and parks are the two things people talk about most and we don't have the money for increased personnel or improvements," Clark said. "We need to talk about what dollars we have, how we're getting them and the options for making more available."

Keizer's general fund
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Officer cleared in shooting
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Double-dipping robber arrested



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Keizer police have arrested a man believed to have robbed One Stop Smoke Shop twice in recent months.

How it happened involved more than a little good police work and fortunate timing.

On Monday, July 11, Keizer Police Department officers responded to 3926 River Road North at 10:47 p.m. on a report of male suspect having entered the business armed with a gun and attempting to gain access to the cash register. The owner had locked himself in a room at One Stop Smoke Shop and called police.

The suspect was unable to open the cash register, but made off with a key belonging to it. He fled the scene and officers searched the area, but were unable to locate him.

KPD Det. Andrew Phelps, who had investigated a previous armed robbery at the business March 20, assisted patrol officers in processing the crime scene.

While processing evidence, Phelps and Officer Kevin DeMarco had an opportunity to review video surveillance footage where they observed the suspect committing the robbery. Phelps determined the suspect in both incidents had similar physical characteristics, clothing and gun.

Additionally, Phelps had been working with investigators from the Salem Police Department and believed the suspect who was responsible for the March 20 robbery in Keizer may also be responsible for other armed robberies that had occurred in Salem. In at least one of those robberies, a witness provided a description of a vehicle they believed the suspect fled in after that crime.

While the investigation continued, KPD Sgt. Jeff Goodman was on patrol when at 12:40 a.m. when he spotted a vehicle believed to have been involved in at least one of the previous robberies that

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Song and drama at MHS
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A GREEN MILE?

Conflicting pot rules flummox

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It's impossible to drive down River Road North in Keizer and not notice the signs.

You know the ones: Kush, Oregon Bud Company, and the more nondescript Alpha Alternative Solutions, which has sign wavers posted on the side of the street from time to time.

In 2014, Keizer residents rejected the legalization of recreational marijuana sales by a wide margin (53.75 percent against to 46.25 for),

but the measure coasted to statewide approval. Now the shops are moving in and creating no shortage of headaches for Keizer's planning department.

"The thing that's difficult to understand is that there are two paths to setting up shops, one for dispensaries and one for recreational sales. We're trying to adjust our rules and policies to reflect the state's but the information has been slow to disseminate," said Shane Witham, an associate planner with the city.

More often than not, Witham

said, the business owners looking to set up shop are well versed in the current state rules and approach the city questioning why

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