

Today in History

SATURDAY, FEB 28TH

21 & OVER

Live Fights at 5 pm – Tickets \$12 All Ages Replay at 10:15 pm – Tix \$8 Reserved Seats Available Now Online

A series of Allied firebombing raids begins against the German city of Dresden, reducing the "Florence of the Elbe" to rubble and flames, and killing as many as 135,000 people. It was the single most destructive bombing of the war.

- February 13, 1945

Lights, Comedy, Laughs!

KEITH NELSON & SILAS LINDENSTEIN

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.

Sat, March 7th

Food 4 Thought

"The first lesson is that you can't lose a war if you have command of the air, and you can't win a war if you haven't." Jimmy Doolittle, aviation pioneer, hero of WWII

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.

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.

Sons of Norway potluck, 3 p.m., Salem Masonic Temple, 1625 Brush College Dr. N.W. Professor Richard A. Sundt will discuss Norwegians in Argentina's history. sonofthor42salempr.org.

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets at 10 a.m. in Room A of the Salem City Library (585 Liberty St SE, Salem). This meeting will include a member presentation of the oldest paintings or pictures of their ancestors. For more information, call (503) 363-0880.

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 noon. 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.

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

Thursday, February 19 – Saturday, February 28

Helen, fresh take on Euripides' tragicomedy. 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.

Friday, February 20

Oregon Symphony is playing at Willamette Smith Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40- \$55 and are available at tickets.orsymphany.org.

Saturday, February 21

Brahms Requiem featuring Willamette Master Chorus, Salem Chamber Orchestra, and Willamette Chamber Choir perform at Willamette Hudson Hall. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Call (503) 581-4325 for tickets; \$10-\$45.

Tuesday, February 24

Government Affairs meeting, 7:30 a.m. at Keizer Civic

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

Former Mayor Christopher honored to get named Keizer's First Citizen

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

Lore Christopher claims she was surprised.

If so, that made the nowformer mayor perhaps the only one in the room.

Christopher picked up the 2014 Keizer First Citizen Award during the annual First Citizen Awards Banquet at the Keizer Quality Suites on Jan. 31, just a few weeks after stepping down following 14 years as Keizer's mayor.

At the same event last year, Christopher formally announced she would not be running for mayor again.

While Christopher faced a strong group of nominees in Big Toy general coordinator Mark Caillier, business owner Rich Duncan, Purple Heart recipient Don Conat and former Keizer City Councilor Richard Walsh, Christopher was the heavy favorite.

Still, Christopher said she didn't know until last year's winner John Doneth started listing her accomplishments.

"When they had us all (stand) up, I got nervous and thought I might need to write something down," she said. "When John Doneth said she volunteered to do the (Keizer Little League) candy drive, that's when I knew it was me."

In a new tradition. Doneth had all former First Citizens in the room come to the front of the room before he read the list of this year's nominees. Each of the 12 present staved up front and greeted Christopher as she came up, with 1992 First Citizen Mike Gaynor adding humor to the occasion by taking a selfie with the newest recipient.

"It makes your hands sweat," Christopher said afterwards of greeting the row of former recipients. "I mean, it's really humbling. These people, I've stood on their shoulders. It was on what they built. And I got to continue to build onto it. You look at all of those people, you look at what we've accomplished in 30-odd years as a city."

As a longtime mayor, Christopher accrued various awards and recognitions, including the Mayor's Award last year from Salem mayor Anna Peterson.

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 Bar-

garten in Keizer Station, lo-

cated at 6045 Keizer Station Boulevard. The hearing takes

place in council chambers

at Keizer Civic Center, 930

looking

back

in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

Mayor: 'Just say no'

to new costs

In her State of the City address

Mayor Lore Christopher

warned of tough financial times

ahead and hinted at possible

mid-year cost cutting measures. **10 YEARS AGO**

Cops arrest Keizer

boys, seize bomb

Keizer police arrested two boys

on charges that they made a bomb from illegal fireworks.

15 YEARS AGO

Crime in Keizer drops

third year in a row

Fewer people in Keizer suffered

from crime in 1999 compared

to previous years. Overall

serious crimes went down in

20 YEARS AGO

Council OKs

warehouse, appeal

expected

The city council has backed

a city staff decision to allow

construction of a mini-storage

warehouse on Ridge Drive

N.E. Resident Dale Nason,

who opposes the project vowed

he would take his fight to the

Land Use Board of Appeals.

Keizer by nearly 3 percent.

Chemawa Road NE.

"That one really meant a lot. I put that in the front room," Christopher said. "But this means a lot. This is a culmination of working for 14 years with all the people in that room. Where does this rank? This is the far top, because it really is the recognition by your peers."

Doneth wanted all First Citizens recognized because, as he put it, he had to be up

"Keizer First Citizen, I've always believed, is the highest honor the community can bestow on one of its citizens," Doneth said. "I'd like to start a new tradition and have all the former First Citizens come up and form an honor roll. Keizer is blessed by having many great people who volunteer."

After introducing each of this year's nominees, Doneth didn't keep the suspense up for long, starting with Christopher's little league involvement 25 years ago and giving it away for good by mentioning this year's recipient joined the council in August 1998 thanks to a random drawing after a tied vote.

"During her tenure, 2,000 new jobs were added in Keizer." Doneth said of Christopher. "That's 2,000 new jobs during one of the worst economies in 40 years. She is the absolute epitome of our city motto of pride, spirit and volunteerism."

Christopher beamed as she shared her speech.

"My mom told me as a kid you're judged by the company you keep," she said. "I hope that's true. I hope that these people that are in front of you, the city council members that I've served with, and my fellow nominees, I hope I'm judged by those folks because there's none finer.

"I want to thank the Keizer Chamber of Commerce for recognizing me, but I feel guilty," Christopher added. "Although you see my name and face in the paper, I really did very little. All of the heavy lifting and the hard work was done by you. I just got to take the credit, so thanks. I really appreciate it. I'm so proud of the things we've accomplished

public hearings

Council will also have a

hearing for 2015 liquor li-

cense renewals at the same

meeting. Public comment is

being solicited before council



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy

Former Mayor Lore Christopher gives her speech after being named the 2014 Keizer First Citizen on Jan. 31.

"I love driving down River Road and seeing the art we've put on there, I love seeing the meandering sidewalks, I love seeing the thriving businesses, I love seeing Keizer Station where I can buy socks and underwear - and do it on a regular basis," she said. "I love knowing that 2,000 people minimum are able to support their families because of our efforts. I love that. I don't need my name on anything because it's all mine and it's all yours. We've done it together."

Christopher expressed confidence in new councilors and new mayor Cathy Clark, who was seated at Christopher's table in the back of the room.

"I watched the first council meeting I wasn't there," Christopher said. "They were all great. They asked great questions. I was so proud. More than proud, I was confident these folks are going to be good. As an outgoing councilor, that means a lot to know there will be people to fill your shoes and do as well as you, if not better."

At the end, Christopher couldn't resist taking a good natured jab at fellow former councilor Joe Egli, who had nervously stumbled through The newest First Citizen his Merchant of the Year ear-

makes a recommendation to

the Oregon Liquor Control

Commission on the renewals

of liquor licenses at various

establishments within Keizer.

talked of the pride she has of lier in the evening, while at the same time thanking her

> "Last but not least, I want to thank my husband Ron. For 14 years, not one time did he ever complain about having to go to a meeting, an event, a dinner," she said. "He was a full and 100 percent supportive helpmate. It allows you to be the best you can be and give the best you can to the city you've chosen to serve. I love you honey, and unlike Joe Egli, baby, you will get lucky tonight. At the going away party (Jan. 17), I said the same thing, and he did."

Event emcee Nathan Bauer couldn't resist picking up on the idea and poking some fun at Egli, who happens to be his co-worker.

"Congratulations Lore on the award and congratulations too, Ron. You got some good news, huh buddy?" Bauer said as laughter filled the room. "It's a good night at the Christopher house. Joe Egli, that's how you give a speech.

local weather

64/43



and lows in the low 40s

Sat 64/45 2/14



Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s

Sun 61/40 2/15



Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low

Mon 2/16

60/37

Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s

and lows in the upper 30s.

2/17

58/37

Tue

Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper





Annie (PG) Sat 12:00, 4:30, Sun 2:30, 3:30

Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG)

Fri 5:55, 9:30, Sat 1:55, 6:15, 9:05, Sun 12:30, 4:20, 6:20

The Theory of Everything (PG-13) Fri 8:20, Sat 6:45, Sun 5:45, 7:55 Interstellar (PG-13) Fri 7:55,

Sat 7:20, 8:20, Sun 4:45, 8:15 Exodus: Gods & Kings (PG-13)

Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 3:50, 4:05, 6:15, Sat 11:50,

2:25, 4:00, Sun 12:00, 2:10 The Penguins of Madagascar (PG) Sat 12:30, Sun 11:45, 1:40

Hundred-Foot Journey (PG)

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Have you or your pet been attacked by a vicious animal before?

> **60% -** No **40% -** Yes

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