



DEMOLITION AT MHS

Demolition at McNary High School began on Tuesday, July 23, as construction workers began to tear down the northeast side of the structure by the baseball field.

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KPD seeks for new leads in city's only unsolved murder

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The Keizer Police Department is renewing its call for help in bringing a killer to justice.

Christine "Chrissy" Speten's body was found inside her locked apartment on Valentine's Day 2011. Speten's mother, Sharon, and a friend made the discovery and Speten had already been dead for several days. Speten was 43 at the time of her death and she left behind four children.

Keizertimes featured Speten's murder in 2018. At the time, new leads in the case had largely dried up even though KPD detectives considered it a "dormant" case, not a "cold" one.

Det. Tim Lathrop, who responded to Speten's apartment when her body was discovered, said the case was never a "whodunit," it's a matter of having the evidence to pursue charges against those who committed the crime.



Christine Speten

"There are people who we think know what happened and those people don't want to be truthful or simply don't want to come forward with that information," said Lathrop in 2018. "At the very least we believe there are people who know what happened and, if we had that, it could lead to making an arrest."

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Aidan Fairbairn (right) works on the motherboard of a Wii gaming system while Dylan Juran gives instruction.

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Camp lets teens explore the guts of gaming systems

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Ever since it came to fruition three years ago, the volunteers at Satellite Gaming — a nonprofit organization in connection with Lakepoint Community Church — have been focused creating a positive community for kids that is centered around video games.

Dylan Juran, who is the education director for Satellite Gaming, usually holds weekly

gaming nights or online tournament events for kids to participate in during the summer.

However, Juran wanted to shake things up a little bit this summer.

"Every summer, we have been trying to do different things when students are not in school," Juran said. "This year, we wanted to do something educational."

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Keizer Fire gets special delivery: a box of SCORPIONS

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On Wednesday, July 17, the on-duty personnel at Keizer Fire District (KFD) were greeted with a unique situation when a concerned citizen brought four Pacific Northwest scorpions to the station.

The scorpions were found by a concerned citizen, trapped in a Red Vines Licorice container inside one of the bathrooms at Keizer Rapids Park. Since the container was close to the play structure, the citizen brought the scorpions to KFD for safety reasons.

From there, it was up to Chief Jeff Cowan on how to proceed further.

"We knew we needed to contact Public Safety to figure out what the next steps were," Cowan said. "We didn't want to cut them lose, but we also



Photo submitted by Keizer Fire District

Scorpions found in Keizer Rapids Park were brought to Keizer Fire District on Wednesday, July 17.

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