

2021: Top stories of the year

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Man charged for rampage through Keizer; pedestrian killed

On Wednesday, July 28, at approximately 8:40 p.m., Keizer Police Department Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle call behind a business at the corner of River Rd. and Dearborn Rd.

Upon arriving at the scene, officers confirmed that the suspicious vehicle had been reported stolen earlier that day. Additionally, the officers were able to observe that a man standing next to the vehicle, later identified as Sean Beck, had a gun on his left hip.

As police approached the vehicle Beck got into the driver's seat. He failed to comply with commands and began shooting at the officers, who returned fire. Beck then drove away from the scene, going south on River Road, while police pursued him.

During the pursuit, Becky Dietzel, was struck and killed as she attempted to walk across River Road at the intersection

of River Road and Cummings. Beck continued driving until Salem police were able to use a tactical maneuver to stop the vehicle near Home Depot on Cherry Avenue.

At that location police fired a single shot and, after a standoff, Beck eventually surrendered and was transported to Salem Hospital due to multiple gunshot wounds. No police officers were injured during the extended confrontation with Beck.

A Marion County Grand Jury unanimously found that Keizer police officers Jeremy Darst, Scott Keniston, Chad Fahey, Cody Stupfel, Michael Kowash and Sergeant Kevin DeMarco were justified in their use of deadly force against Beck on July 28.

The same grand jury indicted Beck for:

- Attempted Aggravated Murder with a Firearm (two counts)
- Manslaughter in the First Degree

- Unlawful Use of a Weapon with a Firearm (five counts)
- Theft in the First Degree (three counts)
- Felon in Possession of a Firearm (three counts)

- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle
- Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver
- Attempt to Elude a Police Officer
- DUII



'Every time we find a home they kick us out': The story of a sweep at an Indian School Road camp

Less than a half-mile east of Keizer Station, on the outskirts of Salem, sat a homeless camp. The camp, located along Indian School Road, was one of eight homeless camps dispersed by the Oregon Department of Education (ODOT) from Nov. 2 to Nov. 17. ODOT calls these sweeps of camps "site restorations."

At 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, residents at the camp were told that they had until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16 to vacate the premises and find a new place to live. In the hours before tow trucks were set to begin removing vehicles, campers scrambled to pack their belongings and

get their cars and RVs started.

"We just need more time. We will move, we just need more time. I can't lose my RV," said one female camper at the time.

"It seems like every time we find a home they want to kick us out," said Tim, a man staying at the camp.

By Monday, Nov. 22, the area where the Indian School Camp once sat was now completely "restored." About a half-mile north of where the camp used to be located, 18 cars and RVs sat parked along Indian School Road. Many of them were the same ones who had been scrambling to find a new place to live just a week before.

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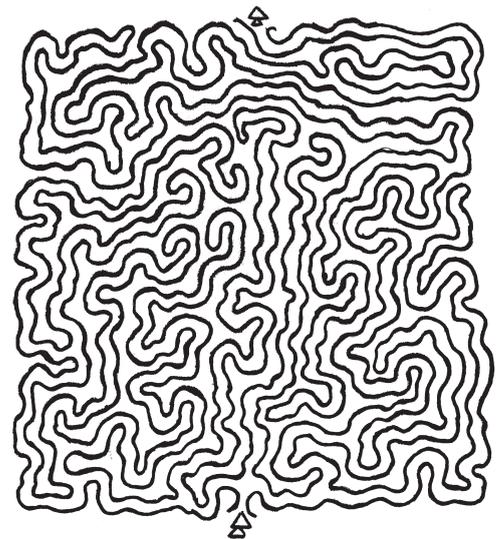
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