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In 1990 Lossner's articles were compiled into a book called *Looking Back*, which contained 70 stories about Keizer history. A second such book, *More Looking Back*, was published in 1995 with 43 additional stories.

Somewhat appropriately, it was Lossner who led efforts to preserve the 1916 Keizer School building, which was relocated to its current location at 980 Chemawa Road NE and was restored. It's now home to the Keizer Heritage Center.

Lossner received the Historic Preservation Award and Medal from the Oregon State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2005.

The Lossners moved to Willamette Lutheran Home in 1996. Chet passed away in 2002; the couple had been married for 64 years. Lossner moved to a retirement center in Wilsonville in 2009.

The Lossners had three children: Peter, Michael and Susan. Lossner is survived by her two sons, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be today, April 24 at 11 a.m. in the Willamette Lutheran Home in Keizer.

JoAnne Beilke, secretary of the Keizer Heritage Center, first met Lossner at John Knox Church in the 1970s. On Monday, Beilke pointed to eight large binders filled with Lossner's research, which she donated to the Keizer Heritage Center.

"She really is the basis of Keizer history," Beilke said. "No one else has done it.

There's such a wealth of things here. She donated her research papers and copyright to the museum. It's all her notes, by year, on every topic. It's all alphabetized. This is our bible in here. Lots of families want to come by and look at it. When Tammy Wild was putting stuff together (for the book), this was her main source of narratives and old pictures."

Beilke noted Lossner combined newspaper clippings with her own research and interviews.

"She dug a lot," Beilke said. "She talked to a lot of the older people in town and got their stories. Anyone that was alive, she would go talk with them about the stuff. She went out, did research, talked to people. She is truly Keizer's historian. She went through and did biographies. She went as far into the beginning as she could, with the Keizer family."

Beilke noted Keizer Heritage Foundation members have been raising funds – and could use more – to digitize the documents.

Michael Lossner is amazed by his mom's dedication to Keizer history.

"She was pretty remarkable in knowing the local history," he said. "She gave all of the books to the Keizer Heritage Museum. She did it for the love of doing it and didn't want anything from it."

Wild first met Lossner on her 100th birthday last year and visited her again a few weeks ago with copies of the new book.

"Her writings were very instrumental in doing the new book," Wild said. "I went through all the reference material. There was a lot there. It was wonderful to have. Her books are like the Keizer bibles. There's nothing as concise as what she had. It's really



Courtesy Tammy Wild  
Ann Lossner was pleased to get an early copy of *Images of America: Keizer* last month. The new history book draws heavily upon work done by Lossner.

nice at the museum that we have her research notebooks. She took a lot of her notes and interviews in shorthand, then typed it up. All of that is there. Her fingerprints are all over the museum."

For Wild, it quickly became clear who a history book on Keizer had to be dedicated to.

"I knew we had to dedicate the book to Ann," Wild said. "She had the foresight to initiate it. I loved hearing Evelyn Franz's stories of (Lossner) riding on her bike, with her little notepad. It was my idea to dedicate the book, but it was unanimous among all of us (at the museum). She was such a presence there. We knew she had done a great job with her books. It was up to us to take what she gathered and take it to the next level."

Michael Lossner said his mom loved how the new book was being done.

"She was thrilled about the book being written and about

the book being dedicated in her honor," he said.

Al Rasmus, former president of the Keizer Heritage Foundation, called it a "very impressive" amount of history Lossner had compiled.

"Without Ann's long and diligent efforts, the knowledge of the history of Keizer would not be what it is today," Rasmus said. "She talked to a lot of people who aren't around anymore."

Beilke said Lossner's work will be treasured for many years to come.

"The loss of such a historian is a big loss to everybody," Beilke said. "We would not have this if she had not compiled it for people to expand upon. People can come in here and look at this. The Keizer family from Alaska came here once. Everybody's legacy is important and that's what she contributed to. It's priceless. It's so wonderful we have this available for our kids."

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if I stay home, and nothing happens? Am I giving into fear if I stay home? Of course, fear is present. Who wouldn't be scared to some degree? We can 'what if' forever and at some point we have to make a decision and be at peace with it. We slept on it and decided to bring him to school about 9:30. Afterwards, I asked if he felt safe – his answer was yes, and at no point during the day felt unsafe," Farr said.

The threat came a day after McNary students, faculty and staff practiced a full lock-down drill.

"We've had two lockdown drills this year and, on Monday, April 13, faculty had an extensive debriefing about our first drill and talked about doing an even better job at a full drill on (April 16)," Jespersen said.

The earlier drill was a shortened exercise, but last Thursday's drill incorporated all three conditions of lockdown.

Condition 1, which means that there is a threat in the general area, means the doors to every classroom and hallway are locked, but teaching continues. Condition 2 means the threat is closer, possibly even on campus. Jespersen said the primary difference is teaching stops at

Condition 2.

"Condition 3 means there is a person in the building and we blockade the doors," he said.

According to Jespersen, the drill on April 16 went off without a hitch.

"Susanne Stefani was behind organizing all of it and she did a fantastic job of prepping the staff. She worked with Keizer Police Department and our staff to pull it off," he said. "I thought our kids were outstanding during that drill. I got on the public address system and congratulated them on their compliance."

Jespersen said the timing of the absences Monday couldn't have been worse. McNary juniors were scheduled to begin Smarter Balance testing for the first time Thursday, April 23. It also came a week prior to progress reports and a faculty grading day.

"Every day is important, but this was a very important day," he said.

Students absent during the day were still allowed to participate in after school activities, but Jespersen said he was "punting" a decision on whether that would be the case in the future.

"After Columbine, I've seen plenty of schools with veiled threats. This is the day to do it. We want to take each threat seriously, but measured response is key because there is a trend of these," he said.

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