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Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal, become the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest, which at 29,035 feet above sea level is the highest point on earth.

- May 29, 1953

Food 4 Thought

"To understand the heart and mind of a person, look not at what he has already achieved, but at what he aspires to." — Kahlil Gibran

The Month Ahead

Pentacle Theatre presents two comedic one-act plays: God of Carnage by Yasmina Reza, and The Book of Liz by Amy and David Sedaris. Runs through June 20. Visit pentacletheatre. org for show dates and times.

Final weekend performances of Always...Patsy Cline, presented by Keizer Homegrown Theatre, at Keizer Lions Club hall at 4100 Cherry Ave.N.E. Performances Friday and Saturday (May 30) at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15, available at Sam Goesch State Farm (3975 River Road N. #2).

Saturday, May 30

McNary Athletic Booster Club's 4th Annual Dinner, Auction, and Golf Tournament. Golfing is at noon and doors open at 4:30 p.m. at McNary Restaurant and Golf Club. Purchase tickets at mcnaryabc.com or call (503)510-8813 to donate items.

Sunday, May 31

Salem Concert Band presents WU Hudson Hall A British Journey 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.

The Salem Singers will be in concert at Keizer Community Church at 6 p.m. The church is located at 380 Churchdale Avenue N. The concert is free; an offering will be taken. The all-male chorus travels around the Northwest.

Monday, June 1

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

Tuesday, June 2

Free admission Tuesday at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting, noon at Public Works conference room at Keizer Civic Center.

Community Build Task Force meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Wednesday, June 3

Claggett Creek Watershed Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. in Room B at Keizer Civic Center.

Thursday, June 4

Salem Grow and Show Garden Club, 7 p.m. at Center 50+, 2615 Portland Road NE. Brian Bauman of Bauman Farms will speak about summer perennials. Visitors welcome.

Sunday, June 7

The Evensong Concert series presents the Oregon Mandolin Orchestra, under the direction of Brian Oberlin, at 4 p.m. at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 1444 Liberty St. S.E.

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

Free admission Tuesday at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700

State Street. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Wednesday, June 10 – Friday, June 12

Wings of Freedom Tour presented by the Collings Foundation at Aurora State Airport in Aurora Experience WWII flying history with tours and flights. Walk-through tour admission is \$12, \$6 for kids 12 and under. Thirty-minute bomber flights begin at \$450. For information visit cfdn.org.

Wednesday, June 10 - Sunday, June 14

Keizer Big Toy community build days at Keizer Rapids Park.

Friday, June 12

Mike Farrell (M*A*S*H) will be the keynote speaker at the annual dinner meeting of Oregonians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty at the Keizer Civic Center. Reception at 5, dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$40. 503-990-7060 or visit oadp.org.

Budget coming to council Monday

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

On Monday, members of the Keizer City Council are expected to vote on the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget.

The \$38 million budget was combed over in three meetings earlier this month by the 14-member Keizer Budget Committee, which includes the six city councilors plus mayor Cathy Clark.

In addition to parts of the budget meetings already discussed in the Keizertimes, here are some other items of interest from those meetings:

• An Urban Renewal District was closed during the May 12 Budget Committee meeting.

Tim Wood, assistant controller for the city, explained the fund was the North River Road Urban Renewal Dis-

"We did not budget the Urban Renewal Project Fund and the Urban Renewal Tax Increment Fund for FY 15-16 as it is the city's intent to close the North River Road Urban Renewal District in FY 14-15," Wood said. "Closing the district one year earlier than originally anticipated will save the city approximately \$25,000 in additional interest expense."

City Manager Chris Eppley noted the importance of the action.

"This is an historic moment for the city, the closing

Salem Singers

concert May 31

at Keizer church

The Salem Singers will have a concert Sunday, May 31 at 6

Admission is free, but an offering will be taken. The church is

Salem Singers is an all-male chorus that travels around the

Pacific Northwest, spreading the good news through Southern

gospel, traditional hymns and contemporary selections.

of an urban renewal fund of 20 years," Eppley said.

Former Mayor Lore Christopher also touched on the significance.

"Cities do not end urban renewals, they add to them," Christopher said. "Just look at Salem."

• The budget includes funds in case a signal is built this next fiscal year at the Keizer Transit Center, which is operated by Salem-Keizer Transit and currently only allows right turns into and out of the facility. The item was brought up as committee members looked at a Program Income Fund.

"I heard a rumor a signal is going on on the driveway there," committee member David Dempster said. "Do we have to pay for any of that?"

Eppley applied affirma-

"Potentially," Eppley said. "The current plan is we'd pay a portion of that. It's a recoup with the sale of property around it. Adding the signal increases the value of the property. Whoever buys the ground will pay the market value, which will increase because a signal exists."

Dempster then asked if the transit district is putting anything towards the project.

"They will pay about onethird and the city pays the other two-thirds," Eppley said. "The current estimate, and this is incredibly rough, it's \$1.2 million for the proj-

Keizer Budget Committee members and city staff listen to testimony at a meeting earlier this month. The budget will

ect with a 40 percent contingency. It could be \$700,000 to \$800,000, or no more than

\$1.2 million." Mayor Clark noted there will be additional turn lanes and an improvement of the entire intersection.

"It's a much more complex project than putting in a signal pole and lights," Clark said. "It will be intertwined with the current signal so we won't have a stacking of traffic."

Eppley said the new signal would indeed coordinate with the current one just to the south at Lockhaven Drive and Keizer Station Boulevard.

"You don't want the signal at Lockhaven and Keizer Station green and that new one red, or vice versa," Eppley said. "It should work very well."

• A potential funding jump could come if the Rawlins family takes advantage of an option to purchase their old property in Keizer Station back from the city. After a long legal battle, the city foreclosed on the property and then bought it at auction from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Once the sale went through, the Rawlins had the opportunity to buy the property after 13 months for \$3 million.

That 13 month window started at the end of April and the lower price opportunity is valid for three months before the price goes up \$500,000.

"The Rawlinses don't

come before the Keizer City Council Monday, June 1. owe us anymore," city attorney Shannon Johnson said. "They have an option. It was agreed upon in settlement and starts at \$3 million. It goes up \$500,000 roughly every seven to 10 months. It starts at \$3 million from now to August, then it will be \$3.5 million. It's an option. We don't know when they'll pay it. You could guess if you wanted to, but that's not what we're here for. Their option will expire after five years."

> Regardless of what happens with that property, city staff recommended the Salem-Keizer School District be paid back its debt. The fund being used for that would be replenished if the Rawlins family purchases its former property back from the city.

> "There's no guarantee we'll have a buyer," said Susan Gahlsdorf, Keizer's Finance manager. If no purchase is made within five years, the property would be put on the open market.

"The least they can buy it back for is now, at \$3 million," Lore Christopher said. "It will never be less than that. It behooves them to buy it back now if they want to buy it."

Ron Bersin pointed out the property could potentially cost less in five years on the open market.

"If they waited the five years it could be less, that's true," Christopher acknowledged.

public hearings

The Keizer Urban Renewal Agency Board will hold a budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1 in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE. The purpose is to discuss the agency's Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget.

p.m. at Keizer Community Church.

located at 380 Churchdale Avenue N.

The Keizer City Council will also hold a budget hearing on June 1 in council chamber at Keizer Civic Center, starting at 7 p.m. The purpose is to discuss the city's Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget. The total budget approved by the Keizer Budget Committee is a little more than \$38 million.

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO City park gets

community garden Mike Whittam Park, near the Little League fields, is being transformed into a community garden this summer, the first garden within a Keizer city park.

10 YEARS AGO

Proposed meeting for Keizer Rapids Park draws crowd Crowd reaction ranged from totally opposed to just curious at a meeting this week to discuss plans for the Keizer Rapids Park project.

15 YEARS AGO

Developer plans huge Keizer project

Medford development company wants to put in blend of retail stores, business complexes and industry in Keizer along Interstate 5.

20 YEARS AGO

Keizer, Salem battling over sewer plant lines The cities of Salem and Keizer are at loggerheads over the Willow Lake Wastewater Treatment Plan, leaving developers wondering if they will be able to build homes

Council will also hold a hearing that night on the city's proposed use of State Revenue Sharing Funds for next fiscal year. The available funds are approximately \$300,000.

Council will hold another hearing that night to discuss proposed fee changes for wa-

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ter, stormwater, application and administrative services.

The last council hearing on June 1 is for an amendment to the Keizer Development Code, with proposed revisions to the Shared Housing Facilities and Summary of Application Types sections.

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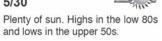
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local weather



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Sun 81/55

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Morning showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.



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Which of the big community projects starting next month are you looking forward to the most?

60% - The turf field project at McNary High School

40% - The Big Toy at Keizer Rapids Park

Vote in a new poll every Thursday!

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