

City will honor Japanese pioneer

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Of the Keizertimes

A project that languished for years has quickly moved forward.

Members of the Keizer Points of Interest Committee (KPIC) had talked about a project to honor the history of Japanese Americans in the Willamette Valley off and on in recent years. Late last year bids were secured for a sign to put up on the other side of the Marie Dorion kiosk at Pfc. Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park in Keizer Station.

Jill Bonney-Hill, KPIC chair, brought a request for the sign to the Keizer City Council on Jan. 20.

At Monday's meeting, councilors approved the project and expenditures of \$157.27 to have the sign printed by Sign Crafters. Parks Department employees will be placing the sign once it is ready.

"You may remember at your last meeting a KPIC representative spoke about this item," city attorney Shannon Johnson told councilors.

A motion to approve the resolution was approved unanimously without comment.

As detailed in a Keizertimes story in November, much of the project revolves around Japanese farmer Roy Fukuda, who settled near Lake Labish northeast of Keizer in 1905. His hope was to make his fortune before returning home, but he and his wife decided to stay in the

Keizer area.

Fukuda transformed the beaver marshes into profitable farmland, which led to more Japanese families coming to the area. At one point nearly 50 Japanese families were farming small plots around Lake Labish, expanding to farm in Keizer and Independence as well as owning businesses in Salem.

In 1920 *The Statesman* did a story on Fukuda and his successful celery growing business, an industry that had grown to \$100,000 in output a year by that time.

Among other places, the quality of the crop was appreciated in Washington, D.C. In 1925, U.S. Senator Charles McNary – the namesake of McNary High School who served in the Senate from 1917 to 1944 and was a vice president nominee in 1940 – wrote a thank you letter to Fukuda.

In other business Monday:

- Mark Caillier, president of the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association, gave the annual report for his group, which was formed in 1994 and was expanded in 2013 to encompass more than 2,500 households within the Gubser Elementary School attendance boundary.

Caillier gave a recap of what was discussed during the eight meetings last year and some of the projects completed by the association. He took over as president last fall from Brad Coy, who

has stayed on as a board member. Ryan Steckly is the vice president.

Caillier noted GGNA uses funds from the city for flyers, yard signs and a newsletter.

"We continued our presence on Nextdoor and Facebook," Caillier said of social media efforts. "We have almost 300 households using Nextdoor. We've been able to keep people up to date."

One of the main projects for GGNA was the annual Miracle of Christmas, an effort during the Christmas season each year that collects food and cash donations to benefit the Marion Polk Food Share. A new record was set in one of those two categories this past year, with the second best ever in the other. Totals will be announced at the next GGNA meeting, taking place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 at Gubser Elementary.

- Several recommendations from the Volunteer Coordinating Committee were approved by councilors. Former Mayor Lore Christopher – who refers to herself as Public Art Girl on her Facebook page – was appointed to the Keizer Arts Commission. Christopher previously was on that committee, but her term expired when she was no longer in public office.

Bev Ecklund was appointed to serve on KPIC while Scott Klug was appointed to the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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Today in History

After a long illness, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies in his sleep. Princess Elizabeth is the oldest of the king's two daughters and next in line to succeed him. She was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27. — February 6, 1952

Food 4 Thought

"There are no constraints on the human mind, no walls around the human spirit, no barriers to our progress except those we ourselves erect."
— Ronald Reagan (Born Feb. 6, 1911)

The Month Ahead

Continuing through Saturday, February 14
Lend Me a Tenor at Pentacle Theatre, by Ken Ludwig. Period comedy set in Cleveland Opera Company circa 1934. Comedy of errors and mistakes. Performances at 7:30 p.m., check website for days. \$19. www.pentacletheatre.org.

Friday, February 6
Volcanoes Winter Sports Banquet, 6 p.m., Keizer Quality Suites. Silent auction, introduction of 2015 manager Kyle Haines. Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person, \$60 per couple or \$225 for a table of eight. For tickets call 503-390-2225.

Saturday, February 7
Keizer Jazz Night, McNary High School's jazz band will be performing at Salem's 50+ Center. The concert includes a special performance with Stan Bock & The New Traditions. Keizer Jazz Night begins at 7 p.m. The 50+ Center is located at 2615 Portland Road NE in Salem. Tickets are \$15 and include dessert. To purchase, call 503-383-9377 or e-mail tjaardajen@aol.com.

Sunday, February 8
Afternoon Tea benefit for Keizer Community Library, 1:30 p.m. Multi-course tea. Music by Bonfire Bettys. Vintage hat and glove display. \$25 per person. Call 503-363-4548 for tickets. Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. N.E. keizerlibrary.org.

Monday, February 9
Keizer City Council work session, 5:45 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, February 10
Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, February 12
West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Saturday, February 14
"Lolanta/Bluebeard Castle" starts at 9:30 a.m. at Regal Santiam Stadium 11, 365 Lancaster Drive SE. Directed by Mariusz Trelinski. Tickets are available at the door, \$22 for seniors and \$26 for general. (503) 983-6030.

Valentines Tea begins at 11 a.m. at Deepwood Estate. Registration required, \$27 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. (503) 363-1825.

Valentines Dinner begins at 6 p.m. at Deepwood Estate. Registration required, \$54 for members and \$60 for nonmembers. (503) 363-1825.

Monday, February 16
Schools, government offices and postal service are closed for President's Day.

Presidents Day Kid's Event at Deepwood Estate. Begins at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Pre-registration is required, \$3 per child. www.historicdeepwoodestate.org.

Tuesday, February 17
Keizer Points of Interest Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

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

Wednesday, February 18
Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, February 19
3rd Thursday event at Keizer Heritage Center: Digital Preservation Workshop. Daisy Hickman shows how to preserve your family photos, videos and papers. 7-9 p.m. Free. 980 Chemawa Rd. N.E. keizerheritage.org. 503-393-9660.

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

One of the winter's biggest and most popular fundraisers is being planned and organizers need help from parents, the community and businesses of Keizer.

Knight of Arts Show and Auction, the major event to raise funds for all the arts programs at McNary High School, will be held on Saturday, March 7. Proceeds from this year's event are earmarked

for a video recording system and audio upgrades in the school's Ken Collins Theatre, as well as scholarships for students who continue their education in the arts.

The goal for this year is to raise a total of \$30,000. In recent years McNary Fine Arts has distributed more than \$10,000 in scholarships.

There are four ways for individuals or businesses to help: donate money dedicated to a specific art, a scholarship or the overall program, volunteer to help raise financial donations, donate time at the event or volunteer to serve on the board and assist in organizing the event.

For financial or auction

donations contact Jeff Cowan (chief@keizerfire.com); to volunteer at the 2015 event contact Julie Elwell (elwell.julie@gmail.com); to assist the board contact Leah Garro (garro_leah@salkeizer.k12.or.us); to volunteer at the Knight of Arts Show contact Jim Taylor (taylor_jim@salkeizer.k12.or.us).

public hearings

- The Keizer City Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 17 to consider a new liquor license application for Gustav's Bargarten in Keizer Station, located at 6045 Keizer Station Boulevard. The hearing takes place in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.
- Council will also have a hearing for 2015 liquor license renewals at the same meeting. Public comment is being solicited before council makes a recommendation to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission on the renewals of liquor licenses at various establishments within Keizer.

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO
Coffee Paradigm closes
Coffee Paradigm has closed after three years of business. Owner Teresa Sepmeyer said she'd been trying to keep the shop open, but didn't see the economy getting better anytime soon.

10 YEARS AGO
Dave Walery named 'First Citizen'
Described as Keizer's "very own Mr. Christmas," longtime volunteer Dave Walery was honored as the 2004 Keizer First Citizen. The pizza restaurant owner has helped hang holiday lights and at the Iris Festival for years.

15 YEARS AGO
Top city opening draws big field
Twenty-seven people have filed to succeed Wally Mull as Keizer's city manager. A review committee will narrow the list down to five for the city council to make the final choice.

20 YEARS AGO
Frustration prompts Claggett neighbors to form group
Organizers of the new Claggett Creek-Central Keizer Neighborhood Association say they were prompted by Paul Wittenburg's plan for a 15-acre development on River Road between Chemawa Rd. and Claggett Street. The group feels the size of the project would hurt the area's livability.

local weather

Fri 2/6 56/51
Cloudy, periods of rain. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 50s.

Sat 2/7 55/50
Cloudy, periods of rain. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 50s.

Sun 2/8 54/46
Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

Mon 2/9 57/48
Showers. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.

Tue 2/10 55/46
Showers possible. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

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Annie (PG) Fri 4:25, 6:45, Sat 12:20, 4:30, Sun 12:20, 5:10

Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Fri 6:15, Sat 2:00, 4:00, 6:50, Sun 2:00, 4:30, 6:30

Alexander and the Terrible... (PG) Sat 12:40, Sun 12:45

The Theory of Everything (PG-13) Fri 9:10, Sat 2:20, 7:05, Sun 8:25

Interstellar (PG-13) Fri 5:55, 8:15, Sat 6:00, 9:10, Sun 4:00, 7:10

Exodus: Gods & Kings (PG-13) Fri 9:00, Sat 8:45, Sun 7:30

Dumb & Dumberer To (PG-13) Sun 2:55

Horrible Bosses 2 (R) Sat 9:20

The Penguins of Madagascar (PG) Fri 4:15, Sat 12:00, 2:40, 5:00, Sun 12:00, 2:30

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