

president also issued an order for an American flag featuring 50 stars arranged in staggered rows: five six-star rows and four five-star rows. The new flag became official July 4, 1960. – August 21, 1959

Food 4 Thought

"Plans are nothing; planning is everything." - Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Month Ahead

Now Playing

Lost in Yonkers, award-winning play by Neil Simon, at Pentacle Theatre. Runs through Sept. 12. For tickets visit pentacletheatre.org.

Saturday, August 22

Blue Day at McNary High School, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. New turf field will be unveiled. Exhibitions by teams and band. Staged by the Athletic Booster Club.

Sugar Sauce Band at Keizer Rotary Amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park,6:30 p.m. Free. kraorg.com.

Annual community BBQ at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 452 Cummings Lane N. Free, 4 to 6 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs and children's activities.

Sunday, August 23

Keizer Big Band performs at the first annual Peace Plaza Sunday Jazz Series at Loucks Auditorium, Salem Library, 2 p.m. Kerceyk@msn.com

Tuesday, August 25

Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting, 6 p.m. in council

Two more subdivisions in north Keizer

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

One company is building two new subdivisions in the northern part of Keizer.

MC Northwest Inc. is building 11 homes in Northfield Estates, on a stretch of Bair Road behind current homes in The Vineyards off of Wheatland Road.

A little bit south on Wheatland, MC Northwest is building six homes for the new Farmland Meadows on Farmland Lane and Shannon Court NE.

"For Northfield, we turned in permits for the first house and will have 11 total lots," said Matt Holstege, the CEO of MC Northwest. "We are anticipating construction to start by the end of this month, for the foundations to get laid. We will probably finish the first batch of houses by the end of the year."

According to Holstege, the homes have been popular.

"We have nine out of the 11 homes pre-sold," he said. "They all sold pretty quick."

The website for the subdivision (http://www.mcnorthwest.com/Pages/Northfield-Estates.aspx) shows the houses range in price from \$345,950 to \$399,950 and range in size from 2,372 to 2,818 square feet

Standard features for the homes include granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, laminate floors, fireplaces, landscaping with sprinklers and air conditioning.

The expansion of Bair Road has already been done,

while a new road, Alta Lane, has also been constructed.

There are technically seven lots for Farmland Meadows, but the first lot already has an existing home which will be staying put. The other lots range in size from 5,000 to 6,016 square feet in size, with two sample layouts on the website being between 2,625 and 2,818 square feet in size and ranging from \$379,950 to \$399,950 in price.

"We just started pushing the dirt around," Holstege said of the Farmland Meadows subdivision. "We're going to start pushing hard on that shortly so that we'll have some lots to show. We will be wrapping up Northfield when we start on Farmland. We have six buildable lots, plus one with a home already there. That will remain."

The Keizer Hearings Officer issued a report on the Northfield project a year ago, as well as a report on the Farmland project in April. Both projects were approved, with a Northfield Estates Street Lighting Local Improvement District approved by Keizer City Councilors last month.

In addition to the 17 homes, Holstege is looking to another new project that would be nearly twice as big.

Holstege points to the proximity to Interstate 5 access as a big selling point for the new homes.

"It's mostly been we get a lot of people that commute, so a lot of I-5 traffic," he said. "They like the north Keizer



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Construction is expected to start this month on 11 lots for the Northfield Estates subdivision (above), on a stretch of Bair Road behind current homes in The Vineyards. Meanwhile, land has been moved recently for the new Farmland Meadows subdivision (below) off Wheatland Road between Farmland Lane and Shannon Court.



area, where they can get on and off I-5 real easy without a lot of hassle. And a lot of people that live in Keizer and

grew up in Keizer, want to upgrade and update their homes. Our goal has been to be the go-to builder in Keizer."

KFD board putting emergency equipment bond on fall ballot

In November, Keizer Fire District will have a General Obligation Emergency Equipment Bond Measure on the ballot.

On Tuesday evening at the Keizer Fire District Board meeting, the motion was passed to ask the citizens of Keizer for a small increase in their taxes to better serve them.

> public hearings

"We do the best to maintain our equipment and keep it in good working order, but time and wear are against us," fire chief Jeff Cowan said."We knew our fleet of engines and ambulances would have to be replaced, but we made the choice to pay off our station bond first and be financially responsible. Our priority is service and staffing, now we need to replace our equipment."

The proposed equipment bond has an estimated tax rate of \$.14 per \$1,000 of assessed value and will bring in ap-

amount decreased over time as local growth and new construction added to our assessed valuation on properties in Keizer. The station bond will be paid off in February 2016.

If passed, the Emergency Equipment Bond would provide the funding to replace three engines, five medic units, one command vehicle, one rescue, one brush rig and have the 23-year-old ladder refurbished. The equipment would be purchased over the course of the bond. Most of the purchases would occur within the first two years of the bond to replace the aging fleet. Currently two of the engines are more than 20 years old and lack modern safety features to keep firefighters

safe. All three of the ambulances need to be replaced due to age, wear, mileage and reliability. The rescue vehicle was taken out of service due to unreliability.



Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s

chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Free admission on Tuesdays at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 900 State Street. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26

End of Summer Luau at The Arbor of Avamere Court, 5:30-7 p.m., 450 Claggett St. N.E. (behind St. Edward Catholic Church). Public invited.

Thursday, August 27

Education and support group for those living with loved ones facing dementia hosted by The Arbor at Avamere Court, 5:30-6:30 p.m. 450 Claggett St. N.E. (behind St. Edward Catholic Church). Public invited.

Friday, August 28

The 150th Oregon State Fair opens today and runs through Labor Day, Sept. 7. Visit oregonstatefair.org for a complete schedule of events and ticket prices.

Saturday, August 29

Grand opening ceremony for the Big Toy playground at Keizer Rapids Park. Free event from 2 to 5 p.m. with food for the first 200 people.

Oregon Valley Boys at Keizer Rotary Amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park, 6:30 p.m. Free. kraorg.com.

Sunday, August 30

Pinots of the Caribbean 5th annual summer concert at Youngberg Hill Vineyard from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 at 503.362.0485 or www.salemconcertband.org.

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

Saturday, September 5

Paradise of Samoa Luau at Keizer Rotary Amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park, 6:30 p.m. Free. kraorg.com.

Monday, September 7

Labor Day. All government offices are closed; no postal service.

Tuesday, September 8

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center. Meeting is a day later than usual due to Labor Day.

Wednesday, September 9

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

The Keizer City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 8 for vacation of a portion of the northerly right-of-way at Manbrin

Drive NE near the intersection with Cherry Avenue NE. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, at 930 Chemawa Road NE.



5 YEARS AGO

Despite heat, RIVERfair was a hit The event raised funds for the Making Keizer Better Foundation.

10 YEARS AGO

Court orders restitution in Gubser case

Two of the four boys charged with the December 2004 burglary of Gubser Elementary have entered into a formal accountability agreement with the Marion County Juvenile Department.

15 YEARS AGO

Councilors back to drawing board on sale of prime lot The fate of a prime piece of River Road land nearly sold off by the city in a quiet deal this summer is on the agenda for next Monday's Keizer City Council meeting.

20 YEARS AGO

New curfew law gets council OK Proposed local curfew and truancy laws cleared their first hurdles at a Keizer City Council work session Monday night, when the council passed first readings of both laws.

proximately \$6.2 million.

This bond will be at a lower starting rate than the station bond which began at \$.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The

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35% - Social Development **31% -** Developing Job Skills 19% - Security

- **10% -** Grades
- 5% Testing

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Sat 79/51 8/22

Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.

Sun 92/57 8/23



Sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.





Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 50s

Tue 8/25



More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 50s.



THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

Terminator Genysis (PG-13) Fri 4:00, 6:10, 8:50, Sat 1:45, 6:45, 9:10, Sun 3:30, 7:45

Max (PG) Fri 1:30, Sat 12:20, 2:20, Sun 12:40

San Andreas (PG-13) Fri 1:45, 3:30, 5:50, 8:35, Sat 11:35, 4:30, 8:45, Sun 2:45, 5:30

Self/Less (PG-13) Sat 4:50

Far From The Madding Crowd (PG-13)

Magic Mike XXL (PG-13) Fri 8:10, Sat 6:30, Sun 7:15

Ted 2 (R) Sat 9:25

Sat 4:10, Sun 1:00

Mad Max: Fury Road (R) Fri 6:30, Sat 7:10, Sun 5:55, 8:10

Cinderella (PG) Fri 1:15, Sat 2:40, Sun 5:00

Tomorrowland (PG) Fri 3:40, Sat 11:50, Sun 12:15, 3:00

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