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Bond is FOOD FIGHT for elementary students

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Gubser Elementary School principal Dave Bertholf is looking forward to the day when his students won't be served lunch in a hallway.

If the \$619.7 million construction bond passes on May 15, Bertholf will soon get his wish, as Gubser would use a large chunk of its \$5.5 to \$6.5 million on a new cafeteria and kitchen.

Gubser, which was built in 1976 without a cafeteria or full-sized kitchen, currently has four different lunch periods, beginning with kindergarteners at 11:10 a.m. The last students are fed at 12:45. Each group packs into a space that was once used as a classroom.

Since there's not enough room for everyone, some students eat in pods in another part of the building.

"It's too small," Bertholf said. "Half the kids that could be in there are eating somewhere else, which spreads out the supervision need. Kids aren't able to eat with their



Students pack into a space meant to be a classroom for lunch at Gubser Elementary. If the construction bond passes on May 15, Gubser would get a new 3,450 square foot cafeteria.

friends. There's a social impact as well."

Melissa Frank, a fourth grade teacher at Gubser for 12 years, spends the early part of one of the busiest lunch periods telling students to scoot over so more kids can sit

down.

"If we don't do that, then there's no room for kids and they are standing with their food," Frank said. "There's a lot more behaviors. We're putting out fires the whole time, getting into things that

weren't ever an issue before. It's harder when there's this many kids and there's no room."

At Keizer Elementary, which would also use part of its \$9.3 to \$10.3 million on a cafeteria and kitchen, food

is also served in hallways and students eat in classrooms.

The busiest lunch takes place at noon with nine classes of first and fourth graders.

"It's a coordinated mess," Keizer principal Christine

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Police search for shooter in south Keizer incident



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The man being sought by police in connection with a shooting that occurred in south Keizer has a history of violent offenses.

Ryan Joel Carrera is wanted in connection with a shooting that left a victim with non-life-threatening injuries and abandoned in a car at a Salem motel.

Carrera was charged with possession of prohibited weapons or a silencer and assault in 2008, but not convicted. In 2012, Carrera was found guilty of fourth-degree assault and sentenced to 18 months probation. In 2016, Carrera was sentenced to 30 days in jail for resisting arrest. Carrera also has a state-wide felony warrant issued from charges related to drug possession.

Law enforcement authorities now believe Carrera has fled the area after the shooting in Keizer around midnight on Sunday, April 22.

Patrol officers from the Keizer Police Department

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were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the 3600 block of Brooks Avenue NE. The caller told dispatchers that a friend had been shot and was being taken to the Salem Hospital by private vehicle.

Responding officers later learned the individual who said they were transporting the shooting victim to the Salem Hospital actually drove to the Roadway Inn at 3340 Astoria Way N.E. in Salem. Officers from the Salem Police Department found the 26-year-old male victim in a car at the motel after being tipped off by another call to 9-1-1. The man was then transported to Salem Hospital for treatment of his injury.

Investigators identified Carrera as the suspect in the shooting and are looking for him. In the immediate aftermath, police were also searching for a rental car Carrera

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Ryan to seek 2nd term on Council

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City Councilor Amy Ryan has announced she will be seeking a second term on the Keizer City Council.

Ryan was elected to Position 5 on the council in 2014, but said some of the goals she set out to accomplish are still lingering.

"I really prayed about this decision for a long time. There are reasons to do it and not to do it, but I want to be effective and make a difference," Ryan said. "We've done more as a council in four years than I ever imagined possible, but there is still more work to do."

Approving service fees to create stable funding for parks and police topped the list of accomplishments for Ryan.

"Whether they shared our view or not, people had the information. The transparency of that process is something I'm proud of," she said.

Ryan was a constant supporter of both fees and took on a leadership role in the effort to get information about the parks fee into residents' hands, even as it received less vocal support than the one for police services.

The most Herculean task she undertook in her first four years was trying to get a handle on the municipal budget, but she said she



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feels more comfortable than ever in being a strong voice in budget discussions.

"I had to spend a lot of time with it to really understand everything that is going on. It's such an opportunity to learn about how everything works together, and I feel like I have a better grasp now than I did when I started," Ryan said.

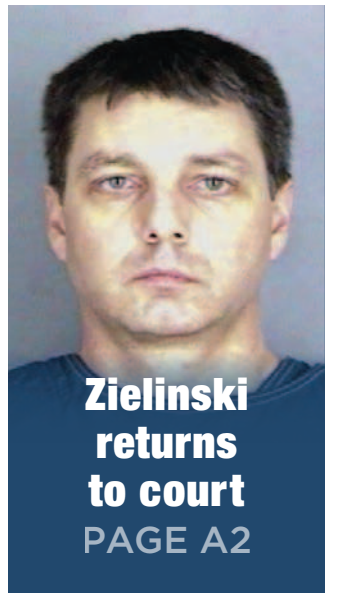
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Matthew Curtis races through an inflatable obstacle course in Keizer Rapids Park as part of a Soggy Day in the Park Saturday, April 21. For more photos, see Page A2.



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