

A cut above Keizer teen has future under wraps

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As a football player and wrestler, Anthony Garcia-Reyes has always loved competition.

But when it came to competing in something he's incredibly passionate about, Garcia-Reyes wasn't in the athletic arena.

Garcia-Reyes, who will be a senior at McNary this fall, has developed a passion for barbering over the last few years, and on June 27, he took second place in barbering at the SkillsUSA Workforce Development competition in Louisville, Ky.

"When we got to the arena and they called my name as the secondary champion, it was the best feeling ever. And everyone was going nuts that came from Oregon because I was the only one to even place in one of the categories," Garcia-Reyes said.

Garcia-Reyes first got into cutting hair as a freshman in high school, with his uncle as an influence.

"I thought this could be a money-saving thing in the future if I learned how to cut my hair and my kid's hair," Garcia-Reyes said. "I started cutting my uncle's and brother's hair. It wasn't very good

at first, so I would start simple and then work my way up and try new things."

The more he worked at his craft, the more he began to enjoy and pursue it.

"I was doing it so much that I started to like it. So I started to look more into it," Garcia-Reyes said.

Garcia-Reyes started going to Jarvis Fades barbershop in downtown Salem to watch and learn. He also assisted in cleaning as well.

"He just started showing up," said Javier Martinez, owner of Jarvis Fades. "He came and watched and helped cleaned up, so I just decided to offer him a job."

Garcia-Reyes started working at Jarvis Fades as receptionist. He got a chance to practice on certain barbers, who would give him helpful tips.

But as his passion for barbering was continuing to flourish, his interest in school was barely existent.

During his sophomore year, Garcia-Reyes struggled with keeping his grades up and didn't view his schooling as important. He even admitted that he was thinking about dropping out.

However, when Garcia-Reyes found out that

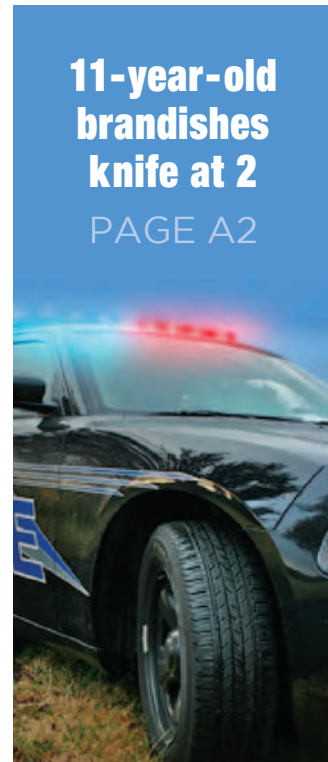
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Submitted Anthony Garcia-Reyes styles the beard of a mannequin at the national SkillsUSA Workforce Development competition. Check out the results of his barbering skills on the jump page.



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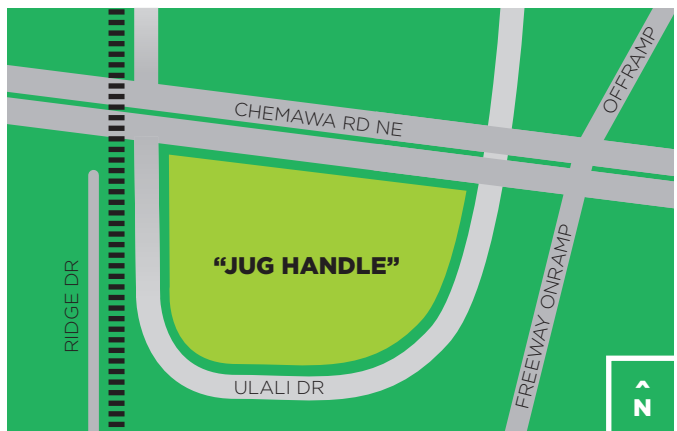


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New uses approved for K.S. 'jug handle'



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The Keizer City Council approved new uses for the Keizer Station "jug handle."

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A new fast food restaurant, vehicle accessory shop, gas station and quick lube may all be headed to Area D of Keizer Station in the near future.

The Keizer City Council approved changes to the allowed uses in the Keizer Station "jug handle" at its meeting Monday, Aug. 6. The jug handle is the southern loop of Ulali Drive under Chemawa Road Northeast that allows drivers to head east on Chemawa toward Interstate 5. The green space

between Chemawa and Ulali is the property in question.

The changes added permitted uses including tire, battery and accessory dealers, retail auto parts, automobile air conditioning services, car washes, lubricating services and several others.

Alan Roodhouse, president of RPS Development Company, and Stacia Hernandez, chief of staff for the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde both spoke on the requested changes.

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SHOOTING RANGE SETTLEMENT: Only shotguns allowed

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A settlement reached between the City of Keizer, a Keizer couple and the owner of a Polk County quarry used, in part, as a shooting range was approved by the Keizer City Council at its meeting Monday, Aug. 5.

Attorneys for all parties were still waiting for the owner of the quarry, Lance Davis, to sign the agreement, but the move by the council puts the ball in his court. If Davis signs the agreement, only shotgun firing will be permitted in the quarry.

"This is a tremendous victory for the City of Keizer and its residents," wrote City Attorney Shannon Johnson in a staff report on the settlement.

West Keizer residents have long dealt with noise from the range across the river, but the situation came to a head in 2017-18. In September 2017, visitors to Sunset Park along the Willamette River ended up fleeing the park as a stream of bullets flew into the trees overhead. Neighbors also fled their homes at the sound of a different type of gun than they'd gotten used to.

Police officers confronted a group using the shooting range and led officers to a car

with an AR-15 inside, but no one confessed to using it. Officers could not prove the AR-15 had been fired or who had done so, but they suspect someone was using it to shoot at clay targets tossed into the air.

In June 2018, Keizer police responded to a home in the 1300 block of Raphael Street North when a bullet, believed to have been fired from the recreational shooting range,

penetrated the home's exterior wall and collided with a granite backsplash.

The home belonged to Keizerites Tom and Sheryl Bauer. The Bauers sued Davis for \$2.7 million, but also sought a permanent halt — through a court-issued injunction — to shooting on his property. The City of Keizer joined the component of the lawsuit seeking the injunction.

Davis had sought to have the claims dismissed based on venue and jurisdiction disputes, but those efforts failed and led to a mediation session between all parties last week.

The agreement reached through mediation allows only shotguns to be fired on the property. One of the key differences between shotguns and other long guns is

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City attorney

City setting sails at The Big Toy

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Sections of The Big Toy in Keizer Rapids Park will soon be a little bit cooler when temperatures rise.

The Keizer City Council approved a contract to install five shade sails over sections of play structure in September. The sails, a regular feature around play structures in hotter climates, will provide relief from the sun on hot days.

The sails will not cover the entire play structure, but Public Works Director Bill Lawyer said he consulted with Wyckham LLC, the only bidder,

to determine which areas had the highest traffic.

"Our top priority was Tot Lot, but we also wanted to provide some shade where parents gather," Lawyer said.

The project, set to begin shortly after Labor Day, comes with a hefty price tag: \$209,480. The bulk of the cost is installing support columns.

"The columns are powder-coated steel three feet in diameter and have to be planted 12 feet deep to sustain the wind load," Lawyer told the council.

The bulk of the cost will be paid out of fees added to

utility bills for parks services, but a donation of \$25,500 from the Keizer Parks Foundation is offsetting a portion of the project. The foundation raised the funds in 2017 with an event at Keizer Rapids Parks focused around the total solar eclipse that passed right over Keizer.

Lawyer said the parks department plans to take the sails down in the winter months to lengthen their lives, but they will be relatively cheap to replace when they reach the end of their life. According to manufacturer websites, the av-

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Stock photo Shade sails similar to the ones above will be installed around select areas of The Big Toy next month.



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