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Nyla McCarthy and Joe Botkin rehearse for Keizer Homegrown Theatre's production of *The Guys* at Salem's Kroc Center.

## New KHT play is a different kind of 9/11 memorial

By ERIC A. HOWALD  
*Of the Keizertimes*

In the wake of the attacks on Sept. 11, one fire chief is faced with crafting eulogies for several of his men at once.

He connects with an editor who helps draw out that material he needs from a hodgepodge of memory and trauma.

The story of how the two worked together to craft remembrances is the basis for Keizer Homegrown Theatre's latest production, *The Guys*, written by Anne Nelson and directed by Linda Baker.

The play opened at Salem's Kroc Center, 1865 Bill Frey Drive, Sept. 8 and continues with shows Sept. 9-11 and 15-17. All tickets are \$15. First responders can buy one ticket and get one free. Curtain time is 7 p.m. each night except Sept. 11.

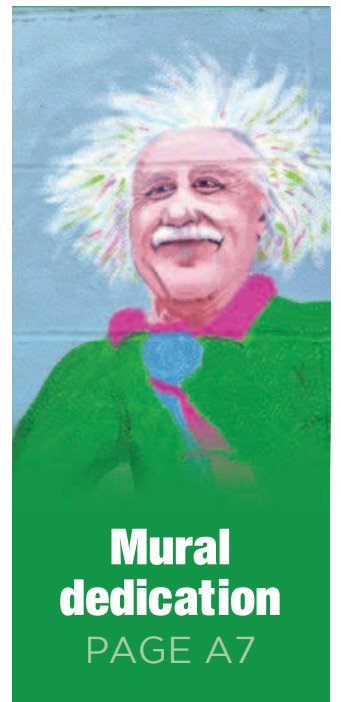
The memorial performance of the show begins at 4 p.m., Sept. 11, and will be followed by an opportunity to talk with the actors, director and local first responders. A portion (\$5) of each ticket sold to the 9/11 performance will be donated to Firefighters Cancer

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## 'Shack' puts the action in MAK

Keizer man recognized for volunteer efforts



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When Bob 'Shack' Shackelford took notice of the work the Keizer Network of Women was doing around the city, he wondered why there wasn't a male-led counterpart within the Keizer Chamber of Commerce.

That's when he found out about Men of Action in Keizer (MAK). Shackelford began attending meetings of the group at Big Town Hero, but soon grew dismayed at the lack of actual action.

"They would meet for coffee and talk about fantasy football or the latest movies they saw. They weren't doing much of anything," Shackelford said.

After about three meetings, Shackelford started trying to move the group in a new direction — toward providing material support to the city and its residents. For those efforts, Shackelford was honored by the Keizer City Council as the Volunteer of Quarter by city officials at a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Shackelford grew up in Keizer and graduated from McNary High School before opening and operating the Game Crazy store that used to be part of the Creekside Shopping Center. He later moved to Bend and then Arizona before returning to Keizer as a real estate broker with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

Despite growing up in a



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Bob Shackelford, with wife Tanya, was honored as Keizer's Volunteer of the Quarter at the city council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 6.

town with the word "volunteerism" embedded into the city's motto, he got his first taste of volunteering in Bend. "There was a committee that got together and volunteered on the weekends to go trim and weed the places the city didn't have time for. The city supplied the vests and the gloves and the shovels and the rakes and we did the rest. I really got into that because I'm a yard guy and like to see things looking really sharp," Shackelford said.

To this day, he drives around town with a weed wacker in his truck looking for trouble spots where he can jump in and fill a gap. After becoming MAK's de facto leader, Shackelford brought together groups of volunteers to assist KNOW with its giving tree operation around the holidays and then started branching out. "We started looking around and identifying some of the areas along River Road where the landscaping

was getting in the way of traffic and going out to address those problems," he said.

One recent outing took the group to Creekside Shopping Center where shrubbery was blocking the view as cars tried to exit. The MAK crew cleaned up the area to make for safer egress.

While they've tackled many projects of that nature, MAK members have tried to find other ways to plug in.

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## 'Cow pasture' rezone draws more detraction

By ERIC A. HOWALD  
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Keizer residents continued a drumbeat of opposition to a proposed rezoning of the area commonly known as "the cow pasture" in documents submitted to the city.

Residents had until Monday, Aug. 29, to submit rebuttals to the new evidence provided by the Herber family, the owners of the property west of Verda Lane Northeast between Chemawa Road northeast and Dearborn Avenue Northeast. The Herber family is seeking approval of city officials to rezone the land and pave the way for a new high-density development in the form of 112 apartments.

The Keizer City Council rejected the proposition in October 2014, but the family returned earlier this year with a slightly modified plan calling for eight fewer apartments and a new look designed to help the apartments fit in among the residential neighborhoods surrounding it.

The city council is expected to make another decision on the rezone proposal at its Sept. 19 meeting. No public testimony will be allowed at the meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Karen Okada provided the most lengthy and detailed rebuttal of the proposal. While the plan proponents have suggested that the decision to rezone the property for apartments was based on Keizer's housing needs and inventories, the need for residential housing

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