

Second Keizer woman joins race for Congress



Angela Roman

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Keizerite Angela Roman never had any intention of getting involved with politics, but an invitation to a 9/11 memorial convoy led to her run for the Republican nomination in the race for the 5th District congressional seat.

"After the convoy, we were standing around talking wearing our 3-percenter shirts and a woman came up and we talked about the types of activities we participate in, particularly the work we do for veterans," Roman said. "The woman started telling us about her brother."

The brother, a veteran, was confined to a wheelchair that had fallen into such disrepair that he was embarrassed to leave his home in it.

"The next day I was making calls and Googling and I came across the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America. I got in touch with them and in a couple of days they had two wheelchairs to choose from and we delivered one to the woman's brother," Roman said.

So far, Roman's opponents for the Republican nomination include another Keizerite, former city councilor Amy Ryan Courser and Joey Nations, a Salem resident.

Roman said what sets her apart from the others in the race is legislative experience. The single mother of three is currently operating a home-based business, Patriette Decal & Decor, but she is a former legislative aide to Oregon state Rep. Mike Nearman of Independence. As an aide, she help Nearman pour over proposed legislation to find loopholes that needed to be closed and determine the appropriate questions to ask when bills hit the floor.

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IN-N-OUT



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Anything, everything, maybe even nothing

Here's what we know: In-N-Out at Keizer Station will be opening soon. Beyond that, all bets are off.

Expect the fan-favorite burger chain to announce the location's official opening about 48 hours before the day it happens, at least that's what has happened elsewhere.

Expect there to be people "camping" in the vicinity of the building at some point shortly after the announcement is made.

Expect there to be long waits for your first, or next, double-double animal style. When the chain opened its Medford location - Oregon's first In-N-Out - there were projected waits of up to four hours. It didn't matter

whether one was in line at the counter or drive-thru.

Expect there to be increased traffic. There are no forecasts for how much additional traffic might arrive in Keizer, but there are at least four viable Interstate 5 exits that drivers could use to access Keizer Station. All but Exit 260 could lead drivers through Keizer on their way to In-N-Out. News of In-N-Out coming to Keizer has been covered all over the state and as far north as Seattle. As soon as the doors open, the Keizer location becomes the closest In-N-Out to Portland, Bend, Seattle, most of the Oregon coast and every other town with California transplants in-between.

Expect the traffic impacts to last

for weeks, especially as the holiday shopping season unfurls and all those trips to the Woodburn Factory Stores begin to include side trips to In-N-Out. The city manager in Medford said it was more than a couple of weeks before things settled down.

Or, maybe, just maybe, expect all this prognostication will turn into a big, fat "nothing burger." When a second Oregon In-N-Out opened in Grants Pass - 40 minutes north of Medford in 2017 - plans were made for apocalyptic traffic impacts and everything was smooth sailing prompting the editor of the Grants Pass *Daily Courier* to call for

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GoFundMe started for boy in bike accident

A GoFundMe account has been established to help with the medical bills of the 7-year-old boy struck while riding his bike in a crosswalk on River Road North.



Kai-Orn Ellertson was hit by a SUV while crossing River Road at Sam Orcutt Way Northeast on Oct. 29. He remains in critical condition at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland.

The driver of the vehicle, a 30-year-old Keizer resident, remained on the scene and

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ABOVE: A photo from a drone of a crash scene involving a 7-year-old boy on a bike. LEFT: A recent photo of Cummings Elementary School student Kai-Orn Ellertson.

Cause of McNary Oaks home fire still unknown

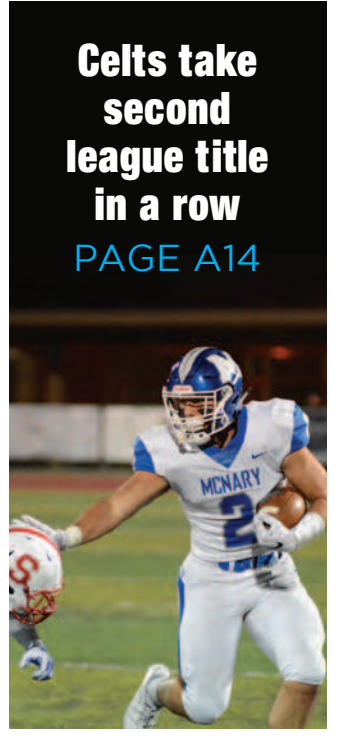
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The cause of a fire that destroyed the property manager's home at McNary Oaks Mobile Villa Oct. 30 is not yet known, but the fire had rippling effects throughout the manufactured home park on River Road North.

Electricity in some parts of the park and water throughout the park was shut off more than 24 hours.

Most of the electricity had been restored by the following morning, but residents didn't report water service restoration until the early

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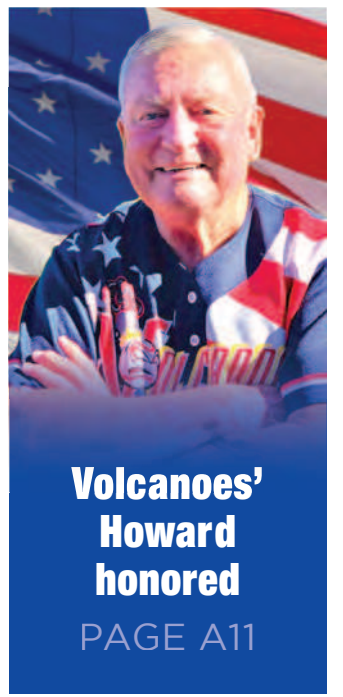
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