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Gambling on a safe city

Council takes on police fee

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For the first time since last summer, the Keizer City Council will formally address the possibility of additional police in Keizer.

The council will take up the issue at its work session Monday, June 13. The session begins at 5:45 p.m. at the Keizer Civic Center. Public testimony is welcomed and encouraged.

Keizer currently has 37 police officers, but that average of roughly one-officer-per-1,000-residents is well below national and state averages. Keizer Police Chief John Teague would like to add

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KPD night shift makes do



Keizer Police Sgt. Jeff Goodman arranges an impromptu race between young residents at a south Keizer apartment complex.

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At 11:30 p.m. Friday, June 2, Sgt. Jeff Goodman and Officer Kevin DeMarco are at the front door of a home where gang members are known to associate – not far from the Keizer Police Department (KPD) station.

DeMarco was first on the scene and Goodman joined him a few minutes later on the a report of a domestic disturbance that became a noise complaint. The caller said several juveniles were in the driveway playing music loud.

Goodman knocks on the door, announces the presence of police, and a TV flickering behind a curtain goes dark. Then the world's worst ninjas try to make their escape.

Behind the home, there is rustling and movement that can be heard in front of the house, it goes on for several seconds as Goodman makes his way around the left side of the house and DeMarco watches the fence along the right side. The pair calls for assistance from the two other officers on duty, Rodney Bamford and Scott Bigler. Reserve Officer Garrett Van Cleave is riding with Bigler. Soon enough, DeMarco spots a young man trying to leap over a fence. He disappears behind the home and approaches with the intent to detain him.

Goodman is still in the backyard and DeMarco returns to the front of the home with a man in handcuffs when someone emerges from between two homes a couple of doors down and begins walking away from the scene.

The figure is out of sight by the time the back-up officers pull into the short dead-end street.

All four officers spend about 15 minutes on the scene trying to figure out what happened before they arrived and why at least two people tried to run. In the end, no one ends up going to jail.

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McNary says goodbye to Dallas Myers



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When outgoing McNary drama director Dallas Myers asked the student thespian board to nominate someone for the Ken Collins Award, there was only one name they could come up with, whether he liked it or not.

"We decided there was no one more deserving and less willing to accept this award than Mr. Myers," McNary senior Michael Dugan said during the Golden Onions on Friday, June 2. "Coming into this department, I never knew how much I would need theater in my life and how I would need someone like Mr. Myers to not take it easy on me and to really know what I needed at that point. He just knows what people need in their lives and it's an amazing talent, makes the department what it is today."

To senior Annie Purkey, Myers was like a father. "One reason why this award was so easy for all of us is not only because of how much you care about this

department but how much you care about each of us as individuals," an emotional Purkey said. "You are the person that was there to support me when my dad didn't and you have offered me all the advice that I needed to get through my high school years and I couldn't have made it without you. Thank you."

Myers, who's taking a position at Auburn High School in Washington, said he didn't want to accept the award because he didn't want to admit he was leaving. "When I picked up this plaque today, (I thought) it doesn't look real," Myers said. "It's been an honor to be here for seven years. I don't have words for my experience this year, just the fact that my own kids, this is like their second home so that I'll be able to leave my name on something is really neat. I don't regret anything that I've done here or any shows that I've done here or any letters of hate or any letters of praise that I've received. I don't regret any of it. This experience at McNary

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— Annie Purkey, Senior

and this experience with you guys this year will make lots of things pale in comparison. Thank you."

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Dallas Myers (center), the drama director at McNary High School for the past seven years, is leaving to take a new job.

Head of the class



McNary has 19 valedictorians in its 2017 graduating class. Front row, from left, Ke'alo'hi Tombleson, Annie Purkey, Rebecca Amerino, Abigail Smith, Mireille Martinez, second row, Brenna Wilson, Heidi Reed, Spencer Lamb, Miguel Araiza, Sean Burrows, third row, Alfonso Pacheco, Elizabeth Russell, Matthew Levis, Alan Mueller, back, Easton Neitzel, Michael Dugan, Caleb Kiefiuk-Yates, Matthew Ismay and Cade Goff.

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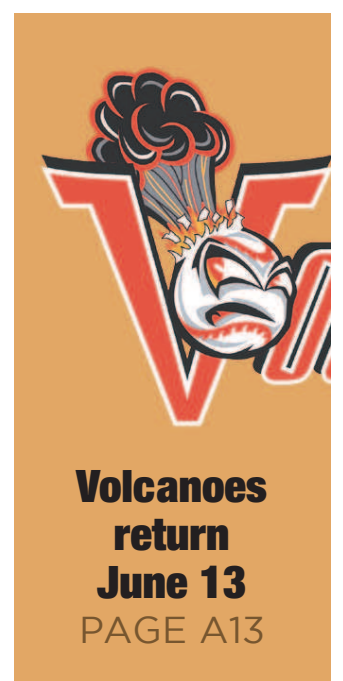
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