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Arrests follow quickly in Keizer crime sprees

Police suspect connection in Shari's, Good Times robberies

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Two men armed with handguns robbed Good Times Grill Monday, Dec. 11, about 2:30 a.m. Four days earlier, a pair of men strong-armed a manager at Shari's Cafe and Pies before making off with a cash drawer. Police now suspect the two incidents are related.

Keizer officers were still investigating both cases at

press time, but Deputy Chief Jeff Kuhns said one suspect had been charged in the Shari's robbery while the hunt was still on for suspects in the Good Times robbery.

The victim at Good Times, a 44-year-old woman who works at the business located at 122 Chemawa Road N.E., told police she was closing up when the first suspect entered and demanded money while pointing a handgun at

her.

She described the first suspect as a male with dark skin, dark brown eyes, approximately 5-foot-3 to 5-foot-5 and under 30 years old. The suspect was wearing a dark-colored backpack, blue jeans, a dark colored jacket with hood and a red baseball cap. The hood was pulled over his head and cap.

After the first suspect

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Man arrested for crimes against coffee

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After Keizer Police Department asked the public for help in locating a transient man suspected of burglarizing two Keizer coffee shops, an arrest was made in Salem on Monday, Dec. 11.

Keizer Police Department publicized their search for John Albert Herriges last week and it helped lead to his arrest.



J. Herriges

where he was questioned about the Keizer burglaries. He was arrested and taken to Marion County Correctional Facility where he was charged with one count each of burglary, attempted burglary and criminal mischief. He is being held on \$20,000 bail.

Herriges was wanted in connection with four incidents in Keizer, three that took place in October and one in December. On Oct. 12, investigators believe he was involved in a criminal mischief incident at Dutch Bros. He is also being sought in connection with a burglary at Bentley's Coffee on Oct. 14 and a second burglary at Dutch Bros. on Oct. 20. Herriges is also a suspect in a third incident at Dutch Bros. on Thursday, Dec. 7.

At 10:20 a.m. on Dec. 11, Salem Police Department officers responded to a possible sighting of Herriges walking into a restroom at Champions Bar & Grill located at 2930 Silverton Road N.E. The caller said she had seen media reports about Herriges being wanted in connection with the Keizer crimes.

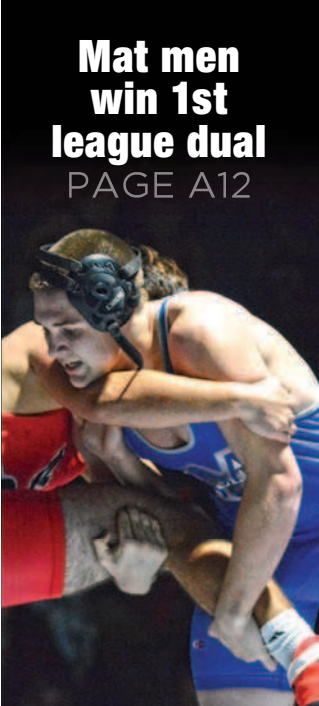
Police arrived at the restaurant and Herriges was identified and taken into custody without incident. After his arrest, Herriges was brought to the Keizer police station

Herriges was arrested in October on suspicion of involvement with a burglary and criminal mischief incident in September at the Bentley's Coffee on Mission Street in Salem. Charges were filed on Oct. 16 in Marion County Circuit on Oct. 16 and Herriges was released from the Marion County Correctional Facility on Oct. 18.

On Nov. 30, Herriges was charged with burglary, criminal mischief and theft in connection with incidents at Crooked House Bistro in west Salem. Herriges allegedly entered the restaurant and remained inside with intention of committing a burglary, during the course of the incident the building was damaged and property valued at less than \$100 was taken.

When Herriges failed to appear for the arraignment on charges related to the Crooked House Bistro, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

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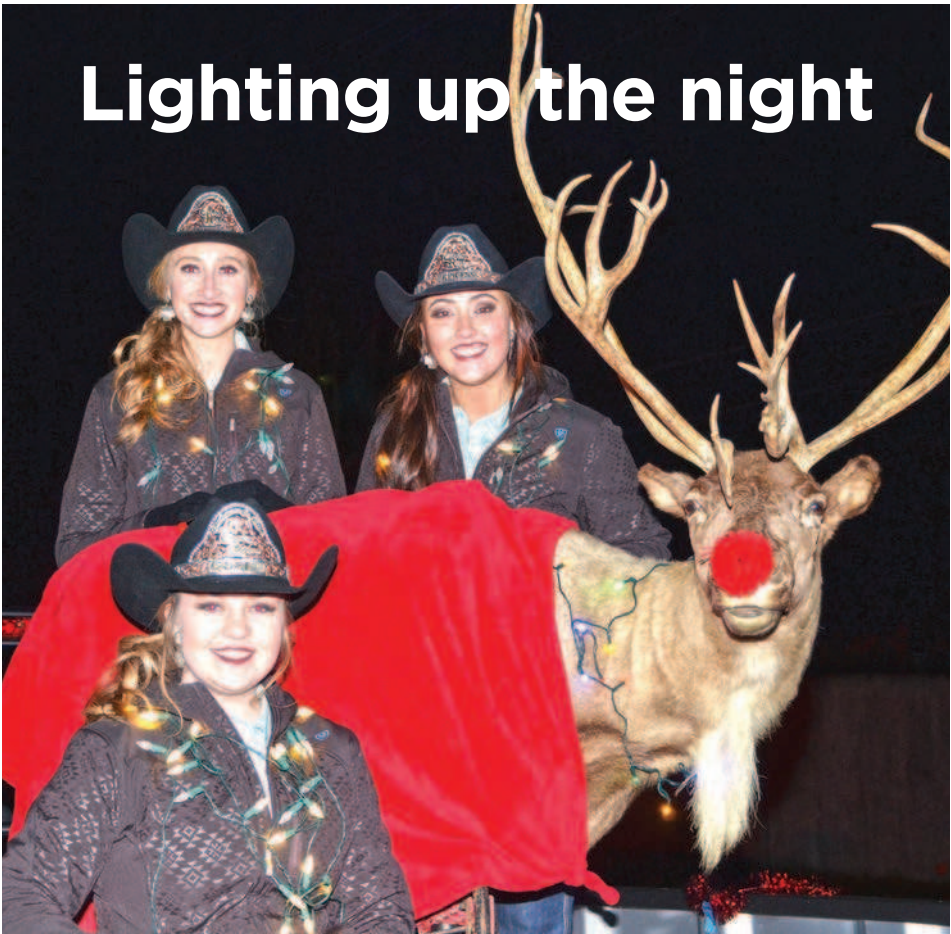
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Lighting up the night



KEIZERTIMES/Random Pendragon

KEIZERTIMES/Parker Kehret

The Keizer Chamber of Commerce's Keizer Holiday Lights Parade drew a sizable crowd up and down River Road north Saturday, Dec. 9. See pages A2 and A3 for more photos.

ABOVE: Canby Rodeo princesses Katie Steinfield and Kiernan Hull (back) and Rodeo Queen Callie Walker were all smiles waiting for the parade to begin.

LEFT: Robert and Kimberly Silville show off their lights in the staging area.

Growing pains in commission's spotlight

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The Keizer Planning Commission weighed in on the future of city growth at its meeting Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Members of the commission met early this month to take part in a new study weighing the options for expanding Keizer's city limits against the possible impacts on everything from livability to infrastructure. Glen Bolen and Kate Rogers, planners with Otak, Inc., met

with commissioners and several other groups throughout the day, but the planning commission was the only one open to the public. Bolen said Otak will schedule two open-session meetings for members of the public to

attend in early 2018.

"The most common themes we've heard so far are concerns about traffic and the ability to create more jobs in town," Bolen said.

Commissioners commented on both topics during the course of the meeting, but the conversation was wide-ranging.

Commissioner Mike DeBlasi said he wanted the city to take issues like traffic and parking into

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