

Food 4 Thought

"All modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called Huckleberry Finn."

— Ernest Hemingway an accountant.

The Month Ahead

Through Saturday, May 2

The Country Wife paints a frank picture of rakish hero who goes to any length to engage in scandalous liaisons with the wives of courtly colleagues. Willamette University, 900 State Street, go to willamette.edu/cla/theater for tickets information. For more information email tht-tix@willamette.edu or (503)370-6221.

Through Saturday, May 9

All My Sons by Arthur Miller, at Pentacle Theatre through Saturday, May 9. For tickets and schedule visit pentacletheatre.

Friday, April 24

Mid-Valley Literacy Center's Spotlight on Literacy fundraiser at the Kroc Center, 1865 Bill Frey Drive. Tickets \$40. Call 503-463-1488. 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci starts at 9:55 a.m. at Regal Santiam Stadium 11, 365 Lancaster Drive SE. Directed by Sir David McVicar. Tickets are available at the door, \$22 for seniors and \$26 for general. (503) 983-6030.

Saturday, April 25 – Sunday, April 26

28th annual Oregon Ag Fest, Oregon State Fairgrounds. Large variety of activities and displays. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9. Free parking. For complete schedule visit oragfest.com.

Monday, April 27

Keizer Young Life Taste of Keizer fundraiser. Dinner and oral auction. Tickets: \$25 or \$200 to host a table. Purchase at www. keizer.younglife.org.

Tuesday, April 28

Keizer Public Arts Commission, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Free admission day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street.

Saturday, May 2

Fabric Fair, Salem Scottish Rite Center, 4090 Commercial St. S.E. Noon to 4 p.m. Large variety of fabric and notions for sale to benefit charities. 503-409-2543. facebook.com/fabricfair.

Artists' reception, Keizer Art Association, in connection with May exhibit, Celebration of Flowers, 2-4 p.m. Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. N.E. Show at Enid Joy Mount Gallery runs through May 30. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. keizerarts.com.

Free Comic Book Day at Tony's Kingdom of Comics, 5420 River Road N, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 3.

Sunday, May 3

Lemonade Day in Keizer and Salem. Hundreds of stands created by kids throughout the region will sell lemonade made from their own recipes. Teaches children about entrepreneurship.

Monday, May 4

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, May 5

Keizer Budget Committee meeting, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Community Build Task Force meeting, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, May 7

Keizer Budget Committee meeting, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Saturday, May 9

Moonlight Masquerade, St. Edward Catholic Church's 10th annual auction/dinner. 6 p.m. \$25 tickets include dinner and one drink. Masks are encouraged. For tickets visit sainteds. weshareonline.org.

Keizer Art Association presents its annual fundraiser, The Mad Hatter Tea Party, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Road N.E. Tea, light luncheon, tea hat contest and more. Tickets are \$20, \$200 for table of eight, available from any KAA board member. For more information visit keizerarts.com.

Candidates spar for a sparse crowd

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

No matter audience size, candidates take advantage of candidate forums.

Such was the case April 16 as eight candidates for various races came to the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting. The number of candidates dwarfed the audience size.

Richard Stevenson and Colleen Busch are competing for the Salem-Keizer Transit Board subdistrict No. 2 seat currently held by Brad Coy.

Incumbent Chuck Lee and challenger Tim Moles, running for the Salem-Keizer School Board Zone 6 seat, met. Betty Hart and Jim Taylor, running for Keizer Fire District Position 5, were both present as were Chet Patterson and James Mulhern, who are competing for Position 3 on the KFD board.

Mulhern has been with the Marion County Fire District for 21 years.

"I'm running because I saw the disconnect with the MCFD and the KFD," Mulhern said. "I was there when we shared personnel, co-existed and worked together to keep the community safe. Since then problems have arose and lines were drawn. This year we have a new (MCFD) chief, a couple of new board members and an opportunity to come together for the citizens and save money."

Patterson has been involved with the KFD since retiring as

"I have 25 years of strategic planning and financial planning," Patterson said. "Getting involved goes back to my first

time in the city council and then again in the 1990s. I was on the citizens advisory committee (for the KFD). I helped put together plans for the levy election that passed last year.

"The most critical thing is what to do with fire equipment," he added. "They are an aging fleet that needs a lot of attention. There's a tremendous amount of work for the next board members to take care of the needs. My financial background brings a lot to the board. We have mutual aid agreements with MCFD. I think the relationship is working, but maybe there is work to be done."

Betty Hart's husband was on the KFD board for years until health issues led him to retire.

"I helped hire the fire chief," Hart said of KFD chief Jeff Cowan. "I have a background in management. I have good background and experience in listening to people and getting collaborative efforts."

Taylor pointed to his 12 years on the Keizer City Council and would like to see a change.

"We work better with the Marion County Fire District now, but it was a root canal," Taylor said of the battle between the two districts several years ago."We got MCFD more involved in the city. I would like to see the Keizer Fire District get along better with Marion County. There's still some stuff on our end that needs to stop."

Lee is running for a third school board term.

"I love to represent Keizer," Lee said. "For eight years we've done some great things. Graduation rates have improved, test

scores have improved yet we still cut \$140 million out of the budget. We laid off 500 teachers, yet we have more kids now. We have the second largest school district in the state, with 60 percent of our kids in poverty. This is the year we're being mandated to start full-day kindergarten."

Moles gave kudos to Lee for the work he's doing to start the new Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) this fall.

"I believe that the community provides their treasure and their blood to the schools, to return them tenfold," Moles said. "That has not been met. That gap can be filled by teaching basic principles of how to get a job. When I taught high school auto shop, I taught them how to get jobs. Kids today can't walk and chew gum at the same time. Our state's last in education. There's nothing to be proud of for any of us."

Busch noted her husband, Bob, has been a volunteer with the KFD for 25 years.

"I bring listening and problem solving skills," Busch said. "I see transit in our area as being important to bring people to businesses and events and schools. The transit district is working on Moving Forward phase 2 with weekend and evening service coming back and asking how we want to pay for it, property tax or payroll tax. I'm in favor of a property tax."

Stevenson previously did public service in New Jersey.

"I got involved after the cutting of the Saturday service," Stevenson said. "That piqued my interest, plus the Courthouse Square mess. It's my business to study. I was appointed to an advisory committee in 2012 with the sole purpose of bringing back Saturday service. I think it's doable. The payroll tax is the way to go. It's more equitable and a lower tax rate per person. If you do the property levy, five years from now you'll have to ask again. A payroll tax is permanent, so you'll never have to worry about it not being there again."

Hart noted following an ambulance one day and seeing smoke come out of it.

"All of the equipment is aging," she said. "Some of the newest equipment is 10 years old. There is a plan for bringing new equipment online. You have to replace the most critical pieces first. They have done a good job with that."

Patterson noted there's a 20year plan to replace equipment.

"You can't do it all on Day 1," he said. "At least one aid car will start at the KFD office, but can't get started again on the site (of an incident). There's a great plan in place."

Taylor disagrees with firefighters going to medical calls.

"Why take the expensive equipment?" he asked. "Get an SUV so you leave someone at the station. The trucks are \$500,000; there's no reason to put the extra miles on them."

Mulhern said now is a great time to get new equipment.

"It's good to have a plan with scheduled apparatus replacement," he said. "Now is a good time to do the bond levy. Keizer has a good format with what

Regulations for vet clinics clarified

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

Veterinarian regulations in Keizer have been clarified.

Members of the Keizer Planning Commission approved the revised regulations during their April 8 meeting. The regulations are being sent to the Keizer City Council for final

After an hour of discussion in addition to time spent on the issue in February – commissioners unanimously adopted the following wording for veterinarians: "All operations shall be conducted within completely enclosed and soundproof buildings and any overnight stays be limited to short-term care that is incidental to the practice of veterinary medicine."

Commissioners also decided a subsection B to city code 2.414 (Veterinary Services) be left alone, while a proposed new subsection C was cut, with most of that wording being added to the first subsection. Outside runs can only be operated from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The decision came in response to a request from Dr. Leanne West Eggert, owner of Creekside Veterinary Clinic and

looking back

in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

City park gets

community garden

Mike Whittam Park, near the

Little League fields, is being

transformed into a community

garden this summer, the first

garden within a Keizer city

10 YEARS AGO Proposed meeting

for Keizer Rapids

Park draws crowd

Crowd reaction ranged from

totally opposed to just curious

at a meeting this week to

discuss plans for the Keizer

15 YEARS AGO

Developer plans

huge Keizer project

A Medford development

company wants to put in a

blend of retail stores, business

complexes and industry in

20 YEARS AGO

Keizer, Salem battling

over sewer plant lines

The cities of Salem and

Keizer are at loggerheads over

the Willow Lake Wastewater

Treatment Plan, leaving

developers wondering if they

will be able to build homes

nearby.

Keizer along Interstate 5.

Rapids Park project.

park.

husband Jonathan Eggert, the practice manager. The Eggerts purchased the clinic at 5456 River Road North in 2011 and have seen the business grow.

Due to the growth, the Eggerts are looking for a bigger facility. They found four potential sites, all located in the Mixed Use (MU) zone, which as written now doesn't allow the boarding of animals. As such, the Eggerts requested an update to regulations to allow their service to be in a MU setting.

Sam Litke, senior planner for Keizer, noted it was a "pretty straightforward" request.

"The applicants want to keep boarding of animals for care," Litke said. "These amendments would allow the use."

Nate Brown, director of Community Development for Keizer, emphasized a restriction.

"The only way we are suggesting to you that overnight boarding can occur is in conjunction with vet use," Brown

Leanne Eggert liked the proposed amendments.

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"We are very much in support of this text amendment," she said. "It looks good to us. On our part, we will not be having any outdoor kennel at all. For us it won't be an issue."

One of the key points of discussion was what "short-term care" meant exactly, as in what time limit should be specified. "I don't know how you want

to phrase short-term stay," Eggert said."We rarely have animals for more than a week, usually two or three days. Sometimes we'll have an ill animal whose owner is going out of town. So far that has only been for geckos and rabbits. They are very qui-

Commissioner Jim Jacks noted the ambiguity with the "There was some question

about short-term, if that meant a week or if it was two to three months," Jacks said. Commissioner Hersch Sang-

ster suggested staying away from a limit on the number of days.

"I'm for limited short-term care," Sangster said. "I'm fear-

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ful of limiting it to a number of days, since then we're jumping into animal science." Brown emphasized board-

ing for non-veterinary purposes would be a different discussion. "That is a separate use," he

said. "That would have to be in a zone that allows veterinary and boarding. MU only allows for veterinarian use. If you want to board dogs and also do veterinarian service, it would have to be in a zone that allows for both boarding and veterinarian, which is not MU."

local weather

Fri 56/41 4/24

Showers possible in the afternoor

Sat

58/42 4/25

Showers possible. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Sun

62/46

Morning showers. Highs in the low

60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Mon 64/48 4/27

Chance of showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.

Tue 73/48 4/28

Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.



MOVIE TIMES Jupiter Ascending (PG-13)

Fri 4:15, 6:30, Sat 1:55, 10:00, Sun 2:55, 5:10, 7:55 The Duff (PG-13) Fri 6:45, Sat

Black or White (PG-13)

Sat 4:45, Sun 12:1 Into the Woods (PG)

Fri 4:05, Sun 4:40

Run All Night (R) Fri 6:00, Sat 7:20, Sun 5:30 Fifty Shades of Grey (PG-13)

Fri 8:15, Sat 4:25, 8:55, Sun 7:40 Focus (R) Fri 8:45, Sat 6:50, Sun 7:00

Chappie (R) Fri 9:00

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SpongeBob Movie (PG) Fri 4:00, Sat 1:00, 3:00, Sun 1:10, 3:10 Paddington (PG) Sat 12:00, Sun 12:45

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