

# KHT's Patsy Cline still showing at Keizer Lions

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In 1961, Louise Seger showed up early for a Patsy Cline show at Houston's Esquire Ballroom.

Seger found in Cline's music a reflection of her own life as a divorced, single mother and became something of a "superfan" in current parlance. Seger met Cline before the show and the encounter set off a two-year friendship kept alive through phone calls and letters until Cline's death in a plane crash in 1963.

The pair's story is the basis of the play *Always ... Patsy Cline*, Keizer Homegrown Theatre's latest production, which opened with shows Iris Festival weekend at the Keizer Lions Club, 4100 Cherry Avenue N.E. The run continues May 22, 23, 29 and 30 at the same site. Curtain time is 7 p.m. each night. Tickets to all shows are \$12.

In some ways, the story of the two lead actresses, Taylor Pawley and Carolyn Ego-Johnson, mimics the story of the characters they play.

"Carolyn and I met when we were doing *I Love You You're Perfect, Now Change*, and we became inseparable," said Pawley.

"Our lives had so many parallels, down to driving the same car and working for our family businesses," Ego-Johnson added.

Pawley takes on the role of Cline, backed by a band



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Carolyn Ego-Johnson, as Louise Seger, breaks the fourth wall in the opening night production of Keizer Homegrown Theatre's production of *Always ... Patsy Cline*.

of local musicians, and Ego-Johnson plays Seger.

The pair have been "living the show" since January rehearsing on their own and more recently with the full band.

"I've done a ton of research and she was the most hard-working, wonderful, genuine person," Pawley said. "Everyone respected her, especially the men. They introduced her as 'Country Superstar Patsy Cline.'"

Pawley is no stranger to musical theatre, but there was one small problem in portraying Cline.

"Patsy had a specific way of performing and it was not moving very much. It's been difficult to just stand

there and other people yelling at me to keep my hands at my side and stop moving so much," Pawley said.

For her part, Ego-Johnson is making some changes to her role.

"The way that Louise is written is not the way her family would have written her in the show, and we are trying to be true to the real Louise Seger and honor her. She was a beauty queen at one point and would have been a good old southern woman," Ego-Johnson said. "The piece that took me by surprise was how tough Cline's life was with a tough marriage and kids. She was struggling and was open with Louise about it."

## police scanner

### MONDAY, MAY 11

- 11:27 a.m. - Unlawful possession of marijuana on 500 block Chemawa Road N.
- 4:08 p.m. - Theft on 700 block Arleta Place NE.
- 8:22 p.m. - Hit-and-run accident on 3400 block Willamette Drive N.
- 10:02 p.m. - Reckless driving on 4400 block River Road N.

### TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 7:00 a.m. - Theft from motor vehicle on 1200 block Horizon Ridge Court NE.
- 7:30 a.m. - Theft on 1400 block Woodward Street NE.
- 8:29 a.m. - Vandalism on 900 block Sagrada Circle N.
- 5:39 p.m. - Theft on 1100 block Willow Lake Road N.
- 8:00 p.m. - Vandalism on 6400 block Keizer Station Boulevard NE.
- 11:00 p.m. - Vandalism on 5300 block Verda Lane NE.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 1:19 a.m. - Burglary on 1000 block Ring Street NE.
- 1:24 a.m. - Arrest for disorderly conduct and physical harassment on 3900 block Partridge Lane NE.
- 3:00 a.m. - Vandalism on 1200 block Bair Road NE.
- 8:16 a.m. - Burglary on 300 block Appleblossom Avenue N.
- 8:54 a.m. - Hit-and-run accident on 700 block Lockhaven Drive NE.
- 11:14 a.m. - Arrest for assist ren-

- dered at Windsor Island Road N and Chemawa Road N.
- 11:48 a.m. - Theft on 1000 block Ring Street NE.
- 2:13 p.m. - Arrest for failure to carry/present operators license and probation violation at Ridge Drive NE and St. Croix Way NE.
- 3:31 p.m. - Arrest for welfare check and probation violation on 4800 block River Road N.
- 3:44 p.m. - Shoplifting on 4900 block River Road N.
- 10:35 p.m. - Arrest for warrant served on 6800 block Fenwick Court N.

### THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 8:56 a.m. - Sudden death on 1100 block Chemawa Loop NE.
- 9:51 a.m. - Unlawful possession of marijuana on 1800 block Alder Drive NE.
- 10:17 a.m. - Theft from building on 500 block Chemawa Road N.
- 12:28 p.m. - Arrest for probation violation on 100 block Russett Drive N.
- 3:22 p.m. - Hit-and-run accident on 4500 block Cedar Court N.
- 3:30 p.m. - Hit-and-run accident on 5100 block River Road N.
- 6:09 p.m. - Theft on 3400 block River Road N.
- 10:30 p.m. - Motor vehicle theft on 6600 block Hidden Creek Loop NE.

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 1:39 p.m. - Shoplifting on 6300 block Ulali Drive NE.

- 7:08 p.m. - Arrest for disorderly conduct at Alder Drive NE and Partridge Lane NE.
- 10:52 p.m. - Accident on 3300 block River Road N.
- 11:52 p.m. - Arrest for unlawful possession of methamphetamine on Parkmeadow Drive NE.

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 1:53 a.m. - Arrest for unlawful possession of methamphetamine and heroin at 10th Avenue NE and Chemawa Road NE.
- 8:00 p.m. - Theft at Cherry Avenue NE and Manbrin Drive NE.
- 9:00 p.m. - Shoplifting at Manbrin Drive NE and Cherry Avenue NE.
- 10:12 p.m. - Arrest for driving while suspended/revoked out Aldine Drive NE and McLeod Lane NE.
- 10:57 p.m. - Arrest for warrant served on 4100 block River Road N.

### SUNDAY, MAY 17

- 6:39 a.m. - Arrest for DUII on 1600 block Lucinda Avenue NE.
- 12:00 p.m. - Unlawful entry into vehicle, intent to commit theft, and theft from motor vehicle on 1000 block Ring Street NE.
- 12:05 p.m. - Arrest for warrant served on 1000 block Ring Street NE.
- 6:20 p.m. - Hit-and-run accident on 3900 block Partridge Lane NE.
- 8:03 p.m. - Vandalism on 1600 block Lockhaven Drive NE.

## France Dance recital May 26

Keizer's France School of Dance will present a dance performance in the auditorium at North Salem High School at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26.

Children ranging in age

from 4 years old to adult will perform tap, ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz and hip hop dance routines.

Admission is three cans of food or a suggested \$3 donation. All proceeds will ben-

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Through charitable donations, we have already provided pet food and blankets for pets in great need. The demand is high and we continue to collect donations of these items and the money that's needed to provide medical necessities to those pets whose loving owners have hit hard times.

On-site veterinary care is also being provided! Scheduled events brings Dr. Mark Stoenner, DVM, to areas more accessible for the homeless to bring their pets for care. You can contact our Community Outreach Coordinator Juan Lopez for details on our next event. Our phone number is 503-393-7462.

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