

MYERS: 'I'll take this day with me for the rest of my life'

(Continued from Page A1) honoring Myers. After senior Heidi Hays presented him with a book full of photos from all of the shows over the last seven years, a video played that began with "Dallas Myers is the teacher that we will remember for the rest of our lives, and we just want to say THANK YOU," followed by testimony from more than 30 current and former students on what Myers taught them.

"There are times as a teacher where you doubt yourself or you doubt what you're doing," Myers said after watching the video. "You go through the most gut-wrenching self doubt. You guys have seen it in me. This just pays for it. I'll take this day with me for the rest of my life and I'll take all of you with me, too, your passion and your memories and your smiles. I don't have words. I had a feeling that this night was going to be really hard for me and I was going to stumble my way through

it. There's no better way to leave." Myers compared the evening to a scene in his favorite movie, *Dead Poets Society*, when students stand on their desk, declaring "Oh Captain, My Captain" to support their fired teacher. "As a teacher you dream of that moment, not of getting fired, but of that experience," Myers said. "Thank you for this. I will lock this memory in for the rest of my existence."

Navy vet talks Oregon lighthouses

The Keizer Community Library will present Oregon Coast Lighthouses by Keizer resident Dr. Doug Kroll, a retired history professor. The event, which is free to the public, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, upstairs at the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. NE.

Kroll will share stories of lighthouses on the Oregon Coast, which were built on prominent headlands or near major estuaries supporting commercial fishing and shipping in the late 19th century.

"Lighthouses are one of the more romanticized subjects in the history of this and other nations," Kroll said. "The dutiful and solitary life of a lighthouse keeper has long been a source of fascination for writers and filmmakers. They have been called 'America's castles' and remain popular tourist attractions."

Oregon has 11 lighthouses. Nine were constructed and operated by the federal government, and two are privately built lighthouses, both certified by the U. S. Coast Guard as official private aids to navigation.

Register for St. Ed car show

The 12th annual Knights of Columbus Car Show will be July 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church, 5303 River Road N. All proceeds will go to support the Father Taaffe Homes For Young Teens and Their Babies. Food will be available served by the Knights of Columbus St. Edward Council.



Mail pre-registration and donations to: Knights of Columbus Car Show, 988 Greenwood Drive. NE, Keizer, OR 97303, or complete and bring registration form to the show. For more information, contact Mike Gander at 503-390-0826, or email mikenginger@comcast.net.

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another five officers to the roles in a variety of different capacities, none are desk jobs.

The total cost of adding those five officers would be somewhere in the range of \$500,000 to \$600,000 per year. That includes wages, health insurance, retirement payments and payroll taxes for each officer. The reason for the wide range is that the specific salary for each officer would depend on whether a new officer is hired or if they transfer from another agency.

If the city spreads that cost over each residential dwelling and business in the city, it would total about \$44 per year, or about 12 cents per day. The city council will still have to determine how to collect the fee, but the cheapest route would be adding a new line item to the existing sewer and water bills.

From the start, Teague has urged residents and the Keizer City Council not to equate adding more officers with an immediate drop in crime. Instead, he suggests, think about it in terms of better customer service.

"Instead of a patrol officer turning up at your burglary, a property crime detective would," Teague said.

The new officers would be spread over several units within the department — one officer each for traffic, the Community Response Unit (CRU) and detectives, and two for night patrols (see related story A1).

While are five officers

Cost of proposed officers

It would cost each dwelling and commercial location in Keizer about...

12 cents per day = \$3.67 per month = \$44 per year

Infographic by Andrew Jackson

are needed in their varying capacities, shortages on the night shift have drawn headlines.

At least twice in recent months, the KPD night shift has been caught short-handed. In March, a would-be burglar got trapped in a window while trying to enter a local tobacco store and all of Keizer's night patrol officers were tied up with an investigation into a menacing incident, involving an armed suspect, down the street.

In April, a lack of officers to create a secure perimeter and evacuate a family that was the victim of a home intruder delayed an arrest by almost an hour.

"At any given hour, one of those officers might be at the jail with a suspect or at the hospital taking statements from a DUI crash," said Deputy Police Chief Jeff Kuhns.

The addition of one officer to each of the night shifts would alleviate the problem for high visibility crimes like robberies, but it would also have an impact on domestic disturbances, which also occur more frequently in the late night hours and require at least two officers to respond for safety reasons.

On the detective unit, a fifth officer would be tasked primarily with property crime

investigations. Property crimes take a backseat to persons crimes, like sexual and child abuse and robberies. Sex and child abuse cases constitute about 60 percent of the cases detectives are working at any given time, said Det. Chris Nelson.

In the Community Response Unit, there are currently two investigators and a supervisor for a unit that once had four investigators. The CRU inhabits a grey area between patrol and detectives, Teague said. Patrol officers respond to calls that can be quickly brought to some resolution, whereas detectives are in it for the long haul. CRU works cases that involve a level of effort somewhere between the two, for example surveilling homes where drug or gang activity is suspected.

"Persistent neighborhood problems are their niche," Teague said.

The fifth officer would be placed on the traffic team. One of the top requests from residents is additional traffic enforcement. Teague has said traffic isn't the worst problem the city faces, but the demand for additional enforcement is ever-present.

"Our numbers are low, but the public repeatedly tells us they want more attention put on traffic," Teague said.

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