

motivated to become a volunteer firefighter with Keizer Fire District.

He has also led numerous volunteer efforts at local churches and schools over the years, along with being involved in disaster relief efforts with the American Red Cross.

"The reason why I volunteer is primarily because I am really bad at golf. So when I became an empty-nester and realized I had some free time, it was either spend a lot of money on golf lessons, or find something useful to do in the community," Fuller said with a smile. "I am a lobbyist. I talk for a living, so it's rare for me to be speechless, but I find myself speechless."

"Darrell is always that volunteer where if I make an email or a text, he's there," Keizer Chamber President Bob Shackelford added.

The Future First Citizen honor was presented in memory of former mayor and Keizer stalwart Dennis Koho, who passed away in 2019.

The recipient of the award, Logan Ready, son of Tammy Ready will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Koho family. Ready, a senior at McNary, plans to play football and baseball at Pacific Lutheran University and study business.

Along with playing football and baseball for McNary, Ready is a part of National Honor Society and has volunteered with Marion Polk Food Share and as a referee for local youth sporting events.

The two other candidates, McNary seniors Miranda Coleman and Quinn Bach, each received a \$500 scholarship.



TOP: Service to Education winner Danielle Bethell with her husband, Nathan, and her daughters, Natalie (left) and Raegan (right). BOTTOM: Future First Citizen recipient Logan Ready (left) with McNary Principal Erik Jespersen. Photos by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

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five-year probation for an incident that had led to the death of his brother.

According to a Keizer police probable cause statement, Keizer police, fire and medics arrived at a home at 5695 Trail Avenue at approximately 7:40 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22. A caller who had reported the incident said that a gray Dodge pick-up truck had driven through the side of the house.

A witness later told officers that Modine had been stopped at a traffic light at Lockhaven Drive North and River Road North for three full cycles before the truck "took off rapidly." The truck, according to the witness, swerved over a curb and sidewalk before disappearing over a hill.

Following this, Modine's truck is alleged to have "struck and sheared off a power pole," located at the corner of Lockhaven Drive and Trail Avenue Northeast before veering into the side of the house.

Keizer Police Officer Jorge Miranda reported upon arrival that the vehicle was still in gear and Modine was revving the engine "in what appeared to be an attempt to drive further into the house." A neighbor, according to Miranda, said that there were two residents inside the room the vehicle was in.

In a statement following the incident, the neighbor reported that when she initially approached the crash, the driver

was "singing, and headbanging with his music blaring."

Miranda wrote that once the vehicle was off, officers smelt an "overwhelming odor of alcohol." A blood draw done later at Salem Hospital showed that Modine had a blood alcohol content of 0.24, three times the legal limit, according to the probable cause statement.

Firefighters were able to extract George Heitz, one of the residents of the house, and transport him to Salem Hospital, according to Miranda's report. Miranda wrote that he later learned that Heitz was paralyzed from the waist down from injuries sustained from the crash. Moira Hughes, the second resident in the house, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Modine has since been charged with first-degree manslaughter, second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, reckless driving, driving under the influence of intoxicants, driving while criminally suspended, second-degree criminal mischief and a probation violation.

At the time of the crash, Modine was on probation for a previous DUII and his license was suspended. Modine has three previous DUII convictions.

In July of 2016, the Keizer Police Department arrested Modine in Bend after a 10-month investigation stemming from the death of his brother, Thomas Modine. According to a press release from Keizer police at the time, Thomas had been found unconscious in the middle of Venture Avenue North in Keizer on Sept. 5, 2015.

An ensuing investigation revealed that Andrew and Thomas had been driving to Thomas's house in a 1950 Chevrolet pickup when Thomas, who was in the

passenger seat, fell out of the car during a turn. Andrew continued driving and police later found Thomas lying unconscious in the road with "serious injuries." Thomas later died from the injuries sustained in the incident.

Andrew Modine was later charged with criminally negligent homicide, failure to perform duties of driver to injured persons and driving under the influence of intoxicants. Modine entered a guilty plea and the criminally negligent homicide charge was dropped. In April of 2017, he was sentenced to five years probation and his license was suspended until April 19, 2022.

Modine, whose probation stipulated that any violations could lead to 40 months in jail, admitted a little over a year later to a probation officer that he had smoked marijuana and drank alcohol at a family event. A judge ordered Modine to pay a \$25 probation violation fee and put him on a zero tolerance probation. He served no time.

Modine is now being lodged at Marion County Correctional Facility and was denied bail. He has an arraignment hearing on Jan. 31.

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### Ray Hansen

#### Where and how do you volunteer?

"Currently, I'm chairman of the Keizer Heritage Museum Board and board member of the Keizer Cultural Center. Past volunteer activities have included coaching Keizer youth baseball, soccer and basketball, chairman of the City of Keizer Planning Commission, Coordinator of EVAK (Emergency Volunteers Assisting Keizer) and chairman of the NW Vintage Car and Motorcycle Museum Education Committee."

#### What makes you volunteer?

"I volunteer because I feel if you live in a community, you should be willing to help make that area a better place to live and help where you feel you can do some good. The Keizer Cultural Center that includes the museum, a theater, the art gallery and the library offers a great way to make Keizer a better community and preserve a major part of Keizer's history - the old Keizer Elementary School."

#### What does volunteering do for you?

"Volunteering is very rewarding - whether it is working with kids, adults or community needs. Involvement keeps you active."

#### How would you get others to volunteer in their community?

"People need to become aware of the needs to preserve and enhance their community. We need to reach out to schools, organizations, individuals and clubs to encourage volunteerism. There is certainly a need for their involvement."

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