

Are we there yet?

Movement is slow on numerous new businesses in Keizer

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A number of sites throughout Keizer are being eyed by businesses small and large, not the least of which is a second grocery store.

While news on some of the projects is minimal at this point, the *Keizertimes* receives regular requests for updates on where the projects stand. Here are some of the highlights of what is known about the current situations at each location.

WinCo FOODS

In October 2016, Winco announced it would open a smaller-scale store, Waremart by Winco, at the location formerly occupied by Albertson's and then Haggen, 5450 River Road N.

There is still no set opening date despite rumors otherwise.

In March, permits were approved for a \$5 million renovation to the property. Construction is set to begin early this summer, said a company spokesperson.



Jersey Mike's, a sub sandwich shop at 5001 River Road N., opened for business Wednesday, May 17.

The franchisers, Joseph and Cathleen Karcher, are partnering with local schools for a fundraiser through Sunday, May 21. Coupons are circulating offering a free regular sub sandwich for a minimum contribution of \$2 to the McNary High School Choir, Clear Lake Elementary School and Keizer Elementary School. Customers must have the coupon to be eligible.

"The Keizer community is a great fit for what we do at Jersey Mike's. For the first five days that we are open we are raising money for the local schools. Our goal is to make a positive impact on the community by supporting local student programs and activities," said Joe Karcher in a press release.

The restaurant's hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The phone number is 503-967-6576.

Jersey Mike's is a fast casual sub sandwich franchise with more than 1,500 locations open and under development nationwide.

the HUMAN BEAN

In the same building, on the side with the drive-thru, a Human Bean coffee shop is slated for sometime in the near future.

Permits to renovate the in-

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Keizer man charged in trio of bank robberies



Clarence Drew Sides

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A 51-year-old Keizer man has been charged in connection with three Salem bank robberies.

Clarence Drew Sides, of 803 Bever Drive N.E., was arrested on Thursday, May 11, and has since been charged with three counts of robbery in the third degree, two counts of theft in the first degree and one count of aggravated theft in the first degree.

The charges stem from three separate incidents. The first was on April 20 at Columbia Bank, 3305 Commercial Street S.E., the second was April 26 at Chase Bank, 5135 Commercial Street S.E., and the third was May 11 at Key Bank, 4871 Lancaster Drive N.E., all in Salem.

According to a criminal complaint, on April 20, a teller at Columbia Bank asked a male customer if she could help him and the man mumbled a response she interpreted as him wanting to make a withdrawal. When she asked again, the

man said, "This is a robbery. I want everything in the drawer."

The man received about \$2,800 in cash and left the bank.

Video obtained from nearby location was not clear enough to identify the suspect or the vehicle he fled in, but investigators suspected a late model, four-door, white Buick LeSabre with two additional occupants, a male and a female.

At Chase Bank, on April 26, a male suspect approached a teller and handed her a note. The suspect told the teller he wanted "fifties and hundreds." The teller and a co-worker both handed over cash amounting to more than \$11,800.

Again, video from another location appeared to show a four-door, white sedan arriving at and leaving the area. A second video from another source on the same day helped identify the owner of the vehicle and the two occupants present during the Columbia and Chase bank robberies.

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Hello Iris Festival

Parade is Saturday

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Months of planning on the part of volunteers with the Keizer Chamber of Commerce come to fruition this weekend with the annual Keizer Iris Festival.

The festival brings a slew of live music, numerous smaller-scale events and, of course, the Valey Credit Service Iris Festival Parade. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, the parade travels from Lockhaven Drive North south on River Road to Glynbrook Drive North.

"We have about 80 entries

right now and I expect about 10 more to roll in by the end of the week," said Cari Buchholz, co-chair of the parade with Steve Pfaff.

Buchholz said many of the entries are well-known to regular parade spectators, but there are a few notable new additions.

The Medford High School band is traveling all the way up Interstate 5 to take part in the parade. The band director is a McNary alum.

Other bands include the McNary High School band

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Parker, Gould most distinguished



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McNary juniors Sydney Gould and Ivy Parker were both stunned to hear their names announced as the 2018 Keizer's Distinguished Young Women on Saturday, May 13.

"I got butterflies in my stomach," Parker said. "I thought I was in a dream. It was crazy."

Before receiving the final award of the night, a \$1,500 scholarship, Gould, who intends on enrolling at George Fox University and becoming a school counselor, had already racked up \$750 and a silver iris pendant from Boucher Jewelers for winning scholastic achievement as well as the interview and talent

Ivy Parker and Sydney Gould were named the Distinguished Young Women of Keizer at the annual scholarship program event Saturday, May 11.

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awards.

"I was really, really shocked actually because there are girls here who I've been so proud of them," Gould said. "I thought they were going to sweep it. I was in shock, really."

Parker, who plans on attending Oregon State University to become a physical therapist, also won the self-expression award, which came with an additional \$250 scholarship.

The 10 participants were judged in five categories—scholastic achievement (20 percent), interview (25), talent (25), fitness (15) and self-expression (15).

"I think it's really important to be able to speak well," Gould said. "It's good to be able to talk about how you feel and what you believe in. I thought the interview experience was a really big part of this."

Sarah Eckert was named the first alternate, winning \$500 and a silver iris pendant.

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