

the deuce

Today in History

Thomas Paine publishes his pamphlet "Common Sense," setting forth his arguments in favor of American independence. — January 9, 1776

Food 4 Thought

"Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay."

— Simone de Beauvoir, activist
Born January 9, 1908

The Month Ahead

Friday, January 9 – Sunday, January 11

Four performances only of *Dr. Doolittle*, a benefit for Pentacle Theatre at Central High School in Independence. Shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$20, available at 145 Liberty St. N.E. or online at pentacletheatre.org.

Saturday, January 10

A free program of Danish songs and dances by Aage Nielson on the doucaine and others will be hosted by the Sons of Norway at 3 p.m. at the Salem Masonic Temple, 1625 Brush College Rd. N.W. Free to the public. sonthor42salemor.org, 503-910-3302.

Tuesday, January 13

Free admission Tuesday at Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Willamette University, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For listing of exhibits visit willamette.edu/arts/hfma.

Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Wednesday, January 14

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, January 15

Volunteer Coordinating Committee meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. at Gubser Elementary School.

American Red Cross blood drive at St. Edward Catholic Church parish hall, 1-6:30 p.m. Call 503-390-1876 to schedule an appointment.

Saturday, January 17

The Merry Widow starts at 9:55 a.m. at Regal Santiam Stadium 11, 365 Lancaster Drive SE. Cast led by Broadway director and choreographer Susan Stroman. Tickets are available at the door, \$22 for seniors and \$26 for general. (503) 983-6030.

Sunday, January 18

Salem Concert Band presents WU Hudson Hall Bookmarks from Japan at 3 p.m. at Elsinore Theater, 170 High Street SE. For tickets and more information call (503) 362-0485 or go to www.salemconcertband.org.

Monday, January 19

Government offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, January 20

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center. Meeting is a day later than usual due to the holiday on Monday.

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Thursday, January 22

Traffic/Bikeways/Pedestrians Committee meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Saturday, January 24 – Sunday, January 25

Oregon Wedding Showcase, Oregon State Fairgrounds, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$7. Fashion shows at 12:30 and 3 p.m. each day. oregonweddingshowcase.com.

Monday, January 26

Keizer City Council work session, 5:45 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

K-FEST (Keizer Festival and Events Services Team) meeting, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, January 27

Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

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Adios!

Old councilors ride into the sunset

By CRAIG MURPHY and LYNDON A. ZAITZ
Of the Keizertimes

Three familiar faces may have joined the Keizer City Council on Monday, but that means three left.

Mayor Lore Christopher vacated her seat after 14 years, while Jim Taylor left his council seat after 12 years and Joe Egli left after four years. Cathy Clark was sworn in as mayor and was joined by new councilors Amy Ripp, Roland Herrera and returning councilor Brandon Smith (see related story, page 1).

Christopher, Taylor and Egli are also being honored at a special celebration event Jan. 17 at Keizer Community Center, but each had some words to share in a mostly full council chambers.

Each will have their name put on a tree in Keizer, while Christopher and Taylor will also have their name on a plaque, to be placed on a bench.

Christopher offered her remarks after Clark took over as mayor. As such, the former mayor sat at the table typically designated for public comment.

"It's been a long time since I've been in this seat," Christopher said. "It feels right. It feels good. We've done a great job. When I look back on my years on city council I feel nothing but pride for what we accomplished. I don't need my name on anything. When I drive around, I say, 'That's mine.' And it's yours. It's everyone's. You don't do it alone. The only way it works is when everyone works together."

Christopher noted she has gotten to know the staff at cities around the area and feels Keizer is fortunate.

"Our staff is so much better," she said. "(City manager) Chris Eppley is revered around the region. He has integrity, he has ethics, he has honesty. Early in my term there was a rocky road. I was concerned how it would affect my kids. Chris told me, 'Do the right thing. If at anytime your kid is hassled for what you did, tell me.'"

Christopher also had high praise for longtime city recorder Tracy Davis.

"She is the city's MVP,"



Christopher told the new councilors. "If you treat her bad, I'll hunt you down. This woman is the backbone to the support of the city council."

Christopher praised city attorney Shannon Johnson as being "terrific" because he is conservative and said she loved Nate Brown, director of Community Development, "most of all" due to how he brings everyone "back to earth" after expressing wild ideas. She also praised police chief John Teague but noted, "I don't want to see you on the street when I leave here."

Christopher is looking forward to Keizer's future.

"People ask me, 'Are you sad to be leaving?' I'm joyous to be leaving," she said. "I'm confident of the new mayor and council. Cathy Clark will serve us well. I have no regrets, just love and thankfulness to the citizens of Keizer. Council, I have your back."

Clark praised her predecessor.

"Lore has given so much of her life to the city," Clark said. "She was a mom who wanted a swing in a park. Lore, you have left a mark on the city that will last for years."

Egli recalled the first vote he was a part of.

"I was the only new guy that year," Egli said. "It was tough to come in as the new kid. My first vote was 6-1. I was on a fence



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy
Top: Former City Councilor Joe Egli with wife Shelly. Above: Former City Councilor Jim Taylor chats with another veteran of the council chambers, and a city founder, Jerry McGee.

and we were voting on a fence. David McKane said vote your conscious and vote how you feel. I was on the losing side of a few 6-1 votes. This thing with urban renewal, we had to vote like 15 times. I had to vote no every single time to prove a point. Sometimes proving a point is not all it is cracked up to be."

Egli also thanked Keizer citizens, John Rizzo, his wife, son and daughter.

"To my fellow councilors, the time and energy you put in is wonderful," Egli said.

Taylor spoke slightly more than he did last month, but not by much.

"I just agree with everything Joe said," Taylor said. "Thank you for the privilege. In the 12 years I've been here I haven't

lost any more hair. I did get a new wife (Darlene) more than 11 years ago. The most important thing we do on city council is we make change possible. People hate change. We manage change for the city. We give our time and time is the most important we have in life."

Taylor drew some chuckles when he ended by quoting "great philosopher" Tony Romo, the Dallas quarterback who led the Cowboys to a comeback National Football League playoff win the day before.

"I'm a better version of myself," Taylor said.

public hearings

• The Keizer City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 20 to take comments on the city's draft findings for an exemption of the selection of brand name specification materials for the Big Toy play structure. The hearing takes place at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

• Council will also hold a public hearing that night for comments on a master plan/lot line adjustment for Area C of Keizer Station. Bonaventure Senior Housing and

Mountain West Investments have submitted an application to amend the previously approved master plan for the area and to consolidate eight existing parcels into four parcels.

sudoku

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looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

Councilors won't buy library building
A building purchase proposal for the Keizer Community Library was rejected by city councilors saying the city simply didn't have the money.

10 YEARS AGO

Blueprint for River Road unveiled
Keizer's River Road Renaissance project would "set the table" for developers to overhaul and update the city's business core. The plan calls for creating a chain of five commercial districts each with a different ambiance and focal points.

15 YEARS AGO

City negotiates to add flood lots
City officials scrambled in December to find one last flood-related project that would be paid for with federal money that is ending.

20 YEARS AGO

Hearing on city spending set
Keizer residents can voice their opinions about the proposed 1995-96 city budget during a public hearing. The \$11.2 million budget proposed by the city manager sailed through the Budget Committee.

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Web Poll Results

Which of Keizer's new civic leaders do you think will have the biggest impact in 2015?

- 42% - Roland Herrera
- 26% - Cathy Clark
- 24% - Brandon Smith
- 8% - Amy Ripp

Vote in a new poll every Thursday!
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Oregon vs Ohio St
FREE on the BIG THEATER SCREEN!!!

Monday, January 12th
Pregame Show - 3:50pm
Kickoff - 5:30pm

DRIVE A LITTLE - SAVE A BUNCH!
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MORE INFO AT NORTHERNLIGHTSTHEATREPUB.COM

Saturday, January 24, at 11:00 am
MOVIE:
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Sensory Sensitive Show ONLY \$3
Sensory Sensitive Showings are designed specifically for customers with autism and other special sensory needs.

Lights, Comedy, Laughs!
Sat, January 17th
DUANE GOAD and TRAVIS NELSON
will perform at 7pm and 9pm. Admission is only \$10. Ages 21 & over only. Reserved seating for this show. Purchase tickets at box office or at our website.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

The Maze Runner (PG-13)
Fri 6:30, Sat 1:50, 4:00, Sun 2:25, 7:35

Alexander and the Terrible... (PG)
Fri 4:00, Sat 12:20, 4:20, Sun 12:00, 4:00

Dumb & Dumber To (PG-13)
Fri 5:50, 8:55, Sat 2:05, 6:05, 8:25, Sun 1:45, 5:45, 7:55

Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)
Fri 4:10, Sat 4:45

St. Vincent (PG-13)
Fri 7:05, Sun 4:35

Gone Girl (R)
Fri 6:10, 8:00, Sat 9:10, Sun 6:45

The Equalizer (R) Sat 6:30, Sun 5:00

Fury (R) Fri 8:40, Sat 9:00

The Book of Life (PG)
Sat 12:00, Sun 12:50

The Boxtrolls (PG) Fri 4:05, Sat 12:40, 2:35, Sun 12:30, 2:50

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