

Sign will address gunfire concerns

A sign and more limited usage will be used to address gunfire coming from across the Willamette River into Keizer. Lt. Andrew Copeland reported to city officials last week that he met with the owner of Northwest Rock, Lance Davis, and toured the area's of the property that have been used for target practice. "He told me he will restrict the amount of people on his property to his sons, police of-

ficers, and other close friends of the family," Copeland said. Davis also welcomed the placement of a red 'caution' sign to designate the area where stray bullets might fly across the river. On Sept. 10, residents and park goers fled the park and their houses when a hail of gunfire erupted and bullets whizzed overhead. Concerned neighbors turned out in droves at the Keizer City Council the

following week asking for action. No bullets were found on the Keizer side of the river, but Polk County sheriff's deputies did make contact with a group of men in possession of a semi-automatic rifle. No one admitted to having fired it. The Keizer police officer who responded said there was no reason to doubt bullets had crossed in the park and surrounding area.

Keizer Christian celebrates 54 years with KHC exhibit

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes
Keizer Christian Church is celebrating its 54th anniversary this month and the congregation is celebrating with a special service on Sunday, Oct. 8, all of it coincides with a new display at the Keizer Heritage Museum. Kim Free, wife of Keizer Christian's new pastor, Erik, led the charge to get the display into the museum and is hoping it paves the way for the church itself, at 6945 Wheatland Road N., to become an official historical point of interest in the city. "It was either the third or fourth church in Keizer to have

its own building, and it's the only one that still contains part of the original structure," Free said. Keizer Christian Church, which is associated with the Disciples of Christ, held its first services in October 1963 at the Keizer Grange Hall. The congregation built a home of its own on the corner of Lockhaven Drive Northeast and River Road North between 1966 and 1968. When Albertson's bought that property in 1984, the original structure was moved to its current location. "The original building was split in half and a new sanctuary and offices were built between the two halves. The old sanctuary is now a community space and the space that was the school is still our preschool," Free said.

ther and had to call the power company to lift the power lines so the church could go under them. Finally the cable broke and the building went sliding down the hill on Wheatland and into somebody's fence," Free said. The church has video of the whole thing, but Free said her husband found the camera operator to be the most humorous aspect of the fiasco. "We were watching it together and he couldn't believe the camera person didn't curse the whole time all of this was happening," Free said.

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The move was not without its harrowing moments. After finding a local mom-and-pop operation that was willing to move the building to the new site at half the cost a Portland firm wanted to charge, multiple obstacles presented themselves. "They started down River Road and found out that the building was too wide and they had to clear some branches and trees, they got a little fur-

The exhibit in the Keizer Heritage Museum features several artifacts from throughout the church's history. Many are tied to missionary work members of the congregation have performed in Congo and Ecuador, but the highlights are a Communion set and a large clay tile featuring a Biblical scene. "They are made from clay that came out of the creek behind the church when it was on River Road. The school children dug the clay out and a local artist made the plaques and communion set with design input from the students," Free said.



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City staff, city councilors, members of the Keizer Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee and representatives of Cherrriots all gathered to dedicate a new bike repair station behind the Keizer Civic Center Sept. 14.



The Keizer Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee had its most recent meeting Thursday, Sept. 14. Here's what was discussed:

- Prior to the meeting, members of the committee and representatives of Cherrriots held a formal dedication for a new bike repair station outside the Keizer Civic Center. Committee Chair Hersch Sangster and Public Works Director Bill Lawyer applauded the collaboration between the committee, city and Cherrriots in bringing the project to fruition. Cherrriot's Trip Choice program paid for the air pump and repair station, which includes a bike repair manual you can download to your phone by scanning a QR code.
- Committee member Wayne Frey reported on two possible sources of funding he discovered by attending a recent area transit meeting. He suggested beginning the process of inventorying the streets around Keizer schools for needed improvement to take advantage of a rekindled Safe Routes to Schools program. He also suggested the committee investigate the Sidewalk Improvement Program (SWIP) run by the Oregon Department of Transportation as a possible source of funding for installing sidewalks around Cummings Elementary School.
- Sangster reported on the application to renew Keizer's standing as a Bicycle Friendly City with the League of American Bicyclists. Last year, Keizer was awarded an honorable mention in 2016 and committee members are hoping to improve to a bronze rating.

Out of the Darkness Walk Oct. 14

The Oregon chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) will host its second annual Salem Out of the Darkness Walk on Saturday, Oct. 14. Registration is free and anyone is welcome; the fundraising goal this year is \$125,000. In 2016, the first year of the walk in Salem, organizers including Keizerites Shawn Lott

and Ryan Price, the Oregon area director, collected more than \$100,000 and the event won the national award for Best First Walk from AFSP. Registration can be completed at bit.ly/2fwPy1b or at Salem Riverfront Park the day of the walk. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and will be followed by an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. The walk

begins at 10:20 a.m. and closing ceremony will be held at 12:30 p.m. The event includes a resource fair, walkers who raise \$150 or more will receive a free t-shirt. Sponsorships are still available; for more information, contact Shawn Lott at 503-951-3012, or email oregon@afsp.org.

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