

Parade takes center stage at KeizerFEST



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The Valley Credit Service KeizerFest parade will be hitting the streets on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 10:30 a.m.

The parade will travel south on River Road from Lockhaven to Glynbrook St. — the parade will disband after Burger King at Glynbrook.

All floats and groups gather in northern Keizer with their best outfits, themed trailers and vehicles to march or stroll down River Road.

The theme to this years parade is Dancin' in the Streets and the 2021 Iris is named Bitty Beauty.

Staging begins at 7:30 a.m. and River

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MAN CHARGED PEDESTRIAN KILLED IS IDENTIFIED FOR RAMPAGE

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On Thursday, July 29, police process evidence at the scene of shooting between the driver of a stolen vehicle and Keizer police officers. Photo by LYNDON ZAITZ of Keizertimes

A 47-year-old Silverton man is accused of killing a pedestrian in Keizer on Wednesday, July 28 as he fled police in a stolen Nissan Xterra in an indictment issued on Friday, July 30.

Sean K. Beck also is accused of attempted murder of Keizer police officers in an episode that started in Keizer Wednesday evening and ended with a gunfight in the parking lot of Home Depot in northeast Salem.

The Oregon State Police on Saturday identified the pedestrian on Saturday as Becky Dietzel, 64, of Salem.

She was struck and killed in the 4400 block of North River Road in Keizer after police contacted two men in a stolen vehicle several blocks north in the parking area of VCA Keizer Veterinary Hospital.

"I think it's important to pause and observe that the greatest tragedy in this incident, by far,



SEAN K. BECK, Suspect

is the death of Ms. Dietzel. Due to the investigation, I am not at liberty to expound upon her circumstances or their grief," said Keizer Police Chief John Teague.

Kenny Blount, a witness who saw Dietzel get struck by the vehicle, said that she was

in the crosswalk at the intersection of Cummings and River Rd. while the light was red for through traffic.

"That car just plowed that poor woman. I pulled over to the side and got my military first-aid kit. But by the time I got within three feet of her, she was already gone," Blount said.

According to an earlier police statement, Beck fired at police before driving off. The second man, not yet identified, stayed at the scene and cooperated with police.

Witness video showed police

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— **KENNY BLOUNT**, Witness

blockading a vehicle at the Home Depot on Northeast Cherry Avenue and the sounds of gunfire could be heard. Police later said Beck surrendered and was taken to Salem Health Hospital for treatment of several gunshot wounds.

"The first thing I heard was pop, pop, pop, pop. You could tell it was coming from the north end of River Road," said witness Rachel Washburn. "I looked out my window, didn't see anything. Then there's more pop pop pop ... And then all

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