

Officer's cancer battle takes turn for worse

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A Keizer police officer's battle with esophageal cancer is only getting harder.

Officer Dan Carroll, a 14-year veteran of the Keizer Police Department (KPD), was initially diagnosed in May 2019, but a series of escalating headaches sent him back to Salem Hospital in December. Tests found that the cancer had entered his spinal fluid, said Windie Carroll, Dan's wife.



Ofc. Carroll

Windie updated supporters on a GoFundMe page Saturday, Feb. 1.

"The doctors have no options to help him any longer here in Salem, but they did research on a cancer center in Seattle that does proton therapy which possibly could help," Windie wrote.

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It's not just you



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Lane stripes are hard to see

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Anyone who has driven through Keizer at night in recent months, especially on River Road North, might have had some trouble determining whether they are maintaining the proper lane.

Here's the good news: Your eyes aren't failing you.

The bad news? It might be a while before it's fixed.

"It's true that the lines are difficult to see at times, especially if it's wet," said City Manager Chris Eppley during a

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— Chris Eppley,
City Manager

Keizer City Council meeting Monday, Feb. 3. "We're working on it, but it's going to be a while. Drive carefully until then."

Marion County's striping vehicle is offline for a major overhaul. Marion County supplies striping services to Keizer. Mayor Cathy Clark said she had heard from residents with similar complaints on Lockhaven Drive and Chemawa Road.

As of Monday's meeting, there were still questions regarding what exactly had gone wrong. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer said his own son was the first to bring it to his attention.

"I called the county to ask if anything had changed in the way they

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Man found dead of gunshot wound in Keizer Station



Crew members from the Keizer Fire District clean up after an investigation in the parking lot of the Keizer Station Starbucks.

A man was found dead of a gunshot wound inside a mangled van in the parking lot of the Starbucks in Keizer Station Monday, Feb. 3.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Keizer police officers were dispatched to a parking lot in the area of 2555 Jorie Lane N.E. to a report of a motor vehicle crash.

Officers discovered a deceased adult male alone at the location inside the crashed car, which was pulled up over a small island in the parking lot. The beige Chrysler van was removed from the scene early Tuesday morning. Investigators found

the death suspicious and not consistent with the evidence at the scene.

The man was identified late Tuesday evening as 21-year-old Oscar Martinez of Salem. An autopsy performed by the Oregon State Medical Examiner's Office revealed he died of a gunshot wound.

Keizer police detectives are continuing to investigate the incident but do not believe there is any risk to the public.

Anyone who witnessed this incident is asked to contact Det. Arsen Avetisyan at 503-390-3713.

MCFD1 moves levy to ballot

For the sixth year in a row, call volumes have increased for Marion County Fire District #1. The agency responded to 8,026 calls for help in 2019, a 5.6 percent increase from 2018.

Overall, call volumes have increased an average of 5.2 percent per year since 2016. Overlapping calls for help account for 55 percent of these calls, and Fire Chief Kyle McMann said that the agency needs help.

The additional cost would be \$4.67 per month (or \$56 per year) for the owner of a home assessed at \$200,000. The funding request will be on voter ballots during the May 19 primary election.

"We simply don't have

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'I look at it as I get to say yes' Ready honored for care as volunteer

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If you're at event that has anything to do with McNary High School, it's likely that Tammy Ready will also be in attendance.

Whether it's working countless hours at a concession stand during a McNary sporting event with her husband, Dave, speaking at the school's College and Career Center or being present during a new production at Ken Collins Theater, Ready loves being there for kids.

"We just love supporting kids. We loving seeing the people we know and the people's kids we know succeed, fail, learn and grow. There's nothing better than that," Ready said.

It's because of that mindset, as well as a multitude of other reasons, that Ready was the

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Tammy Ready, second from right, was presented with a clock for her service at the Keizer First Citizen banquet in January.

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