

Today in History

SATURDAY, JULY 9

21 & OVER

Live Fights at 5 pm – Tickets \$13 9 fights in all on the HUGE screen! Reserved Seats Available Now Online

One of the most dramatic standoffs in the history of the Cold War begins as the Soviet Union blocks all road and rail traffic to and from West Berlin. The blockade turned out to be a terrible diplomatic move by the Soviets, while the United States emerged from the confrontation with renewed purpose and confidence. The United States response came just two days later: a massive airlift of supplies into West Berlin was undertaken in what was to become one of the greatest logistical efforts in history.

- June 24, 1948

Lights, Comedy, Laughs!

BRAD UPTON & CHRIS PORTER will

perform at 7pm and 9pm. Admission is only \$10. Ages 21 & over only. Reserved seating for this show. Purchase tickets at

Saturday, July 16th

box office or at our website.

Food 4 Thought

"We build too many walls and not enough bridges." - Isaac Newton

The Month Ahead

Through Saturday, July 30

Legos, from the private collection of Darren and JoDene Summers, on display at the Keizer Heritage Museum and at the Keizer Community Library. Museum hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thrursday, 2-4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. keizerheritage.org.

Coming up...

Tickets now on sale for Wizard of Oz at Historic Grand Theatre (191 High St., Salem) Perfromances are Wednesday-Sunday from July 22 to August 28. Tickets are \$20 and \$30. enlightenedtheatrics.org.

Friday, June 24 – Sunday, June 26

Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association 36th annual swap meet, Antique Powerland. Buy, sell or swap antique engines, farm equipment, tools accessories and more. Admission is \$6. Visit branch15edgeta.org for meet hours.

Saturday, June 25

Deepwood Estate Wine and Jazz Fest, 4-9 p.m. Local wine and food. Entertainment by Gail Gage Jazz and Island Jaz Quartet. Admission is \$15, \$12 for members. deepwoodmuseum.org.

Saturday, June 25 – Sunday, June 26

World Beat Festival, experience world customs, traditions, ethnic foods, crafts, discussions, demonstrations, children's activities, three parades, and dragon boat racing. Join us as we celebrate the food, music and culture of Cuba with special exhibits and performances throughout the weekend. Riverfront Park in Salem. www.worldbeatfestival.org.

Lincoln City Summer Kite Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., D River State Recreation Area. Free. oregoncoast.org.

Sunday, June 26

McMinnville Garden Club presents its 16th Garden Tour and Faire. Includes five private gardens, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Garden Faire will be held on 3rd and Cowls Streets in downtown. Garden tour is \$10 per person. Garden Faire is free. mcminnvillegardenclub.org.

Tuesday, June 28

Keizer Network of Women (KNOW) meeting. Keizer Quality Suites, 5188 Wittenberg Lane N.E. Noon. \$13 if partaking in lunch.

Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting, 6 p.m. 930 Chemawa Road N.E.

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29

Artistic Line and Wash workshop, at Keizer Art Association, teaches classic techniques. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost is \$85. keizerarts.com.

Saturday, July 2

Artists' reception at Keizer Art Association for July exhibit, Water Water Everywhere at Enid Joy Mount Gallery, 2-4 p.m. Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Road N.E.

Saturday, July 2 – Monday, July 4

NW Civil War Council stages its annual civil war reenactment. The location has changed to Antique Powerland on Brooklake Road between River Road and Interstate 5. Weekend includes camps, battles and demonstrations. Battles scheduled for 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Admission is \$12; free for children under 12. nwcwc.org.

Friday, July 8

Pentacle Theater presents The Aliens, a comedy-drama, by Annie Baker (it's not about Martians). Runs through July 30. For show dates and times visit pentacletheatre.org.

Add your event by e-mailing news@keizertimes.com.

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until the August 1 city council meeting to supply more detailed plans.

Residents would then have until August 29 to submit written rebuttals. The city council will debate and vote on the matter in September.

The redevelopment of the property was the hottest topic of the meeting with presentations, public testimony, staff input and council questions taking up nearly three hours.

In addition to developer Mark Grenz and Joe Herber, a son of the property owners, speaking in support of the rezoning request, 19 residents from throughout the city offered up testimony opposing the application.

"What my mother wanted was for her children and grandchildren to get the

best education they can. Development of property would to be used to educate (the family)," said Herber.

Opponents suggested traffic, school impacts and livability issues were still reasons to deny the rezoning after bringing up many of the same issues two years ago.

"(The plans) are a little prettier and a little nicer, but all they did was push the buildings around," said Karen Okada, a nearby resident.

In offering the city staff's take on the application for rezoning, Brown said the application meets the requirements set forth by the city.

Traffic impacts of the proposed apartments were the most frequently cited concern from those offering public testimony, but Brown said that both Chemawa Road Northeast and Dearborn Avenue Northeast are at the lower end of their maximum capacity.

"Both streets are minor arterials capable

of handling between 7,000 and 20,000 trips per day. In the traffic study we conducted two months ago, Chemawa registered about 8,800 trips in a day and Dearborn didn't even meet the minimum at 6489 trips," Brown said.

Brown also highlighted the changes made since the original application including landscaped berms, reoriented and redesigned buildings and larger setbacks. Most of the points were met with murmurs of disagreement among the citizens in atten-

Brown also suggested city staff supported the inclusion of higher-density housing near the city core rather than the outskirts

"The question is: where would the most appropriate place to locate the additional density? Staff thinks it is better in the central part of the city. There's access to bus routes, the business quadrants and commuter and pedestrian routes," Brown said.

Plans change, fears remain

Rezone opposition had many voices

By ERIC A. HOWALD Of the Keizertimes

Citing traffic concerns, impacts to schools, construction concerns and livability issues, Keizer residents sounded off against the proposed rezoning of the area affectionately known as the "cow park."

Owners of the property, heirs to the Joseph and Rosalie Herber, are asking the city to rezone the 7.5 acres located along the west side of Verda Lane Northeast between Chemawa Road Northeast and Dearborn Avenue Northeast from residential density to medium high density residential, which would permit the construction of 112 apartments on the site.

The rezoning was denied by the city council two years ago citing the need for single family residences, impacts on nearby residences and transportation impacts, but developer Mark Grenz appeared before the Keizer City Council Monday, June 20, with rejiggered plans and another request for a rezone.

If the property were to remain low density residential, up to 50 single family homes could be built there.

The public hearing on the matter was extended after it came to light that there is possible historic value to the home already on the site, list of concerns with several but city residents wasted little time in attempting to dismantle the proposal as it currently exists.

While the city has a projected need for apartments during the next 20 years, using the Herber property to

looking back

5 YEARS AGO

in the KT

Hens win with city councilors

Chickens will soon be allowed in Keizer backyards. City councilors voted to draft an ordinance allowing a limited number of hens in Keizer backyards.

10 YEARS AGO

Fleeing man rams Keizer patrol car

A Keizer police officer suffered only soreness and some minor scrapes after a driver attempting to flee a traffic stop turned his pickup into a battering ram and collided head on with a patrol

15 YEARS AGO

Bodies taken from wreckage in Keizer Police believe Fern Olson, 67, was shot and killed by her son Eric Olson, 26, the day before he set fire to her Keizer house during a tense standoff with officers and a SWAT team on June 19.

20 YEARS AGO

On the road The historic Old Keizer School was like a float in the parade June 22, 1996 as crews inched the massive building to its new home on Chemawa Road. The school was accompanied by a growing crowd of people, many who were getting their first look at the school in years.

meet the need didn't fly with nearby resident Judith Odle. "We already have 405

apartments, 105 mobile homes, three churches, four schools and Keizer Little League Park in a six-block radius. We've got a lot already," Odle said.

Her husband, Larry Odle questioned whether the time being spent on rezoning couldn't be spent more

"Couldn't

we have come up with a so-"I don't lution that want the benefitted the community impact this and still get the Herbers is going to their inheritance?" he have on our asked.

The sue of the city purchasing the property came up tangentially

throughout the proceedings. After the hearing ended, much of the packed house filed out of chambers and no one spoke when the council opened up another hearing on suggestions for using and estimated \$325,000 in funds the city will receive shared state revenues.

Traffic impacts topped the residents chiming in on top ics ranging from an increased number of vehicles in an already busy corridor to where overflow parking for the apartments would end up.

Resident Karen Okada picked apart a statement detailing the impact to schools in the area. Salem-Keizer School District officials estimated an increase of about

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41 total students to Kennedy Elementary School, Claggett Creek Middle School and McNary High School, but Okada took issue with the rest of the impacts.

"In their letter, (the school district) suggests that the developer should provide paved walk routes to allow access. Right now, the two streets leading from the proposed apartments to Kennedy do not have sidewalks, but that is not part of their proposal. It is another cost the city will have to bear," Okada said.

Several opponents said the owners' proposal to donate a tax lot west of the development to the

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city for use as a park was disingenuous. "The property to be donated is pretty much

community." — Paul Elder Keizer resident

> Prothero. Testimony also focused repeatedly around proposed apartment designs. While Grenz offered up potential previews of the structures in his presentation, the land would likely be sold to another developer if the rezone is approved, at which point it would be up to the new developer to determine how the buildings would actually look.

> "The plan seems like a red herring. I've been a carpenter and I can tell you from experience that developers are not concerned about the community. They want to put the most families in for the least cost," said Casey Sanders.

> Nate Brown, Keizer community development director, said city staff was willing to work with the current own-

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ers to come up with more concrete design standards that would become conditions once a new developer buys the property, but that did little to alleviate anxiety.

"Realistically, how much time is the city willing to spend to enforcing those guidelines?" asked Jerry Wal-

Resident Paul Elder said he moved with his wife to Keizer to raise their family and the proposed rezoning would affect the overall quality of life.

"I understand the Herber family wants the property value (that comes with a different zoning), but that door swings both ways. I don't want the impact this is going to have on our community," Elder said. "Homes make families, not a transient (apartment) population. We want people who are in it for the long haul."

local weather

72/49 6/24

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

Sat 6/25

80/54

Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s

Sun 87/56

6/26

Sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.

Mon 90/56 6/27 Mainly sunny. Highs in

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Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s.





The Hunstman: Winter's War (PG-13) Sun 2:05, 6:25

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13) Fri 8:40, Sat 5:15,

Mother's Day (PG-13)

Batman vs. Superman: The Dawn of Justice (PG-13) Fri 7:50, Sat 2:25, 7:10, Sun 12:20

The Boss (R) Fri 6:40, 8:25 Sat 4:55, 6:55, 8:40, Sun 5:20, 8:15

Money Monster (R)

Miracles from Heaven (PG) Sat 12:15. Sun 2:35

Zootopia (PG) Fri 4:05, Sat 12:00, 2:05, 2:45,

Sun 12:00, 3:10, 4:15

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approve the permitting of food trucks within city limits?

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Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG) Fri 4:00, Sun 12:40

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