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City will join lawsuit to stop shooting across river

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In its meeting Monday, Sept. 17, the Keizer City Council took its most bold steps to date toward stopping bullets traveling from a shooting range across the Willamette River into west Keizer neighborhoods.

During the meeting, the council opted to join, as intervenors, a \$2.7 million civil lawsuit and request for an injunction against the D. Lance Davis and his business, North-

west Rock, Inc. Davis owns the quarry being used as a recreational shooting range from which bullets have traveled into a city park and into the home of a Keizer couple in the past year.

As an intervenor in the injunction portion of the lawsuit, the city will not be entitled to monetary awards, but it is an act of solidarity with the plaintiffs, Tom and Sheryl Bauer, seeking a permanent stoppage to the property being used as a shooting range.

In June, a bullet from the range passed through the outer wall of the Bauers' home and stopped only after hitting a granite backplash.

"The goal of the injunction is a common one. It's the same thing the city council wants and that's to have [the shooting] stop," said Keizer City Attorney Shannon Johnson prior to the council approving the action. "I want to warn you that there are downsides, but this is a situation that we've never run into. We have

concerns for the safety of our citizens."

Johnson said the primary risk for the city will come in the possibility of needing to enlist outside counsel on the matter.

Councilor Amy Ryan asked where funds would come from if additional legal help was needed. Johnson said that determination would likely be made at the time, but contingency funds were the most probable source. "When you talk about ad-

ditional funds, nothing can replace lives and I am completely behind this," said Councilor Roland Herrera.

Johnson chuckled when asked if the time dedicated to the lawsuit would detract from other priorities, "It has and it will continue, but those issues are, frankly, not as important as this."

The council unanimously approved moving forward as intervenors.

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Boys soccer on fire
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Music moves at MHS
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FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

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There's a rumble as the first oversized bags of pears get dumped into the four large crates on the back of a Salem Harvest flatbed truck. Fruit by the dozen, ranging from small to XXXL, roll around before coming to rest.

Over the next two hours, the rumble is quieted as the fruit piles up creating additional layers to muffle the sound. By the time volunteer harvesters call it a day, more than 3,400 pounds of pears are on their way from a private orchard a few miles north of Keizer to the Marion-Polk Food Share (MPFS).

"The organization is great, but the richness of the crops blows my mind," said Jaime Fuhrman, a harvest leader. "If you look anywhere else, there are few places that have the variety of food crops that we do in Marion County. An organization like this in the Midwest might have wheat and soy beans and corn. In Idaho, you'd have potatoes."

one harvest at a time

Fuhrman's amazement, however, is tempered by sadness and remorse.

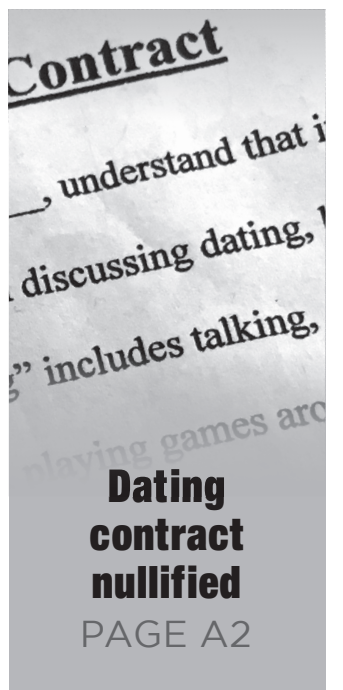
"There have been times when we've picked 20,000 pounds of pears from a single orchard, but we drove away from another 100,000. We can do truckloads and truckloads and truckloads of squash, but so much of it gets left behind. I want to rescue all the food because we know we're going to be dealing with hungry people this winter," she said.

To be fair, it's not as though the organization is slacking. In eight years, Salem Harvest has rescued more than 2 million pounds of food. In the month since passing that milestone, it's recovered another 100,000 pounds of fruit, vegetables and nuts.

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Elise Bauman, executive director of Salem Harvest, dumps a load of pears into a truck headed to the Marion-Polk Food Share.



Dating contract nullified
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Lapof vies to replace Ryan

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Shawn Lapof is taking the next step in public service with a campaign for the Keizer City Council.

"A friend actually suggested it, and the more I thought about the more it seemed like a natural progression," said Lapof.

Lapof, a 2007 McNary High School grad and current commercial accounts and sales manager with SERVPRO of Salem, is running to replace Councilor Amy Ryan, who has decided not to seek re-election. He faces Elizabeth Smith in one of two contested city council races this November.



Shawn Lapof

Lapof said the growth and development conversation happening in city hall and throughout Keizer is one he

wants to be a part of, "It's something that needs to be addressed for businesses and the community. I want to help small business and improve opportunities available for all Keizerites."

One aspect of the discussion he would like to see the city pay particular attention to is transportation.

"We need to improve the transportation in a way that draws more people into the city from Interstate 5 and gets residents to and from the things that they need to do. That includes everything from the number of lanes traveling in different directions to a third bridge," Lapof said.

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Alleged burglars join forces, still fail

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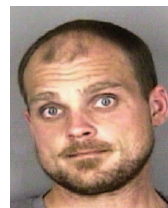
A Keizer man was arrested, and then re-released from jail due to overcrowding, for the second time in six weeks on charges of burglarizing two additional Keizer businesses.

Richard Wayne Barkley Berlin, 30, was arrested on Sept. 13 after Keizer Police executed a search warrant at his home and found evidence allegedly

connecting him to two new business burglaries. Berlin was previously arrested on Aug. 2 in connection with three other business burglaries in Keizer.

Ironically, after being put back out on the street under a forced release agree-

ment in the wake of the Aug. 2 arrest, Berlin commented on Keizertimes' Facebook posts about his arrests stating that Please see BURGLARS, Page A7



R. Berlin



J. Hergiges



Football player recovering
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