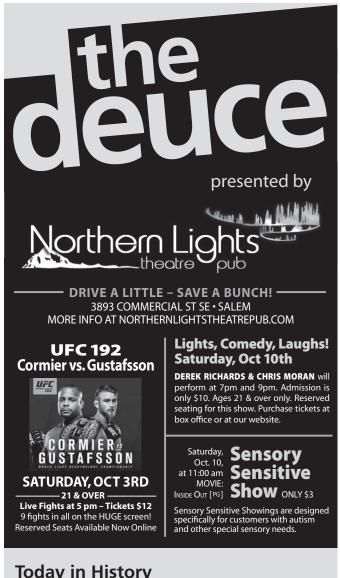
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Today in History

The Partridge Family, a show about a band formed by a widowed woman (Shirley Jones) and her children (including David Cassidy and Susan Dey), premieres on ABC Television. - September 25, 1970

Food 4 Thought

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." — Colin Powell

The Month Ahead

Through Saturday, October 3

Dead Man's Cell Phone by Sarah Ruhl at The Veronia Studio theatre at Reed Opera House. Performances after today will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Tickets are \$15. theveronastudio.com.

Saturday, September 26

Lewis Black at the Elsinore Theatre, 8 p.m. Tickets \$49.50. www.elsinoretheatre.com

Sunday, September 27

Blues, Brews, & BBQ featuring music by Lightnin' Willie and the Poor Boys, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Deepwood Estate. Tickets are \$10 regular, \$8 member, \$15 at the door. historicdeepwoodestate. org.

Monday, September 28

Keizer Festival Advisory Board, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

Tuesday, September 29

Keizer Points of Interest Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center.

Oregon Republican Party Government Transparency Listening Tour, 7 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center.

KFD chief talks about bond

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

Ambulances are meant to tow people in need of help to hospitals.

Ambulances are not meant to need a tow to a mechanic while a patient needs urgent care.

And yet that's what the Keizer Fire District has been experiencing.

That is one of the key reasons the KFD is running an emergency equipment bond measure on the November ballot.

Fire chief Jeff Cowan has been busy talking about the measure, talking earlier this month at the West Keizer Neighborhood Association and the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meetings, among others.

To underscore the need for new equipment, promotional material put out by the KFD includes a picture of an ambulance being towed.

"The newest ambulance is one we got in 2008," Cowan said at the Sept. 17 GGNA meeting. "It has been a lemon. It was in the shop for nine months last year. We had it fail twice on 911 calls."

In 1996, Keizer voters approved a 20-year bond to pay for the KFD headquarters on Chemawa Road. That bond will be paid off in February, with the new bond taking its place if ap-

proved. The new bond is for fire trucks, ambulances and various emergency equipment and apparatus.

"Our staffing and service levels have improved," Cowan said. "Now it's all about the equipment. We've sacrificed equipment for people over the years, because people put out the fires."

The KFD has 30 career firefighters and paramedics, plus 40 volunteers. Cowan said the personnel are kept busy.

"We're averaging about 13 calls a day this year," Cowan said. "Last year it was 12 calls a day. It could be 14 calls a day next year."

With an average call for response being about two hours, Cowan said adding a second unit has been justified. An engine and an ambulance go to each call, meaning six personnel are on site in case people need to be moved.

"All of the calls put more miles on the ambulance," Cowan said. "The engine will bounce from call to call. Some days it is gone 12 to 14 hours."

Two ambulances have already been ordered, which means the fire district will pay itself back if the bond passes. The process had to be sped up due to the reliability issues of the current rig.

"We're using operational money for the new ones," Cowan said. "We couldn't wait. It takes nine months for them



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy Keizer fire chief Jeff Cowan (right) talks during the Sept. 17 Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association meeting.

to come. They are custom built. An ambulance is right around \$250,000. The last one was built on a Ford F-450 chassis, so it's not a truck grade chassis. It cost \$180,000 and we figured we'd be able to rotate it. We went with Freightliner chassis for the new ones. You can put 500,000 miles on it over 10 to 15 years. It's not really about the miles, it's about the hours, the cold starts, idling for hours. Ambulances take a lot of wear and tear."

Cowan said the average rate for the new bond will be \$.14 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The rate will go down as the population increases, with the bonds being issues in three phases. All told, the bonds will bring in about \$6.2 million.

The KFD currently has two engines more than 20 years old, while the ladder truck – bought used from Salem - is 24 years

"This thing is 24 years old and has been like a battleship carrier," Cowan said. "It's a solid rig. We will have it refurbished for \$500,000, one-third the cost of new, and it'll be good for 15 years. It'll have new electronics and equipment and will come back McNary blue."

Other equipment to be purchased if the bond passes include Jaws of Life machines and life packs with EKG monitors.

Mark Caillier, GGNA president, was part of the group that came up with the recommendation for the bond.

"We appreciated that it was what they need, not necessarily what they want," Caillier said. "We've done it in a phased approach to keep the dollars down. As the community improves and gets bigger, the rate will go down. They're doing really well with what we provide them."

Rep. Schrader likes idea of CTEC

By CRAIG MURPHY Of the Keizertimes

September typically signifies the start of a new school year.

In the Salem-Keizer School District, the new school year this month meant the debut of the district's new Career and Technical Educational Center (CTEC) on Portland Road in Salem.

Count U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-Canby) among the fans.

"It's the way of the future," Schrader said during a visit last week with the Keizertimes editorial board. "If we're going to be doing the 40-40-20 (students ready for at least college and beyond), community colleges and high schools with technical education will be the emphasis for a lot of jobs. A lot of people my age are retiring. There's a dearth of folks to fill the pipelines. That's where the

In late April, the Congressman reintroduced the Building Understanding, Investment, Learning and Direction (BUILD) Career and Technical Education Act. The bill would create a two-year, \$20 million CTE pilot program to ensure greater cooperation between school districts and industry.

"CTE programs give students the in-demand, highlevel skills they need to get jobs available in their communities," Schrader said at the time. "This bill will have an important effect on our economy and create a direct opportunity to boost American manufacturing. We need to help our kids secure good paying jobs here at home and put more American-made goods on our store shelves."

On the whole, Schrader doesn't feel enough is being given to education.

"We're not funding aca-

education. I want to see high schools partner with unions. The new (CTEC) in Salem is critical. If we want to improve test scores and see more kids graduate from high school, we need to get them into career technical programs."

With gas prices coming down, Schrader feels this could be a good time to raise the gas tax and help pay for infrastructure

"You can make the case the infrastructure transportation is in a horrible situation right now," he said. "People understand it. They'll buy into that." Schrader likes the idea of ex-

panded transit, but noted such systems have their places.

"Transit lines in Washington, D.C. are lifesavers," he said. "I don't have a car there because the traffic is so horrible. I was in Great Falls, Montana recently. Transit wouldn't make any sense there currently. But you

Schrader likes what he sees around here for transit.

"The Keizer Transit Center is a good thing," he said. "It really makes sense.'

On the other hand, Schrader doesn't like the current Veterans Administration situation. Earlier this month, Schrader wrote a letter to director Joanne Krumberger with the VA Portland Health Care System regarding the number of employees leaving the Salem Community Based Outpatient Clinic.

"It's been an ongoing problem in the Salem-Keizer area," he said.



Wednesday, September 30

Community Conversation about Salem-Transit District's proposed payroll tax, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Keizer Quality Inn and Suites, 5188 Wittenburg Lane NE.

Thursday, October 1

Salem Grow & Show Club meets at Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd. NE, 7 p.m. Annual garden club flower show. Free to all visitors.

Friday, October 2

Pentacle Theatre presents The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy opening tonight. The show runs through Oct. 24. For times and tickets visit pentacletheatre.org.

Saturday, October 3

Second annual Claggett Creek Fall Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Vendors, games, food, raffle. Keizer's Got Talent show. Claggett Creek Middle School. 971-273-3719.

Keizer/Salem Area Seniors is holding a breakfast event from 8 to 10 a.m. Pancakes, eggs, meat, coffee and juice. \$4 per person. Corner of Cherry Avenue and Plymouth Drive in Keizer.

Artists' reception for Keizer Art Association's October show, Occupations and Workplaces, 2-4 p.m., Enid Joy Mount Gallery at Keizer Heritage Center. keizerarts.com

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

Sunday, October 4

Anthems of the Anglican Tradition, 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. 503.362.3661 www.stpaulsoregon.org

Monday, October 5

Keizer Fire District annual open house and safety fair, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., 661 Chemawa Road NE.

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Tuesday, October 6

Community Build Task Force meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Wednesday, October 7

Claggett Creek Watershed Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Thursday, October 8

Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrians Committee meeting, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

West Keizer Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.District, 5:45 p.m. next generation can find economic opportunities."

It's something Schrader has pushed for at the national level.

The Keizer City Council

will hold a public hearing on

Monday, Oct. 5 to consider a

liquor license application with

change of ownership for Dim

looking back

in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

A perilous intersection,

but what's

the solution?

Four people have died in

separate incidents at the

intersection of Wheatland Road

and Brooklake Road just north

of Keizer since 2000, according

10 YEARS AGO

Neighbors rally

for barricade

Fernwood Park neighbors

packed the Keizer City Council

Chambers to preserve the street

closure enacted in 1992 on

15 YEARS AGO

City could face lawsuit over freeway 'delay'

A Salem lawyer representing

a group of landowners has

threatened to sue the city of

Keizer because of the Keizer

City Council's "delay and

nonaction" on freeway land

20 YEARS AGO

Embattled youth

club eyes new site

Facing a wave of opposition

to a proposed satellite club at

Cummings Elementary School,

the Boys and Girls Club of

Salem is seeking other possible

sites at Keizer schools.

development.

Fourth Place North.

to state records.

demic education the way we should," he said last week. "We still have to plan for the future. Great Falls will need transit in need more revenue sources. We can put money into technical the future."

public hearings

Sum House at 3843 River Road North, which is becoming Ocean Sushi and Teriyaki. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 The hearing will be during Chemawa Road N.

at 7 p.m. in council chambers

the council meeting starting

sudoku

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Would you support a tax to establish a parks fund in Keizer?

73% - No 27% - Yes

Vote in a new poll every Thursday! **GO TO KEIZERTIMES.COM**

9/25

A few morning showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.



Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 40s.

Sun 75/45 9/27



Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s

Mon 9/28	74/45
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Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s



Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s



THIS WEEK'S

MOVIE TIME

Pixels (PG-13) Fri 4:10, Sat 1:45, 2:15, Sun 1:45

Ant Man (PG-13) Fri 6:20, Sat 4:15, 6:30, 8:10, Sun 3:15, 3:45, 6:00

Fantastic Four (PG-13) Fri 4:00, 6:00, Sat 12:00, 3:45, Sun 12:20

Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) Sat 4:30, Sun 2:15, 7:50

Vacation (R) Fri 8:40, Sat 7:15, 9:10, Sun 8:15

Spy (R) Fri 8:00, Sat 5:50, Sun 6:55

Trainwreck (R) Fri 6:40, 9:05, Sat 8:45, Sun 5:30

Shaun the Sheep Movie (PG) Fri 4:40, Sat 12:00, Sun 12:00

Tomorrowland (PG) Sat 2:00, Sun 12:45

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