

## Bowling alley changes hands after 53 years

By **MATT RAWLINGS**  
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In 2009, Don Lebold's wife, Ann, approached her husband to talk about potentially selling Town & Country Lanes and retiring.

But there wasn't much of a conversation. "He wouldn't even talk about it. That was a moot subject," Ann Lebold said.

It's easy to see why Don, who is now 81, was reluctant to sell the place where he spent most of his life. He started working at Town & Country in 1962 and

has owned the Keizer bowling alley since 1967. It's also the spot where he



first met Ann — who became more involved with the business in 1991.

But on Friday, Feb. 7, Don Lebold officially let go of the place he has run for more than 50 years.

Valor Mentoring, a non-profit organization in Salem, will be taking over operations at Town & Country Lanes. There will be a groundbreaking celebration at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

While Don was far from eager to retire, he has made peace with the decision — and he is especially glad that Town & Country will remain a bowling alley.



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Valor Mentoring President Tim Davis with Ann and Don Lebold. Valor Mentoring took ownership of Town & Country last week.

"The main thing that I am very pleased about is what it is going to be when I leave. We could have sold this a couple years ago and it would have been a car lot. But we want this to stay a bowling lane.

We have always been people-oriented and kid-oriented," Don Lebold said. "We wanted it to continue reaching out to kids, and they want to continue Please see BOWLING, Page A8

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## KPD officer loses cancer battle

OFFICER DAN CARROLL 1976 - 2020



By **ERIC A. HOWALD**  
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Keizer Police Officer Dan Carroll, 43, passed away after an intense battle with cancer Friday, Feb. 6.

Carroll, a 14-year veteran of the Keizer Police Department (KPD), was initially diagnosed in May 2019, but the esophageal cancer he was diagnosed with rapidly spread to other areas of his body.

A series of headaches in December led to hospitalization and the discovery of cancer cells in his spinal fluid. After the initial diagnosis, further treatment discovered cancerous tissue in his shoulder, spine, hips, liver and stomach. Intensive chemotherapy and radiation

treatment followed.

"Over the months, he fought hard, with remarkable, but not unexpected determination as he underwent numerous treatments. Dan battled his illness as he lived his life,

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— KPD officials

courageously," said Keizer police officials in announcing Carroll's death on Facebook.

Prior to joining the Keizer Police Department in 2005, Carroll worked as a reserve officer in Talent, Ore., and Phoenix, Ore., then as a full-

time officer for Seaside Police Department.

"We will never forget Dan—his infectious laugh, friendship, work ethic, commitment to our profession, and the ability to always be trusted to do the right thing," police officials said.

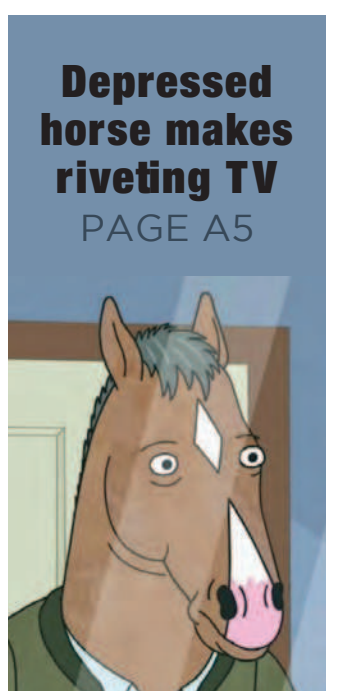
A funeral procession for Carroll will take place Tuesday, Feb. 18, beginning at 11 a.m. and travel from Volcanoes Stadium to Salem Evangelical Church.

The route will take Keizer Station Boulevard to Lockhaven Drive Northeast, west to River Road North and then south to Broadway Street Northeast to the church at 455 Locust Street N.E.

A public memorial service is slated to begin at 1 p.m.



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## Thatcher to run for Secretary of State

By **ERIC A. HOWALD**  
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State senator and Keizer resident Kim Thatcher will run to be Oregon's next secretary of state. She announced the campaign at a rally for timber workers Thursday, Feb. 6.

Thatcher was first elected to represent Oregon House District 25 in 2004. She served five terms in the House and then successfully ran to replace the retiring Republican in State Senate Seat 13 in 2014. She said the secretary of state office was the most logical next step.

"It was simply because that has been where most of my legislative service has been spent, doing things that are related to work of the secretary of state," Thatcher said.

Aside from being the first in line to succeed a sitting governor, the nonpartisan secretary of state's office maintains the state archives, oversees state agency compliance, handles business filings related to company law and has administrative and oversight duties pertaining to elections.

Government transparency and advocacy for small business. Thatcher owns KT Contracting Company which specializes in traffic control construction projects from signage to barriers.

She said she would advocate for change in a few areas if elected to the secretary of state office in November.

"Many of the agencies have studies — demonstrating how they could perform better and save money — sitting on shelves gathering dust," Thatcher said. "I would like to see those

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Linda Cashin performs during dress rehearsal.

## Keizer Homegrown Theatre premieres new show

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If *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* has a superfan, it might very well be the director of Keizer Homegrown Theatre's latest production: Leigh Matthews Bock. It's her fifth time directing the scripted reading.

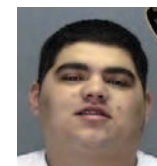
"It means getting to work with the coolest women ever, for one," said Matthews Bock. "But it's

also because these stories are so personal and so universal all at once. It's a great girls' night out, but men love the show because it helps them understand women — that we are complicated creatures. The guys realize their wife and mothers are all crazy in this love-hate relationship we have with our clothing. It also gives

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## 2 held on drug charges may have homicide connection

Police have in custody two men who may be connected to the death by gunshot of a victim found in the parking lot of the Starbucks in Keizer Station.



Armando Gonzalez

The *Statesman Journal* reported that two 21-year-olds arrested by the Keizer Police Department Tuesday, Feb. 4, might end up being charged in connection with the suspected homicide. However, police and district attorney's office officials are not confirming the details of that story.

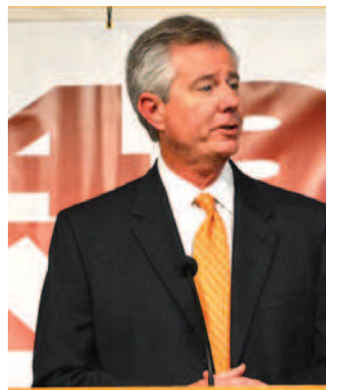


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At approximately 8:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3, Keizer police officers were dispatched to a parking lot in the area of 2555 Jorie Lane N.E. to a report of a motor vehicle crash into a tree. The driver was reportedly unconscious and not breathing. Someone at the scene began attempted CPR.

Upon arriving at the scene, police officers discovered the beige Chrysler van collided with parked cars before coming to a stop near a small island in

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