

# Keizertimes

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## Paint job leads to nightmare for biz owner



Mike Selmer

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For the past five months, Jerry Long's RV has been sitting in the parking lot of a Scio-based auto repair shop. It went in for a paint job, and as far as Long can tell, the only work that's been done is to remove pieces from it.

"My main concern is that someone else will get screwed," said Long, owner of Keizer's ABB Stoves.

In August of 2016, Long and his manager at the store came to an agreement with the owner of Mike's Auto Repair and Towing, Mike Selmer, to recondition, repaint and perform some other work on a 1995 Monaco Executive RV and repaint a 1986 GMC

Jimmy pick-up.

Long found out about Selmer from an employee who had sent a vehicle in for repairs and was satisfied with the work. Based on that recommendation, he sent one of the company's van in for repairs and Long was also satisfied with the quality.

Long had no idea what he was in store for with the RV work, or that Selmer is a convicted felon with a lengthy list of prior offenses and convictions.

Long was given a total estimate of \$6,800 and gave Selmer a \$3,500 deposit. The two men agreed that the RV work would be completed by Oct. 25 and the pick-up would be completed within three weeks after that. Selmer picked up the ve-

hicles in the second week of September.

In the first week of October, Selmer went to ABB Stove store and said he would need an additional \$600 for fiberglass needed to complete the RV's paint job. Long said he agreed to the additional charge and cut a check for the remaining balance, \$4,200.

In the midst of working toward the RV repairs, Long connected with Selmer on other business-related transactions. Long installed two ductless heating systems at Selmer's Scio shop and cut another \$3,000 check to purchase a forklift for ABB Stoves that Selmer claimed was available at an auction in Baker City, Ore. He has yet to be

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## Mayor: 'The Keizer way works'



C. Clark

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Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark delivered a largely upbeat message in her annual state of the city address delivered to a gathering of Keizer Chamber of Commerce members Tuesday, March 14.

"The Keizer way works," Clark said. "The people who formed the city of Keizer took charge of pride, spirit and volunteerism, thought through what they needed and made it happen. We started out as not-Salem, but we've become a significant part of the financial and social fabric of the region."

Clark said the city survived the bursting of

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## Crimes of the Heart opens at McNary



KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley  
Camryn Runnow during a rehearsal of *Crimes of the Heart*.

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Getting into *Crimes of the Heart*, a Pulitzer Prize winning play about three sisters, Babe, Lenny and Meg Magrath, who reunite at their family home in Mississippi after Babe shoots her abusive husband, was easy for McNary students Camryn Runnow, Annie Purkey and Skyla Cawthon.

They all have sisters.

"There's one particular scene where Lenny gets really angry and upset at something that Meg had done and it's a pretty easy place for me

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Dorothy Diehl is the new Community Service Officer at the Keizer Police Department and is serving in a wide variety of roles.

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In the last two weeks of February, thieves made off with valuables from nearly two dozen cars parked outside homes in northwest Keizer neighborhoods.

In police lingo, a theft from a vehicle is known as a car clout and 23 of them in a short span of time was enough to warrant the attention of the Keizer Police Department. It was a chance for KPD's new community service officer, Dorothy Diehl, to make herself known on the social media site nextdoor.com. She took the info from the KPDS's crime analyst and reached out to the head of the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association to have him post it on the Nextdoor site.

"A big part of my job so far has just been getting to know everyone in the building and figure out how I can assist them," Diehl said.

Diehl has been on the job for

about three months and communicating with neighborhood associations and neighborhood watches are just one part of her sprawling, part-

"I'm excited to be the one going out and shaking hands and being a point of contact for the department."

— Officer Dorothy Diehl

time job description.

"It's kind of the Keizer way of doing things," said Deputy Chief Jeff Kuhns. "We took a look at what we needed, the money available, and then came up with a job description that included all of it."

In addition to helping disseminate

information on social media platforms and through other means, Diehl is responsible for coordinating and scheduling crime prevention programs, acting as liaison to civic groups, crating and maintaining brochures, recruiting and coordinating non-sworn volunteers, leading tours of the facility and then taking care of the department's fleet of vehicles, which can mean everything from shuttling vehicles to and from service shops and performing maintenance checks and minor repairs.

In fact, Diehl distinguished herself from the other applicants for the job by being unafraid to change a tire or serpentine belt.

Lt. Lance Inman said he wouldn't be surprised to see

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Keizer girls take state title at Blanchet  
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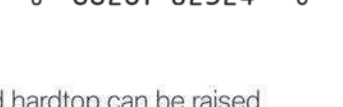
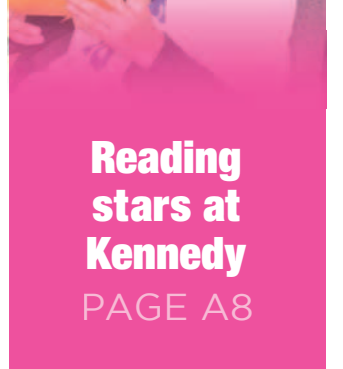
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