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Keizerite Dwayne Nowlin is being called a hero for locating and assisting a stranded woman.

## Keizer man rescues woman trapped in crashed car

By **MATT RAWLINGS**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

Tuesday, Nov. 27 started out as a typical day for Keizer resident Dwayne Nowlin. It ended with him being hailed as a hero.

Nowlin, 52, who has been retired since 2012, has spent the last two years coaching football, basketball and baseball at Saint Paul High School. With his investment in multiple athletic programs at the high school, Nowlin makes the trek out to St. Paul almost daily.

"I make that drive all the time," Nowlin said. "It's rare to have something out of the ordinary happen."

But on Nowlin's trip home

from a St. Paul basketball practice, something bizarre did occur. And he was prepared to answer the call to action.

Salem resident Faye Martin, 77, was heading back to Salem

Martin did not see the stop sign as she blew right through the intersection and went off the road.

Martin completely lost control of the vehicle as she

suffering from a fibromyalgia attack by the time the car stopped, the combination meant she couldn't get out of the vehicle on her own. And since the windshield

"I just prayed that someone would find me because I could barely breathe."

For nearly three hours, Martin helplessly sat in her car, trying to get anyone's attention by pressing on her horn.

That action likely saved her life.

Nowlin was driving back to Keizer with his daughter, Rianna — who is a freshman at St. Paul High School — around 6 p.m. when he heard the faint sound of a car horn.

"I could just hear something in the distance," Nowlin said. "I rolled down the window and told my daughter to turn down the music and I could just barely hear the sound of a horn."

"I didn't think anything of it." Please see RESCUE, Page A8

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— Faye Martin

from Cornelius when she came to a one-way stop at a T-intersection where River Road becomes French Prairie Road.

Because it was raining so hard on this particular day,

ran into a large street sign that punctured the side of her window. The car continued wildly into a field before ramming into a tree.

Martin's vehicle was pinned against a tree and she was

was broken, cold rainwater continued to pour on Martin and she began to fear for her safety.

"I couldn't believe that I had gotten myself into this predicament," Martin said.

## Bringing it all together

### Work session focuses on growth

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**  
*Of the Keizertimes*

The current members of the Keizer City Council sitting alongside two incoming councilors got a briefing on recent developments in efforts to expand the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) at a work session Monday, Dec. 10.

The main focus of the night was growth planning. The city is in the process of or recently completed a number of studies aimed at giving councilors the

best information when making a decisions regarding growth.

"It is hard to read the tea leaves, but we are trying to give you good advice regarding what you can expect," said Nate Brown, community development director.

The completed Education Outreach Grant funded a cost-of-growth study that examined the ways Keizer can make inroads in meeting expected housing needs in addition to looking at how other

The oldest home in Keizer was recently torn down to make way for apartments, a sign of the type of growth expected in the city.

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municipalities have expanded their UGBs.

Keizer shares its UGB with Salem — the only two cities in the state in that situation — and expanding Keizer's UGB will likely mean divorcing the two.

"When Keizer was incorporated, we kept the



shared UGB. It was not divided or re-described in any way. Until now, we've had developable land, but we are running out," Brown said.

The report presents a grim picture of UGB expansion with

a high price tag in terms of cash and staff time with unforeseeable outcomes. Of the three cities used for comparisons, one succeeded with relative ease, but development came at

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## Two crazy nights make for happier holidays

Members of the Keizer Network of Women (KNOW), along with friends, family and supporters, turned out in droves to sort food, wrap presents and deliver it all to local families in need last week.

It could only be Giving Basket time.

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, volunteers packed into a storage room and formed a "bucket brigade" to load up boxes with food for holiday meals. Many returned Thursday, Dec. 6, to wrap gifts purchased for local families in need. Finally, everything was

delivered — to families with about 250 kids — the morning of Saturday, Dec. 8.



A: Mandi Stephens of Willamette Valley Bank and daughter Ellie, carry a toiletry box during the delivery loading process. B: Glenna Flesch and Tammy Ready wrap gifts. C: Alicia Self guides volunteers during food sorting. D: Kristine Jacobsen delivers donated food, gifts, and hugs to the Romero family.



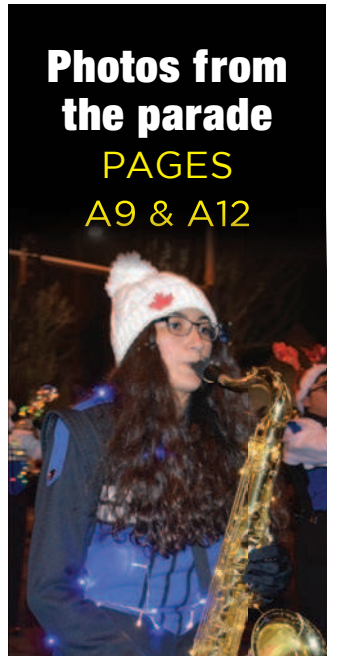
### Lady Celts fall to Westview

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### Weddle students learn the joy of giving

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### Photos from the parade

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### Smith pours in 24 points

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