

GUARDIAN SHIELD & ARACHNIGHT:

HEROES

OR MENACE?



Guardian Shield:
‘You can’t be a vigilante. We work within the law.’

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It’s Saturday, Sept. 30, roughly 11 p.m., when Arachnight suffers one of the many small indignities of being a community superhero: his kneepad comes loose.

Arachnight and Guardian Shield are out on patrol together, something that they do when they can, because there’s strength in numbers.

Patrol might be a bit too formal a term for what they are doing. In the past hour, they’ve

walked up and down River Road turning on whims without a specific destination or planned course. They’ve walked in front of buildings, around buildings, and drifted into neighborhoods. Using tactical flashlights, the duo tries to scope out the areas where someone could be hidden, hatching nefarious plans, or simply in distress. Both men are still relatively new to patrolling in the area and they hope to develop a grid that they can use when they deploy over the next couple of weeks.

Arachnight attends to his wardrobe malfunction, then he and Shield continue walking toward River Road North on Cummings Lane. As they approach the River Road intersection, a pedestrian, Adam Hayes, is waiting to cross at the light when he looks up.

“Holy s—t, it’s Guardian Shield,” says Adam, drawing out the last syllable of ‘holy’ into ‘holeeee.”

Shield is easily recognizable to those who

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Open cars hot targets

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Keizer Police Department officials are reminding residents to clear their cars of valuables and lock them up at night because thieves are targeting unlocked vehicles with increased frequency.

There have been at least 167 illegal entries into cars since January, nearly double the amount there was during the same time period last year.

“Especially with the holiday shopping season coming we want people to be more

aware,” said KPD Lt. Andrew Copeland.

Cara Steele, the KPD crime analyst, said thefts from vehicles, known as car clouts in police parlance, have been a featured part of her briefings to patrol officers since the beginning of the year.

“Ninety to 95 percent are the result of an unlocked door or window. It’s not windows being broken or locks being jimmed,” Steele said. “We might see a change [in method of entry] if everyone starts

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KEIZERTIMES/Derek Wiley
Holly Beaman, Joshua Seitz and Brandon Correa act out a scene from Keizer Homegrown Theatre’s *Dog Park, The Musical*, opening Oct. 6, 7 and 8 at Chemeketa Community College.



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald
Joey Van Winkel and Jessica Williams, both Salem Health employees, trim a board on a Habitat for Humanity build in Keizer.

Salem Health pitches in on Keizer Habitat build

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Employees of Salem Health turned out in droves to assist with a new Habitat for Humanity build on Alexis Lane North in Keizer.

About three dozen employees representing 25 different departments at Salem Health had signed up to lend a hand Saturday, Sept. 30.

“We have a goal that 50 percent of our departments will be out volunteering in the community this year, and we’ve been trying to partner with the organizations that we have connections with,” said Bryce Petersen, outreach coordinator at Salem

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